

Special Recognition

2016 – Evelyn Merrill



Position: Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta

Accomplishments. Dr. Merrill received her MSc from the University of Idaho and her PhD from the University of Washington. She has conducted research on cervid foraging and habitat ecology in a diversity of ecosystems across North America. She is well known for her long-term studies on the elk recolonization of the Mount St. Helens blast zone in Washington and at the Ya Ha Tinda in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta on the trophic dynamics of a partially migratory elk population. She also studied the spatial spread and population transmission of chronic wasting disease in the prairie provinces of Canada. She served as President of the Canadian Section and the Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society and has contributed to technical reports published by TWS. She was awarded the Alumnae Award from the University of Idaho, the Dedicated Service and the William Rowan Distinguished Professional Awards from the Alberta Chapter, and the Wildlife Researcher Award from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. She was the first woman Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Wildlife Management.