

2023 Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation



Board of Directors

ELECTION BALLOT

Please indicate with an (X) in the appropriate column in the table below.
All board members will serve a two-year term.

**Please note that only current members of Idaho WSF are allowed to vote.
Please make sure your membership is active, or your vote will not be counted.*

2023 Candidates <i>Vote for up to 9 candidates</i>	Current Status	YES	NO
Don Colter	Current BOD		
Michael Keady	Current BOD		
Mitch McFarland	Current BOD		
Josh Miller	Current BOD		
Jon Rampton	Current BOD		
Carter Swain	Current BOD		
Triston Warner	Current BOD		
Chance Elam	Centennial Member		
Christopher Regli	Member		
Scott Sorenson	Life Member		
Ryan Thomas	Life Member		
Write in:			

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Must be received by: April 1, 2023

Member Name

Date

(All votes will be kept confidential. Name is required to determine eligibility. Any ballot submitted without a name, not legible or not a current member, WILL NOT BE COUNTED)

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Term Expires	Board Title	First Name	Last Name
2024	Director	Rich	Carignan
2023	Treasurer	Don	Colter
2024	Director	Colten	Gilbert
2023	Associate	Zach	Higgins
2024	Director	Jeremy	Hixson
2023	Associate	James	Jeffress
2023	Director	Michael	Keady
2023	Director	Brian	Kramer
2024	President	Bill	London
2023	Director	Mitch	McFarland
2024	Director	Chuck	Middleton
2023	Vice President	Josh	Miller
2023	Associate	Bruce J.	Mincher
2023	Director	Jon	Rampton
2024	Director	Mike	Schlegel
2023	Director	Tom	Sellin
2023	Director	Carter	Swain
2023	Director	Triston	Warner
2024	Past President	Jim	Warner

Biographies on 2023 Candidates

Don Colter – *Current Treasurer and Endowment Conservator.*

Don Colter is a Centennial Member of the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation. He was raised on a family ranch and feedlot in Colorado and Arizona. Ranch life gave him an appreciation for the outdoors and wildlife. At a young age Don hunted small game with his father and he soon moved up to deer and elk. Don has hunted mtn goats, moose, javelina, African game and recently harvested his first sheep, an Alaska Dall sheep. Don has a BS degree in Agricultural Economics and a MS in Agriculture-Business. He has been in agricultural finance and consulting for over 30 years in various capacities. Don believes in 'giving back'. He is a past Board member for the Boise YMCA. Don is a Hunter Education Instructor and has volunteered with the Idaho Fish and Game with deer research and bighorn sheep lamb surveys. Don's knowledge of wildlife, finance, and agriculture has served the Idaho WSF membership and the Board of Directors well.

Michael Keady – *Current Secretary, Lottery chairmen and Outreach committee.*

Born in Northern California, Michael has been an avid outdoorsman since he was old enough to tag along with his dad on pheasant and waterfowl hunts. As he got older his interests moved towards big game and he set out on a trial and error filled mission to learn how to hunt western big game animals. While attending the University of Nevada, Reno he was a founding member of a Ducks Unlimited chapter for the school and became more aware of Big Horn Sheep and all the challenges they face in trying to maintain healthy populations. Michael moved to Boise, ID in August of 2018 in pursuit of better hunting and fishing opportunities and to pursue a career in ranch and farm brokerage. He currently works for Berkshire Hathaway HS Silverhawk Realty, focusing on agricultural and recreational properties in Idaho and Oregon and he also works as part of the sales team for Clearwater Analytics, selling investment accounting software to investment management firms. He previously volunteered for Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation at the Idaho Sportsmen's Expo and is excited to continue contributing to Idaho WSF in any way he can.

Mitch McFarland – *Current director, Website chairman, Journal committee.*

Mitch was born and raised on a cattle ranch on Carmen Creek just north of Salmon, ID. He took over the family ranch after his father passed at age 18. After running the ranch for many years, he purchased an outfitting business in the late 1980's from an old outfitter, Packer John, that he'd been guiding for since the 1970's. He sold the outfitting business in the early 90's and continued to guide for several local outfitters, including Stan Potts, Dave Melton (who currently outfits in his old area), and managed the Flying B on the Middle Fork for a season. After selling the outfitting business he worked a variety of jobs in the Salmon and Challis areas, everything from surveyor to carpenter to mechanic to guide. He worked at Thompson Creek mines in Challis and at Beartrack in Salmon as a heavy equipment mechanic. He went back to school in the late 90's and graduated with a degree in Computer Science from the University of Idaho in Dec. of 2002. It was during the tech bubble meltdown, so he went back to work in Salmon surveying and working in a computer store. Finally, he got a programming job in 2005 in Albuquerque, New Mexico with Ball Aerospace. After working there for 2 years he took a job in Bozeman, MT with Zoot Enterprises where he worked for 3 years. Then in 2010 he moved to Butte, MT, where he currently works for a small family-owned business called Synesis7. He moved back to Salmon in 2016 and telecommutes.

Interest in Sheep Mitch is a lifelong hunter, his father was an outfitter in the 1960's, and he has many fond memories of going into hunting camp with his dad. Mitch drew his first sheep tag the first year he applied in 1984! After an arduous solo 6-day hunt with a horse and 2 mules hunting the lower end of the Middle Fork country he was successful on a beautiful full curl ram! Since then, he has guided clients and helped several friends on successful sheep hunts. Mitch has been a Wild Sheep Foundation, Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation, and Montana Wild Sheep Foundation member off and on over the years and recently became a lifetime member of the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation. Mitch is excited to have the opportunity to work with Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation and contribute to its mission and conservation efforts.

Josh Miller – *Current Vice President, Marketing/Membership/website chair and Banquet Co-Chair. Head of social media.*

Josh is a Centennial Member of the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation and a Summit Life Member of the Wild Sheep Foundation. Josh's full appreciation of wild sheep came on his second sheep hunt. After 18 days in the Frank Church, he harvested a ram. During that time Josh developed a profound respect for the species and its habitat. Josh was born in Idaho and raised in southern New Mexico. His passion for wildlife began as a child hunting with his family near his grandmother's ranch. He earned a bachelor's degree in Range Sciences at New Mexico State University. A course in Rangeland Management opened Josh's eyes to the realization that he could make a difference helping people manage their livestock operations while improving the country's public land and wildlife habitats. Josh is a District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Idaho Falls. He works with farmers and ranchers to improve their operations and improve wildlife habitat. Josh has volunteered with Idaho Wild Sheep on lamb surveys in the Owyhee's as well as captures in Jim Sage. He believes in spending time with fellow sheep enthusiasts and giving back through volunteerism. Josh welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors for the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation and promises to do his part for wild sheep.

Jon Rampton – *Current director, Membership committee, Outreach committee.*

Jon Rampton was raised in Northern Nevada where he served 7 years in the United States Air Force. Jon has always had a passion for wild sheep. Growing up in Reno, the sheep show was an annual event. Jon enjoyed attending the annual Nevada Bighorns Unlimited banquet in both Reno and Fallon. At the end of his enlistment in 2016, he had the opportunity to move to Idaho. Once he made the move, he has never looked back. Since then, he has enjoyed many outdoor opportunities which Idaho has to offer. Year-round hunting and fishing has given Jon the chance to pursue his passion for the outdoors. Jon met his wife Harmoni in 2019 and they were married in 2021. Now they are expecting their first son. It wasn't until he started working with Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation that the passion for sheep and the country they live in, truly grew. While Jon is anxiously awaiting his departure from the <1 club, he enjoys serving on the board and supporting the conservation efforts for wild sheep in Idaho.

Carter Swain – *Current director and Conservation committee.*

Carter is a lifelong resident of Idaho and at a young age gained an appreciation for hunting and the outdoors and has spent his life looking for the next adventure. In the pursuit of adventure and wild places Carter drew his first bighorn sheep tag in 2019. After his first experience as a sheep hunter, he was bitten by the sheep bug and wanted to give back

and joined the board in 2021. Carter loves our state, everything it has to offer, and enjoys every moment in the field with family and friends. Sheep country and all its inhabitants are amazing, fascinating, and yet fragile and it is up to us to ensure wild places endure. Since becoming involved with Idaho Wild Sheep he has had the opportunity to work on several captures as well as working the booth at the Western Hunting Expo and it's been exciting to see full circle the funds raised being put to use on conservation projects.

Triston Warner – *Current director, Banquet committee member, Fundraising committee member, Marketing/Branding/Membership committee member.*

Triston was born and raised in Southeast Idaho. His earliest childhood memories were leading hound dogs to a bait or track with his grandfather and father. From then on, Triston could always be found next to his father on a mountain during the hunting season. Triston gained an interest in archery at the age of 16. Archery is where Triston's passion truly began to develop. Learning from trial and error, Triston grew to love the challenge of archery elk. Triston's love for archery has led him to pursue all types of game including black bear, whitetail deer, and antelope. His passion for hunting more importantly includes seizing any opportunity to help his family and friends be successful in a hunt, especially being able to be a part of numerous Idaho sheep hunts with his family. Triston firmly believes that memories made with his family and friends are just as meaningful as the animals harvested. As time has gone on, Triston has understood the importance of conservation, which is to give more than what is taken. In between the fall and spring, he can be found at numerous events to help raise money for conservation. Triston graduated from Idaho State University in the Spring of 2019 with a degree in business management and marketing. Triston is a quarter slammer with taking a Dall sheep in 2020. One of his lifetime goals is to accomplish a Grand Slam. He is currently a lifetime member of the National Wild Sheep Foundation, Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation, and Washington Wild Sheep Foundation. He served on the Idaho Wild Sheep Board of Directors from 2019-2022. Triston is still dedicated to the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation being a banquet committee member, fundraising committee member, and marketing/branding/membership committee member.

Chance Elam –

Chance Elam was born and raised in Twin Falls, ID. His love for the outdoors began as a toddler attending wildlife photography trips with his dad all over the Western United States. He began attending yearly elk hunting trips with his dad and uncles at age 9 and became hooked. After High School, Chance attended Concordia University in Portland Oregon on a baseball scholarship and quickly realized that he missed the mountains of Idaho and needed to get back. He returned to Idaho where he met his wife Caitlin and began his career with Idaho Power, where he currently works as a Distribution Designer. Chance and Caitlin live in Twin Falls with their 1-year-old daughter Landry, a future IWSF Life Member. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, camping, scouting around his family cabin, and joining his dad on photography trips.

Chance has always been intrigued by Bighorn Sheep hunting, but his interest grew after being introduced to the Wild Sheep Foundation by his brother-in-law. He has volunteered at the Idaho Wild Sheep Banquet and Sheep Show and plans to continue volunteering in the future. Chance is a Summit Life Member of the Wild Sheep Foundation and a Centennial Life Member of The Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation. Chance would enjoy the opportunity to serve as a board member of the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation and contribute to this great organization in any way he can.

Christopher Regli –

Christopher Regli was born in Fallon, Nevada into a 4th generation dairy family. Who in the early 90's moved to Kuna, Idaho and continued the tradition. He learned the value of hard work and responsibilities with early mornings and late nights in all seasons, as livestock is a 24/7 job. All through High School he was an active member and officer in the Kuna FFA chapter gaining experience in leadership and public speaking. After High School he spent six years as a volunteer firefighter/EMT for the city of Kuna.

Hunting and fishing is another family tradition. His grandparents and father have been, over the past 40 years, and still are active hunters of sheep and other game. Chris grew up attending several sheep events including the Idaho wild sheep foundations. He has had the pleasure of accompanying others in their hunting experience of these spectacular animals. Enjoying his time in the vast and diverse landscape of Idaho has been his favorite pastime and allowed him to hunt the different animals the state has to offer.

Along with the dairy and farming industries, he worked for REPCON INC, a Texas based refinery company. His position allowed him to travel across the country and spend time in places vastly different from Idaho. This has given him great appreciation for what we have here. He now owns a welding business based out of Kuna and Emmett that fabricates custom railings, furniture pieces, etc., but is also mobile and continues to work on the dairies and farms.

Christopher's love of wildlife and the experiences they have given him is why he looks forward to contributing to such an important endeavor as this one.

Scott Sorenson –

Scott Sorenson is a Life Member of the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation and a member of the Wild Sheep Foundation. He was born in Wisconsin and raised on the family dairy farm, where at a young age he began hunting small game and whitetail deer with his father. At 13 years old, He and his father started to make annual hunting trips to the western states in pursuit of Elk and Mule Deer.

Scott is a U.S Army combat veteran, serving in the 10th Mtn. for 5 years, where he was deployed to Somalia and Haiti. After, serving in the U.S. Army, Scott worked as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer for 5 years in various locations throughout the U.S., ending up in Washington State. Shortly thereafter, Scott moved to Idaho where he earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Idaho. During that time, he made several trips into the Frank Church and Taylor Ranch, where he developed a deep respect for Bighorn Sheep and the habitat, they live in.

A couple of years ago, Scott was blessed to draw a Bighorn Sheep tag in the Church. Scott spent the entire season in the "Church", 45 days, even though he did not find the age class of ram he was looking for, he has come down with "The Sickness".

Over the years Scott has served as a board member on several local and national conservation / hunting based organizations. He has volunteered with Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation on Bighorn Sheep test and remove captures in Salmon and Hells Canyon Regions. Scott welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors of the Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation and do his part to put and keep sheep on the mountain.

Ryan Thomas –

My connection with sheep started in my teens in the east fork of the Salmon River, where I grew up horseback, cowboying and hunting. I come from a family of biology enthusiasts that taught me to love admiring an ecosystem. I was born in Idaho and have seen tremendous changes. I understand that the world will develop and can accept that, but I believe in protecting those who need it. The caregiver in me says that some individuals need some help; I believe that bighorn sheep need our help.

I won a sheep tag at a fundraiser for conservation and got the bug. I believe in giving back and this is my opportunity. I have been on a sheep capture for Idaho WSF and I was tremendously impressed. I want to be part of something great!

My father was a RMEF board member for the local chapter when I was a child. I have served on other Boards of Directors for non-profit organizations, including 5 years and counting with the Gem State Stock Horse Association. I want to see what's working for Idaho WSF and contribute however I can. I am not looking to make drastic changes, I am looking to help make things bigger and better.

I am a horse trainer by trade. I love backpacking in Idaho. I love bighorn sheep, wildlife, and wilderness. I'm self-employed and believe that my schedule and mindset can contribute. I am a Life member of Idaho WSF. Thank you for your vote!