

## **Tyler Bell**

Regional Director

Tyler Thigpen Bell is the Director of Westervelt's Rocky Mountain Region. She joined the Westervelt Ecological Services team in March 2020 and her responsibilities include management of Rocky Mountain Region staff and overseeing administrative processes, sales, restoration project entitlement and implementation, and land stewardship of projects throughout the Region.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama and graduate of Hoover High School, Tyler received a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife biology and forest resources from the University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forest Resources in 2006. Upon graduating, Tyler began her career working seasonal biological technician positions in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, the West Antarctic Peninsula and Nevada before settling down with a research position at the US Geologic Survey, National Wetlands Research Center in Lafayette, Louisiana. There, Tyler primarily worked with the Amphibian Research Monitoring Initiative and on the BP Macondo Oil Spill. In 2011, she completed a USGS funded Master of Science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette studying the effects of a popular herbicides on vertebrates in the Atchafalaya River Basin. After completing her graduate studies, Tyler entered the private sector where she worked on oil and gas permitting and mitigation along the Gulf Coast until moving to Denver to continue her work in oil and gas in 2017. Immediately prior to joining Westervelt, Tyler worked as an environmental and regulatory manager for an exploration and production company in the Marcellus and Utica Shales where she was responsible for the company's efforts associated with a multi-state Habitat Conservation Plan, natural resources permitting and compliance, and wetland and species mitigation.

Tyler is currently enrolled in a sustainability graduate certificate program at Harvard University with a projected completion date of December 2021. She is Secretary of the Society of Wetland Scientists, Rocky Mountain Chapter and received her Professional Wetland Scientist Certification in 2012. She is also an active member of The Wildlife Society and received her Certified Wildlife Biologist designation in 2015. In her spare time, Tyler enjoys hiking, hunting, downhill and water skiing, and traveling; though, most of her time recently is spent at home with her son, John Waylon, husband, Michael, and three Labrador retrievers.