



Jesse is a native of Colorado and a Veteran. This patriot was born in Montrose, but left the state for Washington after serving in the US Navy. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Resource Management with an emphasis on Wildlife Conservation from the University of Washington in 2010. Jesse has worked for the US Forest Service since 2008 and currently serves as a District Wildlife Biologist on the Saguache Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest.

Jesse was an active member in the UW student chapter of TWS and the Washington State Chapter. He was selected to serve as the President- Elect for the WA State Chapter in 2016, but transferred to CO later that same year to be closer to family. He has volunteered as the Student Awards Committee Chair since 2017 for the CO State TWS Chapter.

The years as a FS Bio has broadened Jesse's perspective on species management and conservation from focusing on predator ecology early on to snail and earthworm management to night work with bats and owls; though his heart still reminisces on wolverines. Here pictured is Mallory, named for the Okanogan-

Wenatchee National Forest former Chelan District Biologist Mallory Lenz who passed in 2013 from her third round of cancer. She was just as tough as this young wolverine.

Jesse lives on his mountain in Del Norte with his wife (also a US Navy vet) and two boys (Brayden 17 and JR 10), plays the fiddling just a little bit and brews beer to share.