

## **Dr. Kevin Doherty chosen as Science Coordinator for Prairie Pothole Joint Venture**

After a year-long effort, the PPJV is very excited to announce Dr. Kevin Doherty, as our new Science Coordinator! Kevin currently serves as a Senior Ecologist for the National Audubon Society, Audubon Wyoming. He manages a science based landscape level conservation planning program that works across the entire intermountain west on sage-grouse, focal grassland birds species, and energy development on a national scale. Kevin reports for duty on May 24th and will sit in the Bismarck HAPET office. He is not replacing the outstanding science support or anyone from the HAPET office, but rather adding value to their already strong capabilities.

Kevin received his Ph.D. in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana in 2008, a M.S. in Wildlife Conservation with a minor in statistics from the University of Minnesota in 2004, and a B.S. in Wildlife Science from Virginia Tech in 1997.

He has published 22 peer reviewed scientific papers, and several book chapters on topics including: landscape ecology, sage-grouse and sagebrush ecology, and conservation planning and mitigation policy in relation to energy development. His expertise in GIS based habitat modeling and landscape ecology has influenced conservation policy and land management decisions by providing the scientific basis on which multi-stakeholder groups moved towards solutions.

He possesses strong GIS based habitat modeling and spatial conservation planning skills, a comprehensive understanding of landscape ecology, and proven ability to develop successful grant proposals. He will add exceptional value to the strong scientific underpinnings supporting the habitat conservation activities of the PPJV and all its partners.

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