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WILDLIFE TRACKS

A letter from the president

Hello CCTWS Members! We are excited to present the theme of our 2025 meeting Fire and Ice: Wildlife in a Changing West. We are doubly excited that our colleagues from Wyoming have agreed to join us for the meeting this year! This year's meeting will be in Fort Collins Colorado at the Hilton on Prospect (conveniently located near Colorado State University and downtown Fort Collins), Tuesday March 4th-Friday March 7th 2025. Our meeting will include sessions on climate justice, talks from climate change experts, workshops, a student professional lunch, a silent auction, a student poster session, and don't forget the photo contest. Given our joint meeting opportunity, we wanted a theme that would cross borders with our neighbors to the north. However, we welcome any and all abstracts for consideration and all points of view, and our Abstract Review Committee and CCTWS Executive Board will review all submissions for scientific rigor. This year we are also doing a formal call for workshop proposals so we can assess the space needs, expected attendance etc. and balance the types of workshops we support. Please send your ideas for workshops to me by October 31st including ideas for workshop you would like to see but can't necessarily conduct yourself. Additionally, we can always use assistance at the meeting for judging student presentations, donating auction items, or helping at the registration desk. Please contact a board member if you have time to help us out. Our goal as always is to make this a fun and engaging meeting and create a welcoming environment for everyone interested in the scientific management of wildlife. Our 2024 annual meeting in Pueblo was a success with approximately 170 attendees, and we can't wait to catch up with old friends and make new ones with our colleagues from Wyoming. We plan to have all the usual networking events, banquets, auctions, and sessions with excellent and engaging speakers. More information can be found on the following pages and a call for abstracts will be coming soon, with registration opening in the new year! We cannot wait to see you all again in Fort Collins March 4th-March 7th!

Finally, 'tis the season for elections where complex issues get turned into Yes or No choices and you find yourself pouring a beer over your best friend's head in a bar. After careful consideration and discussion, the board has developed a statement on Prop 127 (see below). Know that here at CCTWS we welcome any and all opinions and encourage respectful and scientific based dialogue on all issues related to wildlife and wildlife management.

Robin Russell

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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COLORADO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2024

To view board meeting minutes, please visit wildlife.org/colorado/meetings

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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COLORADO CHAPTER COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS 2024

Program/Annual Meeting	CCTWS Board
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Patrick Magee (<i>new chair 2025</i>)
Legislation and Conservation Affairs	Courtney King
Newsletter	Becky Burink
Nominations/Elections	Casey Setash
Student and Professional Awards	Jeff Henderson
Membership	Courtney King (<i>new chair 2025</i>)
Conservation Review	Cassandra Holman
Small Grants and Travel Grants	Emily Latta
Web Page, Social Media (Marketing)	Emily McCall, Robin Russell, Courtney King, Jack Grider
Professional Development Programs	<i>vacant</i>
Student Affairs and Mentoring	<i>vacant</i>

The following committee consolidations is currently proposed:

Legislation and Conservation Affairs + Policy Resolutions + Conservation Review

To volunteer as a committee chair or to give feedback on proposed committee changes, reach out to Robin Russell

CCTWS Proposition 127 Position Statement

The CCTWS board has voted in favor of publishing the following as the CCTWS position statement regarding the upcoming Colorado Proposition 127.

Wildlife professionals urge voters to vote “No” on Proposition 127

Proposition 127 would ban hunting of mountain lions, bobcats, and lynx in Colorado and legally define “trophy hunting” to include any means of hunting these animals. The Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society (CCTWS), a professional organization of over 300 wildlife experts who spend their lives and careers focused on wildlife conservation and management oppose this Proposition and support a “No” vote in November. Here’s why.

We support science-based wildlife management and the conservation of functioning ecosystems and populations. Ballot initiatives to manage wildlife populations are at odds with rigorous science and the expertise of biologists, who have successfully managed wildlife for decades. Ballot box biology undermines experts tasked with managing wildlife in the public trust for the enjoyment, use, and good of all people in perpetuity. The CCTWS opposes the use of ballot initiatives to manage wildlife and supports laws and processes already in place to do so. For example, in Colorado, a Wildlife Commission is appointed by the Governor, composed of a rotating group of Commissioners representing a wide range of stakeholders. The Wildlife Commission relies on state agency experts to relay scientific information about wildlife and make decisions benefitting diverse wildlife user groups.

None of the current board members of the CCTWS have ever or likely will ever hunt any of these cat species, but we recognize the importance of regulated hunting and the conservation of species and habitats for the public good. Currently, Canada lynx are protected from harvest by the Endangered Species Act, and as reported by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (the governing agency of mountain lion and bobcat populations), populations of both lions and bobcats are stable or increasing (and tolerant of the current levels of harvest). Money from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses directly funds conservation activities, which is more important than ever as other funding sources for conservation continue to decline and degradation of habitat accelerates. Colorado’s wildlife and their habitats are threatened by numerous stressors including development, wildfires, and bark beetle outbreaks. We can and should be aiding humans, lynx, bobcats, and mountain lions by using our resources to manage habitats for all wildlife and people reliant on them. Instead, passing this Proposition would decrease conservation funding and redirect resources from conservation actions to dealing with animals that come into conflict with humans.

We urge those that care about wildlife and habitat conservation to use your vote to maintain healthy ecosystems, vote to keep using science to manage wildlife, and vote to continue funding conservation through the sale of hunting licenses for the entire community of wildlife in our state. Vote “No” on Proposition 127.



BOARD NOMINATIONS

Join the Board of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society!

Nominations due
December 30, 2024

**Interested in running
for the board? Please
reach out to**

President Robin Russell
robinrssll@gmail.com

Are you interested in broadening your network and developing meaningful relationships with other wildlife professionals? Do you want to give a little something back? Do you want to build or diversify your resume? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider running for the board of the Colorado Chapter!

We are seeking nominations for the following positions:

- President-elect
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Lead
- Membership Lead
- Board Member-at-Large
- Professional and Student Development chair

Board members are asked to attend monthly 90-minute board meetings and actively participate in one or more committees.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 2024 Treasurers Report

September 9—October 6, 2024

Expenses

- \$1,000 Travel Grant award

Income

- \$32.35 interest income
- \$9.21 Membership dues

Account balances as of September 8, 2024

- Checking account — \$16,013.91
- Reserve fund money market — \$39,667.15 (goal \$39,480.24)
- Savings account — \$502.88
- Olterman scholarship investment account (Edward Jones) — \$70,790.08

August 2024 Treasurers Report

August 5—September 8, 2024

Expenses

- No expenses this month

Income

- \$33.40 interest income

CCTWS Treasurer

Adam Behney

abehney@hotmail.com



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

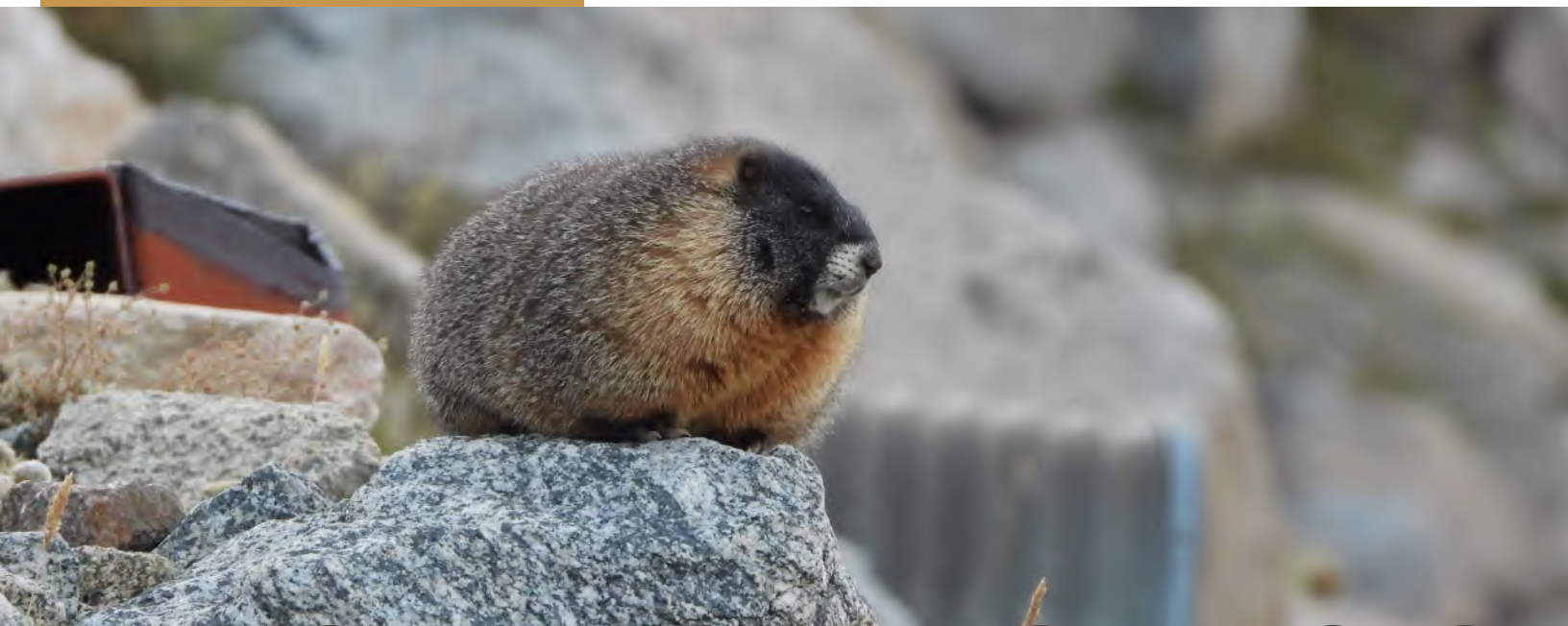
Do you have ideas for events or workshops to include during the 2025 CCTWS Annual Meeting?

The CCTWS Board is seeking a volunteer to run an “out in the field” event during the Annual Meeting in Fort Collins in March 2025.

We are also seeking input and ideas for workshops or other events that CCTWS members would like to see at this and future Annual Meetings.

Nominations due
December 15, 2024

Are you interested in volunteering? Have ideas you'd like to share? Please reach out to
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Submission information
will be forthcoming!**

Instructions for submission

1. Download and complete the fillable abstract submission PDF available at wildlife.org/colorado/meetings/annual-meeting/
2. Include abstracts and all required information as Microsoft Word attachment.

This year's annual conference will include traditional oral presentations (20 minutes), IGNITE presentations, and posters. We invite you to present an oral presentation or poster on the topics of wildlife research, ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy at the 2025 Annual Meeting. All topics are welcome, and we strongly encourage students to present. All student presentations will be considered for the "best presentation" awards, which will include a gift certificate and recognition at the end of the conference.

Traditional oral presentation: 20 minutes allotted for each presentation: 15-18 minutes for presentations, followed by 2-5 minutes for a Q&A. Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft Powerpoint or Adobe PDFs. No other formats will be accepted. Presentations must be uploaded at the beginning of the session in which you will present.

Poster presentations: Maximum dimensions are 4'x4' in size. Easels will be provided. There will be a formal poster session before the banquet, allowing presenters more time to discuss their work with conference attendees. Attendance at the poster session is required for presenters.

IGNITE presentations: These "To the point" sessions have been an exciting staple in recent conferences and provide a great platform for members to quickly share updates and information that do not require full oral presentations. IGNITE-style talks include automated slide progression condensing the talks to five minutes. Talks can be funny, inspirational, or informative, but should all strive to be engaging and entertaining.



PHOTO CONTEST

We invite you to submit a photograph at the 2025 Annual Meeting to be judged by popular vote. Photographs can be from work or recreation and categories include:

- Amphibians, Reptiles, and Fish
- Birds
- Invertebrates
- Mammals
- Game Camera
- Human Dimensions
- Landscapes and Still Life (including flora)
- Creative/Comedic

Information to include at submission:

- Photographer name
- Contact information, including email address, physical address, and phone number
- Photograph information, including title, scientific name of subject, description, and whether the photo is edited
- Category
- Is the subject a captive animal or cultivated plant?
- Does the photograph adhere to ethical field practices as outlined by the North American Nature Photography Association Standards found at nanpa.org/advocacy/ethics/?
- Does the photographer agree to have their photograph posted on a virtual contest through Google Forms?
- Does the photographer agree to allow winning photographs to be posted to the CCTWS Facebook page? (not required for participation or consideration)

Submission information will be forthcoming!

Provide the following information with your photo submission, due at registration. Bring with you a printed 8"x11" copy of your photograph to the registration table at the annual meeting.



PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Take time today to recognize an outstanding wildlife professional by nominating them for a CCTWS professional award. Don't wait until the last minute!

The CCTWS Professional Awards Committee will consider nominations in the following categories:

Professional Achievement in Wildlife Science

(Douglas L. Gilbert)

Professional Achievement in Wildlife

Management (Jim Olterman)

Blown Blunderbuss (for humorous blunders)

Nominations due

January 15, 2025

Nominating is easy!

Simply provide the name, position/title, and email address of the person you are nominating, plus no more than one-page description of why they deserve a professional award.

Submit nominations to

Jeff Henderson

Henderson@pinyon-env.com

For more details, visit

wildlife.org/colorado/awards



JIM OLTERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society (CCTWS), in cooperation with Robin Olterman, are requesting applications for the 2025 Jim Olterman Scholarship Award, to honor Jim and his contributions to Colorado's wildlife legacy.

Application deadline

December 15, 2024

Scholarship award

At least \$1,500, a commemorative plaque, and recognition at the 2025 Annual Conference

Send applications to

Jeff Henderson (Jim Olterman Scholarship)
Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society
henderson@pinyon-env.com

Questions?

Email Jeff Henderson

The Jim Olterman Scholarship Award is offered annually to encourage and support an upper-level Colorado college student in the pursuit of a career in wildlife biology and management.

Jim Olterman, a Colorado Division of Wildlife Senior Terrestrial Biologist and pilot, died in a plane crash on September 4, 2002, while conducting aerial fish stocking operations in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in southeastern Colorado. During the crash, Jim's actions saved the life of a CPW hatchery technician flying with him.

Jim was born and raised in Kingsport, Tennessee where he gained a deep appreciation for the outdoors in general and wildlife in particular while hunting, fishing and exploring the backwoods of his aunt's farm. In 1964, Jim headed west to enroll at Colorado State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology. In 1968, he joined the U.S. Army and later left the service as a decorated Vietnam Veteran. During his early years in the army, Jim learned to fly and flying quickly became one of the great passions of his life. After his time in the service, Jim received a Master's in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University. (continued on following pages)



JIM OLTERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

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Jim led a spectacular career of 30 years in the CPW. Starting our as a District Wildlife Manager in 1972 he successively assumed the positions of Wildlife Biologist in Montrose, Senior Terrestrial Biologist in the Southwest Region, and finally Senior Terrestrial Biologist for the western slope. He was also a fully commissioned peace officer and a Division pilot frequently flying survey, radio tracking, stocking, transport and law enforcement operations for the agency. Jim played an integral role in bringing desert bighorn sheep into Colorado, and moose, lynx and game birds into the southwestern part of the state. He was also an active supporter of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the parent organization, The Wildlife Society. He served on the CCTWS Executive Board in 1979 and 1980 and encouraged his colleagues and employees to be active members of this and other professional organizations.

Jim's main passions in life were the wildlife resources, fishing, flying and above all, his family: daughters Lara and Sally, son Tandy and his wife Robin. Robin claims that no one "new" rode in Jim's plane without hearing of his family. Shortly after his death, Sally gave birth to a daughter: Abigail James.

Rick Kahn, CPW Wildlife Management Supervisor, a colleague and close friend of Jim's, once stated so well: *"Jim was proud to live in Colorado, proud to be a wildlife biologist in this great state and proud to be part of the wildlife family. He was an inspiration to many who knew him. He was passionate about the resource and the people who appreciate it. Jim Olterman epitomized the professional wildlife biologist; he lost his life while doing the job he truly loved."*

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Questions?

Email Jeff Henderson

You must meet the following criteria to be considered for the Jim Olterman Scholarship Award

- You must be a member of either The Wildlife Society or the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society. (You may submit a membership form with payment to the Colorado Chapter of TWS when submitting your scholarship application if you are not currently a member. Please see attached membership application)
- By December 2024, you must have completed two-thirds of the credits required for graduation with a Bachelors Degree in Wildlife Biology or Management or a related natural resource field

The application must consist of the following materials

- A current resume
- A current transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) indicating your current number of credits and grade point average.
- Two letters of reference. One reference shall be from a professor familiar with your academic capabilities and accomplishments. The second reference shall be from a supervisor whom you worked for in a natural resources-related position (volunteer work is acceptable).
- A short essay (1-2 pages in length) describing (1) your interests in the biological field, (2) your career goals and how they relate to wildlife management, and (3) how you would use the award to further your professional development.

Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically.



ALLEN ANDERSON AWARD

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society (CCTWS) is seeking nominations for the Allen Anderson Outstanding Wildlife Student of the Year award, which recognizes an outstanding undergraduate student at a Colorado college or university.

Any undergraduate student is eligible to receive the award; preference will be given to students in wildlife and wildlife related programs. Any professional may nominate students. The student's transcripts and resume are required as part of the submission materials, which may necessitate involvement of the student in the nomination process. Nominations will be evaluated with respect to academic excellence, applied wildlife-related experience, and extracurricular activities.

The nomination must consist of the following materials

- A current transcript of all completed coursework (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- A resume describing the student's extracurricular wildlife-related activities, including employment, volunteer work, participation and service in wildlife-related organizations, or self-directed activities. The resume should include an email address, mailing address, and telephone number.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the student's wildlife activities.

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically.

Nominations due
December 15, 2024

Award

Personalized award plaque, inclusion on a traveling perpetual plaque (which will be displayed at the student's educational institution for one year), and a wildlife-related book that CCTWS will select, and recognition at the 2025 CCTWS Annual meeting

Send nominations to
Jeff Henderson (Allen Anderson Award)
Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society
henderson@pinyon-env.com

Questions?
Email Jeff Henderson



SMALL GRANTS

Proposal submission deadline

November 15, 2024

Grants will be awarded

December 6, 2024

Winners are encouraged to present their projects at winter CCTWS meetings!

Email applications as a Word document or PDF to

Emily Latta
elatta@blm.gov

For more details, visit
wildlife.org/colorado/small-grants/

The Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society is now accepting applications for its Spring Small Grants Program. The purpose of the CCTWS Small Grants Program is to encourage projects that promote the wise management and conservation of wildlife in Colorado.

One grant for \$1,000 will be awarded to a research and management project or one grant will be awarded to an education project. The chapter is accepting applications from both members and student members of the chapter. Student applications must have a letter from their sponsor or faculty advisor authorizing the work. The faculty letter must be included in the application.

A written proposal should not exceed 2 single-spaced typewritten pages. Text must include contact information, title, a statement of purpose, project objectives, methods, location, target audience, project duration, and benefits to wildlife in Colorado.

The grant may be used for travel (within Colorado) to/from study sites, subsistence (overnight stay) while in the field, equipment and supplies. Salaries and administrative overhead expenses are ineligible. Durable field goods, such as cameras, computers, GPS units, or surveying equipment purchased as a part of the grant award, will become property of the agency/business or university/faculty advisor identified in the letter of support.



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COLORADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Become a TWS member: **wildlife.org**

Become a CCTWS member **wildlife.org/colorado**

1 Year Student Membership: \$10

1 Year Regular Membership: \$20

2 Year Regular Membership: \$35

3 Year Regular Membership: \$45

Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society—Membership Application

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Work phone: _____ Personal phone: _____

Email address: _____

Today's date: _____

Affiliation: _____

Are you interested in committee work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a TWS Certified Biologist? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Area of expertise/interest: _____

Membership (circle one): 1 year (student) 1 year 2 year 3 year

Credit card number (MasterCard or VISA): _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Scan and email to Adam Behney at abehney@hotmail.com

STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATES

CSU FORT COLLINS UPDATE



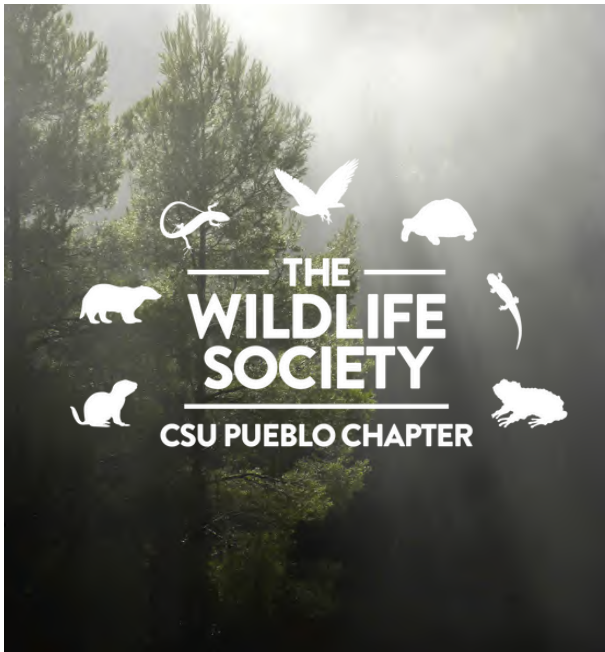
In late September we took a trip to Steamboat Springs to connect with US Forest Service professionals over a weekend of networking, fieldwork, and camping! This is our third annual collaboration with the USFS. Events like these help expose our new members to new wildlife experiences and connect with professionals. Our members had the opportunity to work on their professional development with a resume workshop and a tutorial on how to navigate the federal employment site. They also hiked, learned about threatened plant seeding, and searched for a Peregrine Falcon nest!



Our chapter continues to provide our members with unique volunteering experiences, including Raptor Monitoring for CPW, camera trapping for UWIN, and wildlife education opportunities.

CSU Pueblo Student Chapter Update

October 2024



PAST EVENTS

- State Level Science Olympiad Competition 4/6/24
- Wildlife Trivia Night 4/29/24
- Better World Day 5/23/24
- SDWG Bioblitz 9/24

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Science Olympiad:

The state level Science Olympiad competition was held at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs this April and members of the CSUP Student Chapter of TWS hosted the Forestry Competition.

[Colorado Science Olympiad Website](#)

Wildlife Trivia Night:

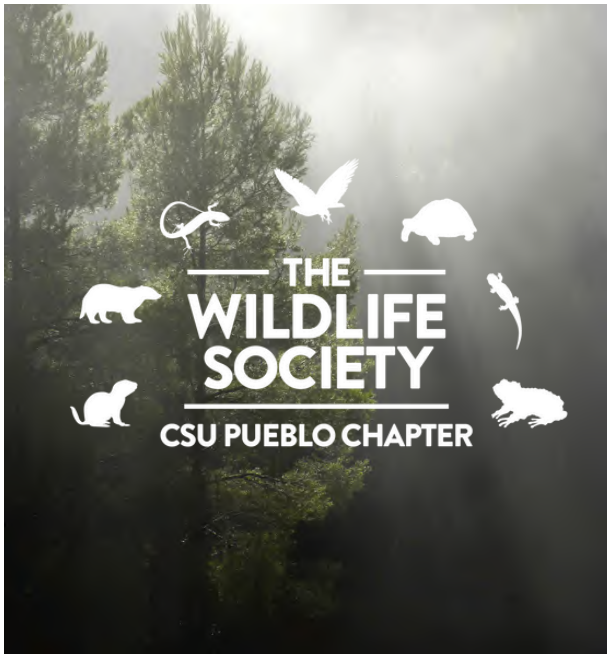
CSUP TWS hosted a wildlife-themed trivia night at a local brewery, OCC Brewing in Colorado Springs to decompress at the end of the semester as part of a science communication workshop series hosted through the Hubbard Brook Research Foundation. Read more about this event here: [Young Voices of Science Program](#)

Better World Day:

Better World Day is an event hosted by the Villa Bella Expeditionary School in Pueblo, CO. It is an annual, national EL Education event showcasing student learning that contributes to a better world. Students from CSUP TWS led part of this event as field experts incorporating a Colorado wildlife-themed activity for the students. [Villa Bella Expeditionary School](#)

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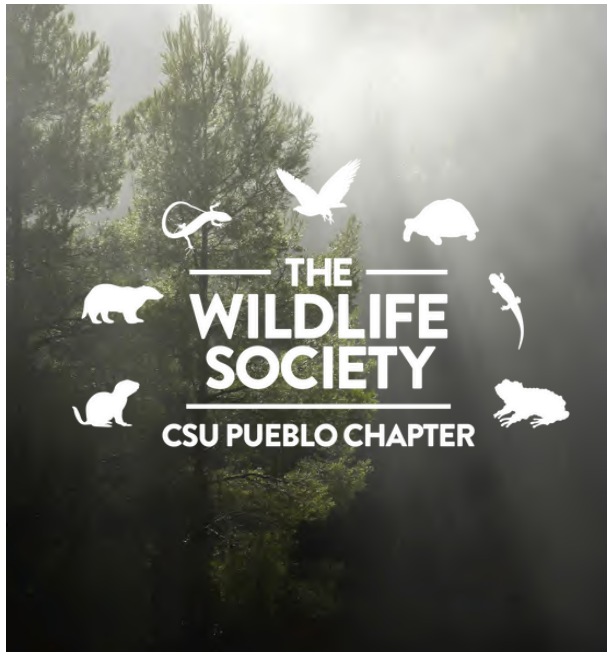
The Student Development Working Group of TWS hosted a Bioblitz for student chapters. CSUP students participated in the September portion of the competition resulting in 491 observations. [SDWG Bioblitz 2024](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Creek Week 9/28/24-10/6/24
- Delta Waterfowl Hunt 12/5/24

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Creek Week:

Creek Week is an annual event hosted by the Fountain Creek Watershed & Greenway District that is the largest watershed-wide cleanup event in the state. This year, CSUP TWS will lead a crew of students in a cleanup event in Pueblo along the watershed. Creek Week 2024

Delta Waterfowl Hunt:

Delta Waterfowl sponsors a guided waterfowl hunt for college students in the wildlife field each year as part of their University Hunting Program. This year, CSUP TWS students new to hunting will participate in a waterfowl hunt with the CSU TWS student chapter in Fort Morgan, CO. Students will attend a Shotgun 101 clinic and complete their Hunter Education course to participate in the hunt this December. [Delta Waterfowl University Hunting Program](#)

FLYERS & PHOTOS

Newsletter



Western Colorado University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society
CCTWS Newsletter submission
September 2024

Western Colorado University's student chapter of The Wildlife Society started strong this semester! Our first meeting was on September 3rd, 2024. We met on campus and provided free pizza (thanks to funding from CCTWS). We had 30 students attend our first meeting, it was great to see old and new faces and we welcomed them all with a focus on getting to know each other. We went on a sagebrush hike behind Western and played a round of ultimate rock paper scissors and the winner received a Western TWS sticker.



On September 10th, 2024, 11 lucky students and Dr. Magee traveled on muddy roads to the Gunnison State Wildlife area and Beaver Creek. We aimed to enjoy the beautiful environment and observe beavers in this iconic watershed. We were fortunate to see (and hear) numerous beavers and evidence of beavers. It was the first time some of our students saw a beaver!



On September 17, 2024, Western's student chapter of The Wildlife Society prepared and decorated our "float" for Western's annual homecoming parade. We made our wildlife-themed decorations out of recycled cardboard. We wanted to remain carbon-neutral for this parade, so we walked and rode our bikes in the parade that was held on Friday, September 20th. Our chapter marched in the homecoming parade, showing our love and appreciation of, and advocacy for wildlife, while handing out candy.



On September 21st, four dedicated chapter members participated in BLM National Public Lands Day. We contributed to restoring sagebrush habitat on a decommissioned road by planting sagebrush seedlings and pieces of dead sagebrush. Our efforts helped mimic the natural sagebrush ecosystem and deter vehicle usage.



We held our final meeting of September on September 24th, 2024. Co-President Caleb Park led a workshop on Merlin Bird ID and iNaturalist. We did our best in the dark to identify species with both apps.



Our meetings have had a consistent turnout starting at 30 people in our first meeting and 11 in the second. We've since rebounded, with 15 and 16 attendees at our third and fourth meetings. This attendance demonstrates the value and interest in our student chapter. This positive trend has set the stage for an exciting October, filled with engaging events like a wild game processing workshop, a fall colors hike, an herbal tea workshop, wildlife quizzes, and pumpkin carving.

Our dedicated team of officers is leading the charge this year. They include:

- Camren Hovey and Caleb Park as Co-Presidents
- Rowen Robinson as Secretary
- Alexandra Wilson as Treasurer
- and Alaina Holcombe as Historian

We are grateful to the Colorado Chapter of the Wildlife Society for your financial and moral support of our chapter. We look forward to the annual conference in Fort Collins and hope to get in touch with many wildlife professionals and the other student chapters.