

# AIR PANELISTS

**Chris Parish**, President and CEO of The Peregrine Fund, has led the California condor recovery program in northern Arizona and southern Utah since November 2000. Prior to that, Chris was a wildlife biologist at the Arizona Game and Fish Department. In 2017, Chris worked with partner organizations to form the North American Non-lead Partnership, which now includes more than 40 partners across the United States. The North American Non-Lead Partnership seeks to expand the coalition of hunters, anglers and other conservationists dedicated to improving ecosystem and wildlife health by choosing non-lead options. The North American Non-Lead Partnership works to engage hunters and other wildlife enthusiasts by designing and promoting voluntary measures to increase the use of non-lead ammunition and supporting continued efforts to conduct scientific research into the relative risk associated with specific lead exposure pathways between use of lead ammunition and wildlife.

**Dr. Rita Dixon**, State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) Coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, has led the development and implementation of Idaho's SWAP since November 2003. Rita holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources from the University of Idaho, a Master of Science in Wildlife Resources from the same institution, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of California, Riverside. Although her early formal training and graduate work were in ornithology, Rita has been working with bats for over 23 years, including the captive care and rehabilitation of sick and injured bats. In her current capacity, Rita's primary focus is on broad-scale conservation planning and implementation, prioritizing conservation, and balancing socioeconomic and wildlife needs to achieve conservation goals. She recently led the comprehensive review and revision of Idaho's 3rd State Wildlife Action Plan, a statewide plan for conserving and managing Idaho's most at-risk fish, wildlife, and plants and the habitats they depend on.