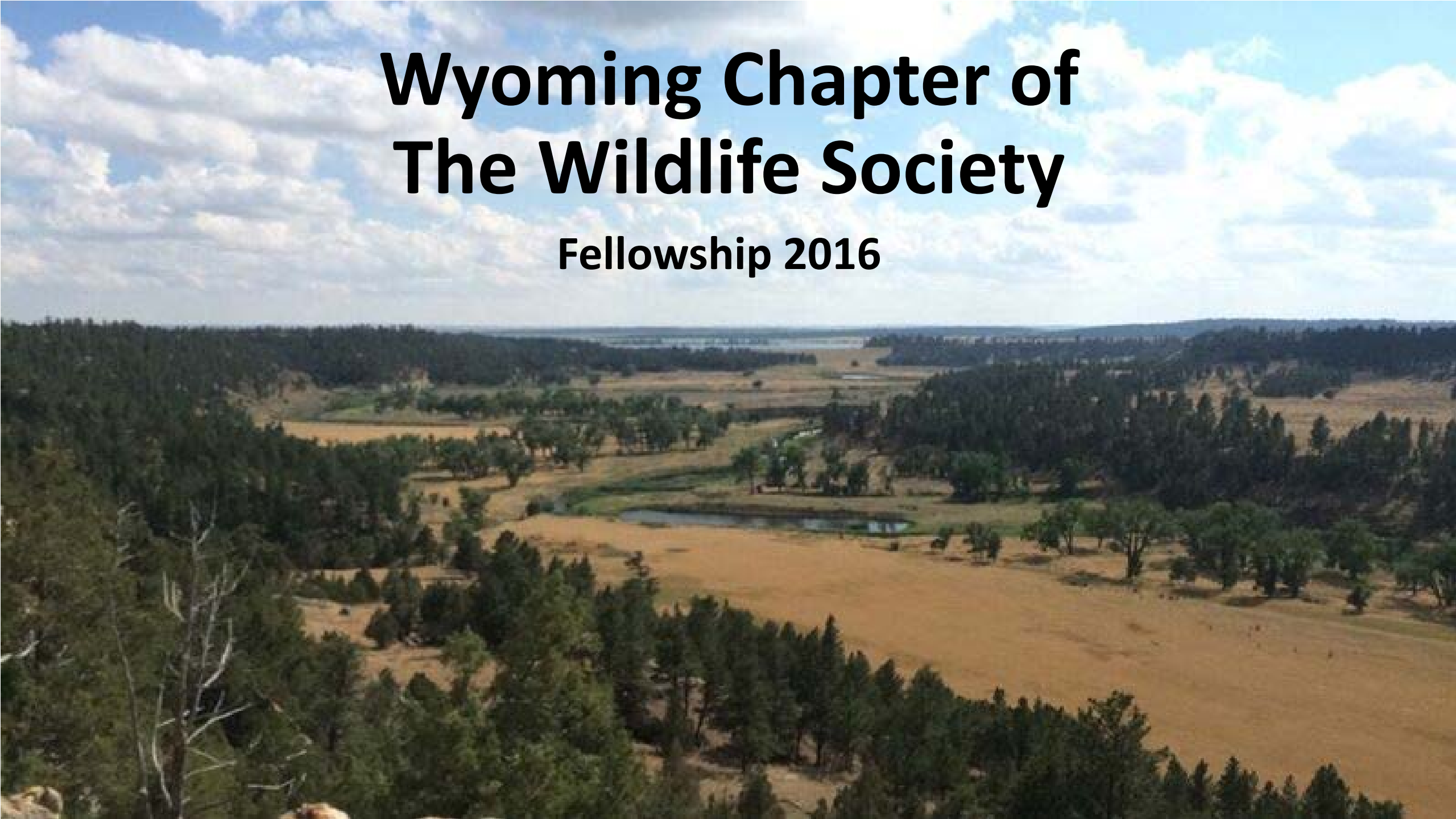


# **Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

**Fellowship 2016**



# About the WY-TWS Fellowship

**Mission:** Develop and Mentor Future Professionals

**Purpose:** Explore Available Career Options

**Duties:** Travel, Network, Assist, Learn, Present

**2012**



Zook

**2013**



Rodgers

**2014**



Villalobos

**2015**



May

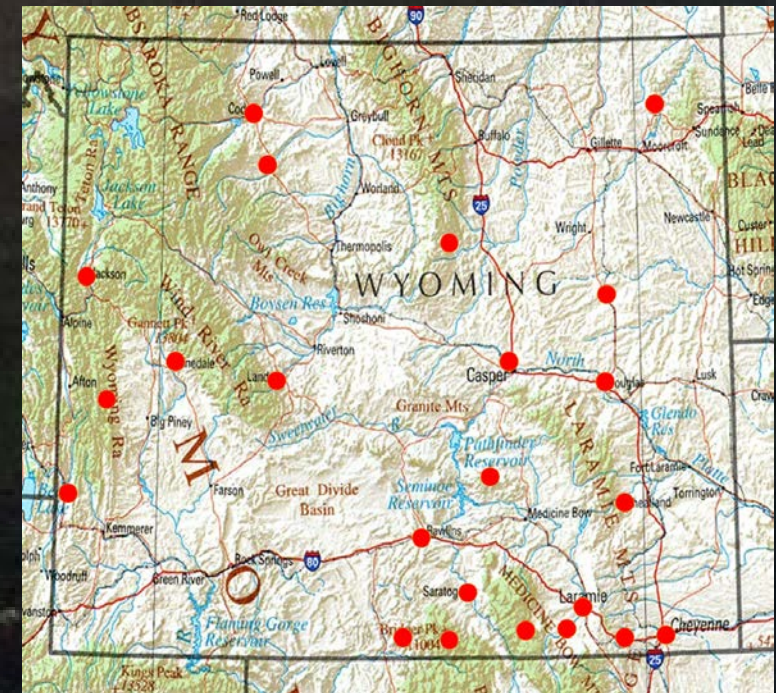
**2016**



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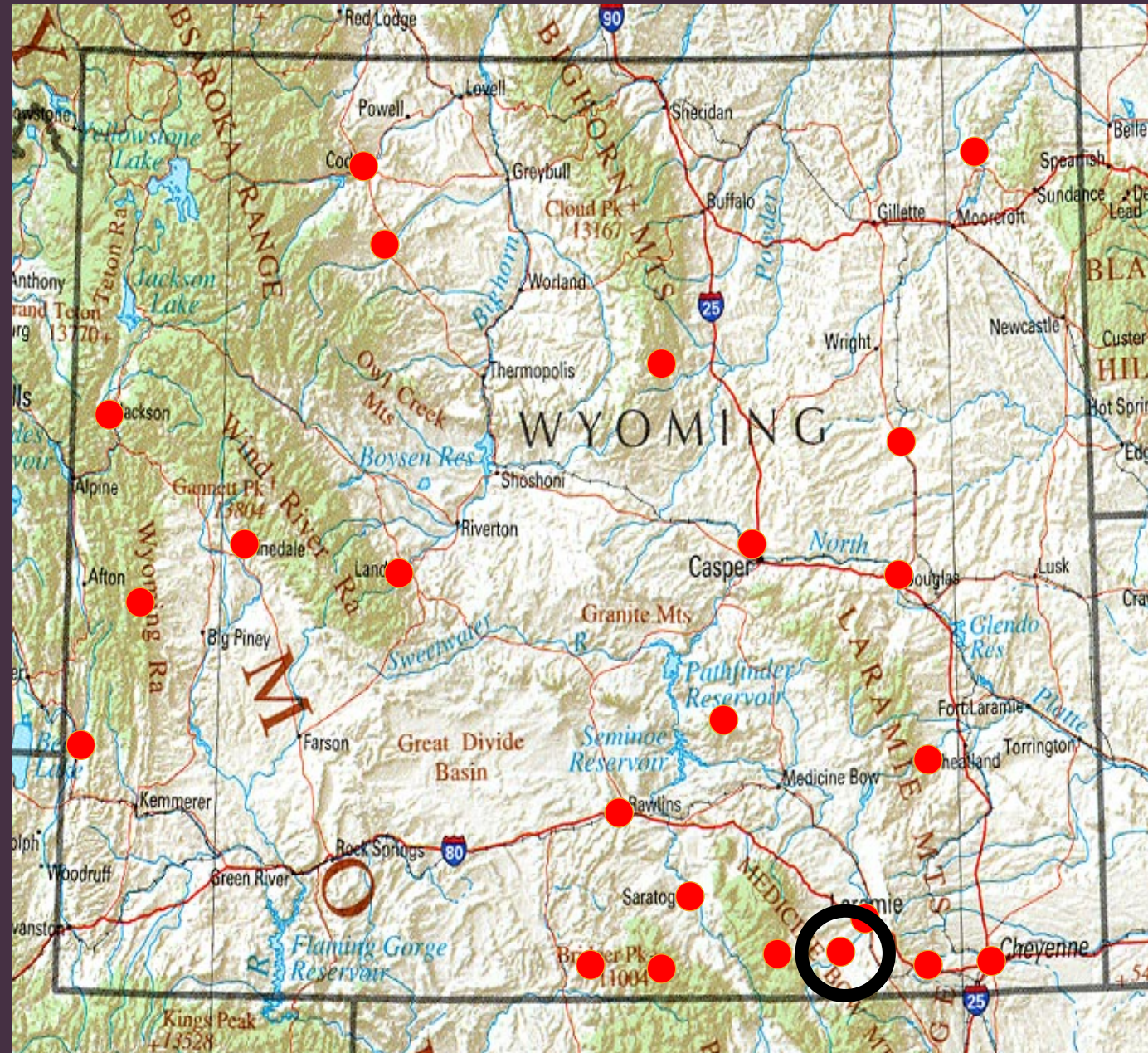
# Summer 2016: 17 Different Organizations

- Including Federal Agencies, State Agencies, University of Wyoming, NGO's, and Consultants
- Almost Every Week was a New Location/Experience
- Experienced a Wide Variety of Wildlife-Related Work
  - Mammals
  - Fish
  - Habitat
  - Birds





# 2016: 23 Locations Across Wyoming







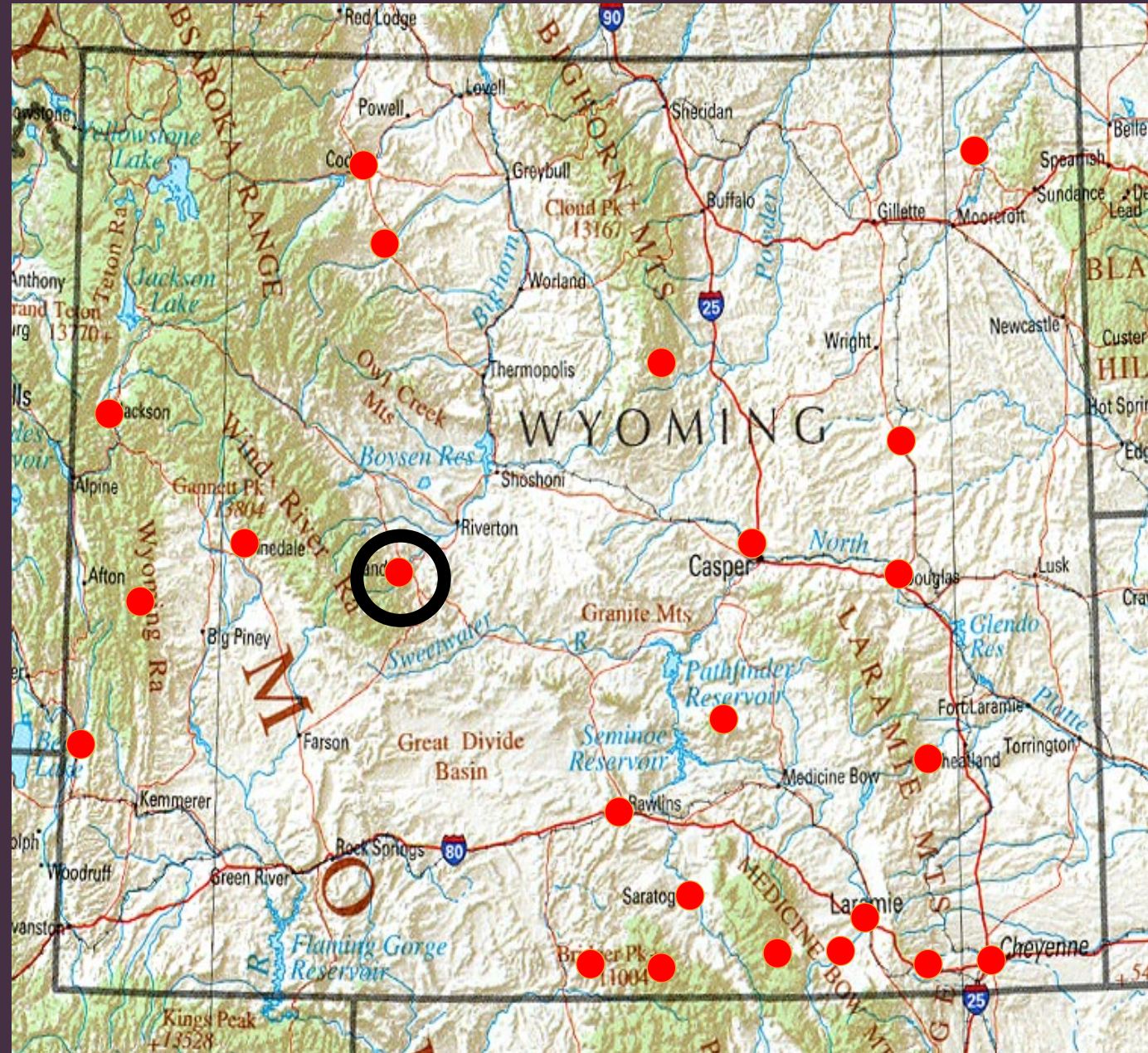
# Wyoming Toads

- Set-up
- Release
- Breeding
- Surveying





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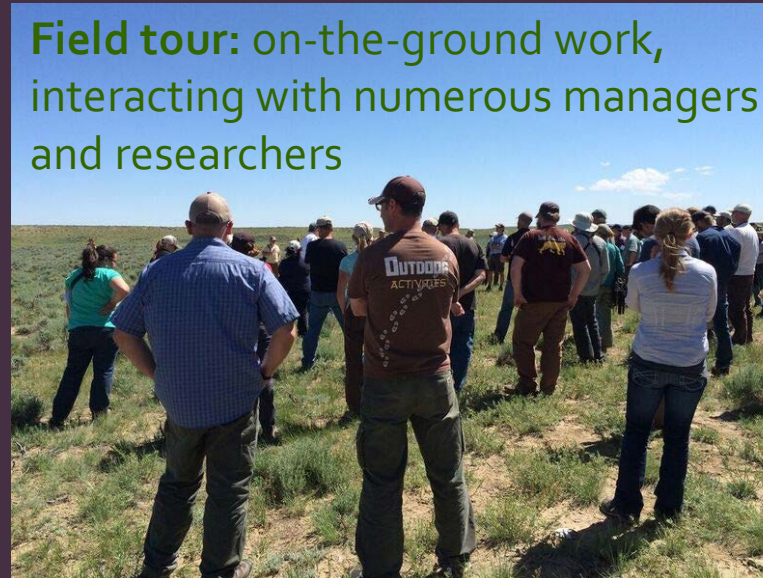


# Greater Sage-Grouse

- “Largest single-species conservation effort ever” ... Paradigm shift to landscape management
- As the spp.’ stronghold, WY has led the West in driving the science & being proactive in management



Research presentations



Field tour: on-the-ground work, interacting with numerous managers and researchers

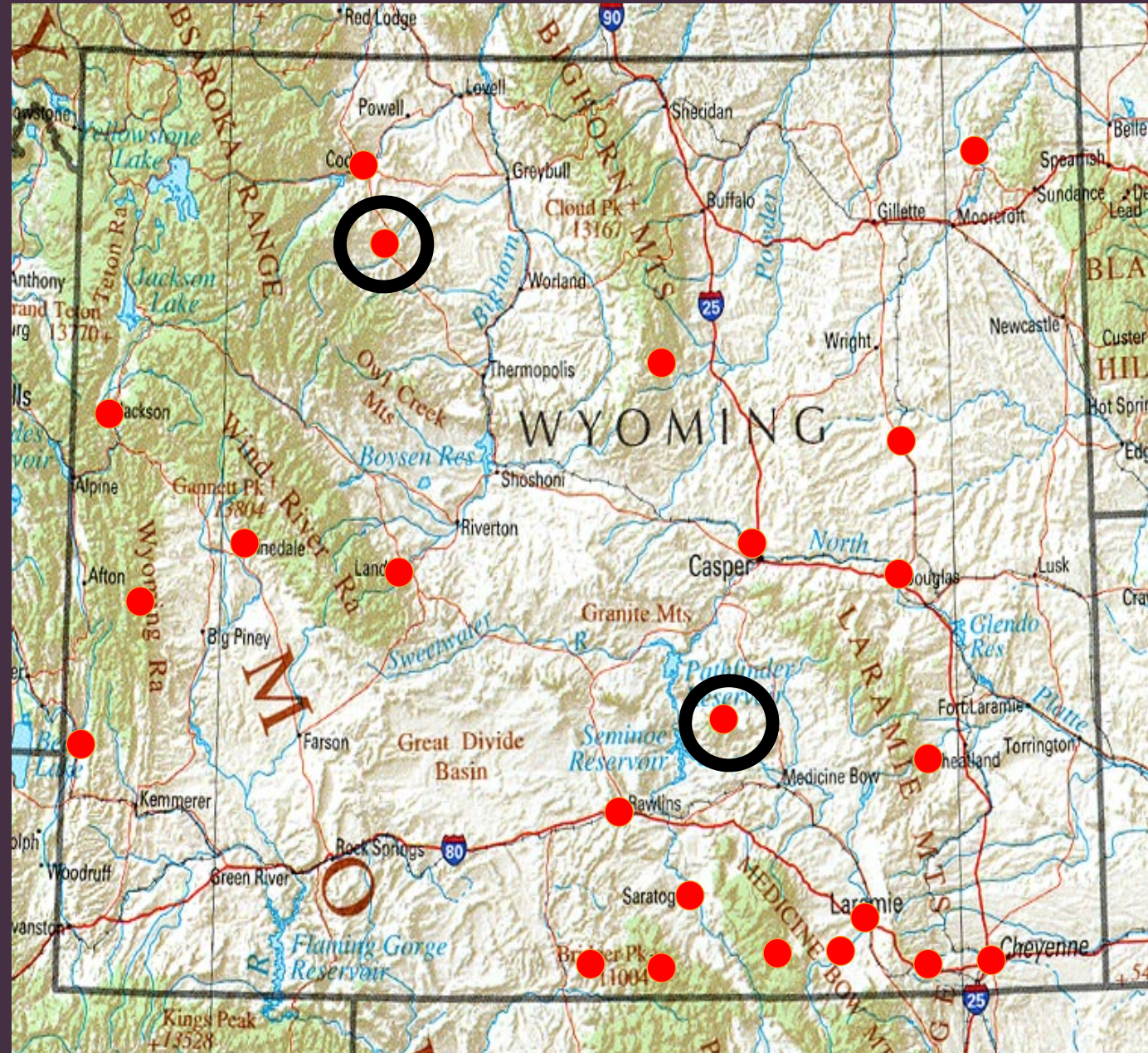


Cultural significance

Photo by Tom Koerner



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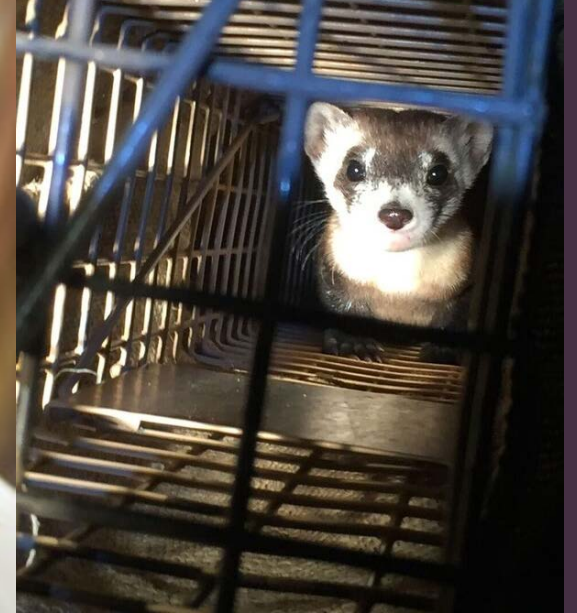
# Black-Footed Ferrets

- Historic reintroduction
- Surveys

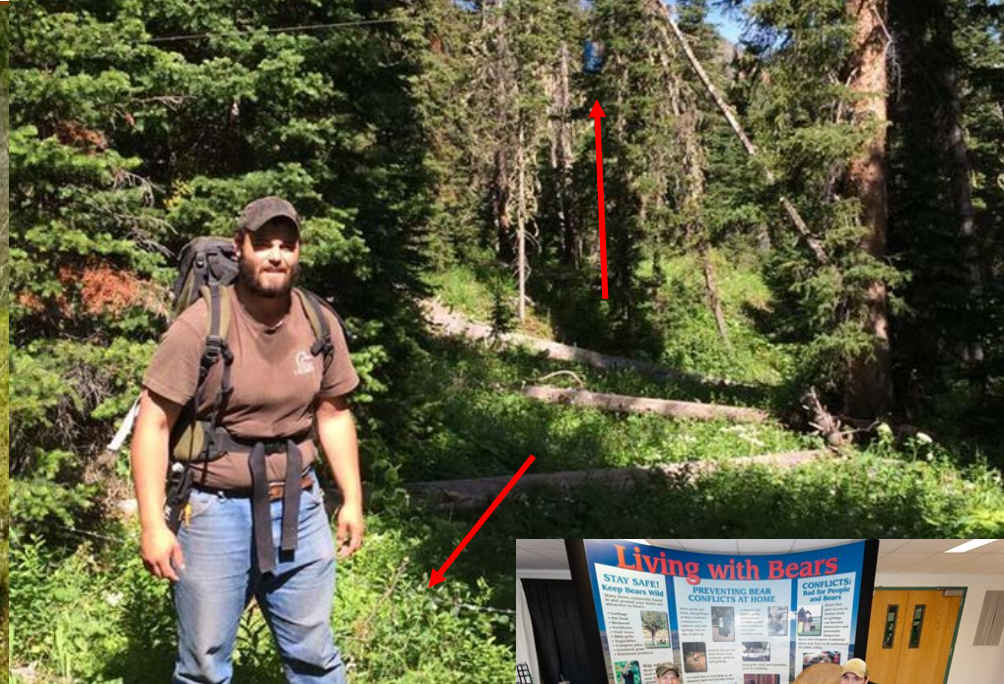
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## Black-footed ferrets make triumphant return to Meeteetse

The Associated Press Jul 26, 2016 2

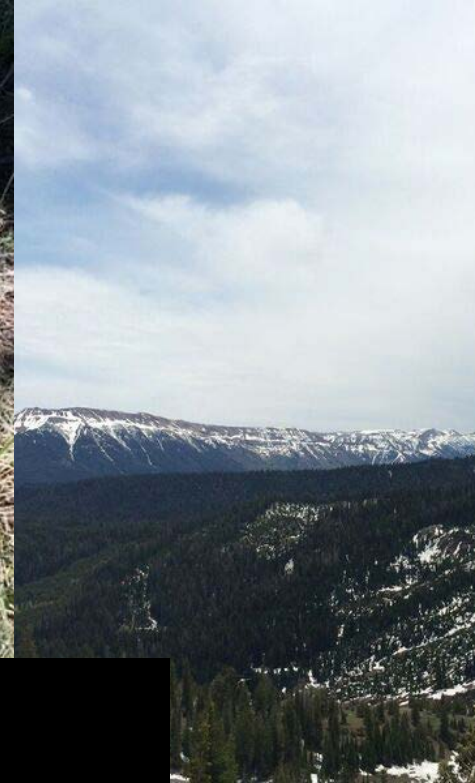






- Landowner Connections
- Public Interactions
- Disease Research
- Field Work



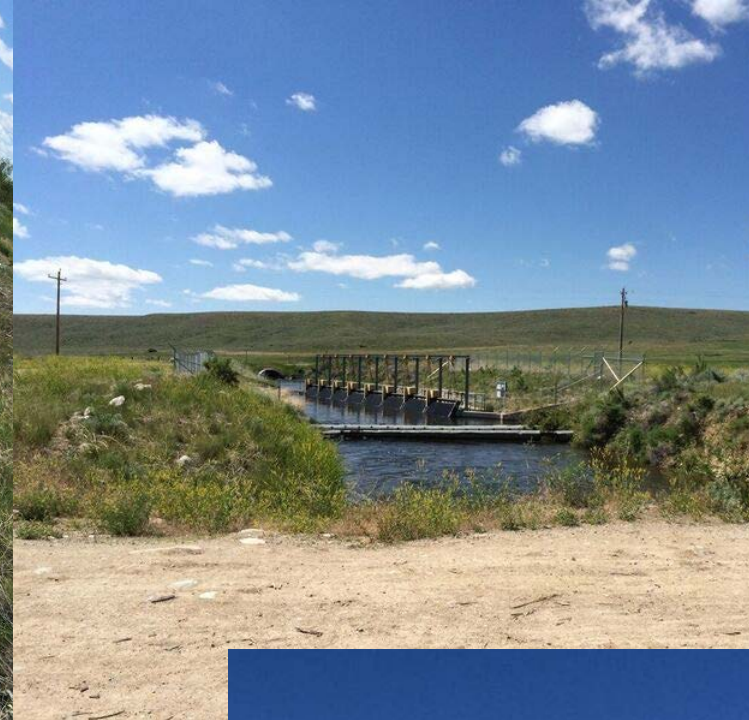
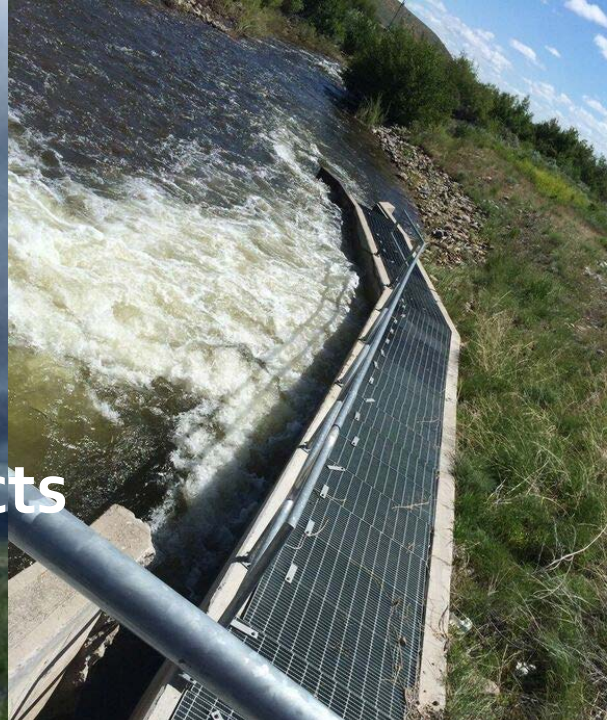


- Ungulate Field Work
- Fisheries Research
- Bolstering Wild Populations





- Habitat Research
- Secretive Marsh Bird Surveys
- Fish Passage Improvement Projects







- Draper Museum – Research & Education
- Rehabilitation Center





- Song Bird Surveys
- Bat Research





# How this Fellowship Helped Me

## 1. Unique Exposure to Wide Range of People and Organizations

- Role of each in WY's wildlife management and internal organization
- Coordination and partnership between entities

## 2. Toils of Wildlife Management in Wyoming

- Issues are challenging and complex, need public involvement
- Requires purposeful and intensive, science-based efforts

## 3. On-the-Ground Understanding of Wildlife Management

- Putting what I learned in the classroom into practice
- Guide determining next steps for my career



# Thank you, WY-TWS, for:

- The time, effort, professional advice, and guidance to lead me into the next steps of my wildlife career!
- Providing the funding for this unique and valuable opportunity

... And for your individual dedication to Wyoming's wildlife.





# Thank You





# Where Are They Now?

2013 Fellow: Patrick



MS Student in UW's  
Zoology & Physiology  
Dept/WY COOP Unit

2014 Fellow: Victor



Crew Leader,  
Interagency Grizzly  
Bear Study Team

2015 Fellow: Luke



Game Warden Trainee,  
WY Game & Fish Dept