**Anna Hopper**

**About Me:**

In February of 2015, I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Middlebury College where I pursued a joint-major in Conservation Biology, which combined Biology and Environmental Studies. Studying science at a liberal arts school was a unique experience that suited both my love of problem-solving methodology and my knack for cross-disciplinary creative thinking. At the end of the day, Middlebury taught me how to learn, think, and adapt: a skillset that I have found valuable in a variety of settings, from the office to the forest.

I am detail-oriented and a natural leader who thrives in fast-paced, high stakes environments where communication and level-headedness are of the essence. My free time is no exception; some of my favorite hobbies include rock and ice climbing, snowboarding, and sailing. A sense of place is very important to me and I take every opportunity to get out and explore the natural landscape around me.

My life has taken me back and forth across the United States. I grew up between Houston, TX and the High Rockies of Colorado before heading north for college in the Green Mountains of Vermont. I now live in Washington, DC and commute to Virginia for work. Currently, I work in visitor services at a National Wildlife Refuge Complex managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where I design and coordinate educational programs and aid with the overall functioning of the refuge.

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**Anecdotes**

**A love note to my hammock:**

I confess, when we first met, you swept me off my feet. In some ways, I think I have yet to recover my balance. I have traveled far and wide, but you are always there with me. Through woods dark and mountains high, you are there. You are my warm embrace in the cold and desolate wilderness. When I am tired, weak, and faint, I know that you will be there to catch me.

You restore my strength.

You keep me safe.

With you I will always hang my heart.

Oh, how I long once again to drift off asleep in your loving arms beneath the open heavens. You lift me up from the Earth and carry me to some paradise long forgotten by Man in this age. I could spend eternity suspended in your love, I only ask that you rock me gently to sleep once more.

**That time me cat caught fire:**

I come from a family of cat people; all my life, I have naturally considered myself a cat person. A pair of green eyes and pointed ears can be seen lurking in the background of most of my baby pictures. It wasn’t long before I was sitting on Santa’s lap each year, laying out my case for receiving a kitten in my stocking. When I was seven, it finally happened. I came downstairs early on Christmas morning and was greeted by the sound of tiny meows.