

### Biographies (Alphabetically)

**Anthony (Tony) D. Apa** is originally from Nebraska. He received his B.S. in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana in 1981, a M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from South Dakota State University in 1985 and his Ph.D. in Wildlife Resources from the University of Idaho in 1998. He started his wildlife career working with black-tailed prairie dogs in South Dakota for 5 years. After spending 2 years with the National Wetlands Inventory delineating wetlands in Minnesota and Iowa, he started his research and management career working with sage and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse in 1988. He has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2 years), the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (7 years) and is currently employed by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife as an Avian Research Biologist. His research interest is avian ecology with an emphasis in habitat selection. Tony has authored and co-authored scientific publications as well as co-authored the Gunnison Sage-Grouse Rangewide Conservation Plan and the Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan. Tony was Chair of the National Sage-Grouse Conservation Framework Team during completion of the National Greater Sage-Grouse Comprehensive Conservation Strategy in 2007 and was Chair of the Western Agencies Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Technical Committee. Tony makes his home in Grand Junction, Colorado with his wife of 20 years, Ann, and 2 English springer spaniels. Tony is a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and has served in several local, Division and National Leadership roles. ([tony.apa@state.co.us](mailto:tony.apa@state.co.us) – 970.255.6196)

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**Trevor Balzer** (Sagebrush and Mountain Shrub Habitat Coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife). Trevor grew up in the small farming community of Unionville, MI. He holds a bachelor's degree in Ecology with an emphasis in wildlife management from Northern Michigan University. After graduation he worked throughout the Great Lakes Region as a field botanist for the US Geological Survey and as a forestry technician for the US Forest Service. After traveling west to Colorado in 2001, he held positions as a biological technician and a reclamation superintendent for private industry. He has been with CPW for the last 12 years. Trevor was previously stationed in the Craig and Durango districts as a Wildlife Manager and transferred to his current position in 2011. ([trevor.balzer@state.co.us](mailto:trevor.balzer@state.co.us) – 970.255-6141)

**Bob Broscheid**, Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, is an avid outdoorsman who loves Colorado and its abundant natural and recreational resources. He holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from Arizona State University and is a graduate of the National Conservation Leadership Institute. Prior to becoming Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Broscheid was a biologist, Habitat Branch Chief and Deputy Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Bob has a strong background in strategic and operational planning as well as a solid emphasis on fostering partnerships for the protection and benefit of the resource and outdoor enthusiasts. His work has kept him primarily in the west, but he has also worked regionally, nationally and internationally. ([bob.broscheid@state.co.us](mailto:bob.broscheid@state.co.us))

**Jim Garner** (Habitat Coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife). Jim holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Biology and for over 25 years has worked for DOW/CPW as a GIS analyst, habitat biologist and most recently, a habitat coordinator. As a life-long resident of western Colorado, he has witnessed first-hand the many complex changes that have shaped and altered the habitat we see today. ([jim.garner@state.co.us](mailto:jim.garner@state.co.us) – 970.252.6016)

**Kathy Griffin** is the Statewide Coordinator for Colorado's Grouse Conservation Program which includes the Greater sage-grouse, Gunnison sage-grouse, and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse. She began working with Colorado Parks and Wildlife about 4 years ago after finishing a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Montana where she conducted research on elk calf survival. Although her dissertation research was on the conservation of turtles she has worked with other threatened and endangered bird species such as the spotted owl and the red-cockaded woodpecker. One thing that most people don't know about her is that while working in Alaska she once had to shoot at a charging grizzly bear. A drink might get you the rest of the story. ([Kathy.griffin@state.co.us](mailto:Kathy.griffin@state.co.us) – 970.255.6146)

**David G. Moreno** is the Grand Junction District Supervisor for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) -Wildlife Services program in Colorado. David holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management, from New Mexico State University. He began working for Wildlife Services in Las Cruces New Mexico in 1988 as a Wildlife Specialist and worked in two districts from 1988 through 1991. In 1991 he transferred to Southern California where he supervised and managed 14 employees. His primary duties were the supervision of employees to protect endangered species through predator management. Moreno transferred to Colorado in 1995 and currently supervises 10 employees where his priority is predator damage management for the protection of agriculture and human health and safety. ([david.g.moreno@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:david.g.moreno@aphis.usda.gov) – 970.242.9155)

**Ken Morgan** is the Private Lands Program Manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). In that position, he manages and coordinates species conservation programs across CPW as they relate to private lands habitat. He coordinates with CPW species conservation specialists to facilitate and implement species conservation priorities with private landowners and state agricultural organizations. In addition, he serves as the official CPW Farm Bill Program representative to public and private interests at the local, state, and national levels. He provides expertise to Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Administration (FSA), and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) staffs regarding policy and implementation of Farm Bill Programs to maximize conservation benefits for wildlife resources. Ken serves as a member of the NRCS State Technical Committee, is chair of the wildlife sub-committee of the State Technical Committee and assists with the development of systems, guidelines, budgets and plans for Colorado Farm Bill programs and practices. He represents the CPW in Farm Bill policy development regionally and nationally through membership and participation in the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Access and Private Lands Working Group, and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Agricultural Conservation Policy Analyst position in Washington D.C. Ken also serves as program manager for the Colorado Division of Wildlife/ NRCS Private Lands Wildlife Biologist Program to insure potential USDA program benefits for wildlife and agreement obligations are met. The Private Lands Wildlife Biologist Program (PLWB) is a successful partnership initiated in 2003 between the NRCS and CPW, to provide wildlife expertise

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**JT Romatzke** (Area Wildlife Manager, Grand Junction). JT Romatzke grew up in Wyoming, and spent every minute outside. After graduating from high school in Tempe, Arizona, JT spent a year working on a large cotton / hay farm, before finally deciding to go to college. Four years later, he graduated from Northern Arizona University, where he studied Environmental Science, Biology and range management. JT and his new bride, Kelly moved to Grand Junction. A couple years of working selling tractor parts and servicing hay equipment and a stint on a cattle ranch, finally led to a foot in the door with Colorado Division of Wildlife. JT found a passionate agency and watched game wardens work on the same philosophy that had led him along all those years. The local game warden, who knew all the landowners, understood the multiple needs and uses, stood strong for ethics and the resource, and wasn't afraid of work, was indeed the job he desired most. In 2002, his opportunity came to be, as he was brought on full time as a District Wildlife Manager. JT spent the next six years working in both Eagle and Parachute as the local game warden. In 2008, JT was promoted to the Area Wildlife Manager in Grand Junction. His work in wildlife management, leading district officers, and finding middle ground is incredibly rewarding. The days "outside" are a bit less these days, but still the best ones. ([jt.romatzke@state.co.us](mailto:jt.romatzke@state.co.us) – 970.255.6178)

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