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"We are the stewards of Colorado's future. For the sake of our children and grandchildren, we must preserve Colorado's natural beauty and provide opportunities for future generations to pursue their own dreams. Our task is nothing less than to protect that special Colorado way of life."

—Governor Bill Owens

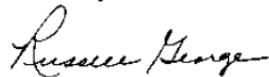
At the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR), we share this belief that Colorado's natural environment is one of our state's most distinctive features and an essential part of our quality of life.

Future generations of Coloradans should have the opportunity to enjoy an even better environment—one that is cleaner, safer and healthier. This requires good stewardship of our resources today, and adaptation to the dynamic changes in Colorado arising in the future.

It also means focusing on results like cleaner air and water, a safer environment for our children, and open spaces we can all enjoy.

We put together this publication as a guide to the DNR and its agencies. Together we can save what is best about the Colorado way of life and continue to improve upon the natural environment with which we are blessed.

Sincerely,



Russell George

Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources



The Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is charged with managing Colorado's wildlife, water and land, as well as conserving, enhancing and developing the state's natural resources for the enjoyment and benefit of all its citizens and visitors.

The DNR is made up of eight divisions, with 15 publicly appointed boards and commissions, which are responsible for guiding policy decisions.

The eight divisions are:

- *The Division of Wildlife*
- *The State Land Board*
- *The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission*
- *The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation*
- *The Division of Forestry*
- *The Colorado Water Conservation Board*
- *The Division of Water Resources*
- *The Division of Minerals and Geology
(and the Colorado Geological Survey)*

The DNR is one of the most decentralized agencies in Colorado state government. The DNR has employees in 55 out of 64 counties. Although the DNR reaches throughout the state, it actually represents a very small portion of the state General Fund—less than half of 1 percent—with the majority of the DNR budget coming from fee, license, and property revenues, as well as lottery and federal funds.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: RUSSELL GEORGE



Mr. George has served as **Executive Director for the DNR** since being appointed by Governor Bill Owens on January 9, 2004. Prior to his current position, George served as Director of the Colorado Division of Wildlife since September 18, 2000. Before becoming Director, George was elected by his peers in 1999 to be Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives. George was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 from District 57 (Moffat, Rio Blanco, Garfield and Pitkin Counties). As a House member, George served on the Judiciary Committee, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the Local Government Committee and the Capital Development Committee.

During his four terms in the House, George was recognized by many organizations for his work. He was named Legislator of the Year in 1994 and 1996 by the Associated Press' capitol reporter, and received awards from groups as diverse as the Colorado Bar Association, the Colorado School Boards Association, the Colorado Bankers Association, Colorado Counties, Inc., Colorado Crimestoppers and many others.

George is also a co-founder of the Stuver & George, P.C. law firm in Rifle, CO, which has handled water, real estate, oil and gas, business and other legal matters since 1976. George was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1972, and the Montana bar in 1975.





THE COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

The Colorado Division of Wildlife manages the state's 960 wildlife species. It regulates hunting and fishing activities by issuing licenses and enforcing regulations. The DOW also manages more than 230 wildlife areas for public recreation, conducts research to improve wildlife management activities, provides technical assistance to private and other public landowners concerning wildlife and habitat management, and develops programs to protect and recover threatened and endangered species. Wildlife regulations are established by the eleven-member Wildlife Commission.

The agency maintains Regional Service Centers in Colorado Springs, Denver, Durango and Grand Junction, as well as Area Service Centers in 16 other cities and towns across the state.

THE DOW BUDGET

The DOW has an annual budget of approximately \$100 million. The majority of this—about two-thirds—comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. About 15 percent comes from federal sources, such as excise taxes on the manufacture of hunting and fishing equipment, firearms and ammunition and motorboat fuel. About 15 percent comes from state lottery funds through Great Outdoors Colorado. The balance comes from various miscellaneous sources. The DOW receives no General Fund. The DOW has been designated an “enterprise” for TABOR purposes, therefore none of the revenues generated by the DOW count against the limits imposed on the state by TABOR. Enterprise status does not change legislative oversight of the DOW in any manner. Hunting and fishing license fees are still set by the General Assembly, and the General Assembly must authorize all DOW spending through the Long Bill.

DIRECTOR: BRUCE MCCLOSKEY



Mr. McCloskey was appointed as the **Director of the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW)** on June 16th, 2004, after serving as Acting Director for five months. McCloskey has been with the DOW for over 30 years, serving in numerous positions, including Deputy Director, State Wildlife Manager and District Wildlife Manager. A Colorado resident for 35 years, McCloskey received a BS in Wildlife

Management from Colorado State University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado.





COLORADO STATE LAND BOARD

The Colorado State Land Board (SLB) is entrusted with the duty to care for and manage an endowment of land assets that the State of Colorado received upon entry into statehood. The SLB is overseen by a five-person citizen board and has a staff of 33 people. Colorado received its state trust lands from the federal government in 1876 to be managed as a “perpetual, inter-generational public trust” for specific purposes such as the support of “common schools.” To this day the lands are leased for ranching, farming, mineral and oil and gas production, recreation and for other uses. The earnings from the leases are used to support eight trusts, the largest of which benefits kindergarten–12th grade education in the state.

THE SLB BUDGET

The SLB is responsible for the administration of eight trusts, of which the School Trust is by far the largest. The SLB generates around \$37 million in revenue from leases and royalties (\$36.4 million is for the School Trust), and has an operating budget of \$3.8 million and 34.0 FTE. Of money generated for the School Trust, lease revenue goes toward K–12 education funding and mineral royalty revenue is deposited in the School Permanent Fund managed by the State Treasury. Additionally, \$19 million in interest income from the School Permanent Fund is used to fund the school finance act.

DIRECTOR: BRITT WEYGANDT



Britt Weygandt joined the Department of Natural Resources as **Director of the State Board of Land Commissioners** on December 1, 2003. Prior to her work with the Department of Natural Resources, Weygandt served as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Bill Owens. She began her career in natural resources law in the federal and interstate water rights section of the Office of the Attorney General during current Interior Secretary Gale Norton’s tenure as Colorado’s Attorney General. Prior to attending law school at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Weygandt worked in Washington D.C. as a legislative aide to Congressman (now U.S. Senator) Wayne Allard. Weygandt holds an undergraduate degree in international relations from the University of Colorado.



THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) is charged with promoting the responsible development of Colorado's oil and gas natural resources. Responsible development effectively balances the efficient exploration and production of oil and gas resources, the prevention of waste, the protection of public health, safety and welfare, the environment, and the property rights of mineral and surface owners. The COGCC also seeks to serve, solicit participation from, and maintain working relationships with those having an interest in Colorado's oil and gas natural resources.

The COGCC is served by 35 employees and a seven-member commission.

THE COGCC BUDGET

The COGCC is funded by the Oil and Gas Conservation Fund, the Environmental Response Fund (ERF), and the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund. The Oil and Gas Conservation Fund receives revenue from the Conservation Mill Levy, or the charge imposed on the sale of oil and gas. The funds remaining in the Oil and Gas Conservation Fund at the end of the fiscal year, in excess of 10 percent of the next year's appropriation, are transferred into the ERF reserve.

The COGCC attempts to adjust the balance in the ERF reserve by increasing and decreasing conservation levy rates when necessary. Joint Budget Committee staff has recommended combining the two funds into one and raising the statutory limit to \$2 million, allowing the COGCC to better manage the ERF.

DIRECTOR: BRIAN MACKE



Mr. Macke was appointed as **Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission** in September of 2004, after serving as acting director. Macke has been with the COGCC since 1990, serving as the Northwest Area Engineer in Grand Junction, and as Deputy Director since 1994. Prior to working with the Commission, Macke worked as a petroleum engineer in private industry in Denver for approximately 11 years. Macke

holds degrees in Petroleum Engineering and Civil Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.





COLORADO STATE PARKS

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The mission of Colorado State Parks is to be a leader in providing outdoor recreation through the stewardship of Colorado's natural resources for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of present and future generations. Colorado State Parks is served by 251 full-time employees, 750 seasonal employees, and a five-member board.

Attracting nearly 11 million visitors per year, Colorado's 40 State Parks offer 5,000 campsites and 57 cabins and yurts, and are a vital cornerstone in Colorado's economy and quality of life, offering some of the highest quality outdoor recreation destinations in the state. Colorado State Parks manages over 215,000 land and water acres, and offers a variety of landscape to match the state's geography, from urban playgrounds to backcountry retreats, from mountain lakes to whitewater adventure.

Colorado State Parks manages the following statewide recreation programs: the State Trails Program; the Boating Safety Program; the Commercial River Outfitter Licensing; Vessel, Snowmobile and OHV Registration

Visitors to Colorado State Parks contribute over \$200 million to communities throughout the state.

DIRECTOR: LYLE LAVERTY



Mr. Laverty was appointed **Director of Colorado State Parks** in December of 2001. As Director, Laverty oversees the operation of 40 State Parks as well as parks' programs. Laverty brings nearly 40 years of experience with the United States Forest Service to Colorado State Parks. He has held a variety of leadership positions, ranging from regional forester to managing the fee demo program and the National Fire Plan.





COLORADO DIVISION OF FORESTRY

The Colorado Division of Forestry monitors the health of all forests in the state, including national and private forests. The division focuses on forest health, rather than on the revenue generated from forest activities. The division provides for natural resource protection, restoration and rehabilitation in Colorado's mountains, plains and urban settings that have been damaged by fire, insects, disease, wind, water and people.

By statute, the Division of Forestry is headed by the State Forester, with advice and assistance from the Forestry Advisory Board, and staffed by the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), a program of Colorado State University.

Jim Hubbard, who had served as the **State Forester** since 1984, resigned in October to take a position in Washington, D.C., as director of the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

During his tenure in Colorado, Hubbard's work put him at the forefront of forest fire mitigation and prevention. Throughout his long career, Hubbard has managed battles against some of the nation's largest forest fires, including the Hayman fire in 2002, which covered nearly 140,000 acres southwest of Denver.

The acting director of the Division of Forestry is William Wilcox. Wilcox retired from the Colorado State Forest Service in 2000 after 25 years in various positions. For over half his time with Colorado State Forest Service he was the Assistant State Forester. Prior to coming to Colorado in 1975, Wilcox was a District Forester for the Wyoming Division of Forestry working in the five western most counties of the state.

A new Director is expected to be named in early summer, 2005.





THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) was created in 1937 for the purpose of aiding in the protection and development of the waters of the state. The mission of the CWCB is to conserve, develop, protect and manage Colorado's water for present and future generations.

The CWCB is made up of: nine geographic appointees serving three-year terms; the DNR Executive Director; the Commissioner of Agriculture; the State Engineer; the Attorney General; the Director of the Division of Wildlife; and the Director of the CWCB staff.

The CWCB oversees the following programs: Water Supply Protection; Flood protection; Water Supply Planning and Finance; Stream and Lake Protection; and Conservation and Drought Planning.

The CWCB is supported by 38 employees.

The CWCB Construction Fund is a partially self-supporting revolving loan fund. Sources of revenue are from the return of principal and interest on outstanding loans, interest earned on the cash balance of the fund through investments by the state Treasurer, mineral lease fund distributions, and occasional cash transfers from the General Assembly. The types of projects that are eligible for funding are specified by state statute via the annual CWCB Construction Fund Project Bill.

DIRECTOR: ROD KUHARICH



Mr. Kuharich was appointed as **Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board** staff in November 2000. Kuharich has a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from St. Ambrose University in Davenport Iowa, and a Masters Degree in Environmental Planning from Southern Illinois University. He spent 24 years working for Colorado Springs Utilities in Resource Planning and

Development, forecasting natural gas, electric and water demands and planning to meet those demands. Kuharich also served as the Colorado Springs Utilities manager of government affairs and was responsible for regulatory and legislative duties as they applied to electric, gas, water and wastewater.



THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

The mission of the Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) is to be a leader in the water community of Colorado and the western United States.

The impact of this leadership extends well beyond the borders of this headwater state through oversight of nine interstate river compacts and one international treaty relevant to the distribution of water resources to 18 other states and the Republic of Mexico.

The DWR accomplishes its objective by focusing on: people, recognizing that the effective stewardship of water resources requires the professional and courteous service of its employees to accurately and timely satisfy the public's demands; the advanced use of technology to address complex water administration issues in a high-growth region that is sensitive to the environment; and fiscal responsibility because the DWR understands and accepts its obligation to the taxpayers in using and protecting the state's resources in the most effective manner possible and within its allocated monetary budget.

The DWR is responsible for: the distribution and administration of water in accordance with statutes and interstate compacts; the implementation of a statewide dam safety program; the permitting of the use of ground water and construction of wells; the collection and dissemination of data on water use and streamflow; the operation and maintenance of 350 satellite-linked stream gaging stations; and the conducting of various studies concerning water resources and the availability of water supplies.

DIRECTOR: HAL SIMPSON



Mr. Simpson was appointed **State Engineer** on August 7, 1992. As State Engineer, Simpson is responsible for the direction and management of the DWR, which has a staff of 240 FTE and a budget of approximately \$14 million. Simpson serves as Colorado's commissioner on five interstate compacts and is responsible for assuring compliance with these compacts, as well as the **Executive Director of the Colorado Ground Water Commission** and is the Secretary of the Board of Examiners for Water Well and Pump Installation Contractors.





DIVISION OF MINERALS AND GEOLOGY

The Division of Minerals and Geology (DMG) is responsible for mineral and energy development, policy, regulation and planning. This includes ensuring that mined lands are returned to bene-

ficial use after mining is completed, and that human health and the environment are protected during mining and reclamation.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board issues reclamation permits in both the minerals program and the coal program. Together these programs regulate mining and reclamation activities at coal, metal, aggregate and other mines. Their primary objective is to review mining and reclamation permit applications, and to inspect mining operations to ensure that reclamation plans are being followed.

The DMG's annual funding is approximately 43 percent from cash fund sources (mine permitting fees and Severance Tax revenue) and 56 percent from federal grants from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining and the U.S. Department of Labor–Mine Safety and Health Administration.

DIRECTOR: RON CATTANY



Mr. Cattany has served as a natural resource advisor to Colorado Governors since 1974. In 2002 he was appointed as **Director of the DMG**. He also serves as one of the three Natural Resource Trustees under CERCLA for the state. From 1991 to 2002 he served as the Deputy Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources,

initially as its Chief Operating Officer, and then overseeing resource management policy issues as they affected federal, state, and local governments.



THE COLORADO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

The mission of the Colorado Geological Survey (CGS) is to help reduce the impact of geologic hazards on the citizens of Colorado, to promote the responsible economic development of mineral and mineral fuel resources, to provide geologic insight into water resources, and to provide geologic advice and information to a variety of constituencies.

Services include: geologic mapping, including digitized data for identifying geological hazards and mineral resources; technical assistance on topics like swelling soils, and school site and land use reviews; research and geologic advice on Colorado's water resources and underground storage potential; research and economic development information on Colorado's mineral and energy industries; and responding to inquiries from citizens, media, researchers, teachers, and students.

The CGS is also the home of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, which provides avalanche hazard forecasting, education, and research.

By providing sound information and new knowledge, the Colorado Geological Survey contributes to economic growth and improvement in the quality of life for Colorado's citizens.

DIRECTOR: VINCE MATTHEWS



Vince Matthews was appointed to the position of **State Geologist** in March of 2004. Before joining the CGS in 2000, Matthews spent over 20 years in the petroleum industry, working for a number of companies. Additionally, Matthews was on the faculty at the University of California, University of Northern Colorado, Arizona State University, the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.



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Wildlife

Big game hunting information
303/291-7529

Fishing information
303/291-7533

Fishing conditions
303/291-7534

Poaching hotline
Toll-free: 1-800-332-4155

State Parks

Campground reservations
Denver metro
303/470-1144
Toll-free: 1-800-678-2267

Boat registrations
303/791-1920

Water Information

Records
303/866-3447

Water well permits
303/866-3587

Governor's Advocate Corps - DNR Rep.

Denver metro
303/866-4628

Toll-free: 1-800-536-5308

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303/866-3543



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www.doi.gov

Great Outdoors Colorado
www.goco.org

Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/

Colorado Water Congress
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Colorado Foundation for Water Education
www.cfwe.org

Colorado Water Knowledge -
Colorado State University
waterknowledge.colostate.edu

Colorado Water Resources and Power
Development Authority
www.cwrpda.com

Colorado Water Resources
Research Institute
cwri.colostate.edu

National Drought Mitigation Center -
University of Nebraska
www.drought.uni.edu/index.htm

National Water Resources Association
www.nwra.org/index.cfm

Colorado Mining Association
www.coloradomining.org/

Office of Surface Mining
www.osmre.gov/

Mine Safety and Health Administration
www.msha.gov/

Colorado Rock Products Association
www.crpa.cc/

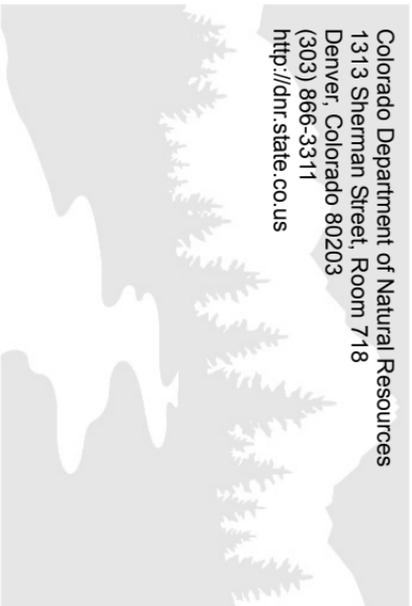
State Snowmobile Program
www.sledcity.com

Interstate Oil and Gas
Compact Commission
www.iogcc.oklaosf.state.ok.us/

Ducks Unlimited
www.ducksunlimited.org



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