



KENNEDY BAILEY

AUSTIN, TX
RANGE & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

FALL 2025 FELLOW
AGP PPOHA



PRIOR EDUCATION:

Texas A&M University
BS in Range & Wildlife Management

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

Undergraduate of the Year- Rangeland, wildlife, & Fisheries Management, TAMU
Houston Safari Club Dan L Duncan Scholarship Recipient
Vice President of the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, TAMU

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, TAMU
Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Texas Wildlife Association, Adult Learn to Hunt Program

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

I love to hunt, shoot, and play guitar.

BIO:

From an early age, I was taught the meaning of land stewardship, which has made me the passionate outdoorswoman I am today. In May, I graduated from Texas A&M with my B.S. in Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management where I also worked for the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute. During my undergrad, I grew my skills to become a wildlife biologist and started mentoring for Adult Learn to Hunt Program (ALHP). ALHP is a program withing the Texas Wildlife Association that provides opportunities and educational hunting weekends for people who want to learn how to hunt and get involved in conservation. Currently I am now a Graduate Research Assistant at the Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross, researching scaled quail under Dr. Ryan Luna. I am passionate about hunting and wildlife advocacy and education.

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COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES





HAILEY BARTON

EMMETT, ID
RANGE & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PRIOR EDUCATION:

University of Wyoming
BS in Animal Science: Dual major in Equine Science & Zoology

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

3.60 GPA, SRSU (2025)
PPOHA Grant Fellowship, SRSU (2023, 2024, 2025)
West Texas Safari Club BRI Scholarship, SRSU (2025)
Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Presenter (2025)
Texas Bighorn Society Roundup Presenter (2025)
Desert Bighorn Council Presenter (2025)
Desert Bighorn Council Memorial Scholarship Recipient (2025)
Outstanding Graduate Student in Range & Wildlife Management, SRSU (2025)
SRSU Research Symposium Presenter (2024, 2025)
Native Plant Society of Texas Ann Miller Gonzalez Research Grant (2024)
Wes & Victoria Bannister BRI Scholarship (2024)
Christmas Mountains Research Symposium Presenter (2024)
Borderlands Research Institute 15th Anniversary Scholarship (2023)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

Member of Range & Wildlife Club, SRSU (2023-2025)
Member of Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute
Member of Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)
Member of Texas Bighorn Society (TBS)
Member of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)
Member of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
Member of Trout Unlimited

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

As an avid outdoor enthusiast, most of my interests center around big challenges in the outdoors. I have backpacked 800 continuous miles on the Pacific Crest Trail, rafted for 21 days on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, visited 18 National Parks, and completed multiple wild trout angling challenges, and am continuously chipping away at many other goals. One of my big goals is to hike/climb the tallest or "high point" in each US State. So far, I have 6 out of the 50: New Mexico, Arizona, California, Texas, Hawaii, and Idaho. By the end of 2025, I will add Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska.

BIO:

fi grew up in southern Idaho, riding horses, camping, hiking, and playing in the fields & foothills around my home. The active lifestyle I grew up in led me to pursue my undergraduate degree at the University of Wyoming. After graduation, I worked as a wildlife technician for 5 years, collecting data for universities, state and federal management agencies, and private conservation organizations. I have been very fortunate to work with many different species, including chipmunks, raccoons, mule deer, Yellowstone cutthroat trout, Brook stickleback, golden eagles, elk, mountain lions, Mexican wolves, moose, bighorn sheep, and pronghorn. In my off time, I can be found hunting, fly fishing, backpacking, hiking with my dog, Zip, or scheming up another adventure.

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ANDREW DOTRAY

LUBBOCK, TX
RANGE & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PRIOR EDUCATION:

Texas Tech University
BS in Natural Resource Management

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

Magna Cum Laude, TTU
Overall Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher, TTU
1st Place Undergraduate Research Poster, TIU NRM Research Day
Presidential Scholarship, TIU (2018-2022)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

The Wildlife Society
Student Association of Fire Ecology, TIU
Soil Science Soceity of America

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

I enjoy outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, and fishing. I love playing and watching sports such as football, basketball, baseball, and countless others. I also enjoy spending my free time observing and appreciating different forms of art, including paintings/drawings, music, and cinematography.

BIO:

I was born and raised in Lubbock, TX. I grew up with a family always outdoors, finding my true love of nature while camping every year in Minnesota and all throughout Texas. With my parents and extended family all hailing from Minnesota, I adore the annual road trips to the state and gaining an appreciation of the ecological diversity of this country. Raised a Red Raider, I followed my passion to study wildlife biology and got my Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. As an undergrad, I assisted in the research of coyote population dynamics in the Mojave Desert in southern California. Following graduation, I remained in Texas working with an endangered bird species off the gulf coast and in the panhandle with a variety of big game species. I am excited and extremely grateful to further my passion for wildlife research at Sul Ross State University and the Borderlands Research Institute.

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SHELBY DUPERIER

**SAN ANTONIO, TX
RANGE & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

PRIOR EDUCATION:

University of Texas at San Antonio
BS in Environmental Science

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

College of Science Research Conference Poster Presenter, UTSA (2017)
Dean's List (2016)
Honor Roll (2017, 2018, 2019)
President's List (2018)
Magna Cum Laude, UTSA (2019)
4.0 GPA, SRSU (2024)
Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Poster Presenter (2025)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

Member of the Texas Chapter of They Wildlife Society (TCTWS)
Member of the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)
Range and Wildlife Club at SRSU

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

I am a Survivor superfan! I am newly into professional soccer, particularly the Italian League. I love hiking, dancing, discovering new music, and traveling when I can. I've been to Europe three times now, but, I really want to go to Japan, Thailand, South Korea, and New Zealand!

BIO:

I am a Texas native and have split most of my time between San Antonio and Austin. Growing up, my weekends were full of outdoor activities including camping, biking, playing sports, and visiting Port Aransas, TX. I have always had a deep fascination with movies and music- a life-long love affair that has only grown as I've aged. I even spent all four years of high school in theatre and was the lead singer of an Austin-based band for five years! I've spent most of my adult life working in the hospitality industry, and as it turns out, I am very hospitable and great at working with people. The skills I learned as a server/bartender have been helpful in navigating my academic career because they are rooted in communication and collaboration. In my undergrad, I took a Desert and Field Biology course that involved camping from West Texas to New Mexico to Arizona. Having the experience shaped my appreciation for science and research, as well as bird watching- it's not just for retirees! After visiting West Texas for the fifth time, I decided I could certainly continue my education in conservation in the beautiful Big Bend region. My ultimate goal is to take complex conservation ideas, repackage them in a way that is understandable and engaging, and normalize their application within everyday life for everyday people. As I hone my scientific skills, I look forward to combining them with the creative parts of myself to effect the most change.

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COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES





JESSE ELLGREN

AURORA, CO
RANGE & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PRIOR EDUCATION:

Colorado State University
BS in Fish, Wildlife, & Conservation Biology- Concentration in Wildlife Biology

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

Borderlands Research Institute 15th Anniversary Scholarship Recipient (2024-2025)
Warner College of Natural Resources Student Graduation Ceremony Speaker (2014)
Xi Sigma Pi Forestry & Natural Resources Honor Society Member (2014)
NR Scholarship Recipient (2011)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

Member of The Wildlife Society (TWS): The National, Texas & Southwest Chapters
US Fish & Wildlife Service Bear Chemical Immobilization Workshop: Presenter (2023, 2024)
Former president of the CSU's Student Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology (2012, 2013)
Former treasurer of the Warner College of Natural Resources Student Council (2012, 2013)

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

I am a person who enjoys the outdoors in all of its forms & seasons. From warm month activities like hiking, backpack camping, hunting, & competitive disc golf to cold weather activities like snowboarding & ice fishing. If I am not outside, I enjoy learning new songs to sing & play on my guitar. I also studied abroad in southern Brazil back in 2013, so enjoy international travel & long road trips.

BIO:

I was born in Aurora, CO into a family with three brothers. At the beginning of the millennia, we moved to the Twin Cities of Minnesota, where I finished high school. Through my experiences with the Boy Scouts of America, I developed a passion for nature & animals. First trying the Pre-Vet route, I quickly found Wildlife Biology was where my interests are, leading me to earn my BS in Fish, Wildlife, & Conservation Biology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Over the last ten years I worked on a myriad of different wildlife management & research projects to find where my career interests were. Starting my career working on a Bubonic Plague research project in prairie dogs, led to other experiences like; passive hair collection for bobcat & coyote population research & winter time urban Chronic Wasting Disease trapping & sampling. This ultimately led me to live-trap grizzly bear & black bears across the Inland Northwest with the US Fish & Wildlife Service for population research. My current passion for bear research & population modeling led me to start a Masters here at SRSU Alpine & the Borderlands Research Institute.

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AARON FELDSTEEN

HOUSTON, TX
NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION/AGRICULTURE

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PRIOR EDUCATION:

University of North Texas
BA in Anthropology



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

Traveled to India as a Fulbright Scholar

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

Certified in Community Health

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

I'm not sure if this is interesting, but, I guess I was among the first to be paid to write content for online publication. Before that, web pages were DIY. Other than that, I compose music for ensemble (I'm fascinated by tone-row music, and Musk-Konkrete), I collect MiniDiscs, and I have trekked Everest.

BIO:

My name is Aaron Feldsteen. I am currently a graduate student at Sul Ross State University, pursuing a Master's degree in Agriculture. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the University of North Texas in 2007. Since then, I have worked in tourism communications, serving as a communication advisor, web development overseer, and writer for tourism agencies across Southeast Asia and Asia, with a particular focus on Nepal, India, and China. Working in these densely populated regions, where park facilities and recreational opportunities are often limited, inspired my current research: Trans-Pecos play deserts. I'm examining the relationship between population density, park density, and BMI, and hope to find a playable native grass for parks in the Trans-Pecos.

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SARAH JANE GILBERT

PLAINFIELD, NJ
RANGE & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PRIOR EDUCATION:

Sul Ross State University
BS in Biology

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

Cum Laude, SRSU (2025)
Curatorial Internship, Title III STEM LTS, SRSU
Presenter, Tafoya-McNair Symposium, SRSU (2023)
Presenter, Texas Academy of Science Annual Meeting (2024)
Dean's List, SRSU (2022-2024)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

Member of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honors Society
Member of Range & Wildlife Club (SRSU)
McNair Scholar, SRSU (2023)
Secretary, Biology Club, SRSU (2023-2024)

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

Outside of school and work, I love being outdoors-whether it's camping, hiking, gardening, exploring new places, or walking around the neighborhood. I also LOVE puzzles, cooking, and listening music.

BIO:

I grew up camping in the Appalachian Mountains and spending summers along the Atlantic Ocean coast, where I fell in love with the outdoors and developed a deep curiosity about the natural world. I've always loved exploring wild places, watching how plants and animals interact, and noticing the subtle changes in landscapes and seasons.

Before moving to Alpine, TX and going back to school full time, I lived in Central Texas and attended Austin Community College while working full time. During that time, I built skills in merchandising, inventory management, and vendor relations. I was even a butcher for a while. It wasn't directly tied to science, but it helped me grow professionally and gave me tools that still support me as a student and researcher today.

My curiosity about nature eventually led me to earn my Biology degree at Sul Ross State University, where I started developing my skills in ecology and field research. Now that I call Alpine home, I'm excited to contribute to vegetation monitoring and habitat restoration research with Borderlands Research Institute.

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TY GOODWIN

GATESVILLE, TX
RANGE & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PRIOR EDUCATION:

Sul Ross State University
BS in Range & Wildlife Management

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

Summa Cum Laude, SRSU
Outstanding Underclassmen in Natural Resource Management (2020-2021)
Outstanding Upperclassmen in Natural Resource Management (2021-2022)
Outstanding Student in Range Management, SRSU (2022)
1st in Poster Presentation at TCTWS (2022)
2nd Individual in both TSSRM and TCTWS Plant ID (2022)
Man of the Year, SRSU (2023)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

Wildlife Club, SRSU
Worship Leader of the Baptist Student Ministry, SRSU
Coach of the Plant ID Team, SRSU

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

I like to sing and play music when I have free time or am enjoying time with family and friends. I like to garden where I can fit pots on my small apartment porch and also enjoy learning the native vegetation of the area. In most of my free time, I like to tinker on my 1967 Scout and other mechanical items.

BIO:

I grew up in Gatesville, Texas of the hill country and decided to go to school at Sul Ross State University in Alpine after falling in love with the area on a summer motorcycle trip with my grandfather. After graduating from high school in 2020, and armed with 8 years of plant identification know-how, I decided to study Natural Resource Management. I graduated with a Bachelors in 2023 and decided to pursue a Masters degree at Sul Ross in the same field. I was heavily involved with the Borderlands Undergraduate Mentorship Program as an undergrad and am excited to be leading a range centered grazing project. In my free time, I enjoy the Big Bend region with friends and family.

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HAYLEY SHULTZ

CARLISLE, PA
RANGE & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PRIOR EDUCATION:

Texas Tech University
BS in Natural Resource Management

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

President's List, Lone Star College (2020-2021)
Dean's List, TTU (2023-2024)
Alpha Zeta Alumni
National Science Foundation Research Contribution
Cum Laude, TTU (2024)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS:

Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Texas Wildlife Association
Sul Ross Range and Wildlife Club

INTERESTING FACTS- HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

I love going on outdoor adventures with family and friends as well as trying out new activities! I like to draw, read, and hang out with my pup in my free time.

BIO:

My name is Hayley Shultz, and I was born in Carlisle, PA, where I discovered my admiration for nature and wildlife. At the age of eight, my family packed up and moved to South Carolina. I spent 10 years trying to fit in and think of a future career for myself. The day after I graduated high school in 2019, my family moved us to Houston, TX. Once again, I had no friends and no idea of what I wanted to do. I started college thinking I'd follow in my parents' footsteps into the medical field. After I transferred to Texas Tech University in Lubbock a year later, I knew I wasn't passionate about the field of study I was in, and I still had the feeling that I didn't fit in with anyone. I started exploring other majors offered and discovered the Natural Resources Department. I immediately changed my major and haven't looked back. I have made the closest lifelong friends, and I've been apart of the most amazing experiences imaginable. I couldn't be more grateful to be at Sul Ross State University researching scaled quail movement with the Borderlands Research Institute.

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