

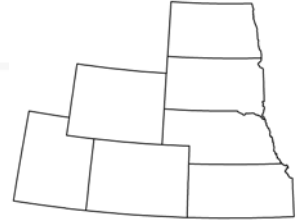


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### President's Message

Gary C. White

This column consists of an update of the activities in the CMPS. Super bowl is over, no more bird seasons until spring turkey, and even Peyton Manning doesn't know what to do until next football season. Guess Peyton better go visit his brother Eli. But there has been some activity in the Section, and there are 2 things you have to do. Read on.

The Bylaws were approved by email vote, and TWS Council approved our changes. These were to remove the Canadian provinces from the CMPS, and to have the Executive Board oversee the CMPS website. So, check the CMPS website (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/CMPS/>) to see the updated and revised Bylaws. As you can see by this Newsletter header, Cherrie Nolden was able to change our logo to accommodate the loss of the Canadian provinces.

Speaking of the CMPS website, check it out. I've been learning to be the webmaster, thanks to the help of Ruxi Giura, the TWS web person. Ruxi has been particularly helpful in explaining some of the intricacies of Joomla, the freeware package that TWS is using to construct and maintain the site. Ruxi told me the site needed pictures, so Bruce Gill donated some of his wildlife photography to spice up the site. Let me know what else needs to be added to the site, and what you dislike and like about it. I'm still missing links to web sites for 4 of the Student Chapters, including 2 chapters that were just started last year, and some of the state chapters. Let me know these URLs if they exist. Any help you can provide would be appreciated. TWS has moved the server to a physical location with a faster connection to the internet, so the response time should improve.

Your Executive Board has been working on a couple of issues. TWS sent out drafts of position statements on wind power and oil and gas development. See our comments elsewhere in this newsletter.

The new Canadian Section is firing on all cylinders. Our joint CMP/Canadian Sections meeting with them is scheduled for August 14–17, 2008, in Gimli, Manitoba. I encourage you to plan a late summer vacation in Manitoba. The call for abstracts is on the CMPS website, plus included in this newsletter (page 3).

If you are connected with any of the CMPS Student Chapters, I hope you encouraged them to attend the Western Students Conclave hosted by Colorado State University March 14–17, 2008. The schedule and registration information is posted on the web:

<http://welcome.warnercnr.colostate.edu/tws-conclave/index.php>.

Conclaves are a great chance for students to mingle and learn about the wildlife curricula at other schools, plus visit a different part of the country and learn about some of the pertinent wildlife issues. To keep TWS viable, we need to recruit the up-and-coming wildlife professionals, and conclaves are a great motivator. This year, only Utah State from CMPS attended the Conclave. The University of Idaho won the quiz bowl, defeating Humboldt State University in a really heated final round. Texas A&M University College Station came in third. Tom Ryder gave the banquet address the final night of the Conclave.

One of the innovative programs started 2 years ago by TWS is the Leadership Institute. Up and coming young leaders in TWS are recruited to the program, and get a chance to learn a lot more about how to serve TWS. In the first 2 classes, there have been 5 CMPS members: Bridgette Flanders-Wanner, Raquel Wertsbaugh, Silka Kempema, Noe Marymor, and Dan Thompson. If you know of a younger member that would benefit from this program, give them a nudge to apply. I can provide more details on the program, as needed.

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Each year the Section can nominate 2 CMPS members to become Fellows of TWS. If you know of somebody that meets the criteria, write up a nomination. Here is your chance to reward someone for long service to TWS. A list of CMPS Fellows was published in the previous newsletter (available on the CMPS web site).

The final items require action on your part. Every year TWS members elect a new Vice-President that then moves through President-elect, President, and Past-President positions. This year, our very own CMPS representative Tom Ryder is one of the nominees for the VP job. So, turn out the vote. Note that you have to be a member of TWS, not just CMPS or a state chapter, to vote for Tom.

Every 3 years, CMPS elects a representative to TWS Council. Tom Ryder has served on Council for the past 6 years, but as described above, is moving on to running for the VP position. Nominees for CMPS Council Representative are Art Smith from South Dakota, and myself. So, again, make sure you've paid your TWS dues, and vote for one of us to represent the Section on Council. The next issue of The Wildlifer will provide all of the candidate's statements.

## The Section Rep's Report

### "Ryder's Ramblings"

There's a lot going on with The Wildlife Society. The Natural Resources Council of America has recognized TWS' 2007 technical report "Impact of Wind Energy Facilities on Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat" for a 2008 Award of Achievement as the "Best State and Local Project." TWS Member, Dr. Ed Arnett of Bat Conservation International, edited the volume, which was written by an expert panel. The award will be presented at NRCS' Annual Banquet and Awards Program in Washington, DC on 13 February.

Sandra Staples-Bortner resigned as Conferences and Membership Director effective 1 February. She has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Great Peninsula Conservancy in Bremerton, WA. Please join us in thanking Sandra for her 16 years of excellent and dedicated service to TWS and wishing her luck in her new position. A search is currently underway for her replacement. Sandra will continue to work for TWS in a part time capacity for several weeks in order to assist with an orderly transition.

The first 2008 issue of *The Wildlife Professional* is now in the design phase and the magazine is increasing from 48 to 52 pages. The new ad sales staff at Allen Press has doubled advertising in the magazine. All advertisers are either wildlife-related equipment or topically appropriate books. The second issue is fully booked. The third 2008 issue - a special issue on climate change and wildlife - is in development and the fourth issue is more than half booked. Story lineups and lists of authors are available for review on request. The next meeting of the Editorial Advisory Board is being planned.

The TWS Publications Committee, chaired by Bruce Leopold, submitted nominations for the next Techniques Manual editor, and, pending formal confirmation by TWS Council, Dr. Nova Silvy of Texas A&M University was nominated to lead this important effort with support from an advisory panel, TWS publications staff, and a university press publishing partner, yet to be identified.

The TWS web server will be moved (co-located) within a month to a different location (in Washington DC) that will allow vastly greater access speed to our website and more protection from power outages. The greater bandwidth that will be available at the new site will:

- 1) Immediately eliminate the slow download of our site, and
- 2) Allow subunit webmasters to start building their own sites using the open source template sites (based on Joomla, which is the open source program we've used to develop our home site). These sites have already been built by Ruxi Giura.

Limited bandwidth, combined with increased traffic on the site, has been the only constraint that has been delaying the launch of the subunit web sites.

Staff is making progress in finalizing the budget for the Miami conference. The Miami Conference Call for Contributed Papers and Posters is open and the online submission deadline is March 14. Additionally, students have the option of participating in the Student Research-in-Progress Poster Session. The submission deadline for that special session is 30 May. The Program Committee has made final decisions on workshops, symposia, and panel discussions, and organizers have been informed of the status of their proposals. The deadline for proposals for Breakfast Roundtables has been extended to March 14.

Another piece of good news: TWS membership at the end of 2007 was 7,807 members, which is a 4% increase over our 2006 year-end number. Retention of members was excellent at 89%, in addition to 1,105 new members. So far in 2008, membership renewals are looking very good.

Lastly, this is my last year serving you as Central Mountains and Plains Section Representative to TWS Council. As a result, Section Officers have been busy searching for a few gullible souls willing to run as my successor. After their tremendous efforts (and a lot of behind-the-scenes arm twisting!!), I'm proud to announce the two candidates willing to step forward. The first is Dr. Gary White, recently retired from Colorado State University. The second is Mr. Art Smith, currently an employee of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks. Both men are long time members of TWS and have been active at many different levels of The Society. Biographical sketches of these fellows will be coming soon in the Spring edition of The Wildlifer, with ballots following later this spring. Please be sure to review their biographies and cast your votes by the assigned deadline.

I hope your spring goes well. Until next time, keep fighting the good fight out there.

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## **NEWS FROM UP NORTH!**

### **Call for Papers for the Summer Meeting! Deadline 3/31/08.**

#### **Call for Contributed Oral and Poster Abstracts**

**Joint Meeting of  
Central Mountains and Plains and the Canadian Sections  
of The Wildlife Society**

***Crossroads in Wildlife:  
New Great Plains Initiatives and Canadian Directions***

**14 - 17 August 2008  
Gimli, Manitoba**

Call Open: 15 January – 31 March 2008

The Central Mountains and Plains Section and the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society invite submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations for a joint meeting to be held at the Lakeview Resort and Conference Center in Gimli, Manitoba from 14-17 August 2008. Contributed presentations addressing the conference theme will be given preference but presentations on any pertinent wildlife or habitat related issue will be considered. A plenary session of invited speakers will be held on 16 August to address the topic of *Climate Change from the Great Plains to the Arctic*. There will be a separate oral presentation session to accommodate students interested in presenting on any wildlife or habitat-related topic. All contributed presenters must register and pay the appropriate conference registration fee.

Contributed presentations should be 20 minutes in length including 5 minutes for questions from the audience. All presentations should be submitted in electronic format (MS PowerPoint only; no other formats, such as slides, overheads, or video will be accepted) and presentations will be requested 1 week prior to the conference. Submitters will be notified about the status of their abstracts by 1 May 2008. Abstract submission for both oral and poster presentations should adhere closely to the format guidelines below and be submitted electronically (via email attachment) in MS Word by 31 March 2008 to:

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6. Indicate: Oral presentation or Poster presentation

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Oral Presentation

### **Paresis and Death in Elk Due To Lichen Toxicosis In South Central Wyoming**

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In February and March 2004, 326 free-ranging elk (*Cervus elaphus*) became recumbent and died or were killed in the Red Rim habitat area southwest of Rawlins, Wyoming. The estimated total loss was 400 – 500 elk. Many elk were found down, alert and responsive, and unable to rise. Over time elk progressed to lateral recumbency followed by dehydration and death.... The toxic compound or compounds in the lichen have not been identified, but literature reports suggest usnic acid as one candidate. Current and future studies are planned to investigate the toxicity of this and other compounds in the lichen, and to try and determine what climatic and environmental factors contributed to lichen toxicosis in the wild elk.

### **CMPS Weighs In On TWS Draft Position Statements:**

The following are comments from the CMPS Executive Board submitted to TWS Council concerning the respective draft position statements.

#### **Oil and Gas Position Statement**

General Comments:

The position statement is too Wyoming-centric. Significant oil and gas development is taking place in Alberta, Montana, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. The position statement should be expanded to represent the issue on a

national/international scale, not just Wyoming. Certainly Wyoming is the location of some of the most drastic development, but not the only location.

TWS is a professional, scientific organization and our TWS position statements should be fact-based and avoid hyperbole generated for the popular press. Less editorializing and more focus on the existing laws and regulations would provide a better background to proposing solutions. Other than Sawyer et al., there has been little peer-reviewed research on the effects of oil and gas development. The situation is getting better but there is still little scientific literature regarding cause-and-effect relationships. A clear statement urging the Bureau to fund and/or conduct long term studies of impacts to wildlife populations would be more effective than generalized references to just a few studies confined to the Pinedale Anticline. The Bureau needs to employ or contract with scientists who can deal with designing and implementing studies to answer specific management-oriented questions.

The draft is correct in stating that pre-lease planning is essential. However, it also indicates that, many areas have already been leased. The Courts have indicated that, after a lease is sold, the BLM cannot add new stipulations to the extent that it would prevent development of the lease. That is reflected in BLM regulations. Leases are "...treated as a conveyed property right..." because that is exactly what they are under the law.

Paragraph 11 states that offsite mitigation has been proposed since 2006. That may be the case in Wyoming, but it has been employed in New Mexico since the early 1990's.

Paragraph 12 needs supporting documentation to be taken seriously that BLM biologists "...are routinely overruled by higher level administrative levels." It may happen in certain areas or to certain individuals, but a blanket statement doesn't carry much weight.

There is also a nasty issue not mentioned in the statement about the common disconnection between surface rights and mineral rights on both private and public property. This disconnection becomes particularly relevant when an agency or land owner sets a tract of land aside for wildlife, whereas the mineral rights are leased and extraction commenced.

Comments specific to the actual numbered paragraphs at the end of the draft statement:

1. Avoiding negative impacts is an admirable goal, but, by its very nature, oil and gas development is going to destroy habitat for some species. What specific opportunities for improved management is this point referencing?
2. Excellent point. However, as referenced in the background, much of the minerals in the best areas are already leased. This paragraph could be strengthened by encouraging state wildlife agencies to assist in the planning process by providing detailed information (if they have it) on specific areas/habitats of concern. General statements such as "avoid all development in sensitive species habitat" are of little use in the planning process.

TWS should be encouraging early and continuing cooperation between state and federal agencies in land use planning and NEPA analysis in potential energy areas. Regional approaches are needed to determine the true significance of proposed development across the range of a species. Will loss of a particular patch of habitat have measurable likely population effects beyond the watershed where the impacts would occur? If not, maybe it is better to allow development in one area while heavily restricting it in more important areas. These are the kinds of decisions many biologists hate to see made, but the land management agencies are tasked with considering the bigger picture.

3. "Affected interests", under the law, would include industry. Be careful what you wish for. Unlike the Forest Service, BLM's organic act contains no provisions to maintain viable populations. A 2006 Memorandum Opinion of the D.C. District Court (Linn Blancett, et al. v. U.S. Bureau Land Management, et al.) said that, under the Taylor Grazing Act "...the BLM must not only consider mineral interests, but must give them priority over grazing privileges." Although TGA does not apply to direct wildlife management, FLPMA recognizes prior existing leases and rights, so both a legal and natural resource balancing act are part of implementing any conservation strategies. The Bureau has issued guidance stating that state wildlife conservation plans should be considered in BLM planning, but there is no legal mandate to do so.



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| 24-Sep                          | Deposit - NE dues                         | \$81.00    |          | \$6,274.45 |
| 2-Oct                           | Student Grant - TWS Annual Meeting        |            | \$375.00 | \$5,899.45 |
| 20-Nov                          | Deposit - ND dues                         | \$21.00    |          | \$5,920.45 |
| 17-Dec                          | Deposit - Proceeds from Annual Meeting KS | \$2,575.06 |          | \$8,495.51 |
| YEAR TO DATE TRANSACTION TOTALS |                                           | \$3,067.06 | 0        | \$2,939.66 |
| 2007 YEAR END BALANCE           |                                           |            |          | \$8,495.51 |

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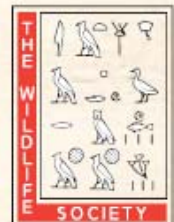
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**Miami, Florida**

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C. Alex Bramwell



## **STATE CHAPTER REPORTS**

**Colorado:** This past January the Colorado Chapter (CCTWS) held its annual conference in Denver. The annual conference, in my mind, presented many speakers from a very diverse group of agencies and backgrounds who are passionate about their area of expertise and were able to pass along some very valuable information. During the breaks and after hours these presentations sparked many conversations and debates, all of which speaks volumes to why these events continue to be so valuable to the members. For those that missed the opportunities at this year's event, we are hitting the ground running with preliminary investigation of having a joint meeting with the Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management [www.cssrm.org](http://www.cssrm.org) and the Habitat Partnership Program <http://wildlife.state.co.us/LandWater/PrivateLandProgram/HPP/> in Grand Junction for the 2009 annual conference. Initial work is underway as well with putting together the Chapter's summer meeting that will likely be held in Grand County. The potential topic for this meeting is the impacts of beetle kill infestation to wildlife, which is a very timely topic since on the 12th of February 2008 Governor Bill Ritter created the Colorado Forest Health Advisory Council. More details will follow in the near future on both topics as the details get worked out. A new executive board has been elected that includes President, Mead Klavetter (DOD), Past President, Ron Beane (Private Consultant), President-Elect, Jerry Powell (Private Consultant), Treasurer, Marty Stratman (CDOW), Secretary, Noe Marymor (USDA), NE Representative, Vicky Dreitz (CDOW), NW Representative, Jeff Cook (BLM), SE Representative, Ed Schmal (CODOW), SW Representative, Brad Weinmeister (CDOW), Members At Large; Theresa Childers (NPS), Seth Gallagher (RMBO), Matt Comer (USFS), Raquel Wertsbaugh (CDOW). Nominations are currently being accepted for the Allen Anderson Outstanding Wildlife Student Award. The details of the application, who is eligible, deadlines, and other relevant news about the CCTWS can be found in the most recent newsletter posted at <http://www.wildlife.org/chapters/co/index.cfm>. Lastly, there are still plenty of chances today for CCTWS members to become involved with committees, projects, and events as the chapter is only as successful, active, and instrumental in effecting the preservation and management of the wildlife resources of Colorado as its members make it.

**Kansas: No Update Available.**

**Nebraska:** NE TWS has continued to develop an annual plan of operations through feedback from our committees and membership. The APO will be initiated this spring. We are also preparing for our annual conference and membership meeting on February 28th and 29th in Grand Island. The conference will be moved up in the year to better accommodate students and to seek a quieter time of the year to boost attendance. We will see if it works. The conference will be held in coordination with the Prairie Bird Symposium put on by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. This quarter has also brought opportunities for the chapter to financially support an event at the Lied Center in Lincoln, NE featuring Richard Louv, author of "Last Child in the Woods". We are hoping that it will stimulate discussion statewide concerning the declining use of the outdoors by today's youth. The event will be on February 19th. We have also had opportunity to provide comment on the USFWS Travel Management Plan for National Forests and Grasslands in NE through our Public Lands committee.

**North Dakota: No Update Available.**

**South Dakota: No Update Available**

**Utah: No Update Available**

**Wyoming:** Wyoming's annual meeting was a joint meeting with the Society for Range Management and was held in November of 2007. The meeting was well attended and focused on issues of interest to both groups. The workshop featured Dr. Fred Provenza speaking on "Animal Behavior, A Key to Natural Resource Management". An overview of state issues, a panel session on communication between natural resource agencies, and a session featuring contributed papers rounded out the meeting.

## **Student Chapter Reports**

**Colorado State:** With one month having already passed since the beginning of the spring semester, here at Colorado State University (CSU), and only three more months until the summer break comes, The Wildlife Society has a big agenda. Along with fieldtrips and speakers scheduled for our regular meetings and members, we are also, of course, gearing up for the biggest event of the year, Conclave.

The Wildlife Society's 2008 Western Student's Conclave is being hosted by the CSU Student Chapter this year, and we are thrilled to have everyone out to join us in Colorful Colorado. Thanks to the National Chapter, as well as the Colorado Chapter of TWS and their generous grants and donations, we plan to have a very successful Conclave. The entire chapter has been busy at work putting together a line-up of great fieldtrips, Triathlon events, and Quizbowl questions. For the fieldtrips, we are having TWS students join CSU graduate students and wildlife professionals in the field to learn about Colorado deer, moose, prairie dogs, swift foxes, rattlesnakes, and fishes, while also being taught the field techniques associated with each. The third Conclave Triathlon to be held is going to be an interesting test of the student's knowledge in the field. We will have events using dart guns, clover traps and NOREMARK population estimate software. Finally, the Quizbowl should be just as challenging and competitive as ever, but we are also going to bring back the entertaining bonus round of a Champion vs. Faculty competition. It should be a great couple of days interacting with the different students and their respective chapters!

When we're not busy planning Conclave events, we're working on volunteering opportunities to get our own members involved with. We had been planning to help the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) again this year in their annual Cedar Ridge live deer count; however, due to the unusually high snowfall amounts we've received this winter, the deer are in a weakened state, and the wildlife officers fear the stress of the deer count would be too harmful for it to be performed this year; therefore, the deer count has been cancelled. Despite this unfortunate loss of a volunteering opportunity, we still have others planned, including working with the CDOW later in the season to conduct a river otter survey in Middle Park, Colorado, as well as helping them with a bighorn sheep trapping event near Gunnison, Colorado. Also, every April we try to host a Techniques Workshop to get students out in the field practicing useful field techniques, and this spring we hope to have a large emphasis on four-wheel drive vehicle usage.

Another aspect of the chapter we are busy working on is the scheduling of guest speakers to visit with us every Monday night. Thus far, we've heard from Rod Krey, retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, talking about federal job opportunities becoming available to us, and Del Benson, a CSU professor who was involved with the Colorado Wolf Initiative. Up-coming speakers include: CSU alumni working for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, a CSU professor to talk about her research in the Galapagos Islands, a former CDOW officer to speak about wildlife photography, and a USDA Wildlife Biologist presenting the laboratory aspects of the wildlife profession. By bringing in these speakers we hope to present our members with the broad spectrum of available job opportunities for our profession, and also, get them excited about their futures with wildlife.

It's looking like a very busy, but exciting semester ahead. We are greatly looking forward to meeting all the other Western Student Chapters of TWS at Conclave and we hope that they will enjoy their time visiting us in our beautiful home state. We wish the other chapters well, and hope to see you all soon. Best wishes for great wildlife experiences!

**BYU, Chadron State, Kansas State, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of North Dakota, North Dakota State, South Dakota State, Utah State University, Wayne State (Nebraska), Wyoming:  
NO UPDATES AVAILABLE.**

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