



I am a Colorado native, grew up in Littleton, and have been blessed to live in Gunnison, the heart of the Rocky Mountains now for 20 years. I attended Colorado State University and received my B.S. in Wildlife Biology, before moving to the Midwest for 10 years and completed my M.S., and Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Missouri. I worked on waterfowl energetics and wetland management. When I completed my graduate degree I moved back to Colorado and worked for the Colorado Division of Wildlife as the eastern coordinator of the brand new wetlands program. I then accepted a position in 1996 at Western State Colorado University and currently am the Thornton Chair of Biology. I teach a variety of courses including Ecology, Diversity and Patterns of Life, Mammalogy, Ornithology, Wildlife Ecology and Management,

Wildlife Techniques Workshop, and Colorado Ecoregions. In addition to a heavy teaching load, I am the director of the Thornton Biology Undergraduate Research Program. I am involved with a variety of research and conservation projects including: Gunnison Sage-grouse, acoustic ecology, effects of mechanical treatments on sagebrush obligate birds, effects of mechanical thinning treatments on piñon-juniper birds, and red fox ecology.

In 2000, I founded Sisk-a-dee, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the Gunnison Sage-grouse. I also engage in conservation work on behalf of the Gunnison Sage-grouse serving as a member of the Technical, Predation, Watchable Wildlife, and Information and Education sub-committees of the Gunnison Sage-grouse Strategic Committee. My students and I founded the Western State Colorado University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society and I serve as faculty advisor. I enjoy being a father to my 15-year-old son and try to get outside for birding, running, cross country skiing, and hiking/backpacking. I started hunting just four years ago and I pose no threat to the local wildlife! I also enjoy writing and soulcraft.