



# WILDLIFE TRACKS

*The Quarterly Newsletter of the  
Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society*

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## President's Column

I know the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society (CCTWS) membership is as diverse and colorful as our state in all seasons of life. I hope you are engaged in memorable activities that restore, enhance, or improve your life and the lives of other living creatures. As the seasons



change, our Chapter cycles into putting greater focus on our Annual Meeting. I am excited to announce that we will be convening the **CCTWS Annual Meeting in Ft. Collins, CO at the Hilton on February 5-7, 2020**. A wide variety of topics are expected as the theme is *Emergent Challenges and Opportunities in the Field of Wildlife Management*. Our expectation is that the meeting will focus on 21<sup>st</sup> century emergent technologies and wildlife issues in areas such as disease, GIS, climate change, bioacoustic methods, funding innovations and others of interest. This broad

-spectrum theme of what we do is purposeful to provide space for a variety of presenters. There is so much that can be shared, so please do! Presenting is also one of the best ways to facilitate your agency or organization to support your attendance. There will be networking events for professionals and students, a photo contest, poster session, and the infamous IGNITE session to mention a few. Want a challenge in presenting? – try an IGNITE presentation! Our banquet and auction are usually the highlights of the multiday meeting, where smiles and laughter make memories as the Blown Blunderbuss award is discussed and nominated, and friends old and new connect. Don't forget we can make space for your agency/organization/group to meet in support of our partners during the Annual Meeting.

Speaking of partners, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers are once again going to join us! We share so much in our missions and passions, that it makes sense to share space. If your agency/organization/group would like to develop a long term, mutually beneficial relationship with the largest group of professional biologists in the great state of Colorado, please reach out to me and I'm sure we can find similar interests.

There are so many wonderful things the leadership of CCTWS is overseeing for the benefit of so many that it doesn't do them justice to list them out. Suffice to say we, and the wildlife we are passionate about, are better off for their sacrifice. So, if you know one of the CCTWS Board members or happen to bump into one, please offer kind gratitude and encouragement. All that they do for all of us is worthy of a genuine "Thank You". So please join me in saying, "You are appreciated".

If you'd like to know more about our Chapter happenings or the future of our efforts, feel free to contact me @ [jesse.mccarty@usda.gov](mailto:jesse.mccarty@usda.gov)

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# Treasurer's Report

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## *CCTWS Treasurer's Report*

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As of September 10, 2019:

Checking: **\$8,282.82**

Savings: **\$508.83** (\$500 minimal amount required)

Money Market Account: **\$35, 160.77** (Emergency Funds)

Edward Jones Financial Investment for Jim Olterman Scholarship: **\$47,000**

# CCTWS Meeting Minutes

## **CCTWS Meeting Minutes**

To reduce the overall volume of the newsletter we will not be including minutes from our monthly board meetings. CCTWS members who would like to review board meeting minutes are encouraged to visit our website:

<http://wildlife.org/colorado/meetings/>

# Annual Meeting

## Save The Date

### Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society



#### Annual Meeting

Fort Collins Hilton

February 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2020



#### 2020 Meeting Theme

**“Do you hear what I hear?” – Emergent Challenges and Opportunities in the Field of Wildlife Management**

At the 2020 CCTWS Annual Meeting our plenary session will address challenges and opportunities of emergent technologies (such as GIS, GPS, bioacoustic methods, genetic techniques) and emergent wildlife issues (such as wildlife disease, climate change, and wildlife funding innovations). In addition, we will have two workshops, an IGNITE session, a poster session, a photo contest, a contributed papers session, a networking event, and our annual banquet with professional awards and a wildlife auction. Be sure to save the dates and look for updates on lodging and registration details in the upcoming newsletter and on our webpage.

#### Graphic Design Contest

**The Colorado Chapter needs your help! We are looking for someone to create a graphic representation of the 2020 Meeting Theme.**

**Prizes: Your choice of a \$100 gift card or free meeting registration at the annual meeting.**

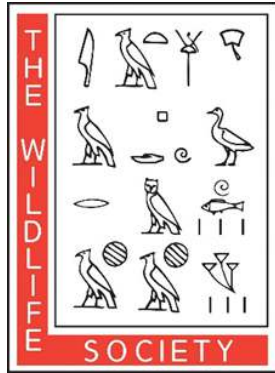
This contest is open to all CCTWS members. The deadline for submissions is November 1st, 2019. Submissions will be judged by CCTWS board members. If a graphic is chosen by the board, that contestant will receive their choice of a \$100 gift card or free meeting registration at the annual meeting.

#### Note to Federal Employees

**It is not too early to plan for meeting participation and travel. Helpful tips for obtaining permission to participate:**

1. Give a talk, 5-minute IGNITE presentation, or present a poster.
2. Organize a breakout session during the meeting for your agency colleagues (let us know if you are interested so we can accommodate you with a room).
3. Use language like meeting (not conference) and networking (not social)
4. Plan well in advance
5. We won't know the registration fees exactly for a while, but we anticipate the maximum registration fee would be \$250

# Call For Abstracts



## Call for Abstracts

**Presentations, Posters, and IGNITE**  
**The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
**Annual Meeting: February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Fort Collins, Colorado**

We invite you to present an oral presentation (traditional format) or poster on the topics of wildlife research, ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy at the 2020 annual meeting of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society. All topics are welcome, and we strongly encourage students to present. All student presentations will be considered for the “best presentation” and “best poster” awards, which include a gift certificate and recognition at the end of the conference.

**Traditional oral presentations:** 20 minutes allotted for each presentation (15-18 minutes for presentations followed by 2-5 minutes for questions and answers). Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft PowerPoint or Adobe PDFs. No other formats will be accepted. Presentations must be uploaded at the beginning of the session in which you will present.

**Poster presentations:** maximum dimensions are 4 feet by 4 feet in size. Easels will be provided. At this year's conference, we will schedule a formal poster session before the banquet, allowing presenters more time to discuss their work with conference participants. Attendance at the poster session is required for presenters.

**IGNITE presentations:** These “To the Point” sessions have been an exciting new staple in recent conferences, and provide a great platform for members to quickly share updates and information that don't require a full 20-minute presentation. Ignite-style talks include automated slide progression condensing the talk to 5 minutes! Talks can be funny, inspirational, or informative, but should all strive to be engaging and entertaining. Please see additional formatting information below if you are interested in an IGNITE presentation.

**Abstract submission deadline:** Sunday, December 15, 2019

### Options for submitting abstract:

Submit abstracts as Microsoft Word attachment to Marcella Tarantino at [Marcella.Tarantino@co.usda.gov](mailto:Marcella.Tarantino@co.usda.gov).

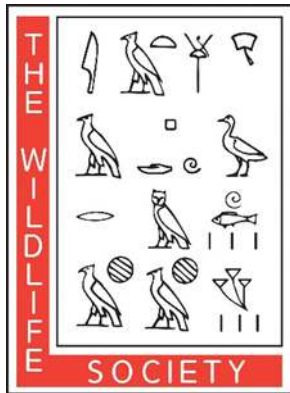
Provide all the required information in one Word document, or use fillable PDF.

Provide the presentation title, author name(s), author affiliation(s), presenter address, and presenter e-mail.

Be sure to indicate which author is presenting at the meeting, and indicate if the presenter is a student.

Download, complete, and submit the fillable Abstract Submission PDF available at the CCTWS meeting website.

# Call For Abstracts



## IGNITE-STYLE SESSION:

### Format and Additional Details

**The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Annual Meeting: February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Fort Collins, Colorado**



**Are you currently involved in creative new research?**

**Do you have an interesting case study to share?**

**Do you have a passion for a new perspective or methodology in wildlife management or conservation?**

**Ignite-Style Presentations:** These “To the Point” sessions have been an exciting new staple in recent conferences, and provide a great platform for members to quickly share updates and information that don’t require a full 20-minute presentation. Ignite-style talks include automated slide progression condensing the talk to 5 minutes! Talks can be funny, inspirational, or informative, but should all strive to be engaging and entertaining. Please see additional formatting information below if you are interested in an IGNITE presentation.

#### **Presentation Guidelines:**

20 slides – no more, no less

5 minutes – each slide displays for 15 sec. (15 sec. x 20 slides = 5 min)

#### **Submission Information:**

To be considered for an Ignite-Style Talk slot, please submit the standard abstract submission form to Marcella Tarantino at [Marcella.Tarantino@co.usda.gov](mailto:Marcella.Tarantino@co.usda.gov) by December 15, 2019.

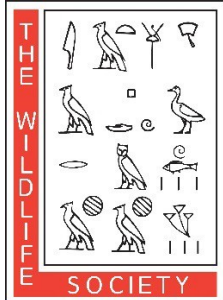
#### **For Additional information about Ignite-Style Talks:**

- Tips: <https://www.nasmm.org/nl/tips-to-ignite.pdf> or <https://scottberkun.com/2009/how-to-give-a-great-ignite-talk/> or <https://robbiesenbach.com/deliver-successful-ignite-talk/>
- Want to see some example Ignite presentations? Go here: <http://www.ignitetalks.io/videos>
- Keep it simple: use relevant images and a few key words to capture the main idea
- Bullets and text: avoid using lots of text. If necessary, use brief 1-3 word statements
- Timing: slides advance every 15 seconds, so avoid cramming too many topics or ideas into one slide. Instead, give yourself breathing room by spacing ideas and topics across multiple slides. You have 20 slides, so don’t be afraid to use them. Keep your ideas broad and figures simple.
- Final suggestion slide: we highly recommend that your last slide be a “Next Steps” or Call to Action

# Abstract Submission Form

## Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society

### Abstract Submission Form



Please fill in all of the information for your abstract to be considered. You may create and use your own form, but please be sure to include all of the following information. Please denote author affiliations with superscript numbers.



Author Information		
Presenter:		
Affiliation:		
Is the presenter a student?	Yes No	Graduate Undergraduate
Mailing Address:		
Telephone Number:		
E-mail Address:		

Presentation Preferences	
Please check the box to the right indicating what kind of presentation you would like to give. See the official call for abstracts for details about each type of presentation.	Traditional presentation (20 minutes)
	Ignite presentation (5 minutes)
	Poster

# Abstract Submission Form

Abstract
Title:
Authors:
Affiliations:
Abstract (250 words or less):



# Photography Contest



## Photography Contest

The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Annual Meeting: **February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
Fort Collins, Colorado

We invite you to submit a photograph at the 2020 annual meeting of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society, to be judged by popular vote. Photographs can be from work or recreation, and categories include Amphibians, Reptiles, and Fish; Birds; Invertebrates; Mammals; Game Camera; Human Dimensions; Landscapes and Still Life (including flora); and Creative/Comedic. Each conference attendee may submit up to three photographs and there is no fee to submit a photograph. Winners will receive a prize.

To submit a photograph, please print your photograph in an 8 x 10" format and drop it off at the registration table when you check in for the conference and bring a submission form. Label the back of the photograph with the following information: category, photograph title, entrant's name, phone number, and e-mail. Photographs cannot be framed or displayed on a mat board. Please also send a digital copy to Marcella Tarantino at [Marcella.Tarantino@co.usda.gov](mailto:Marcella.Tarantino@co.usda.gov) and provide the following information with your submission.

Photographer	
Photographer's contact information	E-mail address: Phone number: Physical address:
Photograph Information	Title: Genus/Species: Description:  Is photo edited?:
Category	Amphibians, Reptiles, and Fish Birds Invertebrates Mammals Game Camera Human Dimensions Landscapes and Still Life (including flora) Creative/Comedic
Other information	Is subject a captive animal or cultivated plant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Does photograph adhere to ethical field practices?* <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<http://www.nanpa.org/advocacy/ethics/>).

# STUDENT NETWORKING EVENT

## 2020 MEETING



One of the greatest aspects of the TWS Colorado Chapter is the level of involvement from the student chapters – it's always great to see them at our annual meetings! We all know that networking with professionals is essential to the future careers of the students we support. We also know that it can be intimidating to be a student in a room full of experienced wildlife professionals. That's why at the annual meeting in February 2020, we'll be hosting a networking event outside of the usual meeting schedule. Our hope is that students will be able to meet professionals and "break the ice" so that they feel comfortable asking more questions for the rest of the meeting.

Specific plans are still in the works, but if this sounds like something you'd be interested in participating in please contact Katie Gray at [katie.gray@state.co.us](mailto:katie.gray@state.co.us) for more information!



# Call For Awards

## Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society Call for Awards

Take time today to nominate someone who is deserving of one of the many CCTWS awards! Don't wait until the last minute.

Starting in 2020, you will be able to submit a nomination for many of the professional achievement awards each year. Only the Jim Olterman Wildlife Management Award and the Professional Achievement in Wildlife Research will remain on an alternating year schedule.

### **Awards to be presented in 2020 include:**

**Douglas L. Gilbert Award for Outstanding Achievements in Wildlife Science**

**Professional Achievement in Wildlife Management (Jim Olterman Award)**

**Professional Achievement in Wildlife Administration**

**Professional Achievement in Wildlife Habitat Management**

**Professional Achievement in Education**

**Professional Achievement in Law Enforcement**

**Honorary Chapter Membership**

**Chapter Service Award**

**Meritorious Service Award**

**Blown Blunderbuss Award\***

*\*Come to the banquet ready to share a humorous blunder executed by one or more people. The award can be presented to members or non-members. Do not have to be present to "win".*

For more details, visit our website (<http://wildlife.org/colorado/awards/>)

Nominations due to Michelle Cowardin ([michelle.cowardin@state.co.us](mailto:michelle.cowardin@state.co.us)) by January 8, 2020.

# Small Grant Program

**The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society is pleased to announce its Small Grant Program for 2019. The purpose of the program is to encourage and support those projects that have a direct impact on the management and conservation of wildlife and promote wildlife education. For 2019, the chapter is offering two grants for projects that focus on research and management or projects that focus on wildlife education. One grant will be awarded to a research and management project and one grant will be awarded to an education project. The chapter is accepting applications from both members and student members of the chapter. For more details regarding application requirements, please visit our website at**

**<http://wildlife.org/colorado/small-grants/>**

**We encourage the winners of these grants to present their projects at the winter meetings.**

**The deadline for applications is November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. These grants will be awarded by December 2, 2019. Applications can be emailed to Emily Latta at [elatta@blm.gov](mailto:elatta@blm.gov).**

# Legislative Review

## Fall 2019 Legislation Review

**H.R.3879** Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act (SOAR) was introduced to Congress House July 23<sup>rd</sup> and referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry August 9<sup>th</sup>. This bill modifies the procedures for issuing special recreation permits for certain public land units.

**H.R.3923** Environmental Justice Act of 2019 was referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties on August 15, 2019. This bill is to require Federal agencies to address environmental justice, to require consideration of cumulative impacts in certain permitting decisions.

**S.2374** Saving America's Vulnerable and Endangered Species Act was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on July 31, 2019. This bill is to amend the ESA of 1973 to prohibit listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened or endangered species.

**S.2194** PREDATORS Act—Committee on Environment and Public Works hearings were held on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. PREDATORS Act is short for the Promoting Resourceful and Effective Deterrents Against Threats Or Risks involving Species Act. The bill is to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for reducing human-predator conflict.

**S.RES. 305** A resolution designating the week of September 14 through September 21, 2019 as “National Estuaries Week” was submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent on August 1, 2019.

**H.R.3655** Livestock Protection Act of 2019 authorizes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a permit to a livestock farmer for taking of black vultures during calving or lambing season if it protects livestock from damage or loss. A permit holder must annually report to the state enforcement agency any taking of black vultures. Bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife on July 24, 2019.

**H.R. 1919** DEER Act is to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to provide chronic wasting disease (CWD) support for States and coordinated response efforts. The bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture on August 9, 2019.

**S.2343** Endangered Species Management Self-Determination Act was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on July 30, 2019. This bill is to amend the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered and threatened species; to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to permit the taking of black vultures and ravens.

# Board Elections



## Executive Board Elections

### The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society

#### **You Can Make a Difference – Join the CCTWS Executive Board**

Colorado is home to great landscapes, diverse wildlife and amazing people. Not surprisingly, wildlife professionals from many agencies and backgrounds also call our state home. The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society invites you to share your passion for wildlife with all of us. Consider joining the CCTWS Executive Board. We are especially seeking candidates for President-elect and an at-large board member. The time commitment is minimal but the impact you have on the profession is significant. Whether you have recently graduated from college or have been a wildlifer for years, your insight, ideas and leadership are valuable to all of us.

For more information or to nominate yourself or a colleague, please contact me at [jesse.mccarty@usda.gov](mailto:jesse.mccarty@usda.gov) or call me at (719) 655-6110. Also, feel free to reach out to any board member. Our contact information is found at the end of the newsletter.

# Corporate Sponsorship

## Sponsorship Opportunities

**The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society is proud of our mission to promote wise conservation and management of all wildlife resources in Colorado by serving and representing wildlife professionals. We are interested in cultivating partnerships and seeking sponsors to help further the work we are doing to benefit wildlife and wildlife professionals in Colorado. New alliances help connect wildlife professionals with the agencies, institutions, companies and non-profits with the products and services they deliver.**

We have opportunities for partners to advertise in our newsletter, on our webpage, on our Facebook page or at our annual meeting. We would appreciate the opportunity to explore a mutually beneficial relationship with your organization to further wildlife conservation in Colorado together.

If you're interested in participating in a new partnership opportunity or if you have ideas about potential partnerships, contact Emily Latta at 970-581-0559 or [elatta@blm.gov](mailto:elatta@blm.gov); or Kendra Cross at 303-328-9048 or [Kendra.b.cross@usda.gov](mailto:Kendra.b.cross@usda.gov)



# Conference Announcements



## International Conference on Ecology & Transportation ICOET 2019

September 22 - 26, 2019  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Sacramento, California, USA



# Membership Form

COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION		
Name: _____		
Address		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Work Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____	
E-Mail: _____		
Today's Date: _____		
Affiliation: _____		
Interested in Committee Work?	Yes	No
Are You a TWS Certified Biologist?	Yes	No
Areas of Expertise/Interest: _____		
Dues: 1 Year: \$15   2 Years: \$27   3 Years: \$35   Student/Retirees: \$10		
MC/Visa: _____	Expiration Date: _____	
Signature: _____		

Mail to: Nathan Seward, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 300 West New York Ave., Gunnison, CO 81230  
Or scan and email to: [nathan.seward@state.co.us](mailto:nathan.seward@state.co.us)

Please visit the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society web page at [Wildlife.org/Colorado](http://Wildlife.org/Colorado) and the Wildlife Society web page at [Wildlife.org](http://Wildlife.org). Become a member today!

# Committees and Chairs

Committee	Chair	Chair Contact
<b>Standing Committees</b>		
Conservation and Land Use Review	Randy Ghormley	<a href="mailto:rgormley@fs.fed.us">rgormley@fs.fed.us</a>
Information and Education	Joel Humphries	<a href="mailto:jhumphries@blm.gov">jhumphries@blm.gov</a>
Annual Meeting Program	CCTWS Board	
<b>Finance and Fund Raising (Auction)</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>Audit</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
Legislative Review	Katie Bradfish	<a href="mailto:katherineb99@msn.com">katherineb99@msn.com</a>
Wildlife Management	Matthew Hanson	<a href="mailto:mhanson6@gmail.com">mhanson6@gmail.com</a>
Newsletter	Aran Johnson Greg Davidson	<a href="mailto:ajohnson@southernute-nsn.gov">ajohnson@southernute-nsn.gov</a> <a href="mailto:greg@finditdetectiondogs.com">greg@finditdetectiondogs.com</a>
Nomination/elections	Nathan Galloway	<a href="mailto:Nathan_galloway@nps.gov">Nathan_galloway@nps.gov</a>
Policy/Resolutions	Nathan Galloway	<a href="mailto:Nathan_galloway@nps.gov">Nathan_galloway@nps.gov</a>
Professional Awards	Michelle Cowardin	<a href="mailto:Michelle.cowardin@state.co.us">Michelle.cowardin@state.co.us</a>
Student Awards	Nick Kaczor	<a href="mailto:nick_kaczor@fws.gov">nick_kaczor@fws.gov</a>
Membership	Mindy Rice	<a href="mailto:rice1min@gmail.com">rice1min@gmail.com</a>
<b>Ad Hoc Committees</b>		
Certification	Rob Schorr	<a href="mailto:rschorr@lamar.colostate.edu">rschorr@lamar.colostate.edu</a>
Historian	Dangoule Bockus	<a href="mailto:Dangoule_bockus@nps.gov">Dangoule_bockus@nps.gov</a>
Photographer	Max Canestorp	<a href="mailto:Kmax1350@mesanetworks.net">Kmax1350@mesanetworks.net</a>
Small Grants and Travel Grants	Emily Latta	<a href="mailto:elatta@blm.gov">elatta@blm.gov</a>
Web Page, Social Media (Marketing)	Aleshia Fremgen	<a href="mailto:Aleshia.fremgen@westernalum.org">Aleshia.fremgen@westernalum.org</a>
<b>Professional Development Programs</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
Student Affairs and Mentoring	Katie Gray	<a href="mailto:katieegray789@gmail.com">katieegray789@gmail.com</a>
<b>Representatives</b>		
CSU Student Chapter	Kaley Egan Liaison: Andrew Don Carlos Advisor: Larissa Bailey	<a href="mailto:kaleyegan@gmail.com">kaleyegan@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Andrew.don_carlos@colostate.edu">Andrew.don_carlos@colostate.edu</a> <a href="mailto:Larissa.bailey@colostate.edu">Larissa.bailey@colostate.edu</a>
Western Student Chapter	Erin Blair Liaison: Nathan Seward Advisor: Pat Magee!	<a href="mailto:erin.blair@western.edu">erin.blair@western.edu</a> <a href="mailto:Nathan.seward@state.co.us">Nathan.seward@state.co.us</a> <a href="mailto:pmagee@western.edu">pmagee@western.edu</a>
CSU Pueblo Chapter	Rocky Spencer Liaison: April Estep Advisor: Claire Ramos	<a href="mailto:Rlspencer2018@gmail.com">Rlspencer2018@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:April.estep@state.co.us">April.estep@state.co.us</a> <a href="mailto:claire.ramos@csupueblo.edu">claire.ramos@csupueblo.edu</a>
CMPS President	Andrea Orabona	<a href="mailto:Andrea.orabona@wyo.gov">Andrea.orabona@wyo.gov</a>
CMPS Representative to TWS	Bob Lanka	<a href="mailto:Bob.lanka@wyo.gov">Bob.lanka@wyo.gov</a>
CCTWS Representative to CMPS	Jesse McCarty	<a href="mailto:Jesse.mccarty@usda.gov">Jesse.mccarty@usda.gov</a>

**Are you interested in being more involved with the society?  
We currently have openings for 3 committee chairs!**

Please contact Jesse McCarty ([jesse.mccarty@usda.gov](mailto:jesse.mccarty@usda.gov) or cell 425-315-2444) or any current board member if you have interest in serving as a committee chair.