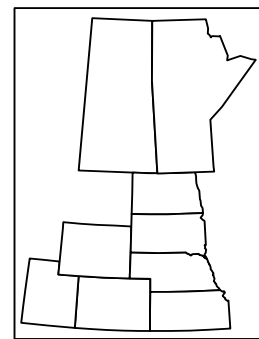


# Central Mountains and Plains Section Newsletter



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## President's Message

This is my first message to you since I "really" took over the reins as your president. The first one really didn't count, because I really didn't know what was going on yet. It certainly showed in that I focused pretty much on the future and "what-ifs."

Now that things are off and running in earnest, the first thing I need to say is that we have a great bunch of folks on our board. All involved are really busy in their real lives and still they find time to meet and work on a regular basis. As such, we are off and running on all sorts of fronts. One group is reviewing our bylaws, while another is trying to make our historical documents available on line and eliminate a lot of "paper baggage." Several of us have been engaged in developing a new way to expand our membership by becoming more relevant and seamless with our local chapters.

A work group was assembled (mostly not board members) to finalize a position statement on greater-sage grouse that had been pending for several years. In addition, the nuts and bolts of administration have been duly passed from Utah to Nebraska: we have a checking account and a new newsletter "machine." Oh yeah, we are busy planning the summer meeting and building a slate of candidates for expiring positions. Let me know if you are interested in helping (in any capacity). You can read about the sage grouse position statement and the proposed fee structure/membership enhancement effort on our website at [www.cmpswildlife.org](http://www.cmpswildlife.org).

It has been fun and exciting to work with everyone and to see potential efforts begin to take shape in the real world. We are off and running, but there are still many things to do. Take a few moments and answer the following question: *what can be done to make the section more meaningful to its members?* If something comes to mind, drop me an e-mail or talk to one of your board members. I really want the section to do great things, and my favorite way of doing business is through collaborative thinking.

I want to reiterate that some of my priorities include invigorating and growing our membership, developing new opportunities for more students to be mentored and for mentorship training, developing a scholarship fund and having some fun. If you would like the board to explore issues, please let me know.

Spring is here and it's beautiful outside my window. I'm going to cut this thing off here and go enjoy it. You should make some time soon to enjoy the outdoors; consider it an assignment if it makes it easier for you to pull away from what you are doing. —Steve Riley, CMPS President

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## Travel Grants Available

CMPS currently has funds available for individual students or student chapters. An application for these funds is available at:  
[www.cmpswildlife.org/travelgrant.pdf](http://www.cmpswildlife.org/travelgrant.pdf)

## Mission Statement of The Wildlife Society

The Wildlife Society exists to enhance the ability of wildlife professionals to conserve diversity, sustain productivity, and ensure the responsible use of wildlife resources for the benefit of society.

## The Section Rep's Report

### "Ryder's Ramblings"

Howdy again from Wyoming! Its been another mild winter around here and wildlife appear to be fairing pretty well. I hope all of you have enjoyed this beautiful season and are getting out as much as possible. By the time you read this, all our prairie grouse species will be hard at the reproduction game once again. If you've never taken the time to watch this amazing spectacle, I implore you to do it this spring.

Over winter, the Executive Committee of Council decided to move ahead with a joint recommendation from several TWS Committees and begin electronic publication of the Journal of Wildlife Management and The Wildlife Society Bulletin. President Dick Lancia, a strong proponent of electronic journals, chose BioOne Consortium to publish our journals. Council's goal is to make our exceptional publications more available to wildlife professionals around the world. BioOne (a branch of the American Institute of Biological Sciences) appears up to this task, as it provides Web-based access to greater than 75 scientific journals in at least 53 developing and industrial countries. Watch future Wildlifers for additional details on cost, how to subscribe electronically, etc.

Various Subcommittees of Council are also examining our current publications structure and putting together recommendations for the future. We are considering a number of options at this point and may be ready to make a decision by the March Council meeting in Maryland.

In the policy arena, long-time intern and friend Caitlin Burke left TWS to return to Graduate School. I'm sure we all wish her good luck at school and a great future career. We'll sure miss her expertise in TWS. Meanwhile, Policy Director Tom

Franklin has been doing double duty since the retirement of Executive Director Harry Hodgdon last fall. Tom has overseen renovation of TWS's Bethesda headquarters, been supervising our permanent staff, and trying to do his regular job. Two major items of policy interest occurring over-winter included U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to NOT list the northern sage-grouse as endangered/threatened under ESA and passage of S. 2856 by Congress.

A number of CMPS members were major players in helping decide the grouse listing issue. In addition, CMPS Officers recently adopted a position statement on sage-grouse listing which will greatly assist Tom's future policy efforts on this issue. On behalf of Council, I'd like to thank CMPS for their efforts.

S. 2856 was signed into law by President Bush on 23 December and should provide a real "Christmas Present" for Farm Bill programs. Since enactment of the Farm Bill, USDA has diverted millions of dollars from the Grasslands Reserve Program, WHIP, the Farmland and Ranchland Protection Program, and EQIP to pay for technical assistance for the Conservation Reserve and Wetland Reserve Programs. This new law ensures that the technical assistance funding needs of all Farm Bill conservation programs are met without having to reduce the number of acres authorized by these programs.

The search for a new Executive Director is picking up steam. Council is currently developing a number of criteria we believe are essential for interested candidates to possess to effectively lead TWS into the future. We hope to be able to advertise for, and fill the Executive Director position later this year.

Lastly, CMPS members will soon have the opportunity to select their Section Representative to Council for

the next 3 years. The March-April Wildlifer should contain Candidate Biographies for our 2 nominees. Please take the time to review these bios and be sure to cast your ballot when it arrives. Remember, this is a very important election and your vote will help determine who represents your interests at Council.

Thanks for reading and remember, TWS is only as effective as its members. If you've been active, STAY ACTIVE. If you've been a lukewarm member, GET MORE INVOLVED. The needs of wildlife and their habitats have NEVER BEEN MORE URGENT!!

—Tom Ryder

### CMPS Crampon Missing

The CMPS crampon, a tradition that began many years ago with Clayt Braun, has been reported MIA. The infamous crampon is normally sold at auction during the CMPS annual meeting. It was last seen at the 2002 meeting in Lead, SD. If you know the whereabouts of this item, or recall who purchased it in 2002, please contact any of the current CMPS officers so the tradition can continue this year in Medora, ND.

### CMPS Signs On to Responsible Energy Letter

The CMPS board recently agreed to sign on to a letter from Trout Unlimited to Secretary of Agriculture Johanns and Secretary of the Interior Norton. The letter is signed by 55 groups or individuals representing fish and wildlife interests and calls for a balanced approach to energy production on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service. The full letter including those signing on can be seen at [www.cmpswildlife.org](http://www.cmpswildlife.org).

## Wyoming TWS Members Killed in Accident

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Renowned wildlife veterinarian and 36-year Wyoming Game and Fish Department veteran Tom Thorne and his wife, Elizabeth Williams, pathologist at the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory and University of Wyoming professor, died as a result of a car wreck on December 29, 2004. The accident occurred in northern Colorado. The couple was heading to their Laramie home from Denver International Airport after returning from a Caribbean vacation. Thorne was 64. Williams was 53.

Both Tom and Beth had strong ties with the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Tom was a Charter Member and served as Secretary and Past President of the Chapter. Beth also was a long-time member of the Chapter and chaired the student paper session for many years. Both were recipients of the prestigious "Wildlife Professional of the Year" award.

After 36 years of service with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Thorne, who was as much at home wrestling a netted bighorn ram down to draw blood as he was explaining wildlife diseases to policy makers, the media and other publics, retired March 10, 2003 from the WGFD.

Thorne began his WGFD career as the department's veterinarian stationed in Laramie. For 29 years he was responsible for supervising the WGFD's wildlife research projects and providing on-site veterinary help with wildlife trapping and relocation projects. In August 1996, he was promoted to be the Services Division assistant chief and was promoted to be the division's chief in October 1999. In May 2002, Gov. Jim Geringer named him acting WGFD director after John Baughman's resignation. Thorne served as acting director until March 2003. Shortly after his official

retirement, he rejoined the WGFD as a wildlife disease consultant.

Thorne was a prominent expert on brucellosis, chronic wasting disease and other wildlife diseases. He also co-authored the book *Diseases of Wildlife in Wyoming*. His work with Dubois area bighorn sheep was widely acclaimed and, in the late 1980s, he led the veterinary team that solved the mystery of successfully breeding black-footed ferrets in captivity.

As Wyoming's veterinary pathologist, Williams was the first to identify chronic wasting disease and was one of the world's foremost experts on this disease of deer and elk. She worked closely with the WGFD on wildlife disease testing and facilitated a close relationship between the WGFD and state veterinary laboratory.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Maryland in 1972 and a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Purdue University in 1977. She then earned a doctorate in veterinary pathology from Colorado State University. She had been a UW professor since July 1982.

Among her numerous awards, in 1994 Williams was honored as the College of Agriculture Outstanding Classroom Teacher and as the U.S. West Outstanding Teacher for UW. In 1999, she received the Wyoming Game Warden's Association's "Outstanding Assistance to Wildlife Law Enforcement" award.

## Section Nominations Sought

Your Section is once again looking for volunteers willing to take the next step and get more involved by running for office. We have three positions to fill during our annual elections. These positions include:

- President elect
- 2 Executive Board Members

For those of you interested in serving, here are some details you should know.

### President elect

August 2005 – August 2006 serve as president elect.

August 2006 – August 2008 serve as president of the section.

August 2008 – August 2009 serve as past president.

### Executive Board Members

Take office August 2005. Serve a two-year term ending in August 2007.

Believe us when we say we know what it's like to be busy. But as all of us are aware, our Section is only as strong as the people willing to chip in and help out. We have been fortunate to have strong candidates step up and do their part in the past. Isn't it time you took the plunge and help our Section move forward? If you are interested in running or know of someone you think would be a good candidate please let one of us know. You can reach us at the following addresses:

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Thank you and we hope to hear from you.

## TWS to Begin Executive Director Search

The Wildlife Society has been without an Executive Director since last fall. Tom Franklin, TWS Policy Director, has done an outstanding job serving as the Interim Executive Director and moving the Society forward in some important initiatives. In order to continue this momentum toward addressing the needs of the membership, the decision was made to begin the search for a new Executive Director at the semi-annual meeting of The Wildlife Society Council, held March 13-15 at the Society's headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland.

Following an external review of the operations of the Society that was completed last fall, Council employed an expert in the field of non-profit organizational development to help assess staffing needs, including the position of Executive Director. As a result of that report, Council agreed upon the need for an Executive Director to provide leadership and vision for the Society in fulfilling its mission. The Executive Director will represent the Society on policy issues; serve as the primary contact for the Society with legislators, other conservation organizations and agencies, as well as members; and oversee other staff who manage the daily affairs of the Society. Some restructuring of the Society's headquarter operations and staffing is under consideration.

In order to do a thorough search for the most highly qualified candidates for Executive Director, Council unanimously voted to employ the services of an executive search firm. The search firm will be expected to survey the Society's state chapter and section presidents, past TWS presidents, and Council members as to what they want in a new Executive Director; assist Council in developing a job description that addresses the goals of the organization; advertise the position nationally and internationally; screen applicants; check references; and assist Council

in structuring candidate interviews. Council members feel that employing a professional search firm will ensure that search is conducted impartially, thoroughly, and in a timely fashion. Input from all TWS state and national officers, and members through those officers, is essential to the success of this process. Council has empowered the TWS Executive Committee to find and recommend a search firm and selection process within 30 days. It is anticipated that an Executive Director will be in place by September 1, 2005.

Dick Lancia, President  
The Wildlife Society

## Workshop Announcements

### First Announcement of a Northern Great Plains Workshop

Addressing State-of-the-Art Methods of Capturing and Banding or Marking of Birds and the Capture and/or Removal of Strayed or Nuisance Mammals from Residential Areas or Buildings

**August 17, 18, and 19, 2005**

### Brookings Inn and Convention Center, Brookings, SD 57006

1. Presentations and/or demonstrations of current or new methods used to capture, mark or band waterfowl, doves, turkeys, grouse and other upland game, shorebirds and a select species of songbirds.
2. Presentations on best practices for the capture and/or removal of strayed big game and/or nuisance mammals from residential areas or buildings ranging from moose to raccoons to bats.

Sponsors:

USGS— SD Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

SDSU—Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department

SD Game, Fish and Parks Department

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[www.cmpswildlife.org](http://www.cmpswildlife.org)

## Letter to State Chapters

The following letter was sent from CMPS to state chapters within the section. The letter proposes changes to the dues and membership structures to develop a stronger relationship between the state chapters and CMPS. State chapters will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes at upcoming meetings.

February 21, 2005

Dear state TWS chapter:

Enclosed you will find a proposal that I hope will create a closer association between the Central Mountains and Plains Section and the local chapters (State and Student) within the Section's boundaries. The proposal relies on some fairly simple fee structure changes at the Section and Chapter levels. The Section's executive committee is exploring this as an opportunity to better serve our members and chapters. It would put in motion an opportunity for all local chapter members within CMPS to become "automatic" members of CMPS when they pay their chapter dues.

I need to further explain the details of the request, but I really need to spend a little more time on why the CMPS Board and I are pursuing this. The key is providing greater service to wildlife professionals. We believe that it is our responsibility to eliminate barriers to membership by making the section more relevant to its members and to the chapters. The section offers various services and assistance to chapters now, like conducting elections for our Section's Representative to Council and providing scholarships to

students for travel to the National meeting annually, but with greater involvement, we know we can offer much more.

The proposal would have two phases. First, the Section would reduce its standard membership fee from \$5 to \$1. Secondly, a request would be made for the local chapters to increase their dues (on behalf of CMPS) by \$1. The participating chapters would also be asked to notify the Section of memberships and to reimburse (on a periodic basis) those collected funds (and to allow TWS to do the same with funds collected at the national level). Participating local chapter members would thereby be paying both Chapter and Section dues simultaneously. Non-participating local chapter members would be required to pay the membership fee directly to CMPS through current channels.

Since you are probably curious, the Section believes it can accommodate this fee reduction by reducing newsletter costs by migrating to an electronic newsletter and by an anticipated growth in membership (since many local chapter members are not currently Section members). We also think that almost everyone will feel comfortable with the nominal fee. CMPS members would still have the option to receive paper copies of the newsletter through the mail for a fee of \$5 annually, to cover postage and handling.

Maximizing the benefit of this effort would obviously depend on local chapters taking action to alter their fees and incurring the limited additional responsibility of communicating with and reimbursing the Section periodically. We have vetted the

idea with several chapters that indicated these added responsibilities did not represent a large burden, especially considering the benefits.

One argument we have heard against this idea has come from a student chapter whose members are not all wildlife majors. While this may be a problem for some, from personal experience as a student chapter officer, I believe this to be emblematic of larger problem that has been around for a long time. That is, sorting out how to manage joint chapters of wildlife, fisheries and other natural resources professionals. While these problems are real and deserve a real solution, we don't believe that a \$1 additional fee actually exacerbates that situation in a meaningful way. Suggestions on how to fix the larger problem are welcome though.

It is my sincere hope that this opportunity will serve as a foundation for the Section to provide greater services to all of the TWS members in its boundaries. I also hope that through these opportunities our members will find new ways to become involved in professional activities.

Have a great day,



Steven. P. Riley, President  
Certified Wildlife Biologist

**Chapter Reports**

**North Dakota**

The NDCTWS held its Annual Conference Feb. 9th-11th in Mandan with a theme of "Conserving and Preserving North Dakota Prairies." Several papers were presented on prairie preservation and management. Commercialization of wildlife issues dominated the second day of the Conference and the Chapter was treated to a presentation by Dr. Valerius Geist, Professor Emeritus at the University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and a

Continental Conservation Treaty. Dr. Geist also was the guest speaker for the Chapter's Awards Banquet on the 10th, and the keynote speaker for another forum held on wildlife commercialization the evening of the 11th, which was open to the public.

Another highlight of significance, the Fund Raising Committee set a new mark by netting \$11,200 through the raffles and fund raising auction. Several prize contributions helped keep overhead low and members dug deep into their pockets to make this a tremendously successful event.

Newly elected officers are President-elect Will Meeks and Executive Boardmembers Brian Kietzman and Marsha Sovada. The remainder of the Board consists of President Dave Azure, Past-president Randy Renner, Executive Boardmember Al Sapa, and Secretary/Treasurer Mark Sherfy.

**Utah**

The Utah Chapter of TWS held it's 2005 annual meeting March 17 at Ruby's Inn at Bryce Canyon. The evening of March 16 was an informal evening of tall tales and knife-swapping.

**APPLICATION FOR CMPS SECTION ANNUAL DUES**

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- TWS/CMPS Membership (student).....\$35.00
- CMPS Membership only (student.....)\$5.00

Annual basic membership dues are \$59.00 of which 15% pays for the bimonthly newsletter, *The Wildlifer*. Dues for full-time students are \$30.00. CMPS annual membership is \$5.00 for professional and students. Payment to CMPS may be made by check, cash, or money order. \*\*Note CMPS cannot collect state chapter membership dues.

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**2005 CMPS Annual Meeting set for 8/10-8/12 in North Dakota Badlands**

The 2005 CMPS Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 10-12, 2005 in Medora, ND.

Medora is about 35 miles west of Dickinson on I-94, about 30 miles from the Montana border, in the heart on the North Dakota Badlands and the Little Missouri National Grasslands.

Following is a tentative agenda, some items are open to change.

**CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION  
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING,  
MEDORA, NORTH DAKOTA  
AUGUST 10-12, 2005**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 10**

10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Registration, Medora Community Center

Lunch on your own.

1:00 pm: Central Mountains & Plains Section Business Meeting. Roosevelt Room, Medora Community Center

3:00 pm: Break

4:00 pm: ***Bully the Play*** at the Schafer Auditorium in the Medora Community Center.

Optional for members, cost is \$6.51 for adults. Obtain tickets from Medora Foundation (1-800-633-6721).

5:00 pm. Adjourn business meeting.

5:30 pm to ??? Social (ND Chapter sponsored keg with cash bar), Bar-B-Que (featuring Mesquite Smoked Beef Brisket, Smoked Ribs & Chicken), and fund raiser auction on the Schafer Patio at the Harold Schafer Heritage Center.

**Thursday, August 11**

8:00 am. Meet in parking lot at Medora Community Center for field trip. (Details later)

6:00 pm. **Pitchfork Fondue** (Optional) at Tjaden Terrace. Cost is \$16.28 - \$20.00 plus tax, or Buffet for \$11.40 plus tax. If you elect not to attend the Pitchfork Fondue, supper will still be on your own.

8:30 pm. **Medora Musical** (Optional). Adult tickets are \$26.98 & \$23.26 plus tax.

**Friday, August 12**

8:00 am. Registration for late-comers.

8:00 am. Technical session, Western Lands- Past, Present and Future. (People, Minerals, Wildlife, Habitat) at Schafer Auditorium in the Medora Community Center.

10:00 am. Break

12:00 noon Lunch on your own.

1:00 pm. Technical Session, Open.

4:00 pm. Conclude meeting.

**Notes:** Bully the Play, Medora Musical, and Pitchfork Fondue are all optional items or activities thus it is up to each individual to make their own arrangements and obtain tickets. Everthing, room included, can be made through one phone call to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation at 1-800-633-6721. A block of 50 rooms has been reserved through the Foundation. Rates are \$79.50 for a single and \$93.00/double at the Badlands Motel and Rough Riders Hotel. Rates at the Bunkhouse are \$59.00 for a single and \$66.00 for a double. Campgrounds are available. Other options are AmericInn Motel (1-800-634-3444) in Medora or motels in Belfield (20 miles), Beach (26 miles), or Dickinson (34 miles).

We are estimating that registration will be approximately \$50.00 per individual for the meeting which will include meeting rooms, coffee breaks, field trip (with lunch) and the Wednesday evening social, Bar-B-Que and Auction.

Medora has a web site at: [www.medora.com](http://www.medora.com)

Reservations and information on all activities can be obtained at this web site.

## Make Plans to Attend The Wildlife Society's 12th Annual Conference



*Madison, Wisconsin*

**September 25-29, 2005**

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Hosted by the Wisconsin Chapter, TWS

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- ◆ Featuring technical paper and poster sessions, workshops, symposia, working group meetings, student activities, exhibits, and social events.

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### TWS 12th Annual Conference - Madison Wisconsin

#### Preliminary Program

##### Plenary

- Following Leopold's Footsteps: Six Decades After A Sand County Almanac

##### Workshops

- Introduction to R: Free Software for Statistics and Graphics
- Getting Started on Adaptive Management in Your Organization
- Citizen Science and Wildlife Management: Opportunities and Challenges
- Urban Wildlife Management Issues in Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin
- ArcGIS 9.x Basics
- Spatial Modeling with ArcGIS ModelBuilder/Scripting
- Wildlife Investigator Series: Total Instructional Packages for Your Next K-12 Presentation
- Chronic Wasting Disease in Wisconsin

##### Symposia

- Diseases in Wildlife Populations: Challenges for Science and Management
- Statistics, Logistics, and Estimation of Detectability from Aerial Surveys
- Advances in Reptile and Amphibian Conservation
- Managing Western National Parks of North America for Ecological Integrity
- Birds in Changing Grassland Landscapes: Ecological and Management Implications
- Wildlife Habituation: Advances in Understanding and Management Applications
- Bird Conservation on North American Shrublands, Grasslands, and Pasturelands
- Gray Wolf Recovery in the Western Great Lakes Region
- Habitat Selection and Fitness Estimates: Implications for Wildlife Management
- CRP Mid-Contract Management and Benefits for Wildlife

- Unmanned Aircraft in Natural Resource Research and Management
- Kernel Methods in Space Use Analyses
- The Importance of Extended Field Programs (Summer Camps) to Undergraduate Education: Benefits and Limitations
- Observational Studies: When You Can't Control Nature
- Managing Aviation-Wildlife Conflicts: Challenges for the Wildlife Profession
- Habitat Conservation Accomplishments of the Farm Bill
- The Role of Professional Development in the Wildlife Profession
- Critical Wildlife Health Issues in North America
- Integrated Ecological Science in Central Yellowstone
- Overview and Treatment of Spatial Errors in GIS Applications
- State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies

##### Special Poster Sessions

- Wildlife Toxicology
- Citizen Science and Wildlife Management: Opportunities and Challenges

##### Contributed Papers and Posters

- Ecology and Conservation of Birds
- Ecology and Conservation of Mammals
- Ecology and Conservation of Reptiles and Amphibians
- Conservation of Communities, Ecosystems, and Landscapes
- Wildlife-Habitat Relationships
- Wildlife Population Dynamics and Management
- Wildlife Damage Management
- Human Dimensions, Conservation Education, and Conservation Policy
- Wildlife Diseases and Toxicology
- Biometrics in Wildlife Management
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