



## DRAFT AGENDA

# Sustaining Big Game Migrations in the West: Science, Policy, and People

### *An Emerging Issues Forum*

Hosted by the University of Wyoming  
William D. Ruckelshaus Institute of Environment and Natural Resources and  
the Wyoming Migration Initiative

UW Rochelle Gateway Center  
Laramie, Wyoming  
November 9 and 10, 2015

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### **The Science of Migration**

Monday, November 9: 1:00pm – 5:30pm

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| 12:30 pm     | Doors open   |
| 1:00-1:10 pm | <b>Welcome</b><br>Indy Burke, Director, UW Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources<br>Bill Gern, Vice-President, UW Research and Economic Development |
| 1:10-1:30 pm | <b>Why care about migration?</b><br>Plenary: Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary, US Department of Agriculture  |
| 1:30-1:50 pm | <b>A global view of migration</b><br>John Fryxell, Professor and Chair, Department of Integrative Biology,<br>University of Guelph                             |
| 1:50-2:10 pm | <b>Bringing it home: ecosystem effects of migration</b><br>Arthur Middleton, Research Scientist, Yale University and Wyoming<br>Migration Initiative           |

- 2:10-2:30 pm      **Why migration matters to populations**  
Kevin Monteith, Assistant Professor, UW Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources; and Wyoming Migration Initiative
- 2:30-2:50 pm      **Integrating migration data into management**  
Hall Sawyer, Research Biologist, Western Ecosystems Technology, Inc., and Wyoming Migration Initiative
- 2:50-3:10 pm      *Break*
- 3:10-3:30pm      **State of the science**  
Matthew Kauffman, Unit Leader, Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; Director and Co-founder, Wyoming Migration Initiative
- 3:30-4:00 pm      **Science panel and questions from the audience**  
Moderator: Nicole Korfanta, Director, Ruckelshaus Institute of Environment and Natural Resources
- 4:00-5:30 pm      **Red Desert to Hoback Mule Deer Migration Case Study**  
Moderator: Ed Arnett, Senior Scientist, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Hall Sawyer, Research Biologist, Western Ecosystems Technology, Inc., and Wyoming Migration Initiative
  - Steve Kilpatrick , Executive Director, Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation
  - Jen Lamb, Southwest Wyoming Program Director, The Nature Conservancy, Wyoming
  - Julia Stuble, Public Lands Advocate, Wyoming Outdoor Council
  - Josh Coursey, Co-founder, Muley Fanatic Foundation
  - Doug Brimeyer, Wildlife Management Coordinator, Wyoming Game and Fish Department
  - Mark Thonhoff, Natural Resource Specialist, Pinedale Field Office, BLM
- 5:30-7:00 pm      *Reception, Legacy Room of the Gateway Center*

## **Sustaining Migrations across Jurisdictions**

Tuesday, November 10: 8:00am – 5:00pm

- 7:30 am              Doors open
- 8:00-8:30 am      **The multi-jurisdictional nature of long-distance migrations**  
Plenary: Jim Lyons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of Interior

8:30-9:45 am

### **Federal lands**

Moderator: Julia Stuble, Public Lands Advocate, Wyoming Outdoor Council

- Jacque Buchanan, Deputy Regional Forester, US Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region
- Mary Jo Rugwell, Acting State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming
- Brian Amme, Acting Chief, Bureau of Land Management Division of Decision Support, Planning, and NEPA
- David Gustine, Branch Chief of Fish and Wildlife, Grand Teton National Park
- PJ White, Branch Chief of Wildlife and Aquatic Resources, Yellowstone National Park
- Jim Wilder, Forest Biologist, Shoshone National Forest

9:45-10:00 am

*Break*

10:00-11:15 am

### **Role of states**

Moderator: Holly Michael, Coordinator, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- Scott Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division, Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Jason Crowder, Assistant Director for the Trust Land Management Division, Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments
- Bob Bonds, Natural Resources Program Supervisor, Wyoming Department of Transportation
- Renee Callahan, Senior Policy Officer, Center for Large Landscape Conservation
- Charles Price, President, Wyoming Game and Fish Department Commission
- Jeff Ver Steeg, Assistant Director for Research, Policy and Planning; Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife

11:15am-12:30pm

### **The private lands connection**

Moderator: Jim Magagna, Executive Vice-President, Wyoming Stockgrowers Association

- Jim Latta, County Commissioner, Sublette County, WY
- Mark Reid, Planner, Sheridan County, WY
- J.D. Radakovich, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, Hoodoo Land and Cattle Ranching
- Albert Sommers, Rancher and Wyoming State Representative, Sublette County, WY
- Mindi Crabb, Executive Director, Green River Valley Land Trust

12:30-1:30 pm

*Lunch and plenary*

**Joe Riis**, Wildlife photojournalist

1:30-2:45 pm

### **Land and people**

Moderator: Steve Smutko, Spicer Chair of Collaborative Practice, Ruckelshaus Institute

- Ed Arnett, Senior Scientist, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Tim Brass, State Policy Director, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
- Lee Livingston, Outfitter and County Commissioner, Park County, WY
- Jim Magagna, Executive Vice President, Wyoming Stock Growers Association
- Nick Owens, Staff Regulatory Analyst, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
- Dan Smitherman, Wyoming Representative for the Northern Rockies Region, The Wilderness Society

2:45-3:15 pm

### **Feedback and reflection**

Audience questions and discussion

3:15-3:30 pm

*Break*

3:30-4:45 pm

### **Working across jurisdictions**

Moderator: Leslie Duncan, Officer, US Public Lands, Pew Charitable Trusts

- Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary, US Department of Agriculture
- Josh Coursey, Co-founder, Muley Fanatic Foundation
- Brian Jensen, State Sage Grouse Coordinator, NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative
- Jim Lyons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of Interior
- Scott Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division, Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Albert Sommers, Rancher and Wyoming State Representative, Sublette County, WY
- Paul Ulrich, Regulatory Director, Jonah Energy

4:45-5:00pm

### **Closing remarks and next steps**

- Matthew Kauffman, Unit Leader, Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; Director and Co-founder, Wyoming Migration Initiative
- Nicole Korfanta, Director, UW Ruckelshaus Institute of Environment and Natural Resources