

# Curriculum Vitae

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## EXPERTISE:

- Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Eagle Protection Act
  - Law enforcement policy and protocols regarding wind power caused avian mortality and avian mortality in oil and gas production fields
  - Law enforcement protocols and policy regarding wildlife mortality caused by pesticides
  - Wildlife mortality caused by oil spills and raptor mortality caused by power line electrocution
  - Criminal and civil Lacey Act cases
  - Airborne Hunting Act violations
  - Marine Mammal Protection Act
  - Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act (CAFRA)
  - Federal grand jury and federal court experience
  - Federal Court Witness/Depositions
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## EDUCATION:

Senior Executive Fellow, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University  
Masters of Science Degree, University of Texas at El Paso, Major- Zoology  
Bachelor of Science Degree, Stephen F. Austin State University, Major- Biology/Geology

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## LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Federal Senior Executive Service Certified  
Instrument Rated Commercial Pilot's License, Department of Interior certified low-level mission pilot  
Top Secret Security Clearance  
Teaching Certificate, Composite Science, Texas Education Agency

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## WORK EXPERIENCE:

### **Burnside Environmental Group, LLC** **Austin, Texas**

Associate of Burnside Environmental Group which works on behalf of clients throughout the United States to provide specialized litigation support services and develop legal strategies to avoid or defend against civil or criminal environmental enforcement actions.

**Gary Mowad Environmental Consulting, LLC  
Austin, Texas**

Founder and managing member of GMEC which provides professional wildlife and environmental compliance services to governmental and industrial clients. Services include but are not limited to Endangered Species Act compliance reviews, Migratory Bird Treaty Act consultations, Eagle Protection Act cases involving wind power and oil production fields, response to oil spills with wildlife mortalities, and expert witness testimony.

**Texas State Administrator for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Supervised USFWS biologists throughout the state of Texas, the listing process for species proposed for listing as endangered or threatened, the recovery of listed species, and the establishment of conservation banks.

**Deputy Chief, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Office of Law Enforcement  
Arlington, Virginia**

Set national and regional enforcement priorities, managing the program's \$63 million annual budget; managing a staff of 200 Special Agents, 135 Wildlife Inspectors, and 165 administrative staff; a vehicle fleet, an aviation program, office space requirements, and training needs for the law enforcement program. Responsibilities also included supervising the operations of the National Wildlife Forensics Laboratory, the Undercover Investigations Unit, the Evidence Repository, the National Computer Forensics Unit, and the Wildlife Inspection Program. Duties also included meeting with industry trade groups, Congressional members, foreign government representatives, and other Federal bureau heads.

**Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Office of Law Enforcement,  
Lakewood, Colorado**

Managed the USFWS law enforcement program in eight western states. This included the investigative, administrative, and the budgetary components of the law enforcement program. It also required coordinating with other federal bureau heads in the region, meeting with Congressional members and/or their senior staff on complex and controversial issues, and coordinating with the leaders of State and Tribal wildlife law enforcement programs in the region.

While detailed as acting Deputy Regional Director, responsibilities included supervising the development and publication of the Lynx Critical Habitat Proposed Rule, the development and publication of the Gray Wolf ESA 10J Rule, and the development and publication of the Gray Wolf delisting Proposed Rule

**Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Office of Law Enforcement  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Managed the USFWS law enforcement program in four southwestern states, including total oversight over the investigative, administrative and the budgetary components of the law enforcement program.

**Senior Special Agent, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Office of Law Enforcement, Arlington, Virginia**

Developed new wildlife law enforcement policy, writing regulations; interacting with INTERPOL and the State Department, working with foreign governments, and serving as a subject matter expert for the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Eagle Protection Act, and the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act.

**Special Agent/Regional Pilot, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Office of Law Enforcement Lakewood, Colorado**

Worked as a field Special Agent and Natural Resource Pilot. Areas of expertise included wildlife mortality linked to pesticides, other environmental contaminants, and oil production fields. Accomplishments included leading an interagency taskforce to address wildlife mortality; as well as, impacts to ground and surface water caused by oil and gas production.

**Special Agent, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Office of Law Enforcement Golden, Colorado; Rosemont, IL; Anchorage, Alaska**

Duties included all areas of investigative work performed by USFWS Special Agents, as well as Natural Resource Pilot duty. Areas of expertise included wildlife mortality linked to pesticides and other environmental contaminants, and interstate transport of unlawfully taken wildlife.

**Quarantine Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
El Paso, Texas**

Enforced the quarantine laws dealing with the importation and exportation of quarantined animal and plant products. The position involved working independently along the U.S. border regulating the flow of restricted and illegal agricultural and animal commodities.

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**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:**

Gold Medal Environmental Achievement Award, United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Meritorious Service Award, Department of Interior

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**PUBLICATIONS:**

Euthanasia Related Avian Mortality, A veterinarian's guide, USFWS, 2005

Investigating Pesticide Related Avian Mortality, USFWS. 2004

Protocols for Investigating Wildlife Mortality in Oil and Gas Production Fields. USFWS, 2003

Policy Guide to the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act. USFWS 2001