Most Exciting Discovery
Our team was given the locations of a historical vegetation survey in which the previous scientists placed metal stakes in the ground. All we had were written descriptions of where the metal stakes were located. No one had tried to find the stakes in over 50 years. We found 47 out of the 50 stakes!

Important Scientist Characteristics
Maintaining constant awareness of your surroundings and paying attention to the details are critical to my work in wildlife biology. I have a passion and love for what I am doing and why I do the work. It keeps me motivated to push through those times when the work is tough.

Example of a simple research question I have tried to answer:
Are wood borer beetles present in the spring following a late season wildfire? Wood borer beetles aren’t actively flying during late season wildfires. If beetles are found in the spring, how many are found in that area compared to an area in which wildfire occurred while beetles were actively flying?

Technology or equipment used in research:
One piece of equipment that is used in almost all wildlife work is a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit. A GPS unit is a device that records locations of observations. A GPS unit can also guide someone using it to a location they want to study.