2023 Officer Candidates – Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Vice President

Miranda Reinson

Miranda is currently working as a Regional Wildlife Biologist – Landowner Sportsman Coordinator in the Magic Valley Region for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Originally from New Jersey, she received a BS in Wildlife Conservation and Ecology from the University of Delaware and completed an MS at University of Nebraska at Kearney. Shortly after obtaining her MS she was employed by the Department of Idaho Fish and Game and has worked for the Department for 3 years. She has spent time working in both the southern and northern parts of Idaho. In her free time, Miranda can be found romping around with her dog Charlie outside enjoying the outdoor recreation and beautiful views Idaho has to offer!

Secretary

Robert Ritson

Rob is an Associate Research Scientist with the University of Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit working on ungulate migration and seasonal range modeling for Idaho Department of Fish and Game in support of SO 3362. He is a certified Associate Wildlife Biologist® with The Wildlife Society and completed his Master's in Biology at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in 2019 where he studied bison spatial ecology. He also has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from The Pennsylvania State University where he served as Secretary of the Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society. He currently serves the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society on the Membership Committee and as co-chair of the Sponsorship Committee. Rob lives in Pocatello with his wife Cindy and cat Meeko where he fills his time renovating their recently purchased house and takes occasional breaks cross-country skiing, fly-fishing, and (attempting) elk hunting.

At-Large Board Member

Jeremy Baumgardt

Jeremy grew up exploring the mountains and streams of Washington State. After earning a master's degree in Kansas, he returned to the Northwest for his PhD where he studied Sage-grouse at the University of Idaho. Jeremy spent the last 8 years in South Texas where he worked on developing monitoring programs for non-game species on private lands, and then shifted his focus to disease ecology at the livestock-wildlife interface. This past summer, Jeremy and his family moved back to Idaho where he accepted the position of Statewide Population Monitoring Coordinator with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Jeremy has previously been involved with the Texas Chapter of TWS, as well as at the national level, and is looking forward to getting involved locally and serving the Idaho Chapter.

Andrea Kristof

Andrea is the Wildlife Biologist at Camas National Wildlife Refuge, 11,000 acres of avian paradise-in-progress in the Upper Snake River Plain. She is an ecologist at heart, constantly fascinated by the complexity of Idaho's wetland, riparian, and sage-steppe habitats and passionate about conserving them. Andrea enjoys contributing to grassroots science-driven conservation efforts that span the boundary fences. When she has free time, Andrea enjoys hiking with her dogs, vegetable gardening (with her dogs), and making yummy food (with her dogs). You can find her with Nalu, a rescue pitbull-mix and self-appointed assistant-to-the-biologist, pretty much all the time.

Charlie Henderson

Charlie grew up on a cattle ranch in the Appalachian Mtns of Virginia. After completing his undergraduate work at the U. of Tennessee he moved to western Montana. Charlie began working in wildlife in 2007 and has worked on a variety of species in Montana, Washington, California, and Idaho. He did his PhD at the U. of Montana working on mule deer populations for Idaho Department of Fish and Game. After completing his degree, Charlie worked as a contract biologist for IDFG and then was hired as a population biologist with IDFG in the Southwest region. He is currently working for Idaho as a Wildlife Research Biologist out of the Jerome office. When not working on wildlife, Charlie enjoys hiking and camping with his family, working in his forge, and practicing martial arts.

Tempe Regan

Tempe was raised in the woods of Western Montana, living off the land. Nature has always been at the center of her life and a career in wildlife biology has led her to many incredible places. After obtaining a MS in Raptor Biology from Boise State University, she spent 2 years working for the Intermountain Bird Observatory at Boise State before accepting a position with the Idaho Dept of Fish and Game as a Diversity biologist in the rugged Salmon Region. Her main focus is studying alpine wildlife and ecology in Idaho. She is also an artist and seeks to weave ecology and biological observations of nature into her art as a way to connect people with parts of nature they may not otherwise notice.