

9/2 Natural Resources Expert Panelists

David G. Anderson is Director & Chief Scientist of the Colorado Natural Heritage Program. Dave grew up in Aurora, and graduated with a biology degree from CU. He has lived in Boulder for five years, and will always have a fond place in his heart for Boulder! Dave studied botany and ecology in the Canadian Arctic in graduate school at the University of Washington, and also spent two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Solomon Islands, where he taught science. He has been a Botanist at the Colorado Natural Heritage Program since 1999, where he has worked on many projects dealing with the conservation of Colorado's rare plants. He has worked with the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks quite a bit over the years. His first project was a study of the ecology of *Apios americana*, the American Ground Nut, which is only known in Colorado from City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks. Since then he has worked with city scientists to monitor the Bell's Twinpod on City of Fort Collins Open Space, using methods first employed at the City of Boulder. Dave has been Director of the Colorado Natural Heritage Program since 2008.

Janet Chu taught Biology in Boulder and Fairview High Schools. Since retirement she has taught courses for Boulder County Nature Association. Jan has surveyed butterflies in Boulder County Open Spaces for about 12 years, inventorying both species and population numbers. Her research reports can be found at <http://www.bouldercounty.org/os/culture/pages/posresearch.aspx>. She co-authored *Butterflies of the Colorado Front Range: 80 Common Species* with Steve Jones. She is an active member in the Lepidopterist Society and High Country Lepidopterists. Jan has conducted July 4th Butterfly Counts for 32 years at the Cal-Wood Education Center in Jamestown, Colorado.

Steve Jones is author of *The Last Prairie*, a *Sandhills Journal*, and co-author of *The Shortgrass Prairie*, the *Peterson Field Guide to the North American Prairie*, *Colorado Nature Almanac*, *Wild Boulder County*, and *Butterflies of the Colorado Front Range*. Steve organized the first comprehensive small owl and wintering raptor surveys in Boulder County and helped plan and carry out the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas. His 25 years of consulting work includes more than two dozen breeding bird and resource inventories for city, county, and state open space programs. He has led field trips and taught nature classes for 32 years, and he taught in the Boulder Valley Public Schools for 33 years.

Dr. Sarah Reed is an Associate Conservation Scientist with the North America Program of the Wildlife Conservation Society and an Affiliate Faculty member in the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology at Colorado State University. Sarah's research investigates how land development and human activities affect wildlife and biodiversity, and she works with communities, government agencies, and non-profit organizations to apply ecological science to inform conservation planning and land-use policy. Sarah received a B.A. in Studies in the Environment and Women's and Gender Studies from Yale University and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management from the University of California, Berkeley. She has authored more than two dozen scientific articles and received numerous awards and fellowships, including a David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship and Switzer Environmental Fellowship. Sarah currently serves as Vice President for Programs of the Society for Conservation Biology.