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# OREGON FNAWS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is summer and this year summer came early with the drought, high temperatures, winds, and wildfires we have been seeing. We have all already started hunting, fishing, and camping trips. Most of us have already heard the news on our big game applications. If you are like me, you are planning for those special hunts you drew and beginning to plan on how to make yourself more successful next year on those hunts you were unsuccessful on.

Unfortunately, this year again started off different than years past, except for maybe last. By May many of us finally were able to get vaccinated, earlier in the year was frustrating with all the changing requirements to what we could do or not. Many of us were staying home, kids are in and out of school, our businesses, family, and friends continued to suffer financially and emotionally. I looked forward to the opportunity to get out into our wild lands and hunt turkeys, spring bear or fish. I am glad that things are finally opening.

Most of you know, we again did not hold our annual banquet in May. We did hold our Spring Board meeting, but had to do it online again. The Central Oregon Sportsmen Show went on somewhat as planned, although with a lot COVID precautions in place. We did have a booth, sold raffle tickets, and signed up some new members. It was fun getting out and talking bighorn sheep and what we do with folks again.

We held our raffle on May 1<sup>st</sup> for a Rocky Mountain Goat, Grizzly Bear, Black Bear and Wolf in Alaska with Ultima Thule Outfitters. We sold all 600 tickets, and a winner was picked for this amazing hunt! We were also able to auction the Oregon State Rocky Mountain Goat Tag the evening of May 1<sup>st</sup> thanks to assistance from the wonderful folks at the Wild Sheep Foundation. This tag sold for a record \$75,000!

Unfortunately, for those of you who are interested in our hands-on habitat projects, at this time all have been cancelled for this summer. There may be any opportunity later to do some scouting for future guzzler placements, discussions continue with the BLM folk. Please keep watch on our social media sites for additional information if this comes together. We do want to encourage members and friends to sign up and participate in any or all of our projects, meetings, and social events. Upcoming opportunities will continue to be shared throughout social media, our webpage, and in our newsletters. Please join us if you can at these events for the benefit of wild sheep.

The end of June, the Oregon, Washington, and Idaho Chapters hosted the Annual Wild Sheep Foundation's Chapter and Affiliate Summit. This is a get to gather held annually where representatives of the multiple Chapters and Affiliates from across North America get together to learn from each other, compare notes, and understand how we can assist each other on issues and opportunities. Since we were going to the Hells Canyon Area, the Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Chapters included Tri-State and Hells Canyon Initiative meetings as well. These were held June 23-26 in Lewiston, Idaho. It was an opportunity for us and our neighbors to show our stuff, eat great food, and have a drink with friends. Additionally, funds raised at the Summit were donated to the Hells Canyon Initiative to be used on the ongoing Movi outreach project.

July 17<sup>th</sup> was the date for this year's annual Bighorn Sheep and Rocky Mtn. Goat Workshop and Orientation for those successful hunters in the Oregon Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat tag draws. The OR FNAWS and ODFW Biologists from across the State host this important day of education and information sharing at the Readiness Center in The Dalles, Oregon. We followed up with the First Mountain Hunters and Rendezvous at the Deschutes River State Park. It was a wonderful day with a lot of interaction between Tag holders, Biologists, and membership. The day after the Workshop and Orientation, July 18<sup>th</sup>, we held our Summer Board Meeting at the Deschutes River State Recreation Area just east of The Dalles. You are always welcome to join us at any of our Board Meetings to see what your board members have been working on.

OR FNAWS has a second ongoing raffle, a 6-day Guided Cougar hunt in Arizona with Dieringer Outfitters! We will only be selling 500 tickets and the drawing will be September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1530 at Oregon City Brewing. Get your tickets soon as we expect this to sell out as well. OR FNAWS is hoping to have ongoing raffles throughout each year.

I hope you had good luck with your tag draws. Thank you everyone for your support and I look forward to seeing you at one of these events or in the field.

Kevin Martin

President, Oregon FNAWS

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# 2022 ANNUAL BANQUET UPDATE

In person events are finally back! We are so excited to get back to normal and be able to get together for some fun events. We were forced to postpone the 2020 AND 2021 banquet due to the pandemic. Now that everything has calmed down we are back on track and will be having a banquet in 2022.

The event is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon. Tickets for the event will be going on sale in the fall. For those of you who purchased 2020 banquet tickets and rolled them over, we will be contacting you directly to confirm your attendance at the 2022 banquet.

So mark your calendars for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and plan to be in Redmond for another amazing fundraiser event!



### **Upcoming Events:**

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

### **Cougar Hunt Raffle Drawing**

Oregon City Brew Co.

LIVE on Facebook/Instagram

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022:

### **Winter Board Meeting**

Virtual Meeting

January 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> 2022:

2022 Sheep Show

Reno, NV

March 10<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> 2022

### 2022 Central Oregon Sportsman Show

Expo Center Redmond, OR

April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022:

### 2022 Annual Fundraising Banquet

Eagle Crest Resort Redmond, OR

May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022:

**Spring Board meeting** 

Eagle Crest Resort Redmond, OR

### **Projects**

Juniper Cut: Winter 2021-2022

**Guzzler Maintenance: Ongoing** 

Youth Outdoors Show: Spring 2022

Habitat improvement: Spring 2022

### 2021 HUNT RAFFLE



Our current hunt raffle is a 6 day guided cougar hunt with hounds in Arizona with Dieringer Outfitters. This hut can either be conducted off of horses/mules or in 4x4 vehicles or side by sides. This is no doubt an awesome opportunity to experience hard working hounds and allow you to harvest a monster cat.

Tickets are \$25 each and we are limiting the raffle to 500 tickets! Drawing takes place September 18<sup>th</sup> at Oregon City Brew Co. There's about 200 tickets left so get yours now before they are sold out!

Visit our website for raffle tickets. www.OregonFNAWS.org

# 2021 Bighorn Sheep & Mountain Goat Orientation

Written By: Marcus Gores

Annually Oregon FNAWS co-host the Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Orientation with ODF&W. This year we were able to host the event in person back at the Dalles Readiness Center in The Dalles, OR. We had a showing of 64 tag holders and a total of 160 attendees including tag holders hunting party, OR FNAWS board members, and ODF&W staff.

The event covers hunt preparation, species identification, trophy preservation and hunt specific information based on the tag holders that were in attendance.

New to this year's orientation was the ewe tag holders breakout session. As ODF&W has created a new hunt in the John Day and Deschutes River canyons for ewes, a major focus on this portion of the orientation was identification between ewes and yearling rams.

The orientation was recorded and is posted on our YouTube channel. If you have interest in reviewing the orientation search "Oregon FNAWS" on YouTube and view most recent videos.

Guest speakers: Jeremy Thompson (ODFW), Kevin Martin (OR FNAWS), Larry Jacobs (OR FNAWS), Don South (OR FNAWS), Taylor Skinner (2020 successful tag holder), Andy Weibel (Weibel Taxidermy), Vic Coggins (OR FNAWS), Hank Landsiedel (ODFW), Jon Muir (ODFW), Craig Foster (OR FNAWS), Scott Torland (ODFW), Craig Gunderson (OSP), Tom Peterson (OR FNAWS).



# 2021 GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

April 5, 2021 - Working with the WSF, OR FNAWS sent a Fiscal Year 22 appropriations request to U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden. The WSF in July 2018 sent a letter to the Assistant Director of National Forest Systems for the US Forest Service explaining our desire to refill this position. Identified were several areas that needed attention that have not been addressed since the position was vacant: (1) giving voice and visibility to major issues, (2) liaison with wild sheep constituent groups, (3) leadership in tracking, disseminating, and implementing the best available science, (4) collaboration with universities and agencies, (5) coordination with WAFWA and States, (6) keep agency leadership up to date, (7) build relationships with woolgrower industry representatives, (8) work with USFS field units to reduce conflicts, project implementation, and climate change strategies facing bighorn sheep and their habitat. The funding request was to fill the National Full Curl Coordinator Position to assist the US Forest Service and others addressing bighorn sheep and domestic sheep and goat conflicts.

April 14, 2021 - OR FNAWS Government and Legislative Affair Committee members had a meeting with Jessica Keys, Senator Merkley's Natural Resource Staff. Items discussed/shared: Background on bighorn sheep disease issues. The existing Congressional Intent for federal land management agencies, specifically the US Forest Service and BLM as well as agency direction (or lack of). We also shared the background on our FY22 Appropriation proposal for the US Forest Service's Full Curl Coordinator and the need for this level of expertise with the agency. We discussed ongoing bighorn sheep disease management at Lookout Mountain, Burnt River, SE Oregon, and Hells Canyon, including the trap, test and remove process that is showing success. We discussed Senate Bill 2828, the Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act, our interests, and desire for several potential adjustments. We finished our discussion with our thoughts on the needs for bighorn sheep in the ongoing updates to National Forest Management Plans and the USFWS Hart Mountain Bighorn Sheep Plan and EIS process.

April 16, 2021 - comment letter concerning proposed USFS Rangeland Management Directives updates. Working with the WSF, several members provided input, potential adjustments, and participated in discussions to the proposed updates to the US Forest Service's Rangeland Directives.

April 16, 2021 - Letter and additional information follow up our meeting Jessica Keys, Senator Merkley's Office. We discussed the need for clear direction from both the BLM and the Forest Service to field units. We discussed and shared what we believe is existing clear direction\* from Congress, that has been repeated annually over the last 6 years:

\*Bighorn Sheep Conservation. — In order to ensure the Nation does not lose its domestic sheep industry or bighorn sheep conservation legacy, the Service and the Bureau of Land Management shall implement a variety of solutions, including the following directives: The agencies are directed to complete risk of contact analyses using appropriate data sources, such as from the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and to share the findings with the public. The Service is expected to engage the Agricultural Research Service to ensure the best scientific understanding of where disease transmission occurs and the degree of that risk and to assist the Forest Service with identifying all allotments that are suitable for sheep grazing. The Service and Bureau of Land Management also are directed to identify and implement actions to resolve issues on allotments with a high risk of disease transmission, including, if agreeable to the directly affected stakeholders, the relocation of domestic sheep to allotments with a low risk, pending any site-specific environmental analysis. Together, the agencies are encouraged to convene a meeting of stakeholders interested in collaborating on strategies and solutions to address the risk of disease transmission and to report to the Committees on that if of these directives within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

We shared a letter and report to Senator Jeff Merkley, Chair Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and related agencies, Chair on Appropriations, from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture. That responded to congressional directive on bighorn sheep conservation and includes information from the following USDA Forest Service Regions where bighorn sheep exist: Region 1: Northern Region, Region 2: Rocky Mountain Region, Region 3: Southwestern Region, Region 4: Intermountain Region, Region 5: Pacific Southwest Region, and Region 6: Pacific Northwest Region. As we discussed at our earlier meeting, we feel this information is a bit dated and needed to updated. We shared a copy of our FY22 Appropriations request and thanked the Senator and his Staff for indicating that this request would be included in the Senator's proposal from the State as this appropriations process moves forward. We shared a copy of the BLM's 1730 Policy. This policy is something we suggested we would like to see the Forest Service develop and use as well. This policy needs to be followed and implemented by our local BLM Units across the state of Oregon. The last item we shared was the Owyhee Sportsmen Coalition's letter to Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden with our thoughts on Senate Bill 2828. OR FNAWS is a member of the Coalition.

April - Sportsmen for the Owyhee Press Release - Hunters and Anglers Applaud Bill to Conserve Oregon's Owyhee Canyonlands. Legislation would provide needed funding to local economic development, the sage brush steppe, and help protect areas with high hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation values - the Malheur Community Empowerment Act for the Owyhee Bill. This area encompasses some of the best remaining sage grouse habitat in the west and includes iconic places such as the Owyhee River, the Trout Creek Mountains and important winter range for big game herds. Healthy populations of mule deer, bighorn sheep, and chukar support some of the state's best hunting opportunities, and the area is also known for its world-class fishing for smallmouth bass and brown trout. The result of this is a proposal that promotes the long-term health of the region while providing for economic development and continued traditional uses of public lands.

OR FNAWS will continue to work with, Oregon's Senators, Congressman Bentz, and others to strengthen the wildlife components of this bill and work to find the best way forward for this unique corner of Oregon.

May 3, 2021 - Testimony Minam Wildlife Area Acquisition - OR FNAWS provided testimony to the Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee of Natural Resources on this proposed purchase. We strongly supported the purchase of these 15, 573 acres to make the Minam River State Wildlife area. The Minam River State Wildlife Area Acquisition will link wildlife habitat from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and the federally designated Eagle Cap Wilderness Area to the Minam State Recreation Area at the confluence of the Minam and Wallowa Wild and Scenic Rivers. The property includes numerous Oregon Conservation Strategy habitats and species, federal and state listed species, and species of local economic and cultural importance, such a bighorn sheep, elk, and mule deer.

May 3, 2021 - Follow up letter on our Testimony Before Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources, on HB 5009 - the Minam Wildlife Area Acquisition. OR FNAWS followed up our testimony with a letter relating to the Financial Administration of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the potential purchase. The letter was to Co-Chair Senator Taylor, Co-Chair Representative Reardon and members of the Committee to share our position on the Minam River Acquisition.

May 24, 2021 - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) resource management plan (RMP) amendments for both the Vale and Lakeview BLM districts. OR FNAWS along with the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Oregon Hunters Association, Trout Unlimited, Oregon Chapter Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, and Friends of the Owyhee sent a letter to Nada Culver, the Deputy Director, Policy and Programs for the Bureau of Land Management.

These organizations have been working to engage in and collaborate on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) resource management plan (RMP) amendments for both the Vale and Lakeview BLM districts. These two planning areas include more than 7.8 million acres of public lands and are a high priority to hunters and anglers in that they provide important habitat for fish and wildlife resources and important access for outdoor recreation.

Completing these RMP amendments would demonstrate expanded conservation objectives that provide benefits to our fish and wildlife. As America's original conservationists, the hunting and fishing community has proactively supported strategic efforts to conserve our nations ecosystems for more than a century. The ability to connect with our land, water, and fish and wildlife through outdoor pursuits continues to result in a deep appreciation and understanding of the link between healthy habitats and thriving fish and wildlife populations.

We appreciate your consideration and would like to see these planning efforts move forward and look forward to working further with the BLM during the next stages of public engagement.



May 24, 2021 - letter from OR FNAWS and WSF to review and provide comments on the Hart Mountain NAR Draft Bighorn Sheep Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). These draft documents are used to identify and evaluate proposed short and long-term actions by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to restore a self-sustaining population of California bighorn sheep on Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge (Hart Mountain NAR). The purpose of our letter is to clearly state OR FNAWS and the WSF's support for implementing alternative D in the draft EIS to address the decline of bighorn sheep on Hart Mountain NAR.

OR FNAWS and WSF commends and supports Hart Mountain NAR staff for developing a plan for managing cougar numbers to improve and maintain dwindling bighorn sheep populations, using administrative removal and by adding public hunting. We feel this meets Secretarial Orders 3347 and 3356 both of which have specific reference to proper management of predator populations (respectively Section 4, c, (4); and Section 4, d, (8)). The National Wildlife Refuge Implementation Act 1997, recent Secretarial Orders, and the USFWS 2020 Hunt-Fish Rule identify hunting as a compatible use on refuge system lands. The North American wildlife management model is based on a public hunting system, which is the primary support for wildlife management in the United States.

The EIS indicates that the refuge will consider establishing a cougar hunting season when population criteria (vital rates plus a minimum observed population) are met, and administrative removal is stopped. OR FNAWS and the WSF support opening a cougar hunting season on the refuge, and suggest any additional analysis needed for this decision be completed as part of this EIS and planning effort. We urge the refuge to work with ODFW and open a cougar hunting season on the refuge as soon as possible. At the very least the refuge should initiate the process so that a season would be open as soon as administrative removal is suspended.

We agree with the analysis that an integrated approach is important considering the multiple interactions between habitat and population sustainability. We agree that improving survivorship by reducing mortality is needed to reverse the bighorn sheep population decline and minimize the risk of extirpation. In the long term, the management of cougars, bighorn sheep populations and habitat at Hart Mountain NAR, as outlined in Alternative D would assure that the bighorns have the resources necessary to be sustainable and resilient. The habitat treatments described in Alternative D will improve conditions for bighorn.

Bighorn sheep provide an important hunting and wildlife viewing opportunity on the refuge and are a vital component of a fully functioning ecosystem. The actions identified in Alternative D are needed to address the rapidly declining sheep numbers that place the herd at significant risk of extirpation from the Hart Mountain NAR if these trends continue.

#### Owyhee Sportsmen Coalition -

### **Bighorn Advocates -**

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Domestic Sheep Grazing EIS - OR FNAWS continues to participate in conference calls with the Wild Sheep Foundation to discuss the ongoing situation on the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF Domestic Sheep Grazing EIS, the ongoing litigation and the potential for other options.

**Stop Poaching Stakeholders** - Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, there has been a reduction related to the activities of ODFW and the Stakeholders. There has only been a few shared emails and phone calls. Our first call in quite a while was June 16<sup>th</sup> and mostly consisted in a few updates related to ODFW Budgets, sharing by members and introductions of new members.



# June 3, 2021 - Comment letter to Oregon Secretary of State, Shemia Fagen, on the Proposed Initiative Petition 13 (IP-13) - or the "Abuse, Neglect, and Assault Exemption Modification and Improvement

**Act.** We believed the details reflected in the original proposed petition, particularly those related to a yes vote, were disingenuous and misleading. In fact, we believed the language and motives of IP13 are truly intended to dismantle hunting, fishing, and the agriculture industry within Oregon.

We felt it was imperative that a true description of the intent and impacts of this bill be presented. As written, the explanation and summary of a yes vote did not clearly depict the adverse impacts to our hunting heritage. In addition, standard farming, ranching, and animal husbandry practices would become criminal acts. A concise and impartial title and statement which accurately summarizes and communicates the consequences of the initiative was requested.

The intended and unintended negative consequences of this ballot are far reaching. The direct impacts to the state of Oregon and to local communities who rely on hunting, fishing, farming, and ranching would be devastating. Oregon Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (OR FNAWS) has serious concerns about this initiative and want Oregonians to have a clear understanding of the adverse impacts of the initiative on local communities.



# Wild Sheep Foundation Chapter and Affiliates

Every year all the chapters and affiliated organizations with the Wild Sheep Foundation get together for an organizational meeting on what's going on in the world of wild sheep. In late June Oregon FNAWS and the Washington and Idaho chapters of WSF co-hosted that meeting in Lewiston, Idaho. It was a full agenda for three days and following are some highlights of the meeting. The sponsoring chapters provided several of the meals and as usual we leaned on Liz and Ray Wurdinger to barbeque a couple chickens for the group.

As part of the Hells Canyon Initiative (HCI) Dr. Frances Cassirer gave an update on the effectiveness of the test and cull program. Following a disease event, some of the surviving bighorn act as reservoirs for MOVI and continuously re-infect naïve individuals in the herd. When Frances and her crew identified this through their research in Hells Canyon, they developed the test and cull program, where individual sheep are captured and tested for MOVI. Those showing signs of being reservoirs for the disease are euthanized. The treatment is proving to be very effective at moving herds to disease free status significantly faster than just letting nature take its course.

Dr. Lauren Christian working with the HCI has implemented a tri-state outreach program with the goal of contacting domestic producers and educate them on the risk to wild sheep of disease carried by domestic sheep and goats. If the producer is willing Lauren's crew tests for MOVI and helps get them into a program where the infected individuals are replaced with disease free sheep or goats. The education part of the program has been very well received. The test and replace part of the program has been less successful because many of the producers are small hobby farms and their sheep or goats are more pets than a commercial enterprise. Most of the effort so far has been in the northern portion of the HCI area but Lauren is hopeful they can move south into Baker County, Oregon, and Adams and Idaho counties in Idaho as time and budget allow.





### Wild Sheep Foundation Chapter and Affiliates

If you haven't already heard, WSF is sponsoring a Women Hunt program. The program sponsors first time women hunters for a 4-day opportunity in Texas with the goals of building camaraderie through the opportunity to hunt with other women in similar circumstances, build confidence to be hunters, come out understanding the conservation model and being proponents of the importance of hunting in their lives and the world. Chapters sponsor the applicants for the program. If you want more information on the program or have a woman in mind for the opportunity, go to the WSF web for details.

Details on the updated Risk of Contact model was presented by Melanie Woolever. The model is an online tool for agencies and biologists to assess the risk of wild and domestic sheep coming in contact resulting in a bighorn disease event. The model has been available for several years and ORFNAWS has been pushing various agencies to use the model in their planning efforts. The update is currently being peer reviewed by members of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Wild Sheep Working Group.

Other presentations included bighorn use of reclaimed open pit coal mines in Alberta, an informational session on the National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center in DuBois, WY (they have a great web site if you don't have time to drive to Wyoming), development of disease-free nursery herds for bighorn herd reestablishment in Utah and several updates on WSF activities.

It wasn't all work. There was a tour of the Jack O'Connor Center in Lewiston and one afternoon everyone jet boated up the Snake to Hellers Bar for a barbeque and libations. There were several raffles and the entire atmosphere was fun, relaxing and productive. Any member of a Wild Sheep Foundation chapter or affiliate is welcome to attend these annual meetings. Next year the meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX and we hope you'll start making plans to join us.









## First Annual Mountain Hunters Rendezvous

We held our first in person social event since the pandemic. Not only was it our first in person social event but the event was our very first annual Mountain Hunters Rendezvous. The event was hosted at the Deschutes River Rec Area Campground following the Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Orientation.

The Mountain Hunters Rendezvous was created to have an informal setting for like-minded folks to get together and get to know one another through the common interest of mountain hunting and Wild Sheep. We had over 80 people in attendance and had BBQ dinner provided by Ray and Liz Wurdinger with Pacific Crest Archery.

Oregon FNAWS President Kevin Martin presented awards during the event for Service and Statesman in the organization. The first 2020 Service Award was presented to Marcus Gores, a newer OR FNAWS board member, for jumping in and assisting with membership, social outreach and social events. The Second and Third Service awards were presented to Don South and Jeremy Thompson for their key roles in the preparation and organization of the Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Orientation. The 2020 Statesman award was presented to Craig "Fozz" Foster for his many years of dedication to conservation through his career with the state of Oregon and his time at ODF&W. (Photos below)

Oregon FNAWS raffled off hunting gear for those in attendance. Special thanks to the sponsors who donated items to raffle off: Leupold, Kenetrek boots, Vortex, Lowa Boots, Sig Sauer, and Hornady Ammo. After totaling all of the funds raised through the raffle, we were able to raise over \$4,000.00 that will go directly back to Wild Sheep conservation.

We are excited to continue this event and host this annually for many more years to come. Stay tuned through email and our website for more social events that will be held throughout the year!



### Members & Membership Renewal

Navigating through many trying times we want to take a moment to thank all of our current annual and life members. Without your support we would not be able to assist and advocate for wild sheep in the state of Oregon. As most of you may know we have changed the way we accept new memberships and renew annual members. If you are an annual member and you have not renewed through our website we would urge you to go through the renewal process there. We are working away from paper renewals and increasing our active members through the website. Online renewals ensures we have up to date information for all members and assists in the ability to contact members to inform them on upcoming events, newsletters, and our annual banquet.

### **Board Members and Volunteers**

President: Kevin Martin Vice President: Tom Peterson Vice President: Dave Geelan

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