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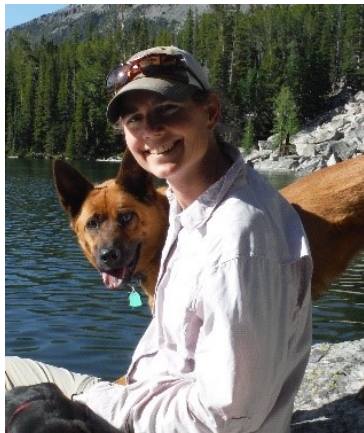
The Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society



Happy holidays from Missoula and the Mount Jumbo Elk Herd

Greetings from Missoula! I've been thinking a lot about our conference theme lately and

there is no better reminder in Missoula of how to manage growing recreation pressure in an urban area then to look up at Mt Jumbo in the winter. Mt Jumbo is a cornerstone of Missoula's open space system, and includes over 1600 acres of city, FWP, and FS lands. This area was purchased and set aside in the 1990s by a forward-looking group of folks working through FWP, Missoula City, US Forest Service, Five Valleys Land Trust, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The goal was to "ensure preservation of the mountain's natural resources and to provide for compatible recreation." Hundreds of hikers, dog walkers, mountain bikers, and paragliders enjoy Mt Jumbo for much of the year. But come December 1st it closes to the public and belongs to the elk. There are many days in the winter you can look up from downtown Missoula and see the elk grazing out on Mt Jumbo. Now that's the best gift there is. As we reflect back on the past year, I want to say **thanks to each of you for all you do to help make a place for wildlife**. There's a lot to be proud of. Can't wait to see you all at the annual conference – read on for details!



Your TWS board (Kelvin, Vanna, Dan, Lorelle, and myself) have all been busy getting this year's conference lined out. We have a new website which will hopefully make all things conference easier. We can't wait to see you in Helena!

Any questions? Or interested in helping out with the conference?

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2019 Montana Chapter Annual Conference

Building a Conservation Ethic in the New Outdoor Economy

February 25th – March 1st

Delta Hotels Colonial, Helena, MT

For **conference registration** and a link to **hotel reservations**, check out our new website: <https://mttws.org/event/2019-mt-chapter-annual-conference/>

A block of rooms is set aside at the govt rate of \$101/night through **January 24th**.

Early bird conference registration available through **February 12th** for \$135/member, \$185/non-member. After February 12th the price goes up to \$165/member, \$215/non-member.

****You will get a very stylish TWS t-shirt with your registration****

See our website for information about 3 great workshops being offered this year!

- News Media Communication Training
- Trapping Matters Workshop
- Digital Tools Workshop

Abstract/Presentation and Poster Submission:

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ABSTRACTS COMING SOON!

The deadline for abstract submission is: **January 25th**. *We will be accepting abstracts on all aspects of wildlife research, conservation and management.* We would be especially interested in abstracts related to our conference theme. We are still getting details worked out for uploading abstracts to our new website but this will be up and running shortly!

SECOND CALL FOR 2019 AWARDS AND SMALL GRANTS!

Small Grants proposals are due by December 31, 2018, and Award Nominations are due by January 18, 2019. Details are posted at: <https://mttws.org/awards/>

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