

I grew up in rural Greeley, Colorado, where I was raised by my mother, a teacher, and my father, a dairy farmer. My early interests were in sports and the outdoors and later developed interests for agriculture and natural resources through my involvement in FFA during high school. After graduating from high school, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as an infantryman, serving on deployments to Southeast Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East.



Following my military service, I chose to pursue my passion for the outdoors and natural resource conservation at Colorado State University, where I earned a bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management and a master's degree in Rangeland Ecosystem Science. My master's research focused on wildfire mitigation through cheatgrass management, with an emphasis on refining cheatgrass control techniques that minimize impacts to co-occurring native plant species. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with family and friends and taking every opportunity to be outdoors, whether fishing, hunting, camping, or traveling to new places.