

# Organization and History of Colorado Parks & Wildlife And Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area



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# Organization



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# COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE



## OUR MISSION

*“To perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, to provide a quality state parks system, and to provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active steward of Colorado’s natural resources.”*

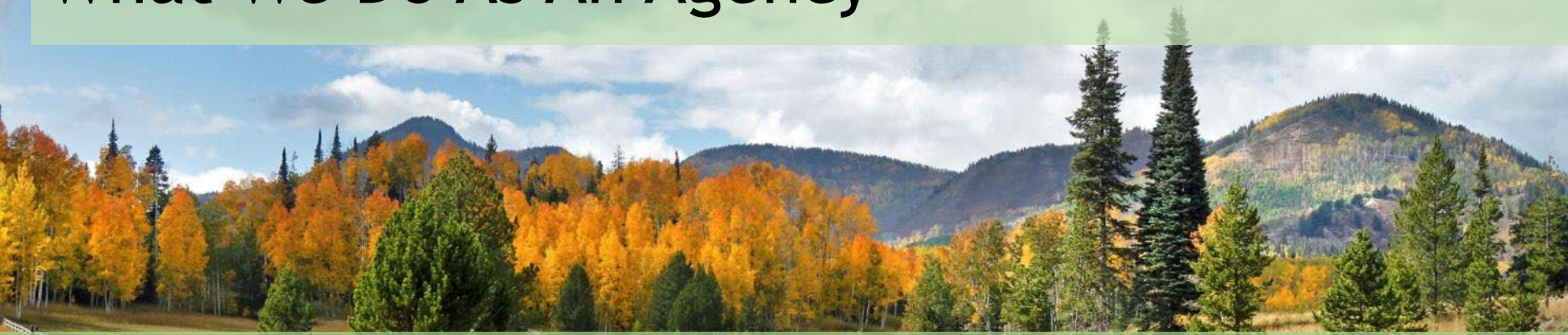


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# What We Do As An Agency



- **Manage 43 State Parks, over 300 State Wildlife Areas and 19 Fish Hatcheries across the state**
- **Manage over 900 species of wildlife which includes mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians**
- **Issue hunting and fishing licenses**
- **Register boats, snowmobiles, off-highway vehicles and river outfitters**
- **Administer state's trails program**
- **Enforce regulations established by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission**

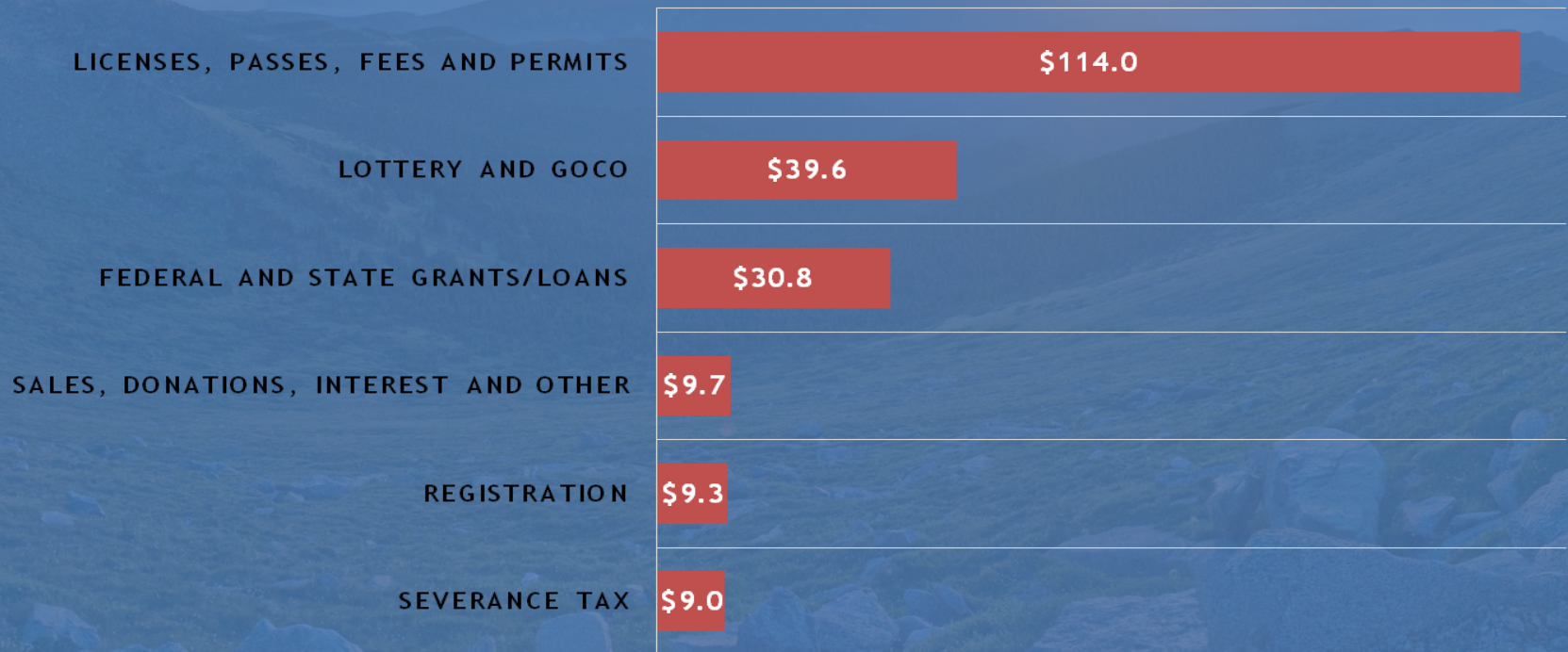


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# How We Are Funded

## FUNDING SOURCE - IN MILLIONS - \$212.4



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# Acting Director of Colorado Parks & Wildlife



Heather Dugan



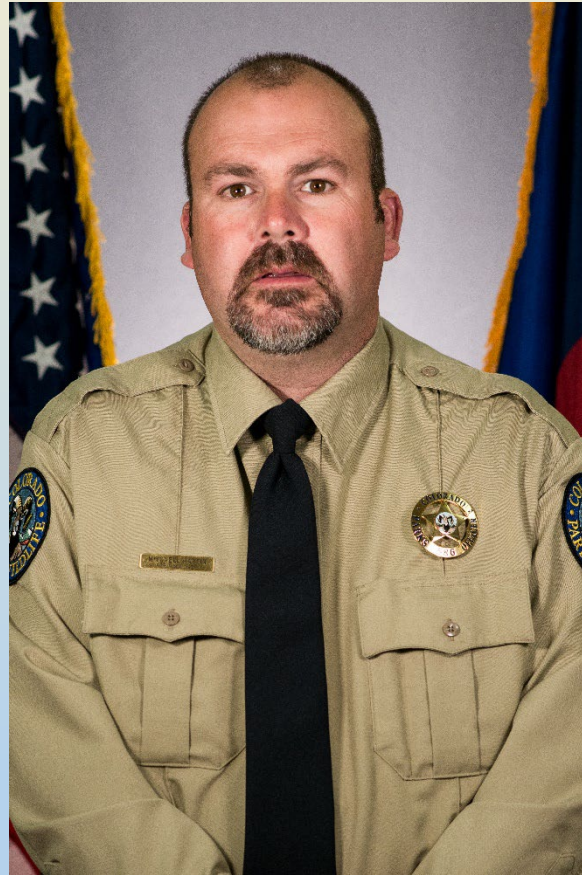
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# Regions



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# Acting Southeast Regional Manager



Mitch Martin



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# Southeast Region

- Eight (8) State Parks
  - **Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area**
  - Cheyenne Mountain State Park
  - Fishers Peak State Park
  - John Martin Reservoir State Park
  - Lathrop State Park
  - Mueller State Park
  - Lake Pueblo State Park
  - Trinidad State Park
- Four (4) Areas
  - Area 11 (Pueblo)
  - Area 12 (Lamar)
  - **Area 13 (Salida)**
  - Area 14 (Colorado Springs)



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# Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area



- 9 Full Time Staff
- 10-20 Seasonal Staff
- 152 River Miles
- 4 Counties



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# Brief History



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1897

# Colorado Department of Forestry, Game and Fish

April 16, 1897 - House Bill 129 was passed in the Colorado General Assembly and the Department of Forestry, Game and Fish was created



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# A Focus on Parks and Recreation

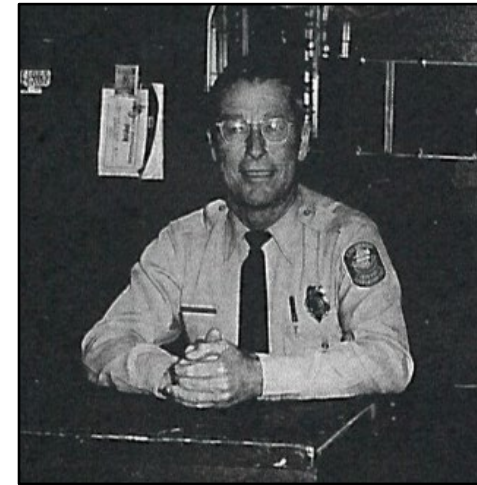
1921 – January 10-12: First “National Conference on Parks” held by Stephen Mather in Des Moines, Iowa .

1924 – May 22: First “National Conference on Outdoor Recreation” called by President Calvin Coolidge and held in Washington D.C.

1933 – March 31: Both houses of Congress passed a bill for Emergency Conservation Work and the Civilian Conservation Corps. The Civilian Conservation Corps provided jobs for young, unemployed men during the Great Depression. Over its 9-year lifespan, they built/improved 405 state parks in 43 states. The program ended June 30, 1942.

1937 – Legislature approved it’s first bill to create a State Park Board. Again in 1955 and finally in 1957, the Colorado Legislature passed a bill to create the State Parks and Recreation Board.

1959 – Cherry Creek State Recreation Area becomes the first state park in our system and James Griffis is hired as our first Park Ranger. Finally in 1974, Carolyn Armstrong is hired as the first female Park Ranger in the state.



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# Agency Logos Over Time

1963 – July 1: The Colorado State Parks and Recreation Board merged with the Colorado Game and Fish Department to form the Game, Fish, and Parks Department.

1972 – May 5: The Game, Fish, and Parks Department is divided into the Division of Wildlife (DOW) and the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) within the Department of Natural Resources.

2011 – June 6: The Colorado Legislature passed Senate Bill 11-208 to consolidate the wildlife entities with parks and outdoor recreation entities under the Department of Natural Resources to form Colorado Parks and Wildlife.



**Colorado State Parks and Recreation Board**  
1957 - 1963



**Colorado Game, Fish, and Parks Department**  
1963 - 1972



**Colorado Division of Wildlife**  
1972 - 2011



**Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife**  
2011 - CURRENT



**Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation**  
1972 - 1987



**Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation**  
1987 - 2003



**Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation**  
2003 - 2011



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# The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

1984 – May 9: Regulation of River Outfitters – The general assembly declared that it is the policy of this state to promote and encourage residents and nonresidents alike to participate in the enjoyment and use of the rivers of this state and, to that end, in the exercise of the police powers of this state-for the purpose of safeguarding the health, safety, welfare, and freedom from injury or danger of such residents and nonresidents, to license and regulate those persons who, for compensation, provide equipment or personal services to such residents and nonresidents for the purpose of floating on rivers in this state.

1988 – April 21: Arkansas River Recreational Act – The general assembly recognizes that the Arkansas river is a major recreation attraction and a vital resource for, residents and nonresidents alike and hereby declares that it is the policy of this state to safeguard the recreational quality of the Arkansas river, and the adjacent lands, by granting the board the authority to regulate recreational use on the Arkansas river.

**1989 – October 27: Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area became a State Park – BLM Director, Cy Jamison, and Colorado Governor, Roy Romer, signed a landmark cooperative agreement to create AHRA.**



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