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Rhett E. Good, *Wildlife Biologist/Senior Manager*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1998-Present *Research Biologist/Senior Manager*, Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc.,
Bloomington, Indiana
- 1997-1999 *Wildlife Ecology and Management Teaching Assistant*, University of
Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
- 1995-1997 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife
Research Unit, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming

SPECIALTY AREAS

Wildlife Research: Mr. Good has over 20 years of experience designing and conducting wildlife research and monitoring studies. Studies Mr. Good has been involved in include research and monitoring of small mammals, bats, big game, songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and raptors. As a part of his Master's Thesis, Mr. Good examined factors affecting the relative use of goshawk kill areas, conducted studies of parental and juvenile behaviors at nests, studied aspects of prey ecology, and examined goshawk food habits in southcentral Wyoming. Mr. Good has also completed assessments of wildlife and threatened endangered species use and risk at various development projects, including airports, solar projects, cellular towers, pipelines, and highway construction. Mr. Good served as project manager and field supervisor for a rangewide survey of golden eagles across the western U.S. that resulted in a publication in the *Journal of Wildlife Management*. Information from the survey is being used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to better manage golden eagle populations across the western U.S.

Wind-Energy Research: Mr. Good has served as field supervisor and project manager on over 50 studies of wind energy and wildlife interactions across the U.S., including projects in Michigan, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota, and Montana. Wildlife studies that Mr. Good has been involved with include pre-construction risk assessments for wildlife studies and post-construction studies of fatality rates. Mr. Good has also studied the behavioral responses of shorebirds, songbirds, and waterfowl to wind turbines, to determine if projects could displace wildlife from occupied habitats. Mr. Good research at the Fowler Ridge Wind Farm in Indiana was one of the first in the Midwest to examine if blade feathering reduced bat mortality in the Midwest. Mr. Good has interacted extensively with agency personnel and has successfully developed and implemented wildlife monitoring protocols that have been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state wildlife agencies across the U.S. Mr. Good has also assisted several wind-power companies with studies of protected bat and eagle use and compliance with the endangered species act and bald and golden eagle protection act at wind-energy projects. Mr. Good has also assisted several companies with understanding and implementing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Land Based Wind Energy Guidelines.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- Good, R.E.,** S.H. Anderson, J.R. Squires and G. McDaniel. 2001. Observations of northern goshawk prey delivery behavior in southcentral Wyoming. *Journal of Intermountain Sciences* 7(1) 34-40.
- Good, R.E.,** R. Nielson, H. Sawyer, and L. McDonald. 2007. A Population Estimate for golden eagles in the western United States. *Journal of Wildlife Management* 71(2): 395-402.
- Nielson, R. M., McManus, L., Rintz, T., McDonald, L. L., Murphy, R. K., Howe, W. H. and **Good, R. E.** (2014), Monitoring abundance of golden eagles in the western United States. *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, 78: 721-730. doi: 10.1002/jwmg.704
- Good, R.E.,** W.P. Erickson, A. Merrill, S. Simon, K. Murray, K. Bay, C. Fritchman. 2011. Bat Monitoring Studies at the Fowler Ridge Wind-Energy Facility, Benton County, Indiana: April 13 – October 15, 2010. Prepared for Fowler Ridge Wind Farm. Prepared by Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. (WEST), Cheyenne, Wyoming. January 28, 2011.

EDUCATION

M.S.
University of Wyoming
Laramie, Wyoming
1998
Zoology

B.A.
Ball State University
Muncie, Indiana
1995
Biology

SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

The Wildlife Society
Raptor Research Foundation

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

Habitat Conservation Planning,
2011, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service

Indiana Department of
Transportation NEPA and CE
Training, 2009

Golden Eagle Aging Workshop,
2003, Bill Clark

Wetland Delineation with an
Emphasis on Soils and Hydrology,
2002, Wetland Training Institute

Wetland Plant Identification, 2001,
Wetland Training Institute

Golden Eagle Aging Workshop,
2003, Bill Clark

American burying beetle survey
method and identification training,
2003, Mark Payton, Nebraska
Public Power District