



# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

*Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation*

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Randy Moore, Chief  
USDA Forest Service  
Sidney R. Yates Building  
1400 Independence Ave SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Chief Moore:

Congratulations on your appointment as Chief of the USDA Forest Service. We look forward to working with you and serving as a resource in your work alongside thousands of natural resource professionals in implementing science-based and collaborative conservation actions.

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society (TWS; [wildlife.org](http://wildlife.org)) and our network of affiliated chapters and sections represent more than 15,000 professional wildlife biologists, managers, and educators dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Our mission is to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and wildlife habitat through science-based management and conservation.

Through our diverse and dedicated membership, TWS has broad access to scientific knowledge and expertise that can help facilitate and inform decision-making processes. We are always available to assist you and your staff with science-based input for managing our nation's natural resources in the face of some of our biggest challenges, including severe fire seasons, pest and disease outbreaks, and the exacerbating effects of a changing climate. We recognize that natural resource decisions must consider many social, economic, and ecological factors, with science serving as the bedrock principle for making those decisions.

Along with providing decision makers independent and science-based perspectives on relevant government policies, we also provide information to professionals through a suite of professional development and communications tools, including a [professional certification program](#), a member magazine, three peer-reviewed publications, a weekly e-newsletter, and a website that provides robust coverage on the latest news in conservation. As a premiere partner of TWS, USFS employees have the opportunity to contribute magazine and website articles for publication, allowing for a routine exchange of information between federal, state, non-government, and university employees.

We encourage you and your employees to take advantage of these resources as well as our growing relationship with the agency on professional development activities. USFS, in partnership with TWS, supports the Native American Research Assistantship (NARA) Program to provide opportunities for Native American students pursuing wildlife management careers to experience summer research internships with USFS managers and

biologists. This outreach to the next generation of wildlife professionals also extends to our [annual conference](#), one of the largest gatherings of professionals in North America, where USFS staff routinely lead hiring outreach events.

The Wildlife Society is looking to grow these initiatives and others that assist in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion at all stages and levels of governance in the wildlife profession. We hope to grow our partnership with USFS through conversations with you and other leaders as to specific, tangible steps that can be taken together to advance this goal.

The Wildlife Society looks forward to providing you with the views of wildlife professionals, and we wish you success in your new role. Please contact Caroline Murphy, AWB®, Government Relations Manager at [cmurphy@wildlife.org](mailto:cmurphy@wildlife.org) or (301) 968-1903 with any questions, comments, or thoughts on coordination.

Sincerely,



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President, The Wildlife Society

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