

# Watershed Restoration Initiative

## Northern Region Fall Meeting Agenda

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:00 am Bear River Bird Refuge Classroom  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/83TBbcwyYsePF2qLA>

10:00-10:15 Welcome and Introductions

10:15-10:45 Administration Updates-**WRI Leadership Team**

10:45-11:30 Charter update-**Clint Brunson (WRI Northern Region Vice-Chair)**

11:30-12:00 SGCN, WRI, UWAP and other acronyms-**Adam Brewerton (Wildlife Conservation Biologist, UDWR)**

12:00-13:00 Vote for 2025-vice chair, Lunch and Connect

13:00-13:15 Announce new vice-chair, Schedule Proposal Meeting and Ranking Meeting, deadlines and confirm 2024 Ranking Committee Members

Name	Agency	2025
Core Member		
Destiny Allgood	USFWS	Confirmed
Emily Bishop	UDAF	Confirmed
	BLM	
PJ Abraham	FFSL	Confirmed
Eric Lamalfa	USU	
Taylor Payne	GIP	
Milena Rockwood	USFS	Confirmed
Zac Oman <b>new</b>	DWR	Confirmed
<del>Adam Robison</del>	SITLA	
At-Large		
Mike Kolendrianos	TNC	Confirmed
Jens Ammon	Sageland Collaborative	
Tyler Meservy <b>new</b>	Mule Deer Foundation	Confirmed
<del>Coryna Hebert</del>	<del>Ducks Unlimited</del>	No one to replace

13:15-13:45 Undergraduate watershed restoration monitoring & research at Wuda Ogwa (i.e The Bear River Massacre Site)-**Dr. Eric LaMalfa (USU)**

13:45-14:15 Conifer management and the Sagebrush Conservation Design-**Dr. David Naugle (Professor, University of Montana, and Science Advisor, NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative)**

14:15-14:45 Cutthroat Trout Restoration of Otter Creek and Big Creek-**Jim DeRito (Trout Unlimited)**

14:45 Adjourn.

## **Vice-Chair Candidates**

### **Destiny Allgood**

My name is Destiny Allgood and I have been nominated for the position of Vice Chair for the WRI Northern Region. I have been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since November 2018 and, more specifically, in my role as a Private Lands Wildlife Biologist for Utah since August 2021. During this time, I have worked with numerous partners and landowners to implement habitat restoration on private lands across the north half of Utah, benefitting several T&E and big game species. Additionally, I have been involved in the WRI process as the project lead, a project partner, and a ranking committee member for both the Northern and Central Region. Being on the ranking committee has been an insightful part of the WRI process and is an important position of responsibility and leadership in determining which projects to fund. I believe my experience on the ranking committee and with the WRI process in general has prepared me for the role of WRI Northern Region Vice Chair.

### **Tanner Cox**

My name is Tanner Cox, and I have accepted a nomination to run for vice chair of the Northern Region Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative. I was raised on a cattle ranch in southwest Montana, and I received my Bachelor of Science and my Master of Science degrees at Montana State University (MSU). During my time at MSU, I studied fish and wildlife management and led research on Mountain Whitefish, Rainbow Trout, and Pallid Sturgeon. Following my time at MSU I worked as Project Manager at Tennessee Technological University. In Tennessee, I primarily investigated invasion ecology related to invasive carp species in the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. Recognizing that we preferred drier climates, my wife and I migrated back to the western side of the Mississippi where I am currently employed by Trout Unlimited as the Wasatch Area Senior Project Manager. During my two and a half years with TU, I have been active in the WRI program by attending meetings, managing WRI projects, and participating in recent efforts to update the Northern Region Charter. The Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative has been a major contributor to Trout Unlimited projects. Therefore, being elected to the vice chair position would allow me to give back to the program while supporting the WRI projects that enhance our northern-region watersheds.