

Media:

Craig Bihrlé is the communications supervisor for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. He has been with the agency for nearly 27 years.

Dustin Bleizeffer is editor in chief of WyoFile. From 2000 to 2010, Bleizeffer was energy reporter for the Casper Star-Tribune, covering the coal, natural gas and oil industries. He detailed the socio-economic and environmental issues of the coal-bed methane gas boom in the Powder River Basin from the onset of the development in the late 1990s. Bleizeffer's investigative work includes a 2008 series on the failings of Wyoming's workers' compensation program. In 2009 he traveled to Shanxi Province in China to write about international efforts to address climate change and coal mine safety. In 2010 he traveled to Berlin to participate in a study of German and European energy strategies. He writes a weekly energy column, WyoFile Energy Report. Bleizeffer is a 1998 journalism graduate from the University of Wyoming. He lives in Casper with his wife and two sons. Follow Dustin on Twitter@DBleizeffer.

As the assistant editor for Field & Stream, **Kristyn Brady** is responsible for identifying and profiling extraordinary volunteers working to benefit fish, game and habitat through the magazine's Heroes of Conservation program. She also helps plan and execute the Hero for a Day video series, which spotlights 10 grassroots conservation projects across the country. She has been with F&S since December 2008 and has embraced her introduction to fishing, shooting and hunting – most recently turkeys. Her background is in dance and costume design. The last time Kristyn was in North Dakota, she was playing the part of Count Von Count in a Sesame Street Live arena show in 2006. She currently lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dave Buchanan is a Colorado-raised, 30-year newspaper outdoors writer, freelancer and book author who has been a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America since 1988. He spent 20 years in the ski industry and still covers winter sports extensively. As the media world changes, he has been trending toward “outdoor recreation” (biking, hiking, climbing, rafting, etc.) and fewer hook and bullet stories.

Ryan Crossingham lives in Wishek, N.D., with his wife Sarah. He recently joined the editorial staff at the Farm and Ranch Guide/Prairie Star. Previously he worked for the Ashley Tribune in Ashley, N.D. Originally from Santa Fe, N.M., he came to North Dakota on a baseball scholarship to Dickinson State University.

Tom Dickson of Helena, Mont., is the editor of Montana Outdoors, the magazine of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. He is also the author of The Great Minnesota Fish Book and coauthor of Fishing for Buffalo, both by University of Minnesota Press, and has written for National Wildlife, Sporting Classics, and Fly-Fisherman.

A born and bred Washingtonian, **Juliet Eilperin** graduated in 1992 magna cum laude from Princeton University, where she received a bachelor's in politics with a certificate in Latin American studies. She wrote for Louisiana and Florida papers at States News Service and then joined Roll Call newspaper in 1994. In March 1998 Eilperin joined The Washington Post as its House of Representatives reporter, and between 2004 and March 2013, she covered the environment for the Post's national desk, reporting on science, policy and politics in areas including climate change, oceans, and air quality. She is now a White House correspondent for the Post, covering subjects ranging from climate change to campaign finance and gay rights. In 2006 Rowman & Littlefield published her first book, *Fight Club Politics: How Partisanship Is Poisoning the House of Representatives*. *Demon Fish: Travels Through the World With Sharks*, was published by Pantheon in June 2011.

Hal Herring has written about conservation, guns, hunting and fishing and the environment for publications that range from the *Atlantic Monthly* to *Bugle*, the magazine of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. A contributing editor at *Field and Stream*, Hal co-writes the magazine's blog, *The Conservationist*. He's the author of one book: *Famous Firearms of the Old West: From Wild Bill Hickok's Colt Revolvers to Geronimo's Winchester, Twelve Guns That Shaped Our History*. He lives with his wife and children in Augusta, Mont.

Brian Gehring has an A.S. in wildlife/fisheries technology from North Dakota State University-Bottineau and a B.S. in ag journalism from South Dakota State University. Active in journalism for two decades, he has edited newspapers in South Dakota and North Dakota, covering both community news and sports, and has been the outdoors/general assignment reporter at the *Bismarck Tribune* since 2008.

Sarah Gonzalez is the associate editor of *Agri-Pulse*. An Elburn, Ill., native, Gonzalez is a journalism graduate from Iowa State University, where she earned cum laude honors. She wrote for the *Iowa State Daily*, putting her minor in biology to work covering the university's science departments and developments in the plant sciences, meteorology, chemistry and physics fields. She served as the public relations director for the Iowa chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America and spent one year working in the public relations/marketing department of the *Iowa State Daily*. In Washington, Sarah covers events on the Hill, government agencies, the White House, and at the many association meetings across town. From her office inside USDA she has established trusting relationships with many of the key influencers impacting ag and rural policy.

Tom Kenworthy spent more than three decades as a newspaper reporter, the majority of that time with *The Washington Post* and *USA Today*, before joining the Center for American Progress as a senior fellow. He came to American Progress after spending two years as a senior fellow at Western Progress, a regional nonpartisan policy institute, where he focused on renewable energy and environmental issues. He has reported on a wide variety of subjects, including state and national government and politics, Congress, the environment and the states of the Rocky Mountain West. His longtime specialties are public lands, natural resources, and energy issues. He lives in Golden, Colo.

Tori J. McCormick is a longtime print reporter who has covered natural resource issues across the Midwest and beyond since the late 1990s. He's an avid hunter, fly-fisher, birder and conservationist. He writes regularly for Outdoor News Publications, the Minneapolis Star Tribune and several other periodicals. His freelance outlets include the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Delta Waterfowl magazine, Pheasants Forever magazine and the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer. From 2007 to 2012, he was associate editor of Delta Waterfowl magazine and the organization's U.S. communications director. He also is the past outdoors editor for the Aberdeen American News, a daily newspaper in Aberdeen, S.D., and the former travel editor and special projects writer for Midwest Fly Fishing magazine.

Matt Miller is senior science writer for The Nature Conservancy. He covers conservation research stories around the globe and runs the Conservancy blog Cool Green Science (blog.nature.org/science). As a freelance writer, Matt's work has appeared in Sports Afield, Bugle, National Geographic Online, Backcountry Journal and many other print and online publications. He is a former board member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and has traveled to six continents in pursuit of wildlife and stories. An avid hunter and angler, he lives in Boise.

Frank Minter is a columnist for Forbes and American Hunter. He is the author of three books: The Politically Incorrect Guide to Hunting, The Ultimate Man's Survival Guide and Saving the Bill of Rights.

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Mike Nowatzki has been a reporter for The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead since 2002, covering higher education, city government, crime and courts, among other topics. Prior to joining The Forum, he spent four years as the agriculture reporter/editor at the Daily Globe in Worthington, Minn., where he also edited the newspaper's quarterly agriculture publication. A native North Dakotan, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of North Dakota in 1998. He recently relocated to Bismarck.

Amy Joi O'Donoghue has worked at two daily newspapers and spent 15 years at the Deseret News, where since 2009 she has covered the environment beat. Her areas of emphasis include public lands issues, conservation initiatives, air pollution, radioactive waste disposal, energy development and water quality. She works in a multi-platform newsroom that includes print, online and broadcast. She has won multiple state and regional awards for spot news, crime, legal and general reporting. In 2012, she won two first-place awards for two series – one on air pollution and another addressing challenges to the Colorado River system. She loves to fish and camp and dreams of living on a little ranch with horses and Irish Wolfhounds.

Diana Rupp was born and raised in rural Potter County, Pa., where the opening day of deer season is one of the most anticipated days of the year. Her parents introduced her to hunting at an early age, sparking a lifelong passion that led to dreams of hunting in the more remote corners of the world. She has been editor in chief of Sports Afield, America's premier hunting adventure magazine, since 2002 and has been fortunate to hunt in some of the world's wildest and most magnificent locales. Previously she served as editor of Wing & Shot and Wildfowl, editorial director of The Northwoods Group's regional hunting and fishing magazines, and was a longtime contributing editor of Sports Afield before taking its helm. Diana has authored two books, has written scores of hunting articles for a variety of publications and appears regularly on World of Sports Afield television. Diana lives in California with her husband Scott Rupp, a well-known outdoor magazine editor and former competitive shooter.

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Jay Michael Strangis is the editor and publisher of American Waterfowler magazine. His career as an editor in the outdoor industry spans three decades and across major iconic American outdoor magazine brands. Jay holds a journalism degree from the University of Minnesota with a minor in wildlife management. His studies include two years at the University of Montana at Missoula and various special post-degree training in management, mass-communications law, marketing and communications. He is a multiple award-winning writer in the fields of natural history and outdoor recreation and is the author of two books. Jay's special interest in prairie and parkland environments was inspired at an early age by his spending time in the outdoors near Detroit Lakes, Minn., and surrounding counties. He has traveled the prairies widely from Nebraska to northern Alberta and has hunted on four continents – and has experienced firsthand the post-World War II evolution of the American prairie landscape that continues today. Jay, his wife and two daughters live on the smallmouth- and trophy muskie-rich upper Mississippi River near Brainerd, Minn.

John Taranto is senior editor at Outdoor Life, where his primary focus is overseeing the magazine's hunting and fishing gear coverage. Taranto started at Outdoor Life as an intern while studying journalism at New York University; he has been with the magazine full-time since 2000. He grew up in the Northeast, hunting deer and turkeys with his father, brother, uncles and cousins and fishing for northern pike, smallmouth bass and walleyes on the backwoods lakes of northern Ontario where his family has a cottage. He and his wife live in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Wayne van Zwoll has published more than 2,700 articles and twice that many photos for more than two dozen magazine titles, including Sports Afield, Outdoor Life and Field & Stream. Once the editor of Kansas Wildlife, he also edited Mule Deer for the Mule Deer Foundation and Stoeger's Shooter's Bible. His Rifles and Cartridges column in Bugle has run for 23 years, and he contributes to Petersen's Hunting and Guns & Ammo television. Wayne has authored 15 books on hunting, shooting and history. An academic background in natural resource management led him to work with the BLM then Washington's Department of Game. In 2000, he earned a doctorate studying the effects of post-war hunting motive on wildlife policy. He has guided big game hunters in Utah and Wyoming and hunted on five continents. A competitive shooter, Wayne qualified for the final Olympic smallbore tryouts in 1972 and later won two state prone titles. He also administers his own High Country Adventures program for women, now in its 12th year. HCA has introduced dozens of women to traditional field sports in the Mountain West and, most recently, on safari in Namibia.