

Workshop: Wildlife Movement and Migration in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

GYCC Fall Meeting • Jackson, WY

November 7, 2023 • 1:00-4:30pm • The Virginian Lodge, Wister Hall, 750 W. Broadway

Primary Objectives:

- Sharing and elevating the value of wildlife movements and migrations and their dependence on working and tribal lands across the ecosystem.
- Sharing approaches and tools the conservation community is using to advance conservation of wildlife migrations on working and tribal lands (relationship-building, easements, restoration, habitat leasing, etc.).
- Raising awareness of opportunities (funding, coordination) via state programs, DOI's Secretarial Order 3362, and USDA's new Migratory Big Game Initiative.
- Discussing opportunities, barriers, and needed partnerships.

Agenda

1:00-1:25 - Introduction and Welcome

- **GYCC Introduction.** Mary Erickson, GYCC Chair & Custer Gallatin National Forest Supervisor.
- **How We Got Here.** Brian Nesvik, Director, Wyoming Game & Fish.
- **Looking Ahead.** Dr. Arthur Middleton, Senior Advisor for Wildlife Conservation, USDA Office of the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, and Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, University of California, Berkeley.

1:25-1:55 - Presentation of the Newest Science Regarding GYE Wildlife Migrations, Q&A

- Dr. Jerod Merkle, Assistant Professor, Knobloch Professor of Migration Ecology and Conservation, University of Wyoming.
- Dr. Blake Lowrey, Research Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center.

1:55-2:15 - Vision, Purpose, and Goals from the Secretarial Level

- Sarah Greenberger, DOI Associate Deputy Secretary.
- Robert Bonnie, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation.

2:15-2:35 - State and Federal Policy Context

- **State Perspective - Wyoming Executive Order History and Background.** Brian Nesvik.
- **Secretarial Order 3362 - History and Background.** Casey Stemler, DOI USFWS Senior Adviser for Western States - Science Applications, Secretarial Order 3362 Lead.
- **USDA Migratory Big Game Initiative.** Tim Griffiths, USDA NRCS West Working Lands for Wildlife Coordinator.

2:35-2:45 - BREAK

2:45-4:00 - Reflections from Active Partners, Q&A

- **Moderated by Professor Temple Stoellinger,** Associate Professor, Wyoming Excellence Chair, Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources, College of Law, University of Wyoming.
- **Jackson Hole Land Trust.** Max Ludington, President.
- **Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust.** Steve Sharkey, Board Member.
- **Gallatin Valley Land Trust.** Chet Work, Executive Director.
- **Teton Regional Land Trust.** Tamara Sperber, Conservation Director.
- **Western Landowners Alliance.** Shaleas Harrison, Wyoming Resource Coordinator.
- **Property and Environment Research Center.** Brian Yablonski, CEO.
- **Greater Yellowstone Coalition.** Scott Christensen, Executive Director.
- **Greater Yellowstone Coalition.** Wes Martel, Senior Wind River Conservation Associate.
- **Wind River Reservation.** Jason Baldes, National Wildlife Federation, Rocky Mountain Regional Center, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Buffalo Representative, and Tribal Buffalo Coordinator for the Tribal Partnerships Program.
- **The WYildlife Fund.** Chris McBarnes, President.

4:00-4:30 - Summary, Key Takeaways, Next Steps, Adjourn

- Robert Bonnie, Sarah Greenberger, & Christine Dawe, USDA Senior Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.
- GYCC: Mary Erickson, Chip Jenkins, GYCC Vice-Chair & Grand Teton National Park Superintendent, & Brian Nesvik.