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

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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
2016: 23 Locations Across Wyoming
Greater Sage-Grouse

- “Largest single-species conservation effort ever” ... Paradigm shift to landscape management

- As the spp.’s 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
2016: 23 Locations Across Wyoming
Black-Footed Ferrets

- Historic reintroduction
- Surveys

Black-footed ferrets make triumphant return to Meeteetse

The Associated Press  Jul 26, 2016  

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• 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