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**The Montana Chapter**  
**of The Wildlife Society**

## **Winter Newsletter: Annual Conference Updates. Deadlines for Awards, Grants, Abstracts, and Early Bird Registration!**

Hello Everyone!

We hope you're getting ready to spend some quality time off for the holidays and come back in January refreshed and ready for this year's conference! We've got lots of information in this newsletter and want to make sure folks are aware of all the deadlines. You'll notice a theme. Pretty much every deadline is January 13th (aka Friday the 13th!) We wanted to make sure that Friday the 13th was special for you in January : )

Once everyone is back from their breaks, that deadline will be on you before you know it! So if you've got time now to nominate that colleague you know deserves an award, or complete your application for some extra money from one of our grants, or submit an abstract for that amazing presentation you want to give at the conference, do it now!! Why wait?!

Please reach out to anyone on the board if you've got questions or want to help out with this year's conference. We love help! And we're all looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in February!

~Your MT TWS Board



## The 2023 MTTWS Annual Conference February 13-17, 2023

# Theme: "PLANTS AND POLLINATORS: CONSERVING ALL OF THE INTERDEPENDENT PARTS"

## Where: Delta Hotels Helena Colonial in Helena, MT

Our 61st Annual Conference will be held in Helena, MT, during February 13-17, 2023, at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial. This year's theme will be "*Plants and Pollinators: Conserving all of the interdependent parts*". As Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) continues to gain traction in Congress, state and tribal fish and wildlife agencies across the nation are having conversations about jurisdictional roles for conserving plants and insects. Whose responsibility is it? What is the role of a fish and wildlife agency? Do we presently have capacity in our existing organizations to meaningfully conserve plants and insects? The topic is especially timely as Montana considers a revision of its State Wildlife Action Plan. Our plenary panelists will include state, tribal, and federal agency representatives, a non-governmental organization representative, and scientists.

## Reserve Your Hotel Room!

Reserve your room with Delta Hotels Colonial in Helena! Either click the [link \[mttws.org\]](https://mttws.org) or call the hotel directly at 406-443-2100 and mention that it's part of the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society to get the state rate. They will honor the rate until February 1, 2023.

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## Registration

We are so close to being ready to releasing the registration page! Thank you for your patience. BUT we want folks to know that our **early bird registration deadline this year is January 13th, 2023**. IF you register by this deadline, you'll get a complimentary fleece with our logo. That's right, sweet swag for your diligence!! We'll send an announcement once the registration page is up and running.

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## Seeking Award Nominations

It's time to submit your nominations for our 5 fabulous awards! Go to our [AWARDS PAGE \[mttws.org\]](#) for more information on each award. To make a nomination, email a written recommendation with justification for the nomination and qualifications of the nominee. While there is no prescribed format, nominations often take the form of a formal letter or letters, and are often supported by several agencies, organizations, or MT TWS members. **Deadline January 13th, 2023!** Nominations should be sent to Megan O'Reilly at [moreilly@mt.gov](mailto:moreilly@mt.gov).

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## Seeking Small Grant Applications

It's time to submit your applications for our small grants! Every year MT TWS awards up to \$1,000 for scientific research AND up to \$1,000 for education and public outreach. If you have a project that falls into one of these categories and aligns with the goals and core values of our Chapter, consider applying! You can visit our [website \[mttws.org\]](#) for details on how to apply. **Deadline January 13th, 2023!** Applications should be sent to Claire Gower at [cgower@mt.gov](mailto:cgower@mt.gov).

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## Art Contest!

Calling all creative types (students only)! We need submissions for the design of our program cover. We prefer that the design fits the conference theme, but is not mandatory. If you would like to have your design considered, e-mail the design to Chad Bishop at [chad.bishop@mso.umt.edu](mailto:chad.bishop@mso.umt.edu). The winner will receive free registration to the conference and \$100!!

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## Submit Abstracts!

That's right! We are ready for your abstracts! **Deadline January 13th, 2023.** But why wait? If you have something ready to go, submit it [HERE \[mttws.org\]](#) now!

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## Workshops

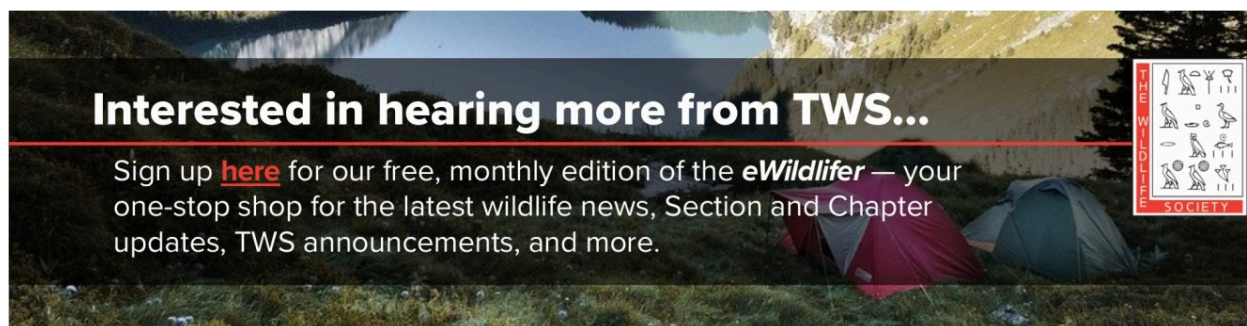
We've got lots of great options for folks this year. Visit our [website \[mttws.org\]](http://mttws.org) for more details!

- **Structured Decision Making** - *Sarah Sells*, Assistant Unit Leader, USGS Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and University of Montana and *Justin Gude*, Research and Technical Services Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
- **Multigenerational Communication** - *Adam Jespersen*, Montana Nonprofit Association
- **Partnering with Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) for Conservation** - *Hunter VanDonsel*, Pheasants Forever and *Heather Brower*, NRCS
- **Legislative Policy** - *Amy Seaman*, MT Audubon.

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