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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Beginning at the 2003 annual business meeting, we initiated a dialogue on the current goals and objectives of the Northwest Section. This dialogue continued through my last 2 messages in the newsletter in which I discussed the opportunity to redefine our goals and objectives through the development of a strategic plan for the Section (based on the Parent Society's strategic plan). This

discussion culminated at the 2004 annual business meeting.

Most issues that are addressed and projects that are initiated within the geographic boundaries of the Northwest Section are done so at the State Chapter or Parent Society level. However, there have recently been occasions when the Section participated in addressing issues or in facilitating projects at the request of a State

Chapter or the Parent Society. Other functions the Section currently provides include:

- Facilitate information exchange among chapters through the newsletter and through the Executive Committee,
- Facilitate student involvement in the annual meeting with travel grants,
- Provide grants to partially support professional meetings within the Section,
- Provide grants to partially support special projects at the State Chapter level,
- Cooperate with the host Chapter for the annual meeting and facilitate an expanded scientific program to

address topics of Section-wide interest, and

- Recognize professional achievement within the Section through our awards program.

Discussions with Section members over the last year indicate that the membership as a whole recognizes and appreciates the role that Section currently serves and that there is not a desire, at this time, to redefine that role. Your new leadership (see the election results elsewhere in this newsletter) will work to continue to provide these services.

Lowell H. Suring



2004 ELECTION RESULTS

Results of the 2004 election for officers of the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society are:

President-elect: Michael I. Goldstein. Mike is a wildlife ecologist with the USDA Forest Service at the Alaska Regional Office in Juneau. Mike will serve as President-elect for 1 year, as President for 2 years, and as Past-president for 1 year.

Vice-president: Harriet Allen. Harriet is the Endangered and Threatened Species Section Manager with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Olympia, Washington. Harriet will serve as Vice-president for 2 years.

Secretary/Treasurer: Marion Cherry. Marion is the Forest Wildlife Biologist on the Gallatin National Forest in Bozeman,

Montana. Marion was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer and will serve another 2 years.

Thanks again to the successful candidates for their willingness to serve the Northwest Section.

Our out-going officers are Jon Haufler as Past-president and Terry Bowyer as Vice-president. Jon has served the Section for the last 4 years as President-elect, President, and Past-president. Terry worked with the host chapters and developed outstanding scientific programs at our annual meetings the last 2 years. They included plenary presentations by internationally known leaders in our profession. The time and effort given by Jon and Terry to serve the Section are greatly appreciated.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

NW Section Business Meeting Minutes
Girdwood, Alaska
May 3, 2004

1. Call to Order and Agenda:

Lowell Suring (President) called the business meeting to order shortly after 7 a.m. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Alaska Chapter meeting. A continental breakfast was provided to the approximately 30 members in attendance. President Suring suggested some minor changes to the published agenda, which was then approved.

2. Secretary's Report:

Secretary Marion Cherry presented the summary of the minutes from last year's Section meeting in Oregon. No changes were made to the minutes as presented.

3. Treasurer's Report

Marion Cherry presented the annual report for the NW Section's budget. The first two newsletters of the year were mailed out hardcopy at an average cost of \$934 per printing and mailing. We then were able to switch to an electronic newsletter posted at the Parent Society's website. In order to contact members for whom we did not have e-mail addresses, a postcard mailing was made for the next two newsletters, notifying members where the newsletter was posted and asking members if they needed a hardcopy. These 2 mailings averaged \$186, allowing us to save almost \$750 per newsletter.

A small amount of interest is being earned monthly on the checking account balance. We received dues from 920 people between March 2003 and May 2004. Actual membership is probably closer to 800 on an annual basis. We awarded \$2,000 in student travel grants to the Northwest Section and Alaska meeting. Our account balance was \$17,392 in March 2003 and was \$16,417 on May 1, 2004.

4. Newsletter Editor's report

Lowell Suring presented this report for Lewis Young, our Newsletter Editor. This report contained some of the information above and that most people seemed to be satisfied with an electronic newsletter. Only 10-15 members are asking for hardcopies.

A member asked if anyone had concerns with people receiving the newsletter at work e-mail addresses. No one is having problems or concerns with that. Several other professional organizations are sending out things to peoples' work e-mails, and there have been no problems. Someone asked how many downloads we are getting at the website. Lowell said he would check into that.

5. Northwest Section's Representative to Council report

Winnie Kessler presented this report and is sending her notes to the newsletter.

6. Awards Committee

Lowell Suring presented information from the awards committee. Two nominees were received for the Einarsen Award. An article on this year's recipient, John G. Kie, has been submitted to the newsletter.

7. Election

This is an election year, and a ballot will be coming out in the spring newsletter. John Haufler is outgoing as the past president, and Terry Bowyer is outgoing as the Vice President. Mike Goldstein is the candidate for President Elect. Mary Rowland and Harriet Allen are candidates for Vice President. Marion Cherry has agreed to stay on for another 2-year term as Secretary/Treasurer.

8. Old Business

The move from hardcopy to electronic newsletter has already been discussed.

Student travel grants were widely advertised this year, and we received 9 applications, some of which were for multiple students. There were 3 selection factors. We funded 3 applications for 9 students in all or part for a total of \$2,000. Terry Bowyer mentioned that the Alaska Chapter also helped financially as did the University of Alaska for students attending from the state of Alaska.

Recipients of the Section grants included:

Joanne Saher, Department of Renewable Resources, University of Alberta
Title of Presentation: Habitat selection by mountain caribou during the spring migratory period.

Shawn Leroux, Department of Renewable Resources, University of Alberta
Title of Presentation: Use of population viability analysis in assessing the efficacy of focal species for boreal conservation.

Layla Neufeld, Department of Renewable Resources, University of Alberta
Title of Presentation: Methods in assessing wolf use of access controlled boreal forest.

Jaime Craig and Melyssa Graeper, President and Vice President, Oregon State University Student Chapter TWS. Poster on various measures of success of students who have graduated from the Department of Fish and Wildlife at Oregon State University.

Jeremy Ayotte, University of Northern British Columbia, presentation on mineral licks in the Tuchodi watershed.

Andrew Walker, University of Northern British Columbia, presentation on habitat selection by Stone's sheep.

Dave Gustine, University of Northern British Columbia, presentation on caribou calf survival in the Besa-Prophet watershed.

Brian Milakovic, University of Northern British Columbia, presentation on habitat selection by predators in the Besa-Prophet watershed.

9. New Business

The Parent Society is willing to host a Section website with items other than just the newsletter. Discussion at this meeting did not lead to an identified need to establish an expanded Section website. Lowell will discuss this in the newsletter to see if there is interest in the membership in posting and maintaining other items on the website.

In the last two newsletters Lowell has continued a discussion on whether the Section needs a strategic plan. The Parent Society has one. Do we need to expand or change what we are doing? Are members satisfied with the current role of the Section? Results of discussion at this meeting indicated that a strategic plan is not needed to guide present activities of the Section and that the membership does not wish to expand those activities.

We have a funding request from Alberta, which is hosting the annual meeting in Calgary. This is within our Section. They are asking for \$500 to \$1,000. A motion was made to give \$1,000. This was seconded and received unanimous approval.

Our featured speaker at this year's meeting was Dale McCullough who will receive \$1,000 for his travel (which does not entirely cover it). The Section had asked that the Chapter try to roll these kinds of costs into the costs of the meeting and add them into the registration fees. This didn't happen. Last year, the Section agreed in principle to fund featured speakers to help draw attendance to our meetings. The motion was made to fund featured speakers and was seconded and received unanimous approval. The incoming Section vice-president can count on up to \$1,000 for this purpose, although the hosting state chapter will continue to be asked to include these costs in registration fees.

Tom Parigi asked if the Section helped pay the costs of Section officers to attend the national meeting. We have no policy on this, and such requests have not been made.

No other funding requests were received this year.

10. Next Year

The 2005 annual meeting of the NW Section will be held in conjunction with the

Montana Chapter, probably in February 2005.

Submitted by Marion Cherry,
Secretary/Treasurer, Northwest Section
TWS

The meeting was adjourned.

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS TO NW SECTION MEETING

The Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society (TWS) offered grants up to a cumulative total of \$2,000 to partially support travel, registration, and/or lodging expenses to students desiring to attend the 2004 annual meeting. The following letters of appreciation were received from recipients:

University of Northern British Columbia

Four students working with Dr. Katherine L. Parker from the University of Northern British Columbia attended the Northwest Section and Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society (NWSTWS) Annual Meeting and Predator-Prey Conference held in Girdwood, Alaska, May 1-3, 2004. British Columbia currently does not have a student chapter, and so the meeting was an opportunity to showcase some of the wildlife research ongoing in northern B.C. The experience of interacting with wildlife professionals from the Northwest Section and elsewhere that are conducting research in related fields was an invaluable one. All students gave oral presentations at the conference, and it was the first conference experience for 3 of the 4. The students' attendance at the conference was made possible, in part, by a generous \$500.00USD student travel grant awarded by the NWSTWS applied to shared accommodations and a car rental, allowing us to explore some of southern Alaska. The students wish to thank the NWSTWS for their support, and all are looking forward to continued active participation in Wildlife Society activities.

Dave Gustine (who also attended the Caribou Conference, May 4-6) presented results from his research on caribou calf survival in the Besa-Prophet study area. Dave writes:

"The NWTWS meeting was my first opportunity to present my research in a professional setting. The experience was an enjoyable one. The atmosphere was supportive, challenging, and encouraging. The conference provided numerous opportunities to actively interact with other professionals and academics that share my research interests. As a result of the meeting and presentations by leading wildlife professionals, I have reconsidered my perspective on our role(s) as wildlife scientists in policy and decision making, and that perhaps we need to be more proactive as scientists. I look forward to The Wildlife Society helping our field "get there", so to speak, and I want to be part of the solution by increasing my involvement in the Society as I continue to mature as a wildlife professional".

Andrew Walker presented results of his research on habitat selection by Stone's sheep in the Besa-Prophet study area. Andrew writes:

"This conference was the first wildlife symposium that I have attended. I was inspired by, and impressed with, the helpfulness of other professionals and their constructive comments. Attending the wildlife conference in Girdwood Alaska, and presenting my research, allowed me to engage in discussions with experts on wild sheep and other species. I was exposed to

ongoing research in the wildlife field, and the methodologies being implemented. The conference was well organized, with many inspiring and informative talks, and I enjoyed the courteous and comfortable nature of the conference. The constructive and inspired comments other professionals provided me regarding my research will without a doubt help with the progression of my master's thesis. I was excited about the opportunity to promote my research, as well as represent the northern research directive of UNBC".

Jeremy Ayotte presented the results of his research on the importance of mineral licks to ungulates. Jeremy writes:

"I made some important connections with other researchers that are examining the possible elemental deficiencies in, and toxicities to, wildlife as a result of forage availability and foraging behavior. My paper was well received, and I had the opportunity to engage in many helpful discussions. It was my first conference presentation, and I feel that it was an enlightening and enriching experience. As a master's student in wildlife ecology, it was rewarding to feel included as a contributing member of this research community. I am looking forward to continued participation and interactions at future Wildlife Society meetings and symposia".

Brian Milakovic presented results of his research on diets and habitat use by wolves and grizzly bears in the Besa-Prophet study area. Brian writes:

"It was exciting to put faces to names, and to meet and interact with the wildlife professionals that to date we have only read about. The opportunity to discuss evolving techniques and novel ideas was an invaluable one. Much of the feedback I received will be incorporated into this ongoing work, and will strengthen the project. Perhaps equally important was the opportunity to interact with the other

students, and share our trials and tribulations. I was particularly impressed with the support and openness shown not only to our group, but to all the students that attended the conference. This type of encouragement is vital to our personal development as wildlife professionals".

Again, thank you NWSTWS for your support, and providing the opportunity for such a rewarding and enriching experience. We are looking forward to future Wildlife Society events.

Sincerely,

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To the Northwest Section,

Thank you so much for providing us with the grant money, which enabled us to participate in the Northwest Section's annual meeting. Without this money we would not have been able to share our poster and meet such wonderful people. We are excited to share the knowledge we've gained with other future wildlife biologists at Oregon State University. Again, we look forward to participating in future NW Section conferences and thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Melyssa Graeper and Jaime Craig

NORTHWEST SECTION AUDIT RESULTS

The by-laws of the Northwest Section state that there will be a periodic audit of its financial records. A request was made of the Montana Chapter to conduct this audit, and Brian Logan, President of the Chapter, agreed. He audited our checking account and associated records. The Section

passed the audit, and no inconsistencies in the credits and debits were found.

Submitted by Marion Cherry,
Secretary/Treasurer

TWS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON MEDICAL LEAVE

Due to continuing health issues, Dr. Harry Hodgdon, Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, is taking extended medical leave. It is the hope of TWS Executive Committee that this break from his duties as Executive Director will allow Harry to focus his energies on his health and well being. The long-term situation with respect to Executive Director responsibilities will be assessed by

30 September 2004 after TWS Council meets at the Annual Conference in Calgary, Canada.

Beginning 21 July 2004, Tom Franklin, Wildlife Policy Director, will serve as Acting Executive Director, this in accordance with TWS Bylaws and established protocol.

NOMINATIONS SOLICITED FOR NORTHWEST SECTION AWARDS

The Arthur S. Einarsen Award was established in 1966 to recognize outstanding service to the wildlife profession by individuals residing in the area encompassed by the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society. The Wildlife Administrator Award was designed to recognize and reward excellence in the areas of wildlife program development and administration. The Awards Committee encourages nominations from the

membership of the Section by 7 January 2005 for both awards. Nominations benefit from supporting documentation so please contact Lowell Suring for more details if you have deserving candidates in mind.

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EXPANDED SECTION WEBSITE?

The Parent Society currently provides us with space on their website to post our newsletter. They are willing to host an expanded Section website with items other than just the newsletter. Discussion at the annual meeting this spring did not lead to an

identified need to establish an expanded Section website. Contact Lowell Suring (lsuring@fs.fed.us) if you see a need and have an interest in posting and maintaining other items on the website.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT ON PUBLIC LANDS IN ALBERTA'S GREEN ZONE

A Position Paper By
The Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society
July 2004

Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society

The Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society (ACTWS) is a non-profit organization comprised of approximately 250 professionals and students in the field of wildlife biology and management. The chapter was formed in 1988 as a subsidiary of The Wildlife Society, an international organization representing 9000 wildlife professionals worldwide. Our members represent a broad cross-section of professionals (research scientists, biologists, technicians, managers, policy makers, and academics) and students. Members are associated with academic institutions, government agencies, consulting firms, private organizations, and industry. Professionals dealing with both terrestrial and aquatic systems are represented.

ACTWS Recognizes the Necessity of Access

Alberta's resource industries rely on the development of access routes in order to reach and recover the resources on which their business is based. New access routes can also provide secondary benefits to Albertans by enabling them to travel through and explore the province. The ACTWS recognizes these essential functions of access to the economy and public good in Alberta.

Concerns of ACTWS Regarding the Rate of Access Development

The ACTWS is concerned that the proliferation of linear access and uncontrolled use of such features by people for motorized access to remote areas is causing harm to Alberta's fish and wildlife populations. Industrial resource development sectors continue to build many new access routes such as roads, pipelines, seismic exploration lines, and power transmission lines. Motorized access along

these features for recreational purposes is rarely controlled. The ACTWS is particularly concerned with the situation in the forested 'Green Zone' of the province.

The detrimental effects of the proliferation of access on wildlife and fish populations have been demonstrated scientifically beyond any reasonable doubt. Woodland Caribou, a threatened species in Alberta, avoid all types of linear disturbances to varying degrees. The cumulative impact of linear disturbances corresponds to substantial habitat loss for this species. Grizzly bears suffer higher mortality in areas with more linear access features, and are prevented from effective use of habitat. The status of recreational fish populations declines dramatically in parallel with increased access. These are just a few examples from a much longer list.

Although some wildlife species will adapt to the current rapid rate of development, many will not. Proactive planning is required to ensure provision is made for these sensitive species. A clear vision of what the landscape should look like, including identification of development thresholds, is required. Consequently, the process of land planning and development would begin to coordinate and police itself. We recognize and support current voluntary attempts involving industry to manage access development, but without an overarching vision and plan supported by legislation where appropriate, the final landscape is left too much to chance. The Government of Alberta has the mandate and responsibility to develop and implement this vision.

ACTWS believes that means to minimize the impacts of access development must be implemented. We believe the need to address the situation is urgent. Fundamental shifts in government policy

and industry practice are required. Creation of new access should be minimized. Coordination among industrial sectors is required. Efforts should be taken to regulate recreational use of access routes. Solutions are available and we provide specific recommendations below.

Recommendations Regarding Development of New Access Routes

On the issue of the creation of new access routes, the ACTWS recommends:

1. The Government of Alberta should develop an explicit, long-term vision of the future landscape of Alberta's Green Zone. Only with a specific target can planning initiatives find the balance between ecological sustainability and economic development. Long-term plans are required to ensure that wildlife species which require areas with lower human activity are provided for.
2. Strategic-level planning must be implemented across government departments and industrial sectors. Following an approach of Integrated Landscape Management, activities of multiple land users should be planned simultaneously to facilitate shared access and minimum surface disturbance. The Access Management Program recently initiated by the Government of Alberta, under the lead of Sustainable Resource Development, is encouraging. We urge that this program be allocated sufficient staff and financial resources to meet its mandate in a timely manner.
3. Department of Energy policies must be coordinated with policies of the Departments of Sustainable Resource Development and Environment. Conflicting departmental policies of resource development and conservation, respectively, currently preclude the consideration of ecological sustainability in resource development decision-making.
4. Land tenure arrangements across industrial land users must be harmonized. The current system of overlapping tenures leads to the creation by different companies of multiple access routes into the same area. For example, by linking sales of oil and gas resources with forestry operations in the same area, timber harvest and access development can simultaneously serve both industries. As oil and gas rights come up for sale, efforts should be taken to coordinate these with timber harvest plans. Extending the tenure of oil and gas rights (from 5-10 years to 20-30 years) would help facilitate this coordination.
5. Oil and gas rights could be sold in blocks of land (e.g. township) similar to Forest Management Agreement areas. This would provide a mechanism for long-term planning by a single company in contrast to the current policy of selling rights on a section-by-section basis. The current system of overlapping tenures leads to multiple companies, from both energy and forestry sectors, with differing planning horizons and priorities developing the same land area with little or no coordination.
6. Cooperation and coordination among industries for access creation should be made mandatory. Currently there is little or no cooperation on access development between the energy exploration, energy extraction, pipeline, and forestry sectors. A requirement to minimize access creation through cooperation should be built into the legislation governing each industry.
7. Develop zoned thresholds of a maximum density of linear developments that will be permitted. By placing limits on the amount of access that can be created, cooperation amongst land users can be ensured. Over long planning horizons, the areas in which more access is allowed can be moved around in

accordance with long-term resource development plans.

8. Efforts by industry to defer harvest in reference areas should be supported, and policy barriers to legislative protection removed. (For example, current policies prohibit a Forest Management Agreement holder from establishing a 'benchmark landscape' where timber harvest would not occur). Permanent reserves are most important, but those that shift location over long time horizons ('floating reserves') can contribute also.
9. Minimal impact seismic exploration should be mandatory across the province, and remote operation technology should be encouraged for oil and gas development. Standards for low impact seismic are well established, and the remote operation of sweet gas fields has been shown to be viable. Major innovation in seismic technologies has occurred, and continued improvements in this area should be pursued. The application of low impact seismic standards in the western portion of the province provides a good example that should be applied across the province.

Recommendations Regarding Management of Public Access

On the issue of the management of public use of new access routes, the ACTWS recommends:

1. A baseline policy and supporting legislation is required that would effectively regulate motorized public use of new access routes. The current practice of unregulated motorized access, except on designated closed routes, must be reversed.
2. An aggressive public education campaign be developed and implemented to enhance the understanding of Albertans relative to unregulated use of access into previously remote areas of the province

and the consequence of damage to our fish and wildlife populations.

3. The Government of Alberta is encouraged to use its power to close some access or restrict motorized human use of access in specific areas where existing access and public use thereof has been demonstrated to be detrimental to wildlife. Bill 49, passed in late 2003, has amended the Public Lands Act to grant the government this power. This legislative tool should be used to full advantage.
4. The early development of an effective policy governing all-terrain vehicle use in the Green Zone should be pursued. A regional system of zoning and assignment of designated trails would likely be effective in this regard.
5. An effective, mandatory method of reforestation access features should be developed for those features that are not required to conduct the business of resource extraction. In this regard, although seismic companies must pay timber damage fees to the Forest Management Agreement holder, they should also be responsible for reforestation their rights-of-way. Legislation to eliminate further vehicle use of these rights-of-way must be used to allow the reforested lines time to recover fully.

Access management in the Ghost and Big Horn regions has been successful, and we commend the Government of Alberta for these efforts. We are also encouraged by the Access Management Program recently initiated, and by discussions about Integrated Landscape Management by industry. However, we remain concerned about the rate of proliferation of new access, and a lack of control over the use of access routes. We urge all parties to take concrete actions as suggested herein to ensure that a healthy environment does not fall victim to our economic well being.

POTENTIAL ENERGY EXPANSION ON ALASKA'S NORTH SLOPE

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced in June a proposal to amend the 1998 management plan and environmental impact statement for the northeast region of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), to make an additional 387,000 acres available for oil and gas development. Conservationists are concerned by the proposal, which could impact wetland habitat critical for caribou, geese, and other wildlife resources.

The 1998 Environmental Impact Statement and decision by BLM opened 87 percent of the region's 4.6 million acres to oil and gas leasing, but closed to leasing nearly 600,000 acres of sensitive tundra and wetland habitat around Teshekpuk Lake. This area is protected as valuable wildlife habitat, and is a popular recreational

hunting and wildlife-viewing site. However, under the new plan, BLM would reduce the area closed to leasing in the Teshekpuk Lake Surface Protection Area to 213,000 acres, resulting in 96 percent of the NPR-A being available for energy leasing. This could adversely affect waterfowl and other wildlife that depend on the lake.

BLM released its proposal and two alternatives (Alternative A: No Action, maintains 87% open to development, Alternative C: makes 100% of the 4.6 million acres available for oil and gas leasing) for public comment, and is holding public meetings in Alaska. The comment period ends 23 August 2004.

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NATIONAL BISON RANGE AGREEMENT RELEASED

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) released a draft agreement transferring management activity on the National Bison Range in Montana to the Confederated Salish and Kootenay Tribes. The agreement is available for public review and comment until 12 October 2004, after which time it will go to Congress for further review.

The Fish and Wildlife Service and the Tribes have been negotiating this agreement for more than a year. As drafted, it would transfer a significant portion of maintenance, fire management, wildlife management, and visitor service activities to the Tribes, but would leave final responsibility and authority for directing and controlling operations on the National Bison Range with the FWS Refuge Manager. In addition, the mission and purposes of the Bison Range will remain as originally set by Congress (i.e., for the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources,

the natural environment, public health and safety, and positive visitor experience).

This is the second agreement between the FWS and Indian tribes to contract management of federal land. The first, finalized in March 2004, turned over management of certain activities at Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Management authority is transferred under the provisions of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, which directs the Secretary of Interior to contract with any tribal organization that requests the ability to carry out the services and programs provided to Tribes by the federal government. Conservationists have expressed concern over these agreements, questioning whether these transfers of authority will set a precedent for the future of other refuges that share tribal land, and whether contractors can and will deliver the level of professional service provided by a

scientifically trained federal workforce operating in the public trust.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH MOUNTAIN LION WORKSHOP AVAILABLE

Proceedings of the Seventh Mountain Lion Workshop held May 15-17, 2003, in Jackson, Wyoming, are now available.

Cost is \$15.00 USD and make checks payable to " Wyoming TWS ".

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WILDLIFE JOBS ONLINE

As you may have read in the May-June Wildlifer, the TWS is discontinuing the job advertisement section there and are now offering Wildlife Jobs Online. An Adobe PDF file with all the details for Wildlife Jobs Online is available at the following web address:
www.wildlife.org/jobs/WildlifeJobsOnline.pdf

The Wildlife Society Wildlife Jobs Online offers TWS members and nonmembers a timely, accessible, and free listing of wildlife jobs, internships, and graduate school

openings. Employers of wildlife professionals, technicians, and students can use it as a fast and economical means of distributing announcements of wildlife jobs, internships, and graduate school openings to a large and diverse pool of candidates. On the TWS web site (www.wildlife.org/jobs) employers will find instructions on how to submit an ad. A short form is available that prompts them to provide the information required. If you have any questions, please contact Janine Walker at yanin@wildlife.org.

FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RULE

A proposed rule that would require the designation of a system of roads, trails, and areas designed for motor-vehicle use on national forests and grasslands, and would prohibit the use of motorized vehicles off this established system, was announced by the U.S. Forest Service in July. Public comments are being accepted on the proposed off-highway vehicle (OHV) rule until 13 September 2004.

The growing use of OHVs has caused increasing concern about their impact on soil, water, vegetation, fish and wildlife

populations and habitats, and forest visitors. Currently, there is no standard policy governing OHV use. The proposed rule would direct the Service to consult with OHV users (including wildlife managers), state agencies, local governments, and others to identify vehicle routes that will satisfy recreationists and protect the environment. The rule has significant potential to improve conditions for fish, wildlife and other natural resources.

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SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

The Wildlife Society's 11th Annual Conference will be held September 18-22, 2004 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. We are currently looking for silent auction items for

this conference. If you are interested in donating an auction item please contact Todd Zimmerling at tzimmerling@gartnerlee.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 11TH ANNUAL TWS CONFERENCE IN CALGARY

**Be part of the ...
11th Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society
Calgary, Alberta
September 18-22, 2004**

The volunteer subcommittee is looking for enthusiastic wildlife students, wildlife professionals and TWS members willing to volunteer for the 2004 TWS conference in Calgary. We are in need of approximately 80 participants willing to aid in the registration desk and at each paper session to ensure the conference is a success!

What benefits will you receive as a volunteer?

- Volunteer reimbursements
- Student Chapter Fundraiser(s)
- Volunteer Mixer

Please sign up today by contacting Jim Allen at (403) 845-8237 or james.allen@gov.ab.ca



Make Plans to Attend The Wildlife Society's 11th Annual Conference!

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A complete description of the TWS Calgary program can be found at www.wildlife.org under "Conferences."

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Alberta: <http://albertadirectory.net/actws/>

Idaho: <http://www.ictws.org/>

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