

John Kreski, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, Rationing and Agreement  
Coordinator

John Kreski efficiently administers AHRA Special Use Agreements and associated Riders as well as administer the Rationing Plan for Commercial Boating on the Arkansas River within the AHRA. AHRA had 58 commercial contractors in 2017 conducting 102 activities which generated \$899,684 (2017) in revenue annually for the AHRA and in excess of \$74,000,000 (2017) total economic impact for the State of Colorado. Permitted contractors provided various combinations of activities such as whitewater rafting and kayaking, float fishing, walk & wade fishing, shuttle services, rock climbing, hiking, Mt. biking, food vendor and photo/video imaging to over 226,223 paying clients in 2017. The Arkansas River within the AHRA remains one of, if not the most commercially rafted river in the United States.

John also administers the AHRA Rationing Plan that regulates commercial boat per day (bpd) carrying capacities on thirteen different river sections. In 2017, river sections had commercial bpd carrying capacities ranging from 360 bpd to 10 bpd with differing section specific boating restrictions.