

Nate grew up in Minnesota and spent a few years in Pakistan and Brazil, where his parents were teachers at international schools. During high school Nate and his family moved to the mountains of Colorado. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Biology from what was then Western State College and a Master of Science in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology from Colorado State University. Nate is a Certified Wildlife Biologist® with 15 years of experience finding proactive solutions to conservation challenges.

Nate's career has focused on assessing the impacts of development on wildlife habitat and implementing functional conservation at the interface of private development and environmental policy. His experience is highly varied: he has helped protect raptor nests from oil development in northeastern Utah; protected endangered plant habitat from natural gas pipelines in the Piceance Basin; identified solutions to minimize the impacts of renewable energy on birds in southern Wyoming; guided measures to reduce underwater noise impacts on marine mammals in the Aleutian Islands; and helped the Alaska DOT maintain connectivity of wildlife corridors by designing the first bridge dedicated to wildlife use in the State of Alaska, amongst many other unique experiences.

Nate is an expert in the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act. He looks forward to helping the CCTWS maximize their influence in policy decisions and respond to management proposals with sound science. To that end, earlier this year Nate spearheaded the NEPA/Regulatory Committee within CCTWS which tracks projects and regulatory proposals that affect wildlife and engages CCTWS in the decision-making process.

Nate lives in Buena Vista with his wife Jennah, and their 2-year-old son, Aksel. He is currently a Senior Biologist with HDR where he specializes in NEPA and ESA Section 7 consultations. Nate enjoys mountain biking, rafting, skiing, photography, and being involved in local conservation initiatives.

