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President's Message



January 1, 2026

Dear Fellow Past Shooters,

As we prepare for the 82rd Annual One Shot Antelope Hunt, I am pleased to report that we have successfully completed our summer meetings. While we conducted our traditional "Foo Foo Rah" virtually this year, it was great to see everyone utilizing the new audio-visual system at the Museum and One Shot office. The technology worked wonderfully and allowed us to stay connected as we finalized plans for another outstanding hunt.

September is quickly approaching, and we are looking forward to welcoming shooters, guests, and friends to Lander and the Wind River Basin. The Hunt Club has assembled excellent teams for this year's hunt, and we are excited to meet new participants while renewing the friendships that have been built through past One Shot experiences.

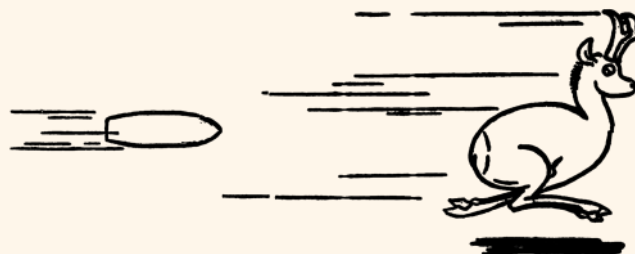
I encourage all past shooters to return and enjoy everything that Lander has to offer. More importantly, bring a guest and share the unique tradition, camaraderie, and hospitality that make the One Shot Antelope Hunt such a special event. I especially look forward to welcoming back all of last year's team members as Past Shooters. Your continued participation helps preserve the traditions and spirit of the One Shot while creating new memories for future generations.

Thank you for your support of the One Shot Antelope Hunt. I look forward to seeing all of you in September for another memorable and successful hunt.

With respect and gratitude,

Mark Frohnappfel

President, One Shot Past Shooters Club



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WFWF is participating in WyoGives this year as our primary summer fundraiser. It is just one day, July 15th, so mark your calendar and help us get the biggest boost possible from the Hughes Charitable Fund.

You must give through wyogives.org for your donation to be counted toward the boost.

Thank you!



STAY THE

Even a short trip driving off the trail can damage habitat and reduce food for wildlife

By Tracy Binkerd



COURSE

MOST PEOPLE WHO ADVENTURE in the outdoors have felt the jolt of traveling down a remote, dirt road only to find it clawed open by deep, jagged ruts. What should have been a nice, quiet drive can turn into a bone-rattling trip as your tires lurch through the gouges and your suspension groans with every dip. It can be hard not to mutter a few choice words about those who left the land in that condition, choosing to scar the area rather than leave it as good or better than they found it. We instinctively understand that these wounds in the earth aren't good for the land — or for our truck's shocks. It feels like an even bigger violation when those ruts veer off the beaten path, tearing through fields, grasslands or prairies.

Yet a subtler harm often goes unconsidered and unnoticed. When the ground is firm and the grass is brown, it may seem harmless to steer a four-wheeler, side-by-side or pickup away from the trail. After all, the dirt isn't flying and the vegetation looks mostly intact. The injuries caused by this simple act aren't announced with dramatic grooves or axle-twisting ruts. Instead, it lingers with little fanfare, reducing plant growth, limiting available forage for wildlife and sometimes distributing seeds that take root in unwelcome locales. This damage can go far deeper than the ruts ever could.

WHY PEOPLE STRAY

Off-roading is an increasingly popular recreation activity. Generally described as the driving of a vehicle on unpaved surfaces, most people participating in the activity stay on designated roads and trails, often using all-terrain vehicles or utility-task vehicles like four-wheelers or side-by-sides to access difficult-to-reach places, traversing steep and rough terrain to see remote areas otherwise inaccessible. Provided the trails are open and laws are followed, off-roaders can enjoy wild places with minimal impact to wildlife or the places they call home.

The increased popularity of off-roading has come with greater access to the vehicles that make it possible. It wasn't long ago that a four-wheeler or side-by-side was seen largely as a luxury. Now, there are more ATVs and UTVs on the landscape, and people are increasingly exploring those hard-to-reach places. With more access, there's also been an increase in those who venture from the path. Those who go off the trails cause more damage than they realize.

"Most people generally stick to the roads and trails that are available," said Amy Anderson, a Wyoming Game and Fish Department terrestrial habitat biologist in the

Lander Region. "People usually know it's illegal to go off the road or trail, so they stick to that. There's definitely a subset of people who don't, though. I think those people likely don't know the damage that's being done when they go off the trail."

People may go off the beaten path for several reasons. Jason Hunter, Game and Fish regional wildlife supervisor in Lander, said spring and early summer are usually the first parts of the year when he observes people heading off the road. One common draw for this behavior is the search for shed antlers. While most people search the area on foot, some try to cover more ground by using a vehicle.

"We'll see tire tracks in a grid every 20 to 30 feet in some areas," Hunter said. "Sometimes people try to cover more ground that way, and they don't realize the damage it causes."

In the summer, Hunter said the motivation for off-trail driving tends to shift more to sightseeing excursions. Game and Fish personnel have seen groups that take ATV tours in remote areas, which is a great way to see the land and enjoy nature. Occasionally, though, the groups decide to detour from the trail, choosing to look over a ridge, snap a photo or just see something from a different perspective. When this happens, the group tends to move together, beating down the vegetation even more than an individual would.

"Using ATVs is a really cool way to see our Wyoming Game and Fish Commission-owned lands," Hunter said. "People should stick to trails and choose to walk to areas without a path rather than driving."

Fall brings hunters to the landscape, although Hunter said he doesn't see them as the most frequent offenders of off-trail vehicle use. It's common to see a hunter try to peek over a ridgeline from the four-wheeler if they are off the trail, but it may be less frequent than during other times of the year.

No matter the reason or the season, beating your own path can cause a lot of damage.

THE PRICE OF OFF-ROADING

When a vehicle is driven off the road, grass that provides important forage is broken off or laid flat. This effectively removes that grass from wildlife's edible forage. This is especially true during particularly dry years when grasses easily dry out and become brittle, breaking or folding under the pressure of the tires. Even if the damage occurs in the summer, the impacts from flattening grasses can reach into the winter months, especially



Off-trail use at Kerns Wildlife Habitat Management Area in the Sheridan Region has left areas of bare dirt, reducing the vegetation on the land. Photo: Amy Anderson/WGFD

on crucial winter range.

“If the grass is flat on the ground, animals can’t grab it,” Anderson said. “They’re looking for forage that’s standing upright, often sticking up through the snow. They can grab it when it’s standing up, but their lips aren’t quite agile enough to pick up grass that’s flat on the ground.”

Anderson has seen an increase in ATVs heading off the beaten track in recent years, especially at Commission-owned lands like wildlife habitat management areas. Table Mountain, which is located within the Spence and Moriarity WHMA north of Dubois, saw a steep decline in grass production in 2025. While the area usually produces more than 350 pounds of grass per acre each year, dry conditions reduced yields to around 130 pounds per acre, a 63 percent decline. That’s a lot of reduced forage for wildlife. The site supports as many as 1,000 elk through the winter, so every blade of grass counts when food is scarce.

Even one ATV heading off-trail can remove significant forage for wildlife. For example, Torrey Rim provides winter habitat for bighorn sheep at the Whiskey Basin WHMA near Dubois. If one person goes off the trail for 1 mile with 10-inch-wide tires, nearly ¼-acre of forage is broken down and left unavailable for wintering sheep. The area usually produces about 420 pounds of forage per acre each year. Removing that ¼-acre means around 105 pounds of food is made unavailable for

those sheep, equaling about 21 days of food lost for an individual sheep eating around 5 pounds of food a day. This can be made even worse when someone else sees tire tracks through the forage and decides to follow them, further damaging the vegetation.

“Sometimes one person will drive off the road and leave tracks, then the next person comes along, sees those tracks and they think they can do it, too,” Anderson explained. “It can quickly become another trail, and it permanently removes that plant base and fragments the habitat by creating a new road. People just need to consider the effect they’re having.”

Plus, some vegetation recovers more slowly than others. While grass can recover for the next year if the trail isn’t beaten down too far, plants like sagebrush can take decades to recover from damage.

Vegetation isn’t the only casualty in off-trail driving. Wyoming is home to many small, ground-dwelling animals — many of which may be difficult to spot. Several bird species — like the western meadowlark, thick-billed longspur, long-billed curlew and others — nest on the ground in sagebrush country and grasslands. These birds build their nests in places hidden from predators, making them difficult for humans to spot as well. An ATV can easily destroy a nest, eggs or young birds, even if the driver is trying to watch for them. Similarly, burrows for reptiles and small mammals may be damaged by vehicles driving over them.

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Water for Wildlife President's Message

June 1, 2026

Dear Hunt Club Members, Past Shooters, and Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of Water for Wildlife, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who was able to attend the 2025 hunt. Your continued support, participation, and dedication are what make this organization so special.

As many of you know, this will be my last letter as President of Water for Wildlife. It has truly been a pleasure and an honor serving as your president. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together in support of wildlife conservation across the West.

In 2026, Water for Wildlife was able to award \$127,500 toward important conservation projects. The largest award this year was \$37,500 for the Diamond Springs Protection Project. These contributions continue our mission of protecting and enhancing wildlife habitat for future generations. This year also marks an incredible milestone for our organization as we celebrate 50 years of Water for Wildlife. Over those 50 years, Water for Wildlife has awarded a total of \$2,325,855 toward conservation efforts across 12 western states, including 248 completed or awarded projects in Wyoming alone.

As part of this special anniversary year, Water for Wildlife was deeply honored and excited to receive the 2026 Boone & Crockett Conservation and Stewardship Award, the Boone & Crockett Club's highest honor for conservation partners. We are extremely grateful to fellow Past Shooter, Tom Price, for thinking enough of the mission of Water for Wildlife to nominate our organization for this prestigious recognition. Receiving this award during our 50th anniversary year is especially meaningful and serves as a tremendous acknowledgment of the lasting impact Water for Wildlife has made in wildlife conservation.

None of this would be possible without your dedication to wildlife conservation and your outstanding generosity. Your support has made a lasting impact, and I cannot thank you enough for believing in the mission of Water for Wildlife. I can't wait to see what the future holds for WFW and the continued difference this organization will make in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Travis Sweeney

President
Water for Wildlife Foundation



2026 WFWF Sponsorship Opportunities



Let the conservation community know you support our mission and get the following promotional perks:

CORPORATE SPONSOR

- Your Name/Business displayed at all events
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\$10,000

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- Your Name/Business displayed at all events
- Introduction at the Annual Banquet
- Logo on event signage including banquet programs and banners
- Company banner (if provided) displayed at the banquet
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- Table/space in the foyer for a display at the banquet
- Logo proudly displayed on website and recognition in the semiannual Gazette

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- Logo proudly displayed on website and recognition in the semiannual Gazette

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OSH Tentative Schedule

****All program times are tentative. Confirm schedule at registration****

Schedule of Events 2026 One Shot Antelope Hunt

Wednesday, September 16th

8:00am-5:00 pm	Past Shooter Registration (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
1:00pm-4:00 pm	Past Shooter Sight-In (Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
3:30pm—5:00 pm	Water for Wildlife Welcome Reception & Donor Recognition (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
3:30pm-5:00 pm	Past President Council Meeting (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Center 545 Main Street)
5:30 pm	No-Host Cocktail Party (Museum of the American West/1445 W. Main Street)
6:30 pm	Official Drawing for Guides for One Shot Hunt Teams (Museum of the American West/1445 Main Street)

Thursday, September 17th

8:00am-4:00 pm	Past Shooter Registration (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
8:00am-9:00 am	Past Shooters Club Annual Meeting (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
8:00am-10:30 am	Past Shooters Sight-In (Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
11:00am-4:00 pm	Past Shooters Competitive Shooting Lunch is served to Past Shooters, Guests & Hunt Personnel– Ticket Req. (Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
5:00 pm	No-Host Cocktail Party (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
6:00 pm	Water for Wildlife Banquet hosted by Past Shooters Club (Public with meal ticket purchase) (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
7:00 pm	Live & Calcutta Auction for Water for Wildlife (Lander Community Center. 950 Buena Vista)

Friday, September 18th

8:00am-3:00pm	Past Shooter Registration (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Center 545 Main Street)
8:00 am –9:00 a.m.	Water for Wildlife Foundation/Water for Wildlife Board Meetings (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
9:30 am	Past Shooter License Issuance (Must be present) (Community Center/950 Buena Vista)
11:00 am	One Shot Team Members License Issuance & Luncheon Team Members, Guides & Officials Only (Lander Community Center. 950 Buena Vista)
11:30 am	Past Shooters & Guests Luncheon Bar-B-Que Life Memberships (Lander Community Center/950 Buena Vista)
10 am—1:00 pm	Spouse/Guest Event— Luncheon—
1:30pm-3:30pm	One Shot Team Members ONLY Sight-In (Sinks Canyon Below Warming Hut)
1:30pm-4:30pm	Past Shooters Sight-In (Lander Valley Sportsmen’s Range 8474 Highway 789)
3:00pm—4:00pm	Past Shooters Silver Cup Match (Sinks Canyon Below Warming Hut)
5:30 pm	No Host Cocktails (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
6:30 pm	Western BBQ Team Members, Past Shooters, Game & Fish Commission Members & Hunt Personnel (Public Welcome with Meal Ticket Purchase) (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
7:30 pm	Team Member Introduction Presentation of Official Scarf and Knife (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
8:00 pm	** Legend of the Hunt and Blood Brothers /Sisters Ceremony

Saturday, September 19th

4:00 am	"Reveille" Team Members
4:15 am	Team Members Breakfast (Team Members, Guides & Officials Only) (Monarch Room @ Pronghorn Lodge)
4:00am-7:00am	Past Shooters Breakfast (The Oxbow 170 Main Street)
5:00am	Depart for Hunting Area
6:00am	Depart for the Bighorn River Fishing Adventure (Departure location TBA)
6:30am	Official Start Time of Hunt (See Field Rules)
10:00am-2:00pm	Don Nolde Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot Past Shooters, Guests & Officials Only (Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
10:30am-1:30pm	Chuck Wagon Lunch—Team Members & Officials ONLY (Not Open to the Public) (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
10:30 am-12:30pm	Spouse/Guest Event— (Water for Wildlife Museum/ Middle Fork Restaurant)
4:30 pm	No Host Cocktail Party (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
5:30 pm	VICTORY BANQUET (Lander Community Center. 950 Buena Vista) (Attire: Western Wear)
	Presentation of Certificates & Awards The Legend of the Hunt is Concluded

Past Shooters: Scoring & measurement of heads for the Past Shooters will be done in the parking lot of the Water for Wildlife Discovery Center between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Commemorative Hunt score sheets must be turned in to the office @ 545 Main St in Lander by 4:00 for the score to be officially recorded.

Registration opens July 6, 2026
www.oneshotpastshooters.com

Hotel reservations should be made ASAP.



One Shot Guest Events



Sept. 18



Music Bingo
11:00 AM

Join us for 90's Country Music Bingo, where every song brings back memories and every bingo card could win a prize. Enjoy a delicious lunch, cold drinks, and a great atmosphere while singing along to classics at Liquid Courage Bar and Grill, 592 Main Street, at 11:00 AM.

Sept. 19



Paint and Sip
10:00AM

Enjoy a guided painting session featuring a stunning Wyoming landscape while sipping your favorite drinks and snacking on a delicious charcuterie board at Dreamery Art Studio, 155 South 6th Street. Space is LIMITED, you must RSVP by 9/1.
Cost is \$55 per person.



RSVP to Sami McRae by Sept. 1
307-388-4004

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Past Shooter License Draw Process

Effective June 4, 2021

All license recipients, including guests, **must be registered and paid in full** for the One-Shot Antelope Hunt.

The following lists pertain only to the **priority or order** in which each license is awarded. Payment for the state license will be made directly to Wyoming Game and Fish Department according to state regulation fees.

All license recipients and intended guests **must be present at the Past Shooters License Issuance/ Hunt Area Draw in person** per Wyoming Game and Fish regulations.

The Past Shooter License Issuance/Hunt Area Draw is usually held the Friday before the Hunt. If you or your guest are not present when your name is called at the Past Shooter Hunt Area Draw, your name will be placed at the bottom of Priority List Three. If the Past Shooter is not present when called again, the Past Shooter forfeits his chance at a license.

All Past Shooters on all priority levels may change places with another Past Shooter or defer their license to a guest registered for the hunt

The priority of issuance will be as outlined on the following page.

The final issuance list will be vetted by the License Draw Chairman and his/her decision on all licenses and placements is final.

Guest Rules

- All guests must be accompanied by their sponsoring Past Shooter.
- Guests of Past Shooters may only receive two Past Shooter licenses per LIFETIME. The office will keep a list of guest licenses.
- Guests **MAY NOT** transfer their license.
- If a Past Shooter wishes to hunt after deferring his/her license to a guest, they must receive a deferral from another Past Shooter on the list.

Priority One-Water for Wildlife® Priority Draw Positions

- Priority One issuance consists of five Water for Wildlife® Priority Draw Positions. These are the **first five positions** issued. All proceeds benefit Water for Wildlife Foundation conservation work.
- The bid is only for the privilege of being in the top 5 draw positions for license issuance and hunt area choice.
- Procedures for the Water for Wildlife® Priority Draw Positions Auction are outlined in the Water for Wildlife Priority Draw Position Auction document.

Priority Two-Returning New Past Shooters

- Priority Two will be the next priority list consisting of returning new members from the previous year's hunt, assuring them a draw position.
- A random draw for the priority order within List Two will be done by the License Committee Chairman and witnesses and placed in the order they are drawn.
- The random draw will occur on the Thursday before the hunt.
- The list will be generated and available at the Thursday evening banquet.

Priority Three-Registered Past Shooters

- Priority Three will be all remaining draw positions.
- A random draw for the priority order within List Three will be done by the License Committee Chairman and witnesses and placed in the order they are drawn.
- The random draw will occur on the Thursday before the hunt.
- The list will be generated and available at the Thursday evening banquet.

Water for Wildlife® Priority Draw Position Process

Effective June 8, 2022

The One-Shot Hunt Club and Past Shooters Club voted to designate the first five draw positions for a Water for Wildlife Priority Draw Position Auction. This fund-raising auction is to benefit the conservation work of the Water for Wildlife® Foundation.

There will be a bidding process for the Priority Draw Position Auction as outlined below:

Phone & Text bids will be taken for three days beginning **August 5th at 9:00 am MDT and ending August 7th 2026 at 1:00 pm MDT**. Time determined by the computer.

Phone bids will be taken at 307-332-6862 and text bids at 307-349-5443.

Winning bidders will be contacted on August 7th, 2026.

Starting bid is \$500 for each of the five Priority Draw Positions.

Once 5 bids of \$500 are received, the Priority Draw Positions will be awarded in order of the highest bid amounts. Any Draw Position not obtaining a bid of \$500 or more will go back into the general draw process.

Bids must be increased by increments of \$25.

These bids are **only for the privilege of a top 5 Priority Draw Position** and hunt area choice. Payment for the state license will be made directly to Wyoming Game and Fish Department according to state regulation fees.

Bidders must be Past Shooters Club members who register for and attend the hunt. A Past Shooter may only receive one priority draw position license.

All recipients **must be present** at the Past Shooter License Issuance and Hunt Area Draw in person per Wyoming Game and Fish regulations. The Past Shooter License Issuance/Hunt Area Draw is usually held the Friday before the Hunt. If you or your intended guest are not present when your name is called at the Past Shooter Hunt Area Draw, you will forfeit your Water for Wildlife Priority Draw Position bid donation and priority position. Your name will be placed at the bottom of the general license issuance.

Bid donations for the winning priority draw positions are payable to Water for Wildlife® Foundation, are tax deductible (verify with your accounting professional) and must be paid in full within one week after the close of bidding.

These 5 licenses may be deferred to another registered Past Shooter or registered guest as outlined in the guest rules of the Past Shooters Club Draw Process.

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Helping invasion

Another concern with off-trail driving stems not from damaging vegetation, but from spreading it. Invasive grasses like cheatgrass, medusahead and ventenata are at risk of spreading to new locations when people venture off-trail. When a vehicle is involved, seeds can be disbursed to more remote locations and at a quicker rate.

“People often don’t wash their ATVs after every use,” Anderson said. “So if someone drives through an area with an invasive grass and then goes to a new area, they distribute those seeds. That becomes a real problem for land managers.”

Invasive grasses like cheatgrass create numerous problems for wildlife. The grass is unpalatable, so it doesn’t provide forage value. It also outcompetes native grasses. Cheatgrass greens up earlier than Wyoming’s native grasses, removing much-needed moisture and nutrients from the soil before native grasses have a chance to flourish. Invasive species can spread rapidly and are costly to control.

Roads are a vector for the spread of invasive species. Traffic frequently distributes seeds along roads and trails without travelers even realizing it. Land managers can usually detect invasives near roadways fairly early, giving them a leg up when it comes to removing them. Game and Fish regularly works with partners to spray for inva-

sive grasses along roadways.

When those invasives are spread to more remote locations, early detection is often impossible. This gives invasive species more time to establish, leading to more treatments and costly monitoring in areas that may be difficult to access.

“In those cases, we generally have to do landscape-wide treatments with aerial spraying,” Hunter said. “That comes with an increase in cost compared to spraying near roadways, and pre- and post-treatment monitoring is more costly as well.”

Ultimately, the choice to venture off-trail is a choice to leave a lasting mark on the wild places we love. While the modern adventurer might not always leave behind the deep scars that spark frustration, the invisible toll of a single detour is a more profound violation. Respecting the landscape means acknowledging that our vehicles are guests on the land, and their tracks should never become the new map for others to follow.

—Tracie Binkerd is the editor of Wyoming Wildlife magazine.

Report illegal activity

If you see someone illegally driving off-trail on Wyoming Game & Fish Commission-owned property or committing a wildlife violation, please report it to the Stop Poaching Hotline by scanning the QR code, or calling 1-877-WGFD-TIP. Please provide as much detail as possible, including the location, vehicle description, license plate info and any photos you have from the incident.



We can have nice things

People love exploring Wyoming's vast outdoors. With abundant public lands across the state, Wyoming offers opportunities for people to get outside and appreciate nature. In the excitement of an adventure, it's easy to overlook the small actions that help protect these places. Here are some simple considerations that can help you to leave the land as good, or better, than you found it.

Clean up after yourself — and others: Plan ahead to pack out any trash you bring in. If you're able, pick up any litter you find along the way. This includes debris from target practice, cigarette butts, packaging, wrappers, etc.

Tend to the fire ring: Be sure to fully extinguish the campfire, and don't leave it until it is cool to the touch. This prevents embers from igniting and starting a wildfire. Be sure to check the ring for unburned debris like cans or nails, and remove them along with your trash.

Respect wildlife: Observe wildlife from a safe distance and minimize disturbance. Never feed or approach wildlife, and properly store food so wildlife can't access it.

Tend to your pets: Remember to keep pets under control and away from wildlife, and clean up after them.

Follow laws, rules and regulations: Be aware of what is and isn't allowed in the area you're visiting. Consider if there are fire or camping restrictions or if access is limited during certain times of the year.

Avoid damaging the land: Stay on designated roads and trails. Avoid driving in particularly muddy or wet conditions that may cause ruts.



In places like Torrey Rim, driving 1 mile off the trail can remove roughly 105 pounds of forage. That's enough to feed a bighorn sheep for 21 days.



Left: Cheatgrass is an invasive grass that can outcompete native grasses and reduce forage for wildlife. Cheatgrass seeds can be spread by driving off the trail, making it more difficult to detect and treat.

Top: Long-billed curlew eggs like these are often difficult to spot on the ground, making them susceptible to damage from off-trail driving. Photo: Grant Frost/WGFD

Bottom: Thick-billed longspur chicks stay hidden in some grass. These birds, along with many other species in Wyoming, nest on the ground in the spring. Photo: Grant Frost/WGFD

Water for Wildlife

Volunteer Day at the Lander Valley Wetland Preserve



The 2nd Annual Volunteer Planting Day was a great success this year. We had ten volunteers help plant thirty-five native shrubs and three trees. Our expert planters had everything planted in one day! The next day fences were installed to keep the shrubs safe from browsing animals until they are established.

This year funding was secured from the LOR Foundation to build a bridge over breached section of a pond berm to make access to additional areas safer. Thanks to Ken Colovich for building the bridge and the volunteers below left who moved it into place!

Additionally, our summer intern Mesa, will be designing a new sign with species info to replace the old sign, above left.



2026 Water for Wildlife Water Projects



Water guzzlers may provide critical relief for wildlife during drought

How much these human-made oases help and whether they're appropriate is still up for debate.



by Christine Peterson June 19, 2026

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Top & Middle Left: San Pedro Riparian Multispecies drinkers, Arizona

Top Right: Pilot Hill project work included removal and replacement of the existing well pump with a new solar-powered Grundfos submersible pump, installation of a solar array, bypassing the existing cistern to provide direct water delivery to holding troughs,

Above: Hutton Lake NWR—replace water control structures to increase water efficiency.

Left: Online article from Wyofile where author details a guzzler restoration project in south Wyoming led by the WYG&F. Full article at [Wyofile.com](https://www.wyofile.com).

2025 Summer Intern News



Hiking in the Shoshone National Forest, I love birding and wildlife photography as well!

Hello! My name is Mesa Rasmussen, and I am proud to be the 2026 joint intern with the Water for Wildlife Foundation and Wyoming Game and Fish Department. I recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology and a certificate in Environmental Studies. I grew up in rural, central Wisconsin, and have been surrounded by outdoor activities like hiking, horse riding, hunting, fishing, and kayaking all my life. I found my place at UW-Madison and was privileged to have many opportunities in conservation work from various wildlife management projects, study abroad programs in Belize and Ecuador, and an ecological restoration internship with the UW-Madison Arboretum.

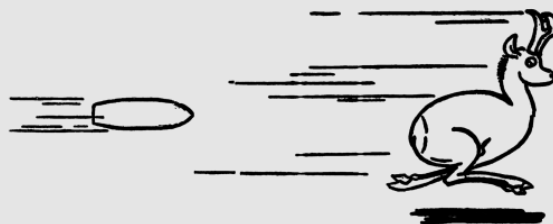


Planting native shrubs in the Lander Wetland Preserve with the help of local volunteers.

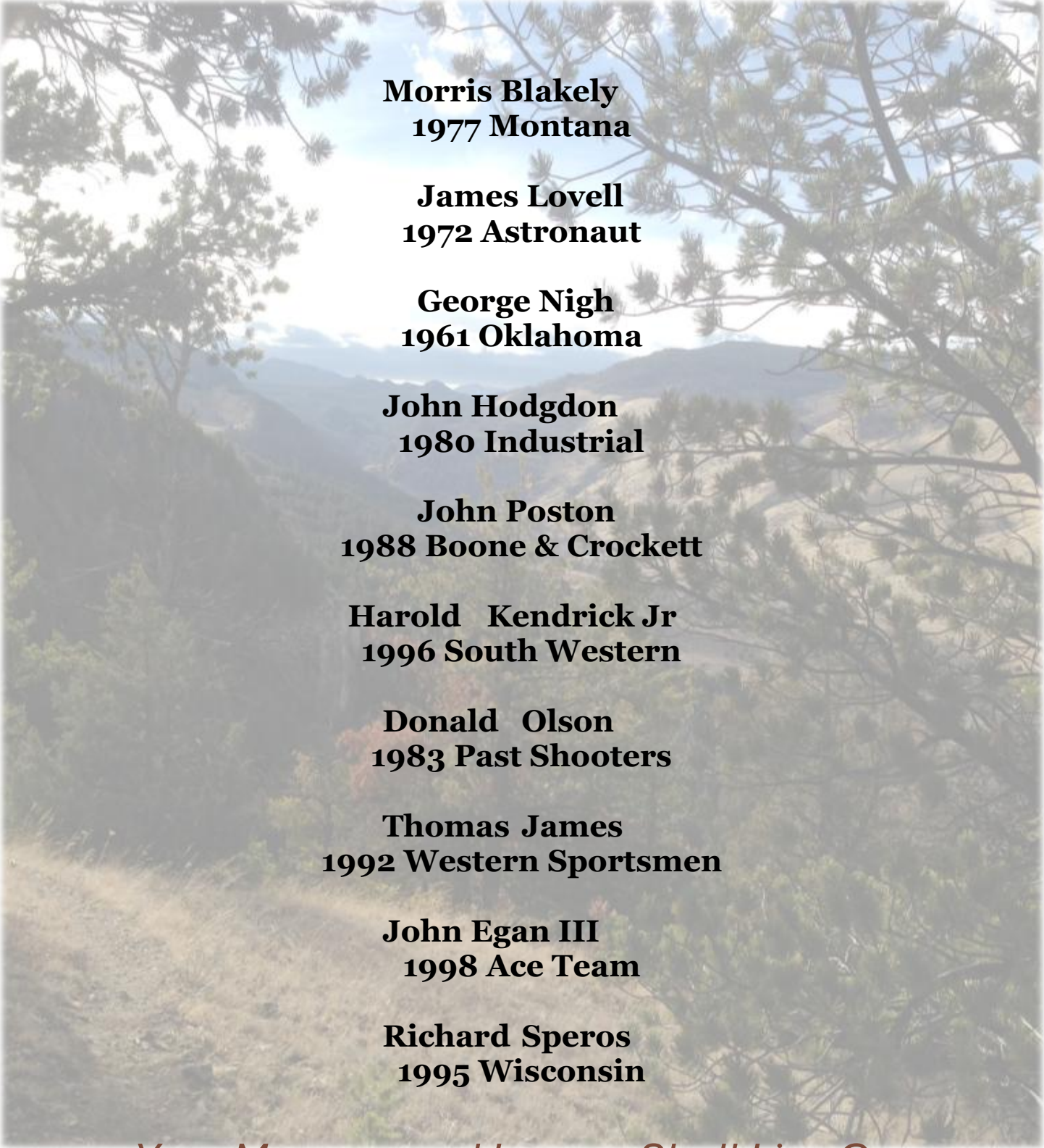


Volunteering for the Wisconsin DNR to help collar elk calves in the Central herd.

This position will provide me with opportunities across many different paths within wildlife conservation, and I am excited to spend the summer gaining hands-on experience and exploring these paths as I carve my future as a wildlife professional. I am so thankful to have been chosen for this internship, and I look forward to supporting the various conservation projects of the Water for Wildlife Foundation and Wyoming Game and Fish Department.



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Morris Blakely
1977 Montana

James Lovell
1972 Astronaut

George Nigh
1961 Oklahoma

John Hodgdon
1980 Industrial

John Poston
1988 Boone & Crockett

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