Rob White, Park Manager, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

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.

As Park Manager of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, Rob provides leadership and direction in the management of the recreation area on a day-to-day basis. This includes being responsible for the formulation of policies, goals and objectives; the coordination of facility development and land acquisition; the preparation of a variety of monthly and yearly reports and comprehensive plans; the development, implementation and administration of a variety of budgets; the coordination and attendance at a number of staff and agency meetings; the inspection of park facilities and programs; leading the negotiations for a variety of services and programs; and the supervision of his staff. He also provides recreation and operational expertise and assistance to local, state and federal agencies and organizations.