



IDAHO CHAPTER

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm really sorry that some of you couldn't make the annual meeting in Boise. It was great. As a matter of fact, it was probably the best chapter meeting I've ever attended.

My thanks to all of you who made the meeting a success. It was a lot of work and we owe you a debt of gratitude. Special thanks go to Chuck Blair, who coordinated the entire meeting (and who will be doing the same for the 1986 meeting) and committee members.

One thing in particular stands out about the annual meeting. For the first time ever, we had an auction and everyone had a great time. A special pat on the back goes to Signe Sather-Blair, who arranged for the donations. Sam Mattise did a wonderful job as the auctioneer and I feel confident that his talents will be used again. Last, and certainly not least, thanks to the contributors - Walt Bodie, Gene de Reus, Edson Fichter, Jay Gore, Larry Gould, Dwight Kilgore, Mike Kochert, Jeff Marks, Sam Mattise, Bob McCarty, Martel Morache, Bill Mullins, Mike Scott, Greg Servheen, Karen Steenhof, and Roger Williams. Because of all your help, we used the money to complete the Elmer Norberg Scholarship Fund. The money, however, wasn't everything. The auction provided an opportunity to get together as friends and have a bit of fun. In fact, it was so enjoyable that we're going to do it again at the next meeting. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

DUES RENEWAL

For those of you who could not attend the annual meeting and didn't remit your dues to the national office, now is the time to send in your dues. This is

an opportunity to restate your faith in the profession and what it stands for. If you procrastinate, this will be your last newsletter. Please don't let that happen. Send your \$3.00 now to Lew Nelson, Department of Fish and Wildlife, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843. We want you as a member so please don't delay.

ANNUAL MEETING

The next annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter has been tentatively scheduled for Boise on March 7-8, 1986. If all goes well, it will be held in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's biologists' meeting. We really appreciate the coordination because it provides an easy mechanism for the biologists to attend the conference.

This constitutes an official call for papers. If you would like to present a paper, contact Chuck Blair at CH₂M Hill, 700 Clearwater Lane, Boise, ID 83702, 345-5310. Also, if you would like to hear someone present a paper on a specific topic, let Chuck know that too.

ELECTIONS

Lew and Chuck's tenure is up this next annual meeting so it is time to elect new people to carry our chapter forward. There are some excellent people in Idaho and we need them as officers. So, if you would like to nominate someone for President or Vice-President, contact Tom Leege, 2320 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, 765-3111. Anyone desiring to make a nomination must do so before September 1, 1985.

CONSERVATION AFFAIRS

There are a number of things happening in Idaho that need our attention. That's why the Conservation Affairs Committee was formed - to investigate important issues and take appropriate stands, where necessary. Jerome Hansen has volunteered to be the Chairperson and would like individuals that have an interest in helping to contact him at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4620 Overland Road, Room 209, Boise, ID 83705, 334-1806. Please volunteer. Jerome and our Chapter can do very little without your help.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Each year our Chapter seeks nominations for the Outstanding Wildlife Professional of the Year Award. Since the award is for outstanding service, it isn't always presented each year. Past recipients include Bob Autenrieth, Maurice Hornocker, Stu Murrell, Jim Peek, and Lanny Wilson. What a great array of talent. If you know of someone worthy of joining this select group, please nominate him/her for the award. Send your nominations, along with supporting evidence, to Dan Davis, U. S. Forest Service, Route 1, Box 1, Kamiah, ID 83536.

Another presentation that will be given at the annual meeting is the Ted Trueblood Communication Award. This is annually given to the person exhibiting the best communication skills. Past winners include Tim Reynolds and Donna Gleisner.

FROM PROJECT WILD

Just a note of thanks to all the members of the Idaho Chapter who have volunteered their time and talents towards enhancing the education of Idaho's youth. An updated list of Wildlife Society volunteers will be published in Project WILD's fall newsletter so that our Project WILD educators will know about you and your willingness to help in their geographic areas. Thank you for your patience in volunteering and then waiting. Like all new programs, we are establishing networking procedures and we do need your help.

From one professional to another, I say "Thank You". Together we can educate Idaho's students factually about wildlife in a stimulating and exciting mode.

The names listed below will be distributed to all Project WILD educators. If you are not on the list and would like your name included, please call Lew Nelson at 885-7323 as soon as possible. He needs to have this information no later than the middle of August.

Ernest Ables
 Kris Ablin-Stone
 Bruce Ackerman
 Mike Anderson
 Carol Blackburn
 Cecil Brown
 Jenny Carson
 Ted Chu
 Jack Connelly
 Dan Davis
 Gerald Deutscher
 Larry Donohoo
 Michael Elms
 Joyce Gebhardt
 Bill Goodnight
 Jay Gore
 Dean Graham
 Valerie Guardia-Harper
 Hugh Harper
 Karen Harvey
 Kim Hattendorf
 Guenter Heinz
 Marilyn Hemker
 Mark Hilliard
 Rich Howard
 Howard Hudak

Pat Hurt
 Judy Landry
 Mary Maj
 Larry Mangan
 John Marshall
 Sam Mattise
 Bob McCarty
 Sam McNeill
 Allyn Meuleman
 Paul Moroz
 Stu Murrell
 Carl Nellis
 Cay Ogden
 Gary Power
 Bob Ralphs
 Terry Rich
 Alan Sands
 Signe Sather-Blair
 Mike Schlegel
 Mike Scott
 Juan Spillet
 Susan Tank
 Mike Todd
 Charlie Vandemoer
 Susan Wise

WHERE'S LEW GOING NOW?

This coming March, when I step down as your Chapter President, will mark over 20 years of service to The Wildlife Society. That's usually the magic number for retirement but I'm not quite ready for that yet.

I have been selected to run for the office of Sectional Representative for the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society. This is something I've always wanted to do and worked hard toward. Now that it's getting near, I feel honored to be selected as one of the two candidates.

The Wildlife Society is an important entity in Wildlife Management. Its members need to select their representative with care. So, please study the candidates carefully and vote for the one who will do the best job. Let's have a 100 percent turnout from Idaho. If your choice happens to be me, I will do the best job I am capable of doing.

THANKS JERRY, GENE AND JEFF

Mr. Jerry Stern
7880 Westmond Road
Sagle, ID 83860

Dear Jerry:

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society wishes to recognize and commend you for your past efforts toward better wildlife management.

You were quick to recognize and act on your professional obligation to promote wildlife management on the Bonner's Ferry Ranger District. Under your leadership, biologists came to have a voice, and wildlife truly became one of the multiple resource targets for the district. Furthermore, by example and by persuasion, you assumed a leadership role among other managers, encouraging their commitment to better wildlife management.

Chief among your concerns was the lack of an adequate data base for proper caribou and grizzly management on the district. To correct the problem you were instrumental in initiating and supporting wildlife research efforts, whether within or outside your own agency. You unhesitatingly contributed time, materials, equipment and encouragement to further those efforts and played an important role, both in the success of those research projects and in integrating their findings into management planning.

Perhaps most important of all, Jerry, you took it upon yourself to become a wildlife spokesman in the local community. You worked to heighten local recognition of U. S. Forest Service responsibilities for wildlife management and actively promoted community attitude changes toward threatened and endangered species. In this manner, you were able to largely defuse potential controversies and improve public acceptance of land management changes aimed at benefiting wildlife.

During your tenure as Ranger on the Bonner's Ferry District, you succeeded in creating a much stronger, more professional wildlife program with a broader base of public support. For this achievement, Jerry, you deserve the thanks and recognition of the wildlife profession.

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is proud of your attitudes and actions toward wildlife. Please accept the enclosed certificate and photograph as a token of our appreciation.

Mr. Eugene E. Eyraud, Manager, and
Mr. Jeffrey S. Eaton, Assistant Manager
Harriman State Park
Star Route, Box 33
Ashton, ID 83420

Dear Gene and Jeff:

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is pleased to recognize and commend your efforts in managing wildlife at Harriman State Park.

Harriman State Park, donated in 1975, is managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The stipulations of the donation provide a unique management challenge, to manage the park as both a wildlife refuge and a recreational park.

Both of you have been involved in the park's development and management since its inception. Though your formal training has been in fields other than wildlife biology, you have worked diligently to protect wildlife and its habitats. In areas of conflict, your primary philosophy has been to put wildlife first.

The Henry's Fork in Harriman State Park provides the major winter habitat for the Rocky Mountain population of trumpeter swans. Disturbance-free habitat is crucial to the survival of these birds. You recognized the importance of this habitat and have insured its continued protection while still providing recreational opportunities. In addition to insuring future quality trumpeter swan habitat within the park, the eight years of data on the winter swan surveys have proven invaluable for making recreation and development decisions.

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is proud of your attitudes and actions toward wildlife. Please accept the enclosed certificates as a token of our appreciation.

President's Note - During the 1985 business meeting, the membership voted to award these people with certificates of appreciation. This was intended to be an outward vote of thanks for the excellent job they have been doing on behalf of wildlife and its habitat. So, on behalf of all the members of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, thanks for being a friend of wildlife. You are an excellent example for a lot of people in natural resources. I sincerely wish that we had more people like you.