

1) Bio

Rob White received a BS in Park & Recreation Administration/Biology with a Secondary Teaching Certificate from Central Michigan University, and a MS in Park Administration/Fisheries & Wildlife Management from Michigan State University. While in graduate school he worked during the summer months for the Delaware State Park System and upon graduation accepted a seasonal position with the National Park Service as a ranger/naturalist at Rocky Mountain National Park. In 1987 he joined Colorado State Parks as a seasonal ranger at Cherry Creek State Park and accepted his first full-time position at Cherry Creek in 1989. He then accepted positions as a senior ranger at Trinidad Lake State Park and then Chatfield State Park. His first experience as a manager for Colorado State Parks was at Castlewood Canyon State Park in 1999. In 2000 he accepted a Park Manager VI position at the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, one of 42 state parks within Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Rob has two wonderful daughters, Kayla & Meghan, who, along with Rob, love to explore and experience the beauty of the Arkansas River and other special places in Colorado whenever possible.

2) Job Description – edited and combined with the last paragraph for 2014 Candidate Statement

As Park Manager of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, I am responsible for the formulation of policies, goals and objectives; coordination of facility development and land acquisition; preparation of a variety of monthly and yearly reports and comprehensive plans; development, implementation and administration of a variety of budgets; coordination and attendance at a number of staff and agency meetings; inspection of park facilities and programs; leading the negotiations for a variety of services and programs; supervision of the staff. I also provide recreation and operational expertise and assistance to local, state and federal agencies and organizations.

Since becoming the Park Manager of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area in the fall of 2000, I have come to rely upon the membership of the River Management Society to help guide me through a number of difficult decision making processes involving management of the recreation area. I have continued to be impressed by both the knowledge and professionalism of the various RMS members I have had the privilege to either work with or meet through various RMS related functions such as RMS River Ranger Rendezvous, RMS Symposiums and RMS-sponsored river trips. RMS has given me so much during my time at the Arkansas Headwaters, I would feel honored to be able to give back a little myself by serving in the position of President of the RMS Southwest Chapter.