Aly Courtemanch has worked for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in Jackson since 2011, first as a terrestrial habitat biologist and now as a wildlife biologist. For the past two years, she has served as a Board Member-at-Large for WY-TWS and has been attending WY-TWS annual conferences since 2008. She grew up in Maine and graduated from St. Lawrence University in 2005 with a B.S. in Biology and Environmental Studies. She earned her M.S. degree in 2014 from the University of Wyoming at the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit studying bighorn sheep habitat selection and impacts of backcountry skiing in the Teton Mountain Range. She enjoys working with ungulate populations, animal movement, landscape ecology, human-wildlife conflict, and integrating partners and stakeholders in solving conservation issues. She’s also passionate about supporting early career professionals and women in the wildlife field. She has substantial non-profit board experience from six years of volunteering as a board member for the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation, and spending three as board president. Fun fact: Aly and her partner, Forest, learned how to dive two years ago and have already checked off two major diving destinations: the Great Barrier Reef in Australia and the Mesoamerican Reef off the east coast of Mexico.
Megan Smith has worked in the environmental non-profit and consulting realms since 2008. In 2018, Megan opened EcoConnect Consulting in Jackson, WY (www.ecoconnectjh.com). EcoConnect Consulting was born out of a desire to bridge the gap between ecological information and land planning. As we know, there is often a disconnect between what is known about ecological systems, wildlife and habitat and the choices made for human development and infrastructure. EcoConnect Consulting strives to help decision makers understand the interplay between ecology and community and make choices that are beneficial to all. For Megan, one of the benefits of attending WY-TWS’s annual conference each year is making connections with professionals and students from around the state as well as hearing about the research taking place. It is not uncommon to return from an annual meeting and immediately implement a nugget of knowledge into a consulting project.

Megan is motivated by collaborative opportunities and enjoys mentoring (as well as being mentored!). She has served on the board of Womentum, a women’s mentoring organization, for the past five years and currently serves as Treasurer for this non-profit organization (relinquishing Treasurer role in July 2021). Megan is interested in representing NGO organizations and individuals within WY TWS’ leadership. When not helping others through her work with EcoConnect Consulting, Megan can be found volunteering, adventuring outdoors and enjoying all that Wyoming has to offer by ski, bike, paddle, foot or viewed through binoculars.
Courtney Larson is a conservation scientist with the Wyoming chapter of The Nature Conservancy, based in Lander. Her research interests are centered around wildlife conservation and human impacts on ecological systems. Currently, her work focuses on recreation and wildlife coexistence, low-tech stream restoration, and mapping and spatial analysis. Courtney also provides scientific support for ongoing TNC projects on a broad range of topics including renewable energy siting, freshwater resilience mapping, and land protection assessment. She has a PhD and MS in ecology from Colorado State University, where her research focused on effects of non-motorized recreation on mammals and reptiles in southern California. She has a BA in environmental studies and international studies from Colby College.
**Board Member At-Large:** (one vacancy)

**Don DeLong**

Don DeLong has worked as a wildlife biologist for the Forest Service since 2004 (West Zone of Bridger-Teton National Forest), and he worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including on the National Elk Refuge, for 12 years prior to that. Don has been a member of TWS since 1988, and became a TWS-Certified Wildlife Biologist in 1997. He was involved in the Nevada chapter, actively working on two committees and filled-in as president-elect for six months during which he led the planning of the 1998 annual conference. Don volunteered for four years as a board member and president of the Star Valley Land Trust and then, after it became a chapter of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust, he served another four years on that board (2002-2010). Don has been active at the regional level in the Forest Service this year, including leading the development of a regional pollinator survey protocol with a range of partners, and chairing a subcommittee of a regional environmental assessment team. Don received a B.S. degree in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University and a M.S. degree in Wildlife Science from Virginia Tech, where he studied bald eagles on the Chesapeake Bay. While he loves all aspects of his job, two things are of particular interest: promoting ways for wildlife-related requirements and science to figure more prominently in land management decisions (e.g., presentations at 2017 WY-TWS conference and 2019 Region 4 Resource Workshop), and mentoring young professionals to be effective in the arena of multiple-use management (e.g., poster at 2018 WY-TWS conference). Don and Anita’s two kids are now students at UW. Don enjoys camping, horseback riding, skiing, rafting, and birdwatching (life list of >800 species).
Emily Reed is a writer, photographer, and illustrator for the Wyoming Migration Initiative. She works to inform and engage the public on ungulate migrations, blending a skill set in environmental science, storytelling, and nonprofit outreach. Emily grew up on a small farm and ranch operation in Wyoming, where she developed a strong desire to connect with the people and wildlife that depend on the landscape to survive. An avid big game fan and hunter, she has worked as a biology field assistant on several research projects for mule deer in the Wyoming Range and elk in the Absarokas. She also has contributed to social science research focused on water and conservation perspectives in the Greater Yellowstone region. Emily has written and photographed for popular online and print outlets such as Western Confluence, Modern Huntsman, and BESIDE, including several stories about Wyoming’s migrating wildlife and the people who study them. Before joining WMI, she worked for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition in Wyoming, implementing on-the-ground projects such as wildlife-friendly fencing and wildlife crossing infrastructure through local citizen engagement. Emily holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Bachelor of Science in Environment and Natural Resources from the University of Wyoming.
My name is **Neal Martorelli** and I am writing to express my interest in being nominated for Board Member At-Large for the Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society for the 2021-2022 term years. As a recent transplant from the Midwest, I started out in Gillette this past spring, working in a shared position as a Private Lands Wildlife Biologist for the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies in affiliation with the Wyoming Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). In my current role, as both an NRCS Conservation Planner and Sage Grouse Initiative Biologist, I work with ranchers and producers to promote sage grouse habitat conservation on private land throughout northeast Wyoming.

Having grown up in the suburban east coast, I realized the benefit and appeal of vast open spaces and public land at an early age. After graduating from the University of Vermont with a bachelor’s degree in Wildlife Biology in 2009, I moved west and began a string of seasonal positions which brought me to California, Alaska, Colorado, the Dakotas, Montana, and Minnesota. During this time, my appreciation for the northern great plains was first fostered when I began work for a PhD student evaluating the use of seasonal wetlands in varying levels of agricultural intensity by spring migrating ducks. This job led to a position with Ducks Unlimited in North Dakota, which further cemented my interest in waterfowl ecology. Continuing on that path, I was able to pursue a master’s degree in wildlife science at South Dakota State University, where I worked on a research project which focused on the evaluation of gamebird use and thermal characteristics of alfalfa and perennial grasses in eastern South Dakota. After briefly working on moose research in northern Minnesota and with the aims of moving closer to family in the Black Hills of South Dakota, I accepted my current position with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. In this position, I am excited to be able to continue my work in upland game bird ecology and conservation, specifically in regards to such a regionally important species as the Greater Sage-Grouse.
Moving to a new state, I am excited to get involved with a new Wildlife Society Chapter and if selected for a board position would hope to be able to bring new ideas and perspectives as a representative of northeast Wyoming, the northern great plains, and the non-profit world. Thank you.