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President's Message

This is the last newsletter message that I will submit to you as Chapter President, as my term expires at our upcoming annual meeting. The primary purpose of my last message - and of this newsletter is to provide you information about our meeting and introduce our slate of candidates. Before I address those two matters, however, I'd like to thank several folks who were especially helpful during my term.

Few people know the effort that goes into planning our annual Chapter meetings as does **Alan Sands**. As Vice-president and program chairperson, Alan has given countless hours to the cause - and always professionally and cheerfully. I can think of no more devoted person to have had the pleasure of working with than Alan. **Justin Naderman** as Secretary and **Geoff Hogander** as Treasurer have also served the Chapter with excellence - and I appreciate their efforts over the last two years. **Jack Connelly** offered the executive committee his experience as Past-president and gave me helpful advice when I asked for it. Also serving on the awards committee, Jack continues to give this Chapter more than his fair share of energy. **Jeri Williams** worked as conservation affairs chairperson to address difficult and controversial issues facing Idaho's wildlife resources and wildlife professionals. I thank Jeri for her selfless ways and professionalism. **Tom Hemker** has served us with high honors both in preparing for our fundraisers and finding qualified candidates for this election. **Bill Mullins, Sam Mattise, Signe Sather-Blair, Chuck Harris, Scott Robinson** and **Sandy Jacobson** have risen to the needs of the Chapter and have my sincere gratitude. Two members that I am especially appreciative of are newsletter editors **Michael Gratson** and **Gregg Servheen**. Issue after issue, they worked hard to serve this Chapter in a most direct and significant way. Finally, I'd like to thank all of our members who support this Chapter and work in our profession for the betterment of Idaho's wildlife resources.

As you know, our annual meeting will be held at **Templin's Resort Hotel in Post Falls, Idaho on March 3-5**. Prior to our meeting, however, three other wildlife meetings sponsored by the Chapter are planned at the same location. The first will occur on Tuesday, March 1 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m., held by the **Idaho Working**

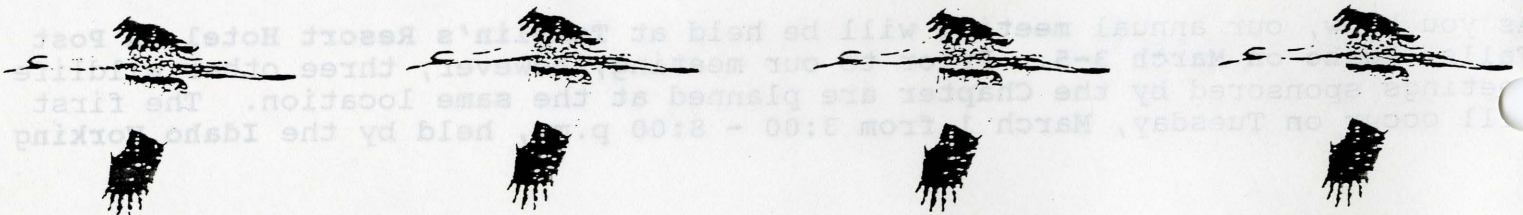
Group - Partners in Flight addressing neotropical migrant bird conservation. An interagency **Rare Animal Workshop** sponsored by our Chapter, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, US Forest Service and IDF&G will be held on Wednesday, March 2 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. From 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. the **Idaho Watchable Wildlife Steering Committee meeting** will be held and any interested Chapter members are encouraged to attend.

Our Chapter meeting begins on Thursday with a keynote address by **Dr. Fritz Knopf** on conserving biological diversity, followed by a panel discussion that addresses this year's theme "**Implementing Ecosystem Management.**" Aside from several sessions of individual papers, the agenda includes a workshop on North Idaho amphibians, reptiles and bats and an evening session concerning Idaho Wilderness legislation (formulating our Chapter's concerns for wilderness designation). **Jack Ward Thomas** is still tentatively planned as guest speaker Thursday evening - though his busy schedule as new Forest Service Chief may not allow confirmation until the last minute. The next two days of our meeting include individual paper presentations, a panel discussion addressing "**Forest Health in Souther Idaho**" followed by our business meeting and our evening social and fundraiser.

Concurrent with our meeting on Friday and Saturday, the **Inland Empire Society of American Foresters** will hold their annual meeting also addressing ecosystem management. All sessions will be open to members of either society and there should be lots of opportunity to exchange perspectives and ideas. I hope you are all planning to attend this series of meetings. Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. If you plan to travel by car or van and have extra room, please call **Sam Mattise**, me or **Alan** so we can get the word out to others in need of transportation.

Finally, in regard to this year's election, you will find a combined ballot for all positions (President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer) at the back of this newsletter. No matter who you choose from this list of highly qualified candidates, the next executive committee will involve all new officers - as no incumbent has chosen to run for another term. I will remain part of the executive committee as Past-president and offer my full support to that group. Please review the candidate's information, mark your ballot and mail it to **Justin Naderman IMMEDIATELY**, but no later than February 23, 1994. **PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**, as we will announce the new officers at the business meeting on Friday afternoon, March 4. Your vote counts and these candidates deserve your consideration.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting - and passing the gavel on to our new officers. Please call Alan or myself for more information or to volunteer to help - your assistance is always more than welcomed. Take good care.



Introduction to Your Candidates for Officers

Ernest Ables - Professor of Wildlife Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID.

My professional interests are focused on wildlife education at the undergraduate and graduate levels and include continuing education and professional updating of resource professionals. Secondly, I have a deep interest in field research on predators and on ecological animal behavior and its applications to management. I have also been involved in several international education and evaluation ventures in the past several years. Leadership activities as a 33-year member of TWS include President of the Texas Chapter, Chair of TWS Professionalism Committee, Chair of TWS Continuing Education Committee, Chair of TWS Leopold Award Committee, Member of TWS Steering Committee for the first International Wildlife Management Congress and Associate Proceedings Editor of this congress.

I believe the state chapters are the backbone of The Wildlife Society and provide views and perspectives that maintain balance within the parent organization. The state chapters also fill a critical role in functioning as an information network to their members and in acting as a source of scientific information relative to natural resource issues affecting wildlife. Never in the history of wildlife conservation and management have we faced so much change coming in such a short time frame. As decisions are being made that will have long-term effects on the wildlife resource, we as wildlife professionals must make our voices heard. Proactive stances and actions are needed that also retain our scientific integrity. This is perhaps best accomplished by providing the most accurate and current scientific and management information available through intrusive activities. Perhaps a statewide network of Idaho Chapter members should be organized with areas of expertise identified and these members could speak and provide scientific input for the Idaho Chapter of TWS on issues of concern. We should also follow up on the current survey of program priorities for the Idaho Chapter and develop a vision statement to guide our actions and activities through the remainder of this century.

Tom Parker - State Land Manager, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise, ID.

I appreciate the confidence shown by the nomination committee in asking me to place my name in nomination for president of the Idaho State Chapter of The Wildlife Society. If elected I will do my utmost to represent the membership and lead the state chapter for the next two years. Wildlife professionals in Idaho face no shortage of issues we will be asked to deal with over the next two years and I would bring 25 years of Idaho wildlife experience to the position.

Education - B.S. Humboldt State College in Wildlife Management (1967); M.S. Idaho State University in Zoology (1970).

Work Experience - 1970-73 worked for environmental consultant in Vancouver, B.C.; 1973-77 Conservation Officer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; 1977-79

Land Manager, IDFG; 1979-81 Regional Wildlife Biologist, IDFG; 1981-86 Regional Wildlife Manager, IDFG; 1986-89 Wildlife Staff Biologist, IDFG; 1989-present State Land Manager, IDFG.

One of my principal interests and goals has been to upgrade the standing of habitat specialists in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Population growth in Idaho and concurrent stresses placed on wildlife habitat in the state emphasizes the need for professionalism in dealing with habitat related issues. The Wildlife Society has an important role in facilitating information transfer and providing education opportunities and professional development for all Idaho wildlife professionals. One of my goals, if elected, will be to maintain TWS programs in these areas.

James Unsworth - Principal Wildlife Research Biologist, Project Leader for the Southwest Idaho Mule Deer Ecology Project, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Nampa, ID.

Personal data - born 14 July 1957 in Idaho Falls, ID; married, 2 children.

Education - B.S. (Wildlife Management), University of Idaho (1982); M.S. (Fish and Wildlife Management), Montana State University (1986); Ph.D. (Forestry, Wildlife, and Range Sciences), University of Idaho (1993).

Former positions - Biological Aid and Technician, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (1977-82); Senior Wildlife Research Biologist, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (1984-91).

Member of The Wildlife Society since 1981.

Principal professional interests - population ecology and management of ungulates and large carnivores; linking population parameters of game animals to habitat through modeling.

Views - The TWS has played an important role in my professional development and continuing education. TWS publications are often the only link field biologists have with new developments in wildlife management and the changing philosophies of wildlife professionals. TWS also provides a common forum for all wildlife professionals, regardless of association, to act as advocates for wildlife and wildlife habitat. Meeting the needs of traditional wildlife enthusiasts while increasing our emphasis on ecosystem approaches is just one of the exciting challenges facing wildlife professionals today. If elected, I will do my best to open communications among members and serve the chapter in professional manner.

Bruce Zoellick - Fisheries Biologist, Boise District of the Bureau of Land Management, Boise, ID.

Today, many of the problems we are tackling as biologists and natural resource managers are not issue specific, but rather involve coordinating information and decisions from several different and often diverse disciplines. As an example, in my current position, I work on riparian habitat, water quality, and fisheries issues that primarily are caused by in part or entirely by terrestrially-based activities. I think one of the most important roles of The

Wildlife Society has been to facilitate the transfer of new information and progress in the management of natural resources among biologists and the many different agencies for which they work. I have benefitted greatly in my career from my association with The Wildlife Society and would like to help the Idaho Chapter continue that role of information transfer and coordination.

Scott Feltus - Forest Wildlife Biologist, Caribou National Forest (since 1991), US Forest Service, Pocatello, ID.

My current activities as Forest Wildlife Biologist include out-year budgeting and strategic planning for the Forest's wildlife programs, fostering and strengthening cooperative projects/relations with federal, state and conservation interests, and environmental education programs involving Boy Scouts, grade and high school classes. For the past 18 months I have been the Forest Service Intermountain Region (NV, UT, ID, WY) "Taking Wing" waterfowl and wetland special program coordinator. Prior to coming to the Caribou NF, I spent three years as the Wildlife Biologist for two Ranger Districts (Ashley, NF, UT) and eight years as a Biological Technician and Wildlife Biologist in Forest Service Research (PNW Lab, La Grande, OR). I have been a member of TWS since 1991 and believe TWS provides an excellent forum for personal and professional development. Membership in the Idaho Chapter continues to provide me an opportunity for interaction with research, academia and land management personnel, as well as a forum to exchange ideas and perspectives. The Idaho Chapter is crucial in providing a united voice regarding natural resource issues affecting Idaho, utilizing sound science and professional perspective. As treasurer I would be committed to maintaining the professional integrity of the Idaho Chapter.

Martha Wakenhut - Landowner/Sportsmen Relations Coordinator, a.k.a. Depredation Biologist, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello, ID.

I look forward to the opportunity to become actively involved in the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The Society's role in promoting professionalism in wildlife management is an important one and as an officer I would enjoy working toward this goal. Additionally, the Society's role as an organization working to educate the public and influence agency policy could be expanded, and I would like to be involved in this process.

Michael Gratson - Wildlife Research Biologist, Clearwater Ecology Elk Project, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Lewiston, ID.

The Idaho Chapter of TWS provides an important forum for both professional development and the development of our profession. We and the wildlife-habitat-people systems we manage in Idaho will face many important issues in the next few years. This demands leadership from our professional society. As coeditor of our Chapter newsletter these last two years, I have attempted to encourage greater communication among our diverse membership - of new ideas, new information, and opinions regarding wildlife issues and management. Our intent has been to promote professional growth and provide a mechanism within the Chapter for continuing debate on current and coming wildlife issues. If elected Secretary, I will continue this and work with the other elected

officers and general membership to help develop the Chapter into a more effective vehicle for tackling these and new wildlife and professional problems.

Bill Wall - Wildlife Biologist, Potlatch Corporation, Wood Products, Western Division Resource Department, Lewiston, ID.

As natural resource management paradigms are shifting to larger scales and ecosystem management processes, the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society should continue to help lead the way. Ecosystem management has as many meanings currently as there are opinions on resource utilization and protection. This management approach will ultimately be defined through a multitude of approaches. Facilitated discussions, actual implementation of cooperative landscape scale planning strategies and cooperative adaptive management monitoring efforts are the actions which will move ecosystem management beyond just rhetoric. It will require a level of cooperation among agencies, private land owners and specific resource users that is unprecedented. Current polarization on resource issues must give way to trust, understanding and partnerships. We as professional resource managers must be willing to challenge ourselves to examine our personal paradigms about resource management. The Idaho Chapter should continue to help facilitate these efforts by encouraging our members to gain greater understanding and to support multiple approaches and innovative partnerships. My longterm professional goal is to encourage these innovative partnerships and enhanced management efforts. I would enjoy the opportunity to work with this chapter as Secretary.

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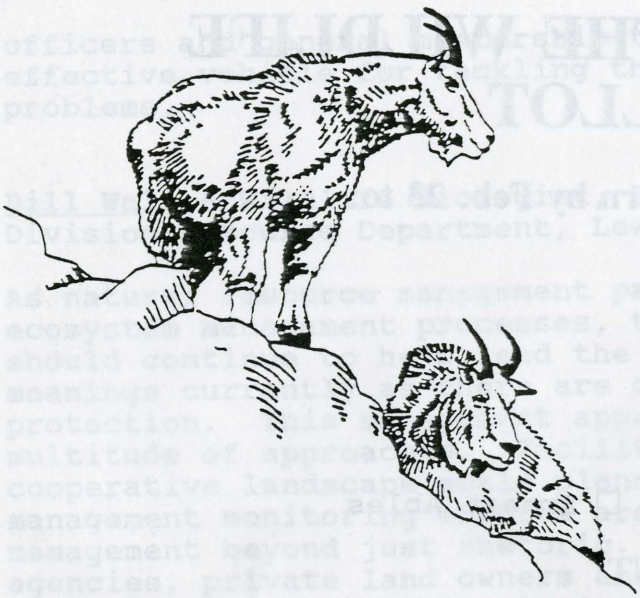
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