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The Wildlife Society
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March 5-7, 2003



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Program

Wednesday, March 5th (Selway/Sawtooth Room)

7:00-8:00am

Registration (Lobby)

Idaho Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Overview of PARC

Summary of National PARC Activities

Idaho PARC Activities

- Inventory and Monitoring
- Research
- Management
- Policy / Regulation / Trade
- Education / Outreach

Round Table Discussion

Summary

- Concerns / Needs
- Priorities
- Potential for Partnerships

IDAHO BAT WORKING GROUP 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2003 Western Bat Working Group Meeting, Durango, Colorado – (6 people from Idaho attended)

- Review of key papers
- Status of the revised regional bat priority matrix – review changes
- West-wide Townsend big-eared bat conservation actions
- Bat survey protocols
- Other items of interest from the meeting

Idaho Panhandle Bat Surveys – Jenny Taylor

Other Idaho bat survey projects

Update on abandoned mine land surveys

Update on bat gating projects

Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Comprehensive Wildlife Plan/Strategy – Chuck Harris

State bat conservation plans – Nevada, Arizona, Colorado

Idaho bat conservation plan: how to get it done

Plans for 2003 field season

1:20–3:00pm	Session A: Conservation Biology and Landscape Management Chair: Janet Rachlow, University of Idaho
1:20–1:40pm	Comprehensive Conservation Assessments: A Future for Idaho? Leona Svencara and J. Michael Scott
1:40–2:00pm	Genetics and Conservation of an Idaho Endemic, The Idaho Ground Squirrel, Alisse Garner and Janet Rachlow
2:00–2:20pm	Does 15 Meters Matter? A Comparison of LANDSAT and ASTER Classifications, Gina M. Wilson, Leona K. Svancara, and Karen S. Humes
2:20–2:40pm	The Idaho Department of Fish and Game’s Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan, Chuck Harris
2:40–3:00pm	A Spatial Design for Restoring Shrubland Landscapes in the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, Southwestern Idaho, U.S.A., Sean Finn and Steven T. Knick
3:00–3:20pm	Break
3:20–5:00pm	ICTWS BUSINESS MEETING
6:30–11:00pm	SOCIAL AND AUCTION (BALLROOM) Awards—Kerry Reese Raffles and Auction—Tom Hemker and Don Kemner

Friday, March 7th (Selway/Sawtooth Meeting Room)



7:30–8:00am

Registration (Lobby)

General Paper Sessions

- 8:00–8:20am **Session A: Nongame Wildlife**
Chair: Chuck Harris, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- 8:20–8:40am **Goshawk Nesting Ecology on Industrial Forestlands in Northern Idaho**, Brian W. Moser and Rita Dixon
- 8:40–9:00am **Change in the Sagebrush Steppe: A Look At Reptile Distributions**, Leona K. Svancara, Charles R. Peterson, and Christopher Jenkins
- 9:00–9:20am **Potential Role of Prey Availability in the Association Of Burrowing Owls with Agriculture**, Colleen E. Moulton, James R. Belthoff, and Ryan S. Brady.
- 9:20–9:40am **Life History Variation Among Western Rattlesnake (*Crotalus viridis*) Populations**, Christopher Jenkins and Charles Peterson
- 9:40–10:00am **Northern Goshawk Home Ranges and Habitat in Southern Idaho: Successful vs. Failed Nesting Males and an Urban Wintering Site**, Kristin W. Hasselblad and March J. Bechard
- 10:00–10:20am Break
- 10:20–10:40am **Emergence Surveys and Foraging Activity of Central Idaho Bats**, Katie E. Gillies
- 10:40–11:00am **Regional Landscape Composition and the Nesting Success of Western Forest Birds**, Rex Sallabanks, Patricia Heglund, Jonathan Haufler, Brian Gilbert, and William Wall
- 11:00–11:20am **Nutritional Analysis of Snowshoe Hare Winter Browse**, Ethan Ellsworth
- 11:20–11:40am **Prioritizing Pygmy Rabbit Habitat**, Leona Svancara and Janet Rachlow
- 11:40–12:00noon **Ten Years of Raptor Banding During Fall Migration on the Boise Ridge: An Update**, Gregory S. Kaltenecker and Marc J. Bechard
- 12:00noon –1:00pm Lunch

Session A: Nongame Wildlife (continued)

Chair: Chuck Harris, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

- 1:00–1:20pm **Restoration of a Spotted Frog Population by Reintroduction of Beaver**, Jim Munger, Tim Carrigan, Allen Tarter, and Hallie Lingo
- 1:20-1:40pm **Urbanization of a Bald Eagle Roost Site**, Gregory S. Kaltenecker, Laura Bond, and Karen Steenhof
- 1:40 –2:00pm **Reptiles of the Idaho Army National Guard Orchard Training Area**, Charles R. Peterson, John O. Cossel, and David S. Pilliod
- 2:00–2:20pm **Session C: Big Game Wildlife:** Chair: Brad Compton, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- 2:20-2:40pm **Development Of a Non Invasive Method for Determining Sex Ratio and Pregnancy Rate in an Idaho Elk Herd**, Adair Muth, Pete Zager, Steve Monfort, Melanie Murphy, and Lisette Waits
- 2:40–3:00pm **Reproductive and Habitat Ecology of California Bighorn Sheep in Owyhee County, Idaho**, Regan Berkley and Janet Rachlow
- 3:00–3:20pm **Habitat Selection by Bighorn Sheep: Seeing the Forest for the Trees**, Janet L. Rachlow, Frances Cassirer, and Leona K. Svancara
- 3:20-3:40pm **Status & Management of Moose in Idaho: a Revision**, Gary Vecellio and Dale Towell
- 3:40-4:00pm Break
- 4:00-5:00pm **Session D: Upland Game Wildlife:** Chair: Jeff Gould, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- 4:00–4:20pm **Influences on Greater Sage-Grouse Nesting Habitat and Productivity: A Study In Progress**, David D. Musil
- 4:20–4:40pm **Breeding Parameters Of Greater Sage-Grouse In Southeast Idaho**, Nathan A. Burkepile, Kerry P. Reese, and J.W. Connelly
- 4:40–5:00pm **Using Wing Plumage to Determine Age of Mountain Quail**, David Delehanty and Nichole Turek
- 5:00-5:30pm **Ted Trueblood Communications Awards** (Professional and Student): Anna Owsiak
- 5:30pm Meeting Adjourned

Have a safe trip home and see you next year!