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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the last newsletter, I introduced the possibility of developing a Strategic Plan for the Northwest Section. Such a Plan would establish goals and objectives for the Section. This would provide a framework for the Executive Committee and members to work towards conservation of wildlife resources. This approach has worked well for our parent organization and holds promise for the Section.

The reality of decreasing budgets within agencies (and within TWS) and a wide diversity of people who have a stake in wildlife management requires a great deal of creativity to meet the associated challenges. To ensure that creativity results in positive outcomes we will need additional

organizational structure and increased communication. A Strategic Plan would help in this regard by providing a means to focus on identified issues and help us be more efficient.

Limits on time and resources will not allow us to address all items that may be important to the Section's membership. Identifying and prioritizing goals will allow us to coordinate with others (e.g., Chapters) with similar goals and share resources. The Section can also benefit by forming alliances with other external groups who share common goals. To accomplish this we will need to build relationships with such groups; a Strategic Plan framework would help to facilitate this. This also requires an

investment of time, but it can help tremendously in addressing our goals.

what the Section can realistically do to address them.

To develop a Strategic Plan, we will need to:

- €# be inclusive. All members should be provided an opportunity to communicate about what the Section's role should be.
- €# refer to TWS's guiding principles, policy and position statements at the International and Chapter levels to ensure we are consistent at all levels.
- €# know the issues and opportunities and develop an understanding of

Developing a Strategic Plan will allow us to look forward to what the Section can contribute to wildlife conservation. This was a discussion item on the agenda for our business meeting at our annual meeting to see if the membership has an interest in this effort. If you have thoughts about whether the Section should pursue this, please let me know (e-mail: lsuring@fs.fed.us). Also, please let me know if you are interested in being involved in the development of a Strategic Plan for the Northwest Section.

Lowell H. Suring

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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JOHN G. KIE RECEIVES 2004 ARTHUR S. EINARSON AWARD

The Northwest Section has recognized its most distinguished members over the years through presentation of the Arthur S. Einarsen Award. We continue that tradition this year. John G. Kie has been selected to receive the Arthur S. Einarsen Award in 2004. John has a long history of service to professional societies including The Wildlife Society (TWS) and American Society of Mammalogists. He has served on committees at the national level, including the Aldo Leopold Award Committee, and Nominations Committee; he also was a candidate for vice-president of TWS. John has been the President of the Eastern Oregon University Chapter of Sigma Xi. He recently completed a 3-year tenure as an

Associate Editor for the Journal of Mammalogy, where he helped to improve the quality of that publication substantially, especially with respect to articles on the biology of large mammals. John also has made substantial contributions to our understanding of the ecological relationships and management of ungulates through his research, publications, and interactions with colleagues and graduate students, especially in the Pacific Northwest.

John's research with the USDA Forest Service lies at the interface of theory and application. He has made major contributions to understanding the foraging

ecology of large herbivores. He has extended this theoretical approach to help better manage deer, cattle, and elk in the Pacific Northwest, and applied his unique perspective to gain insights into spatial segregation of the sexes of ruminants. His finding that the sexes of ruminants should be managed as if they were different species (*Journal of Mammalogy* 80:1004-1020) is changing the way agencies manage habitat for large herbivores. His development and distribution of the public-domain software CALHOME has allowed wildlifers to apply up-to-date home-range models to studies of animals; he spends considerable time helping biologists and students from around the world use this innovative approach. John currently is developing new models for animal movements at the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range in northeastern Oregon that will revolutionize the way we describe the distribution of wildlife on the landscape. His expertise in wildlife-landscape relationships resulted in him receiving the 2003 outstanding article award from The Wildlife Society for his seminal paper in *Ecology* (83:530-544). His substantial contributions to the wildlife profession have been acknowledged through several other prominent awards, including the Raymond F. Dasmann Award in 1994, and the O. C. Wallmo Award in 2001.

John's accomplishments are reflected in his impressive list of scientific undertakings, including publishing a chapter on habitat management in the *Wildlife Techniques Manual* (and rewriting that chapter for the

new edition), writing the chapter on mule deer for the recent book on the *Ecology and Management of Large Mammals in North America* (S. Demarais and P. R. Krausman, editors), and being a co-author on chapters on mule and black-tailed deer, and moose for the revision of the *Mammals of North America* (G. A. Feldhamer, B. C. Thompson, and J. A. Chapman, editors). He is also the senior author on the ungulate chapter for the recent Johns Hopkins University Press book on *Mammal Community Dynamics in Western Coniferous Forests* (C. J. Zabel and R. G. Anthony, editors). This publication holds considerable promise to improve the way in which ungulates are managed in western North America.

His long and productive career as a scientist, with >90 peer-reviewed publications and nearly 200 professional presentations, underscore his contributions to the wildlife profession. He has attended and given contributed and invited presentations regularly at annual meetings of the Northwest Section of TWS.

John's contributions to the wildlife profession, in general, and to our knowledge concerning ungulates, in particular, are innovative and substantial. He is an authority on ungulate ecology, and has made important contributions to wildlife science in the Pacific Northwest, nationally, and internationally. John exemplifies the quality of an individual deserving the Arthur S. Einarsen Award.

NORTHWEST SECTION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

This report focuses on some key Council initiatives, including information about some new products and services available to members.

Operations Review

Whether employed in government, academia, or the private sector, most of us have experienced at least one "management review" or "program review" that takes a rigorous look at what we do, how we do it, and identifies opportunities for doing things better. Typically an external

team is formed to conduct the review, thereby providing a fresh, objective, and diverse look at the organization's internal operations and external reputation.

The first-ever review of TWS Headquarters is now underway. Although this is a first for TWS, it's likely that future reviews will occur on a 5-year cycle. The review team is charged with the completion of 4 tasks. The team will review: 1) the organizational structure and business operations of the TWS Headquarters' Office; 2) effectiveness in providing member services; 3) effectiveness in providing support and services to TWS volunteers; and, 4) effectiveness of TWS representation in the conservation community.

A team of 5 reviewers commenced the project on April 1, with review activities scheduled until May 31, 2004. The reviewers are Jim Fleming (Chair), Paul Krausman, John Organ, Ron Regan, and Dave Trauger. Tasks will be achieved through work groups that consist of review team members, selected TWS members, and others as needed to perform the evaluation. The final report will present findings for each of the four tasks plus topics that bridge tasks, such as communication, leadership, equipment, facilities, and other needs that Headquarters staff may have to efficiently perform the business of TWS. A final report will be provided in time for Council's discussion at its September 17-18 meeting in Calgary.

Technical Reviews and Position Papers

The long-awaited technical review on The Status of Northern Goshawks in the Western United States has been published as TWS Technical Review 04-1 (2004). A limited supply of hard copies is available from TWS Headquarters, or you can access it on the website.

A draft position statement on Economic Growth is out for review by Chapters and

members at large. This follows the publication of a technical review on Relationships of Economic Growth to Wildlife Conservation that is available in hard copy or electronically.

A draft technical review on Global Climate Change and Wildlife in North America is under preliminary review by Council. Work on a technical review of Lead in the Environment and its Implications to Policy Makers and Fisheries and Wildlife Professionals" is underway as a joint project of TWS and the American Fisheries Society. Also underway is a review on Baiting and Artificial/Supplemental Feeding of Game Wildlife Species.

Reviews of Management and Conservation of Old-growth Forests in the U.S. and Recognition of Wildlife Needs in Forest Management found these position statements to be out-of-date. The topics have been combined, and an updated position statement is being drafted.

Electronic Communications

On January 21, TWS had to "pull the plug" on its email discussion list, TWS-L, because of unprofessional and potentially libelous dialogue. Since then, Council has taken steps to prevent future abuses, including a restriction of the system to TWS members. This step was taken solely for the purpose of allowing TWS to remove individuals who persist in violating norms of civil discourse. A guidance document that defines these norms, and sets conditions for removing individuals from the list, has also been developed. TWS is now crosschecking its membership list against the TSW-L subscriber list, a time-consuming process, and anticipates completing the conversion on June 1. In the meantime, job openings and conference announcements continue to be posted to the full subscriber list.

On a more positive note, TWS is pleased to announce a June 1 launching of its new online job board on the website

(www.wildlife.org). This will be accessible to members and non-members alike, and will replace the announcements that now appear in The Wildlifer. The service is free to users, but employers are charged a fee for posting announcements.

TWS continues to move its journal review and editing processes into the electronic age. A contract with Allen Track has automated major elements of the manuscript review, tracking, and editing processes for the Journal of Wildlife Management and Wildlife Society Bulletin. Those of you who review for TWS may already have received one or more manuscripts in this manner.

Also in the electronic arena, a special committee is working on the problem of how

to increase electronic access to TWS journals. This is an important issue with many complex angles, all needing careful examination with an eye to the future.

New TWS Brochure

Remember the plain old brochure that we're used for years (decades?) to introduce prospective members to TWS? It has received a complete makeover into an attractive publication, with color photographs and more details about TWS mission, programs, and activities. Copies are available from TWS Headquarters

Wini Kessler

Northwest Section Representative

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. We received 9 applications. The following factors were given priority during selection of grant recipients:

- €# support to students presenting papers or posters at the meeting,
- €# support to officers of student chapters, and
- €# prudent expenditure of funds (e.g., requests for partial funding of group transportation or shared lodging).

Three applications including 9 students were chosen to receive partial or full funding of their requests. Recipients 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.

We offer our congratulations to these recipients and our thanks to all the students who submitted applications.

Northwest Section TWS Student Grant Committee

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society met with the Alaska Chapter in Girdwood, Alaska on May 1-3, 2004. The meeting had a Predator-Prey theme, and Dale McCullough, of UC Berkeley, was the featured speaker on this topic. The meeting

was well attended by approximately 140, of which 23 were students. Both the Section and Chapter held their annual business meetings. The minutes of the Business meeting will come out in the next Section newsletter.

EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

President-elect, vice president, and secretary/treasurer officers will be elected in 2004. Biographical sketches of the candidates are presented to assist members in making their selections. A ballot with instructions is found at the end of the newsletter.

Candidate for President-elect:

Michael I. Goldstein, Ph.D.

Wildlife Ecologist

Alaska Region, US Forest Service, Juneau, AK

Mike Goldstein received his Ph.D. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University in 2000, his M.S. in Environmental Toxicology from Clemson University in 1997, and his B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University in 1989. Mike is transitioning into the Wildlife Ecologist position for the USFS Alaska Region in Juneau and has served as the Wildlife Ecologist for the Chugach National Forest since May 2002. As the Research Biologist for Mendocino

Redwood Company from 2000-2002, Mike managed the wildlife research department in the coastal redwood region of northern California, with emphasis on building a 50-yr Habitat Conservation Plan. Seeking to evaluate patterns of biodiversity on complex landscapes and to assess the impacts of human activities on biodiversity, Mike employs empirically based research methods supported by theory and modeling, driven by questions of scientific and social relevance. His research focuses on vertebrates inhabiting fragmented ecosystems under heavy management pressures. Mike has been part of TWS since the late 1980's, and most recently served on the technical review team for northern goshawks (Andersen et al. Wildlife Society Technical Review 04-1). Mike is working as a committee member to ensure a great National meeting in Anchorage in 2006.

Candidate for Vice President:

Mary M. Rowland

Wildlife Biologist
USDA Forest Service, Pacific NW Research
Station
La Grande, OR

Mary says, "Education: I graduated from Duke University with a B.S. degree in Zoology in 1977. Following a brief stint at the National Museum of Natural History, I moved West, where I received a M.S. degree in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University in 1981.

"Professional: I have served in a variety of positions as a wildlife biologist since the early 1980s, in several western states (CO, NM, and WY) and my current home, Oregon. Although I have been employed primarily by the Federal government (USDA Forest Service, BLM, USFWS), I also have worked as a biology instructor at a community college and served as a wildlife consultant. Since 1992, I've been a wildlife biologist for the Forest Service at the La Grande Forestry and Range Sciences Laboratory. Much of that work has been related to mule deer and elk studies conducted as part of the Starkey Project. During that time, I also worked for the BLM as a terrestrial biologist for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (1999-2001). My current research involves regional assessment of species of concern in the sagebrush ecosystem.

"TWS Involvement: I have been a member of TWS since 1979. As a member of the Wyoming Chapter in the 1980s, I served in a number of ways, including 2 terms as Secretary/Treasurer, as a board member, and as editor of the chapter newsletter for 2 years. In 1990, I joined the Oregon chapter, where I have served as a session chairperson at the annual meeting and assisted with arranging speakers for various sessions. I have been a member of the Northwest Section since 1991; prior to moving to Oregon, I was a member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section. I

have also served as a referee for manuscripts submitted to the Journal of Wildlife Management and the Wildlife Society Bulletin since the late 1980s."

Candidate for Vice President:

Harriet Allen

Endangered and Threatened Species
Section Manager
Washington Dept. Fish and Wildlife
Olympia, WA

Harriet says, "I have spent my career working on endangered and threatened species, in both research and management. I have worked for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for 24 years. I conducted spotted owl research for 6 years and currently manage the Endangered and Threatened species section. I am overseeing listing and recovery programs for killer whales, pygmy rabbits, western pond turtles, fisher, sage and sharp-tailed grouse, western gray squirrels, and endangered, threatened and candidate shrub-steppe and west-side prairie species in Washington. I obtained a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science in 1972 and Master's degree in Range Science/Plant Ecology in 1974 at Texas A&M University.

"I became a member of The Wildlife Society in 1977, and have been a treasurer, vice-president, president and board member of the Washington Chapter. I have helped organize state meetings and participate in state, section, national and international meetings of The Wildlife Society. I would like the opportunity to be involved with the Northwest Section and would be honored to serve as vice-president of the section.

"In my spare time I enjoy traveling to see wildlife and friends in as many different parts of the world as my budget will allow, including my daughter who's attending medical school at my old alma mater - Texas A&M, hiking, gardening, taking my nutty Gordon setter for walks, and generally

enjoying the mountains and waters of the Pacific Northwest.”

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer:

Marion Cherry

Forest Wildlife Biologist
Gallatin National Forest
Bozeman, Montana

Marion Cherry completed an MS in Wildlife Science and an MS in Range Science at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, in 1979 and 1982, respectively. Marion has worked as a professional wildlife biologist for over 24 years. She began her professional career as a District Wildlife Biologist on the Fishlake National Forest in Utah, and after 5 years was zoned between two districts on the Fishlake. After 8 years on the Fishlake, she moved to Bozeman, Montana, to become the Forest Biologist on the Gallatin National Forest. Marion has been in this position for over 15 years. Her

husband, Steve, is a statistician on the Montana State University faculty. Marion was active in the Utah Chapter of the Wildlife Society and served on the Executive Board prior to moving to Montana. She then became active in the Montana Chapter, helping with the “Effects of Recreation on Rocky Mountain Wildlife” bibliography published by the Chapter in 1999. Marion served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter from 2000-2002. After this positive experience, she served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Northwest Section from 2002-2004. Marion says that her interactions at various levels of the Wildlife Society have been very rewarding, and she has enjoyed networking with other professional wildlife biologists throughout the country, but especially in Montana and the west. For fun, Marion likes to bird watch, hike, kayak, take photographs, and travel, both within and outside the U.S.

NEW NEWLETTER LOCATION

This is our third newsletter posted on The Wildlife Society’s website. Thanks to all the members for their cooperation in making the transition amazingly smooth. After the first two mailings of 650-800 notices each time, less than 10 members indicated that they still wished a hardcopy.

The Northwest Section saves about \$600 per issue due to savings from greatly reduced printing and postage.

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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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Preliminary Program The Wildlife Society's 11th Annual Conference

Plenary

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Workshops

Performance Measures For Ecosystem Management And Ecological Sustainability
Establishing Educational Competencies For Undergraduate Wildlife Students
Using MCMC in Winbugs and Python to Fit Random Effects and Hierarchical Models
Linear and Non-Linear Mixed Models for Correlated Data: Concepts and Applications
Habitat Conservation in the Upper Bow Corridor, Alberta
Use of GPS Collars for Monitoring Wildlife
Using Aerial and Ground Based Infrared Sensors for Wildlife Monitoring

Symposia

Opportunities and Challenges of the International Wildlife Community: Views of the Global Involvement Task Force
Grassland Birds in North America: Current and Future Currencies
Synthesizing Recent Advances in Predator-Prey and Ungulate-Plant Dynamics
Survival Estimation and Analysis in Wildlife Ecology and Management
Professional Certification: Competency Assurance for Agencies Engaging Third-Party Providers
Effects of Scale on Existence and Measurement of Biological Diversity
Collaboration of Biometricians and Researchers in Large-Scale Research: Lessons from Case Studies
Managing Wolf Depredation on Livestock across North America
Key Components of Conservation-Hunting Programs: Relationships between Wildlife Populations, Ecosystems, and People
Implications of Baiting and Feeding Game Wildlife Species
White-Tailed Deer, Hunters, and Hunting in North America
Effectively Managing Meso-Carnivores: Conservation, Conflicts, and Disease Impacts
Wildlife Impacts of Energy Projects: Renewable and Conventional
Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*) Research and Management: Progress, Tools, and Techniques

Special Poster Session

Ecological Restoration: Current Issues and Projects in Western North America

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
New Technology in Wildlife Management

CHAPTER NEWS

Check Out these Websites for more details on Chapter Activities!

Alaska: <http://mercury.bio.uaf.edu/ak-tws/>
Alberta: <http://albertadirectory.net/actws/>
Idaho: <http://www.ictws.org/>
Montana: <http://www.montanatws.org>
Oregon: <http://fw.oregonstate.edu/tws/>
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(British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Yukon Chapters: No websites)

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NORTHWEST SECTION ELECTIONS, 2004

President-Elect, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer

Please refer to the background information on Executive Board Candidates beginning on page 6 of this newsletter and vote for the candidates of your choice on the ballot below.

Please return completed ballots to Lowell Suring at the address below via email, FAX, or regular mail by June 15. To use regular mail, print this page by itself, fold the page in half, write the address for Lowell Suring clearly, tape top and bottom ends of page together (please do not staple), and affix stamp before mailing. For those receiving a hard copy, it will be necessary to separate this page from the newsletter and insert it into an envelope.

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Thank You!

Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society

2004 BALLOT

President-elect:

(vote for one):

- £ · Michael I. Goldstein
- £ · Write-in: _____

Vice President:

(vote for one)

- £ · Harriet Allen
- £ · Mary M. Rowland
- £ · Write-in: _____

Secretary-Treasurer:

(vote for one):

- £ · Marion Cherry
- £ · Write-in: _____