

The End of a BIG Chapter

Approximately 5 years ago, the WY-WSF Board of Directors offered me the Executive Director position for this organization. I was not sure what was in store for me, but I knew the ride would be focused on a passion of mine and be adventurous. Well I was correct about the journey being passionate and adventuresome. However, I missed the mark on the level and intensity of the passion and adventure.

The commitment and passion of WY-WSF's members and Board of Directors has been nothing like I have previously experienced. You folks **REALLY do care** about kids and wild sheep - not only about the status of kids and wild sheep on the mountain, but you are sincerely concerned about their future as well. I see folks with limited financial resources dig deep into their pockets to help fund the future of Wyoming's wild sheep and youth. You do that because the future of youth and wild sheep is an integral part of your fabric and personal values. Moreover, I am honored to think that you trust WY-WSF to invest your financial and time support wisely.

Because of you, your passion and commitment I have continued to work at conserving wildlife and wild places into the future. But now it is time to go "revel" in some of the wildlife conservation work I have been involved in for 45 years, before I am too old to climb in the saddle. There is a bucket list I need to attend to, and the mules and horses are all shod up and ready to make checks on some of those items.

It is time for new blood, new ideas, new skills, and renewed energy. Thus, I am excited about our new Ex Dr, Katie Cheesbrough. I know solid folks who know Katie well. They rate her as one of the best. We are lucky she chose us. However, regardless of her ability, she cannot do it ALL alone. I had an amazing Team which helped me grow the organization and raise more dollars for wild sheep. With Katie's leadership we have an excellent opportunity to grow even more. So, please give her a call and offer some of your spare time and cash (307-399-4383).

While this has been a relatively short chapter in my life, it has been the **biggest** in terms of fulfilling a dream of tangible wildlife (wild sheep) conservation. I got to be part of a team implementing actions with direct benefits to wild sheep and see the excitement on the faces of involved teammates. A real feeling of self-worth. I thank all of you for enriching my life and especially for helping conserve wild sheep. Your passion is incredible. I will look forward to another chapter in my life which will involve wild sheep, but also focus on the ol bucket list.

Let us keep on "putting and keeping KIDS and WILD SHEEP on the mountain".

Steve Kilpatrick