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**WILD SHEEP
FOUNDATION**

Board Of Directors Application

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Please tell us which conservation based groups you have worked for in the past?

Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation (volunteer): 2022-current

Wyoming Casting for Recovery (volunteer): 2019-current

Wyoming Muley Fanatic Foundation (volunteer): 2017 & 2018 Pathfinder Volunteer Days

UW College of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources Advisory Board: 2017-current

Life Member: WY-WSF, WSF, RMEF, MFF

Describe your experience with Fundraising

I have experience with state and federal grant submissions, which is a portion of my duties within my current employment. My last federal grant yielded \$8.25 million in federal funds. I have solicited multiple items and underwriting for banquets and am experienced in the silent and live auction process. I have knowledge in constructing a fundraising campaign for on-the-ground efforts and plan to utilize those skills over the next two years at WY-WSF for the Sweetwater Rocks Initiative.

What plans do you have to improve WY-WSF

Sweetwater Rocks Initiative: I will continue to support the WY-WSF SRI effort to reintroduce bighorns into the Rocks. I have contributed to the production of outreach materials (print and video media), engagement of all parties, including the Interaction Working Group and Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and testimony at the Wyoming legislative session on SF0118. My goal is to establish a successful reintroduction procedure that can be duplicated statewide, while empowering the WY-WSF and its staff and board to continue to increase their presence for all conversations involving wild sheep conservation.

Outreach: I will continue to work to elevate the presence of WY-WSF in statewide and national dialogues surrounding translocations, direction of conservation dollars, and sharing the facts with wild sheep topics. In 2023, I worked with the WY-WSF Board of Directors to rebrand the Foundation, resulting in a new look and feel for the visual details of the Foundation. This rebrand complimented the recently released Conservation Vision, and overall, elevated the Foundation with a fresh message and look.

Empowerment: My goal as a Director on the Board is to empower the Foundation, our President, and especially our Executive Director by supporting the conservation vision and complimenting our President and ED in their direction for the Foundation.

What strengths will you bring to WY-WSF?

I have an intimate knowledge of the Sweetwater Rocks and surrounding deeded lands to initiate on-the-ground project developments to support wild sheep. When the Sweetwater Rocks reintroduction moves forward, I have the knowledge of where to begin with water developments and fence conversion, as well as the level of participation that the surrounding landowners are hoping to participate in.

I have comprehensive knowledge of the NEPA process related to state and federal policies for agriculture, wildlife and land management. I authored the first Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances in Wyoming and was instrumental in establishing Wyoming's first sage-grouse mitigation bank and wetland mitigation bank. I understand the process of federal land planning with the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, having been a member of the Shoshone National Forest planning committee and the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board. I am the former Director of Operations for Pathfinder Ranches, where we strived for a balance between agriculture and wildlife and can showcase this complimentary relationship.

I have received supplemental training and education in Stream Assessment (Rosgen / Wildland Hydrology), Ecological Restoration (Oregon State University) and Conservation Planning (Natural Resources Conservation Service). I have authored over 60 published manuscripts, including two BUGLE (RMEF) articles and multiple RamPage articles.

Overall, I have passion for wild things and wild places.

Please provide us with a letter of recommendation from an existing WY-WSF member.

Provided by Jim Collins

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