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## 2023 CO/WY AFS Annual Meeting Feb 28 - Mar 2

*Embracing Uncertainty*

*Fort Collins, Colorado*

*Registration is open!*

*Come join us In-Person or Virtually!*

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## The Vent

### Ashley Ficke - CO/WY AFS President

#### **HELLO EVERYONE!**

Thanks to a large number of dedicated committee members, we're getting there with the 2023 Annual Meeting. Which is rather fortunate, given that it's less than a month away!

We will be holding our 57th Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at the Fort Collins Hilton from February 28th through March 2nd. The theme of this meeting is Embracing Uncertainty. It seems we are studying and managing fish on a landscape that is becoming increasingly unpredictable as a result of a number of factors, ranging from climate to human responses to that climate. Since we can't prevent rapid change, we may as well learn to love it (or at least live with it). So in keeping with our theme, we will be holding our first-ever hybrid meeting – we are planning a combination of live (in-person/streaming) and prerecorded talks and posters.

Our Continuing Education Committee has organized a session that will be held on Tuesday, February 28th from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. The topic will be Navigating the Federal Hiring Process, presented by Russ Japuntich. So, for those of you looking for a natural resources career in a Federal agency, be there or be square! Look for more details on our Whova registration website.

We have lined up three plenary speakers who are no strangers to variable environments: Dr. Keith Gido (Kansas State University) and Dr. Josh Perkin (Texas A&M) will be presenting about plains fishes on a changing landscape, and Dr. Ellen Wohl (Colorado State University) will be presenting about the geomorphology of intermittent streams. The following contributed talks are, as always, up to all of us, and I am looking forward to them!

And in case you were wondering, an in-person meeting comes with in-person socials! We will have a welcome social on the evening of February 28th at the CSU Alumni Center. The following evening, the CSU Student Subunit will be hosting a social at the Fort Collins Hilton. And on 3/2, we will have a full banquet (covered by your registration fees) with a silent auction, a raffle, and our annual awards presentation.

As many of you probably already know, we are using Whova's event management software again. We are adding details as they come in, but since I'm not the most tech-savvy person in the world, I appreciate your patience as I work with this platform (with a lot of help from Christina Barrineau!). The Whova App is currently available for your computer or mobile phone, so download it soon, and I'll keep populating it!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone, either in person or online. If you have any questions about the meeting, or if you can tell me what happened to January/where it went, please call me at 970 290 4374 or email me at [ashleyduncanficke@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyduncanficke@gmail.com).

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## SECRETARY / TREASURER NOMINEES



**Beth Bear**

I am excited about the opportunity to be considered for the Secretary/Treasurer position with the Chapter. I will try to keep it brief and tell you a little about myself and my background, in hopes that will help you know me a bit better.

I grew up in Southern California (please don't hold that against me), and received my B.S. in Marine Biology from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2000. I then worked in Yellowstone for three seasons before grad school at Montana State for Fisheries Management. I have worked for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in Laramie since 2005 as a contract biologist surveying nongame fishes (2005-2007), a biologist on the Aquatic Assessment Crew (2007-2009), Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator (2009-2019), and Aquatic Assessment Crew Supervisor (2019-present).

Outside of work, I have an amazing blended family with my husband, Jason, our five kids (Sam-15, Tyler-15, Abby-14, Kadee-12, and Carter-11) and a dog and two cats to complete the chaos. I spend my time supporting our kids in all of their activities, serving on the Albany County School Board since 2018, and in what spare time I have I enjoy running, fishing, hunting, camping, spending time with family and friends, continually renovating our house, and traveling.

My AFS involvement includes being a member of the Parent Society, past member of the Montana State Student Subunit and Montana Chapter, and a member of the CO-WY Chapter since 2005. I have helped in our Chapter in various roles over the years including AV (2006), Newsletter Editor (2007-2013), Student Volunteer coordination (2012), Meeting Arrangements (2008, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2018), Mentor (2020), and Zoom/presentation assistance (2022). Scrolling through past Anglers to remember this, I came across my bio from 2011 and had forgotten I ran for Secretary/Treasurer in 2011.

I am happy to put my name in the running again and hope to give back to our Chapter by serving on ExCom. I would love to help the work of our Chapter in engaging fisheries professionals, increasing involvement of students and young professionals, and creating a welcoming place for all who are interested in our profession. Thank you for taking the time to read my Bio and for the opportunity to run for Secretary/Treasurer of our Chapter.

~ Beth Bear

## SECRETARY / TREASURER NOMINEES



### Jason Walrath

When we think back on our life choices and all the forks in the roads, it is easy to get lost in the 'what ifs'. However, all those choices made us who we are today and landed us some of the greatest jobs. Going back a few forks of my own road, my interest in fisheries started when my family lived in Nebraska. We would take 'the banana', a yellow fish/ski boat with a 115 mercury, to Calamus Reservoir. When I was five, there was nothing better than sitting in that boat targeting walleye, with a rod in one hand and a sandwich in the other. Trip after trip I kept trying to land one myself, but they never made it into the boat. Nearly a decade later, my parents finally confessed that in those early years of fishing, they only ever put a weight on my line. Looking back on those moments, I realized it wasn't the act of catching fish that kept me interested in fishing but rather the things that oftentimes went along with it, spending time with my family, eating sandwiches, and the anticipation that at any moment I could catch the biggest fish of my life. Little did I know in those days that it would be moments like those that would lead me to pursue a career in fisheries.

In 2006, I attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to pursue a degree in Natural Resources – Fisheries Sciences. I had a fantastic undergraduate advisor, who provided me with many valuable insights such as gaining a variety of experiences. Listening to his advice, I started working part-time as a lab assistant for the Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Week after week, I got to assist graduate students with the field and laboratory work for their various research projects. Working for the Research Unit also provided a lot of opportunities for me such as getting to take the week-long Motorboat Operation Certification Course down in Oklahoma with graduate students and attending student Colloquiums. Wanting to further broaden my experiences, I worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) during the summer; my parents moved to Idaho when I started college. My first summer was spent on a research crew based out of Nampa and entailed traveling all across Idaho sampling kokanee and hiking into high mountain lakes. The following summer, I switched over to a regional fish management crew out of the Southwest regional office in Nampa. The diversity of work was amazing and solidified to me that management was the right course for me to take. I worked for two additional summers on the management crew there and then started to pursue a graduate degree. While searching for projects and advisors, I started working for Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission as a data specialist to work as part of a team tasked with mapping metrics used by federal, state, and tribal entities for salmon and steelhead. I was stationed with the Nez Perce Tribe but only had a few months with them before starting a graduate project with the Idaho Cooperative Research Unit at the University of Idaho in Moscow. My project was as 'bread and butter' as management projects get, predation of Westslope cutthroat trout by northern pike and smallmouth bass in Coeur d'Alene Lake, Idaho. Three years in Moscow, Idaho flew by and before I knew it, I had defended and was searching for permanent employment. Thinking I would wait it out for an IDFG vacancy, I accepted an open position with Trout Unlimited in Boise to lead their field crew for the season. Near the end of my time with TU, positions with IDFG weren't looking great and fate as it would have it, sent me in another direction. I started working for Wyoming Game and Fish Department as a regional biologist out of the Green River office in 2014 and haven't looked back since.

The American Fisheries Society was a part of my journey since my senior year at the University of Nebraska, where I was the secretary/treasurer for the student subunit there. It became clear that involvement in the group was a great way to network and interact with peers having similar interests. I continued my involvement in graduate school where I was the Palouse AFS subunit president in 2012 and then the graduate advisor in 2013. My time as the subunit president provided me the opportunity to sit on the Idaho Chapter AFS EXCOM during a Joint Western Division meeting year and see the interworking of what it takes to put on a large AFS chapter meeting. While only tasked with presenting at the meeting and setting up the student social, it was eye-opening to experience the knowledge everyone brought to the table to host the meeting. Once in Wyoming, I continued to lend support to AFS by jumping on the program committee. Right away I was blown away at its level of involvement and have thoroughly enjoyed every year on this committee. If elected to serve on EXCOM, I will miss contributing to this committee and yet would look forward to serving AFS on a larger scale. Whether a chapter or Parent Society AFS meeting, I have a firm belief that it is the people attending that make the meeting. All of our jobs are exciting and entail projects which would be insightful to any number of individuals and attending the CO/WY AFS annual meeting to share these insights with others is the perfect platform.

As a member of EXCOM, I would continue the Chapter's movement for diversity and inclusion and emphasize social sciences. The one thing I have always felt was missing from my undergraduate and graduate requirements in Natural Resources was some component of social sciences. In some way or form, nearly all of our jobs have a component of social science and yet the majority of our curriculum is solely focused on the biology, chemistry, and natural resource components of the job. Perhaps some of you feel as I do, in that a substantial amount of our jobs are indeed social. There are many projects in which we need landowner permission, public support, and support from partners to get projects rolling. Given the importance of social dynamics in our work and how it relates to all of us, I would make it the focus of the 2026 CO/WY AFS annual meeting.

# 2023 CO/WY ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Location

Hilton Fort Collins, Colorado

### Annual Meeting Details

<https://whova.com/web/qu4joRCzIqoEQK47NM8T9Y5Qz70AyWmEmwN02TAW2Es%3D/>

Check this often as we are updating it often as the program comes together.

### Meeting Registration

[https://whova.com/web/afsm\\_202203/](https://whova.com/web/afsm_202203/)

### Registration Details

- Register as a Professional AFS Members (\$250), Virtual (\$70), or Student (\$30) on our event website:
- *Registration waivers* are available this year for professional members whose employer does not provide financial support for participation at annual CO/WY AFS Chapter meetings. We want to ensure that cost is not a barrier to participation. The Chapter Excom and the Inclusion and Diversity Committee want to support any professional Chapter member in an unsupported position with a registration waiver for this year's meeting. Please contact Ashley Ficke at [ashleyduncanficke@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyduncanficke@gmail.com) for more information or request for a waiver.

### Submit Abstracts Here

[https://https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L0xcvEyxMmrDaRpqBNXPVHBolqIKg6iOQPS3EaS4RhI/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L0xcvEyxMmrDaRpqBNXPVHBolqIKg6iOQPS3EaS4RhI/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## 2022 CO/WY Meeting Agenda at a Glance

### Tuesday, February 28

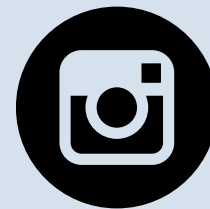
- 12:00-7:00 pm Registration
- 1:00-4:30 pm Continuing Education: Navigating the Federal Hiring Process
- 6:00-10:00 pm Welcome Social

### Wednesday, March 1

- 7:00 am -5:00 pm Registration and Presentation Download
- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Plenary Session: Embracing Uncertainty
- 12:00-1:00 pm Business Luncheon
- 1:00-5:00 pm Contributed Papers
- 6:00-10:00 pm Student Social

### Thursday, March 2, 2022

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Contributed Papers Session
- 6:00 - 10:00 pm Banquet



## 2023 CO/WY AFS Photo Contest

Please consider submitting your high-quality fish, people, and landscape photos for the 2022 Member Photo Contest. Visual media is a great way to tell your story. A special sub-committee will vote on the top three photographs and a prize awarded for the best artistic depiction of...I guess we will have to wait and see! **The deadline for submissions is February 3.** Please email your high-resolution digital photographs (limit three submissions per person) for the Photo Contest to John Woodling at [woodling@colorado.edu](mailto:woodling@colorado.edu)

## MEETING DEADLINES

**JANUARY 27**

*Award Nominations Due*

**FEBRUARY 3**

*Abstracts*

**EXTENDED!** *Early Registration  
Hotel Reservations  
CO/WY Travel Grant Applications  
Photo and Logo Contests*

Meeting links and info is also available on the CO/WY AFS website:

<https://units.fisheries.org/cowyafs/>

# LAST CALL FOR PAPERS



## SEEKING ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS!

The Program Committee is accepting abstracts on our chapter website <https://units.fisheries.org/cowyafs/home/annual-meeting/>. Please consider sharing the amazing work you do for fisheries with your peers! **The abstract deadline is February 3, 2023.** If you have any questions, reach out to one of our Program Committee members:

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## VIRTUAL PRESENTATION AND POSTER GUIDELINES

**Live Oral Presentations:** Live oral presentations have the option of a 10- or 20-minute time slot. Please allow for 2-5 minutes of questions during this time.

**Pre-recorded Oral Presentations:** Pre-recorded oral presentations can be up to 20 minutes. These talks will be uploaded to the CO/WY AFS website or meeting virtual platform for members to view at their leisure. You can find more information on how to record a presentation in Zoom here:

<https://www.ou.edu/cas-online/website/documents/Using%20Zoom%20to%20Record%20Presentations.pdf>

**Poster Presentations:** For poster presentations please restrict your poster to a maximum size of 3' high (0.92 m) x 4' wide (1.22 m) or a single PowerPoint slide.

All posters and talks (including in-person) will be posted to the website prior to the meeting so that the members can view them at their leisure. Please be prepared to submit talks/posters the week before the meeting so we can get them on the website in time.

### CHECK THIS OUT!

***Tips and Tricks for Creating Effective Presentations***

<https://fishculture.fisheries.org/professional-development/tips-%20on-giving-%20presentations/>

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION IS INCLUDED IN YOUR MEETING REGISTRATION.  
REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING HERE:  
[HTTPS://WHOVA.COM/PORTAL/REGISTRATION/CAFS\\_202303/](https://whoVA.com/portal/registration/cafs_202303/)

## Navigating the Federal Hiring Process

by Russ Japuntich

Tuesday, February 28th

1:00 - 4:30 pm



**Course Description** - In this course, we will go over the in's and out's of resumes, applications, and interview skills for federal jobs. Students will leave with a better understanding of how to use USAjobs and what to expect when being interviewed for positions. These skills will not only help with federal jobs, but also give you tips on applying to any agency. We will also help students with interview skills by conducting a mock interview at the end.

**Speaker Biography** - **Russ Japuntich** has a B.S. in Environmental Science and M.S. in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. He has 17 years of experience working for the federal government and also has held a research position with Kansas State University. In addition to being a fisheries biologist for the Bureau of Land Management, he is an adjunct professor at Western Colorado University for the Master of Environmental Management and Master of Ecology programs where he teaches federal policy classes.



## HELP MAKE THE CO/WY AFS MEETING A SUCCESS!

### Judges Needed

Volunteers are needed to judge papers and posters at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Colorado Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. We need 20-30 judges from Colorado and Wyoming (combined) to have three judges per paper and poster, so a great deal of help is needed from CO/WY AFS members. Government agencies, private consulting professionals, and college professors are preferred for judging volunteers. Please consider volunteering some of your time at the meeting to give our presenters valuable feedback and potentially an award. If you are interested in judging contact Tyler Swarr - [Tyler.Swarr@state.co.us](mailto:Tyler.Swarr@state.co.us)  
Eric Featherman - [Eric.Featherman@state.co.us](mailto:Eric.Featherman@state.co.us)

### Awards Nominations

The pandemic has not stopped our great work. The Colorado/Wyoming Chapter has four awards for recognizing our fisheries professionals. The Awards Committee needs your help in identifying qualified candidates to receive awards at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

This is an opportunity to recognize your peers for their outstanding work and contributions through the American Fisheries Society.

1. **Award of Excellence:** Recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in the fishery-aquatic resource field.
2. **Max Award of Merit:** In honor of Max Rollefson (WGFD), this award recognizes a short-term professional accomplishment in management, administration, research, or culture.
3. **Outstanding Mentor Award:** This award recognizes a fisheries professional who has demonstrated substantial devotion in assisting or mentoring prospective and/or current fisheries students and professionals.
4. **Leaky Boot Award:** Recognizes the most outrageous behavior of any fisheries student or professional in the year prior to the CO/WY Annual Meeting.



**The deadline to nominate will be January 27.** For more information and to nominate your peers please contact Travis Neebling at (307) 233-6410 or [travis.neebing@wyo.gov](mailto:travis.neebing@wyo.gov).

### PRIZES NEEDED FOR THE RAFFLE!

The Raffle Committee will be working hard to round up some great items for the 2023 meeting. Please consider donating something to the cause this year. On that note, if you have a great skill set to share, please consider donating some of your time! Fishing trips, hunting trips, wilderness expeditions, float trips, etc. would all be appealing to those of us that love spending time outdoors, not to mention, hanging out with your colleagues! Don't hesitate to reach out to our committee with questions, offers, or ideas. We look forward to raising some money for the chapter and our great aquatic resources in 2023!

#### Have something for the Raffle?

- Contacts -

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### LOGO CONTEST - IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

#### Submissions Should Include:

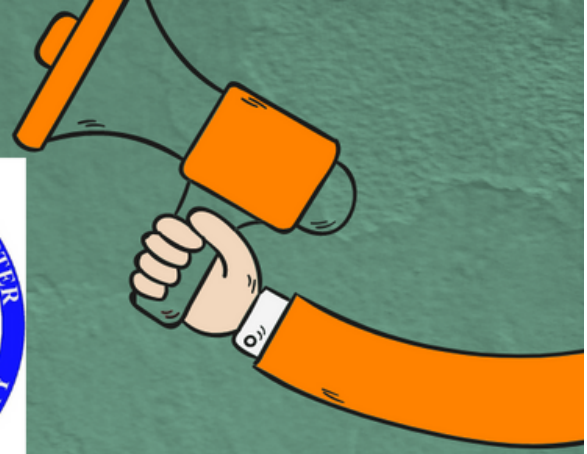
- ✓ CO/WY Name
- ✓ AFS Society Logo (available at [fisheries.org](http://fisheries.org))
- ✓ Water and/or fish present
- ✓ "Connection" element (color, state shape, etc.)

**LAST CHANCE!**  
**ENTRIES DUE FEBRUARY 3**

Send your submissions to  
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Kendall Bakich - [kendall.bakich@state.co.us](mailto:kendall.bakich@state.co.us)



# 2023 TRAVEL GRANTS!



The CO/WY AFS Chapter will award three travel grants this year! One student, one professional, and one member of the CO/WY Chapter will be selected for a travel grant of up to \$2,000 to attend either the AFS Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, MI (August 20-24, 2023) or the WDAFS meeting in Boise, ID (May 8-11, 2023). Covered costs include transportation, food, lodging, and meeting registration. Chapter members will be selected on a competitive basis. To apply an applicant must:

1. Be a current CO/WY AFS Chapter member in good standing (up-to-date Society membership required)..
2. Submit a one to two page cover letter detailing: 1) what meeting you plan to attend, 2) why you want to attend that meeting, 3) AFS involvement, including but not limited to committee service and presenting experience at AFS meetings, 4) fisheries background, and 5) the subject matter of your presentation and how it meets the goals of the CO/WY Chapter and why it will be appropriate to present at the Society or Western Division meeting.

All applications should be sent to CO/WY AFS Past-President Christina Barrineau at [christina.barrineau@wyo.gov](mailto:christina.barrineau@wyo.gov) by **February 3, 2023**. The recipients will be selected in February 2023 by the CO/WY AFS Chapter Executive Committee and will be announced at the 2023 CO/WY AFS Meeting.

## Western Division Annual Meeting Travel Grants

Travel grants are available for the following categories: student, early career professionals, professionals, emeritus, international members, indigenous/Tribal members, and diversity/inclusion mentorship. The grants can be used to cover registration and to assist with travel. **The application deadline is February 24.** Details on how to apply for these travel grants can be found here:

[wdafs.org/travel-grants/](http://wdafs.org/travel-grants/)



## AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY 153rd Annual Meeting

AUGUST 20-24, 2023 | GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



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MANAGING AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS AND SHIFTING BASELINES  
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES  
**BOISE, ID 2023**

# INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

*by Mark Smith on behalf of the Chapter Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Committee with assistance from Sky Begay and Ashleigh Thompson with Archaeology Southwest*

At some point in the recent past, many of us have shared a similar experience. Sitting in a conference chair or possibly in front of a monitor at home, we heard an introductory speaker begin talking about the Indigenous People(s) of the land they stood upon and an acknowledgment of how white settlers came into possession of the land.

Now commonly referred to as a *land acknowledgment*, these offerings of understanding are becoming more and more common. When I encountered my first land acknowledgment, I was a bit confused; thinking the speaker's talk would be about the Indigenous Paiute people. When the speaker completed the land acknowledgment and switched gears to the virtues of financial planning for retirement, I was confused but curious.

You too might have had your curiosity sparked by a land acknowledgment. After hearing enough of them repeated, you might have formulated an opinion about their purpose and effect. If you have, you are not alone. Indigenous people are also developing opinions regarding this practice and the value it does or does not add to the recognition of past atrocities.

Indigenous people are incredibly diverse with more than 500 tribes and nearly 250 languages documented within the current United States borders. To generalize the thoughts and opinions of such a diverse group is not possible. However, some common criticisms that have arisen from Indigenous advocates include:

- Too often words like “stewards”, “custodians” and “ancestral homelands” are used in acknowledgments, which relegate Indigenous peoples to the past and fail to recognize that they “owned” the land and are still here.
- Most statements fail to acknowledge the violent trauma of land theft – the death, dispossession, and collective suffering inflicted on Indigenous people.
- Because non-Indigenous people are generally unaware of the history of Indigenous trauma, land acknowledgments that fail to emphasize these harms are often heard by Indigenous peoples as the denial of that trauma.

So where should we go with land acknowledgments?

I recommend seeking out and listening to Indigenous perspectives, particularly the tribes included in your state. Inviting a tribal member with ties to the local land to provide a statement is a gold standard (if you do, make sure you properly compensate them for their time and emotional work). Valuable resources also include inter-tribal websites such as [NativeGov.Org](https://www.nativegov.org). Useful tips on land acknowledgments from this source include:

- If you are delivering a land acknowledgment out of guilt or because everyone else is doing it, more self-reflection is in order.

# INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

*(continued)*

- Put in the time to research the Indigenous people connected to the land, history, treaties, and correct pronunciations.
- Don't sugarcoat the past. Use terms like genocide, ethnic cleansing, stolen land, and forced removal.
- Use past, present, and future tenses. **Indigenous people are still here, and they are thriving.**

Finally, land acknowledgments serve a small purpose without some call to action. We can't just "talk the talk", we need to develop the corresponding "walk". Highlighting an Indigenous organization with a purpose your audience could support may be one approach.

It is uncertain if land acknowledgments are a short-term fad or the beginning of a new normal practice. I believe and have hope that at a minimum they will motivate enough of us to get curious enough to recognize the land we are standing on has a human history that is both beautiful and troubling AND take action.

Runners should check out Rising Hearts an organization (<https://www.risinghearts.org/>), that gives race proceeds to Missing and Murdered Relative initiatives and families, and raises awareness about MMIR at events.

## COLORADO-WYOMING CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

#### TRESTON RIPLEY

Colorado State University  
Academic Year 2022-2023



#### WHO I AM

##### HOME TOWN

Casper, Wyoming

##### EXTRACURRICULAR

Fly Fishing

##### ACADEMICS

Wildlife Biology, Fisheries, and Aquatic Sciences

#### A BIT ABOUT ME

I am from Casper, Wyoming and grew up in the outdoors hunting and fishing. I come from a military family: my dad is a marine my mom was in the army. I joined the marines after high school and did four years in the infantry and finished as a rifle squad leader. I enjoy working on custom off-road trucks, shooting guns, and camping whenever I get the chance to. I hope to work in the fish hatchery field because I love the idea of animal husbandry and raising trout species here in Colorado for other people's recreation and enjoyment. I currently work at a trout hatchery in my free time to help me gain experience and build a good reputation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife employees. I love what I am doing and appreciate all of the help I can get.

#### WHAT I HOPE TO DO

My long-term career goals are to become an aquatic consultant and help to ensure sustainable fisheries and other forms of aquaculture continue to thrive as we move towards green solutions in the fight against global warming. The Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences degree is most fitting for my passion because with this degree I can gain academic and physical experience doing the jobs that I am interested in after graduation. I will be working towards being a hatchery manager and hopefully one day help in the design and construction of a salmon hatchery facility in the Pacific Northwest. I hope to not only learn as much as I can about the best way to create all of this, but to one day be able to teach generations to come what I have learned, and how to build upon the foundation that I have been a part of.

#### MY PERSONAL THANKS

Your support allows me the freedom to study as much as I can and to take the time to participate in extracurricular activities. As an adult student it is very important that remain financially stable because I support not only myself, but also have others that rely on me for help and financial support. Scholarships like these are a blessing, so thank you very much.

# 2022-2023 CO/WY AFS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBER LIST

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