

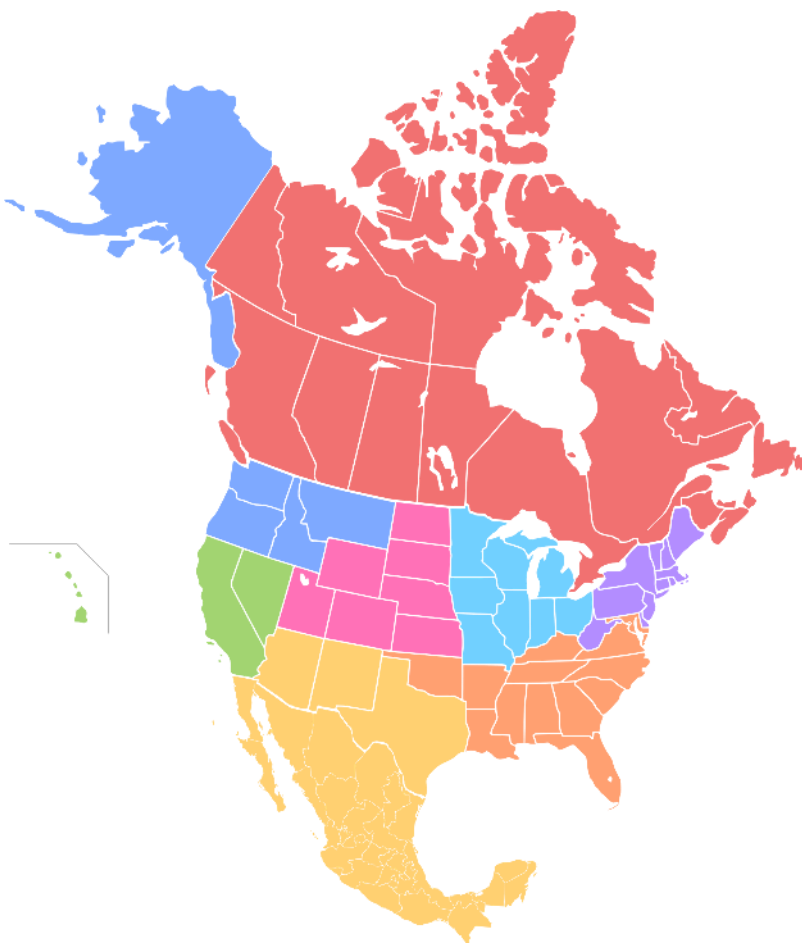
# ORGANIZATION UNITS

WE ARE...

# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY!

## BACKGROUND

TWS includes 8 Sections, 56 Chapters, 147 Student Chapters, and 27 Working Groups. A Section, Chapter, Student Chapter, or Working Group is also referred to as an **organization unit** of The Wildlife Society.



- Canadian Section
- North Central Section
- Northwest Section
- Southwest Section
- Central Mountains and Plains Section
- Northeast Section
- Southeastern Section
- Western Section

**Sections** of The Wildlife Society provide regional networks in North America. Each section encompasses several states, provinces, or republics. Sections promote networking, cooperative efforts and the exchange of information among wildlife professionals and The Wildlife Society's chapters in a geographic area. **NOTE:** The term "section" refers to both the operating organization unit of TWS and the geographic area used for organizing TWS members for purposes of electing a representative to Council. TWS members living within a geographic section are not automatically members of an operating Section and operating Section members do not need to be TWS members.

**Chapters** of The Wildlife Society generally use a state or province boundary to define their memberships, although more or less than one state or province may be served by a chapter, depending upon local membership needs. Each chapter has its own bylaws, officers, events and activities that support the mission of The Wildlife Society.

**Student chapters** are based at college campuses across North America and operate much like TWS chapters but must have a faculty advisor.

**Working groups** are forums for members with common professional interests to network, exchange information and promote science-based decision making and management of wildlife and its habitats. Working groups publish newsletters, hold meetings, conduct policy analysis, and organize technical symposia and workshops.