

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE FORM

Congratulations on being nominated for consideration as a Section Representative to The Wildlife Society's Council. To help facilitate the nomination process by the Section, please complete this form by February 1, 2026:

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Nominee for: CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION REPRESENTATIVE

Personal Data: ONAWA, IOWA

Education:

- B.S., WILDLIFE BIOLOGY, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, 1976
- M.S., WILDLIFE SCIENCE, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY, 1978
- M.S., ZOOLOGY, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, 1987
- PHD, ZOOLOGY, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, 1989

Present Position:

- RANGELAND HEALTH COORDINATOR, NORTH AMERICAN GROUSE PARTNERSHIP, 2025

Former Positions:

- POLICY DIRECTOR, NORTH AMERICAN GROUSE PARTNERSHIP, 2012-2025
- NATIONAL FEDERAL AGENCIES' COORDINATOR, PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE COORDINATOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, 2010-2012
- VICE PRESIDENT OF CONSERVATION POLICY, THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP, 2005-2009
- DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION POLICY, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, 1999-2005
- MIDWEST FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, 1994-1999

Wildlife Society Activities:

- TWS MEMBER SINCE 1973
- CERTIFIED WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST SINCE 1982
- CHAIR, TWS COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A TECHNICAL REVIEW ON THE EFFECTS OF OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT ON WILDLIFE, 2008-2012
- PRESIDENT, NEW MEXICO CHAPTER, 2005-2006
- BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE, CMPS, 1999-2000
- SECRETARY, NORTH CENTRAL SECTION, 1994
- TWS' CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 1991-1994
- PRESIDENT, SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER, 1985-1986
- PRESIDENT, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER, 1974-75

Leadership Experience (professional and organizations):

- I served as the president of the Kansas State University Student Chapter early in my career. During that service I worked to secure speakers who were leaders within the wildlife profession including the directors of the Missouri and Nebraska state wildlife agencies and the leader of the Arkansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.
- I served as the President of the New Mexico State Chapter of TWS. While in that service, I worked to better engage the state fish and wildlife agency with the Bureau of Land

Management on energy development issues.

- I was appointed to the New Mexico Game Commission. During that service I worked with the state fish and wildlife agency to develop a private lands hunting and fishing access program and to better coordinate oil and gas development in northwestern New Mexico.
- While serving as the Policy Director for the Wildlife Management Institute in Washington, DC, I introduced the concept of providing federal funds to support and expand state private lands hunting and fishing access programs, leading to the introduction and passage of the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) in the 2008 Farm Bill.

Principal Professional Interests: I hope to use the decades of my career in wildlife research, habitat management and policy to help guide the future of our profession.

Views: I believe there is an untapped wealth of knowledge available through the experiences of wildlife habitat managers. One area of expansion that TWS might consider is providing a method of tapping into those practical experiences to share with the profession. At one time I thought the Wildlife Society Bulletin was going to provide that venue, but in my opinion it continues in a different direction.

Photo: Attach a “head and shoulders” photograph (ideally in .jpg, .jpeg or .tif format)

Please provide the following information and return with the requested biographical data and photograph:

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