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Recreation Area
2003 Annual Report*



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Welcome to the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area's Annual Report for 2003. This annual report covers the activities of the AHRA from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

The year 2003 was a much better year than 2002 for AHRA, as well as for nearly everyone in the Upper Arkansas River Drainage. The drought of the past several years lessened, leading to full irrigation ditches, near normal river flows and much improved visitation at our recreation sites. Most commercial outfitters saw their use increase dramatically over 2002. Private boating also increased considerably from the 2002 season.

The year 2003 marked the third year of management under the newly revised *Arkansas River Recreation Management Plan (ARRMP)*. Operating under the original *ARRMP*, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Colorado State Parks forged a ground breaking intergovernmental agreement in 1989 proving that, with the support of the public users, this kind of partnership can be very successful. Building on the original *ARRMP*, the new management plan has helped AHRA address new challenges, while at the same time giving the AHRA new resources and partners including the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

The Citizens Task Force (CTF) has been an instrumental force behind the success of the above-mentioned partnership. This advisory committee meets five times a year and helps advise the management team on many critical and diverse issues facing the recreation area. It is expected that under the current management plan, the CTF will continue to play an important role in the above-mentioned partnerships. The Citizens Task Force is composed of two representative members from each of the following AHRA constituency groups:

Anglers

Commercial Permittees

Environmentalists

Water Users

Private Boaters

Local Governments

River Front Property Owners

For the purpose of daily operation, AHRA is organized into work "sections". Each of these sections has specific responsibilities and is staffed by both full time and seasonal employees with specific job assignments. The visible fieldwork is accomplished by the many dedicated seasonal employees at AHRA. In a typical season, AHRA employs over 30 seasonal staff members. For the majority of 2003 those work sections were supervised by the following full time staff members:

AHRA Sections and Supervisors

Maintenance -	Harry Singleton and Tom Talbot (Parks)
Rangers -	Casey Swanson, JW Wilder, and Stew Pappenfort (Parks)
Administration -	Rose Bayless (Parks) Heather Goodroe (BLM)
Commercial Agreements- Recreation Planning - Management -	Mike Walker (Parks) John Nahomenuk (BLM) Robert White (Parks) and Dave Taliaferro (BLM)

In the later part of 2003 several significant full time staff changes occurred. Beginning in August, John Geerdes filled the vacant Assistant Park Manager position. In September, Casey Swanson left AHRA to take the Rocky Mountain Region Trails Coordinator position in Colorado Springs. Stew Pappenfort then promoted in mid-September to fill the Senior Ranger position vacated by Casey. Sean Shepherd, a 4-year veteran Seasonal River Ranger, was then selected to fill the River Ranger Supervisor position vacated by Stew. After completing the law enforcement academy, Sean will assume his duties at AHRA in mid May 2004.

As mentioned above, 2003 saw a strong recovery from the decrease in use resulting from the drought of 2002. As snow pack and river flows returned to more normal levels, commercial boating use rebounded to encouraging levels. Private boating use on some sections of the river was also at record levels.

Recreational Use of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Two Year Comparison

ACTIVITY*	2003 PEOPLE	2002 PEOPLE	'02 TO '03 % CHANGE
SIGHTSEEING	286,598	217,648	31.68%
FISHING	Shore	73,975	59,377
	Boat	7,441	5,446
PICNICKING	47,293	33,324	41.92%
BOATING	Commercial	255,788**	170,164**
	Private	31,816	23,912
TRAIL	22,065	16,742	31.79%
INTERPRETIVE	29,129	20,986	38.80%
CAMPING	23,141**	14,936**	54.93%
ACTIVITY TOTAL	777,246	562,535	39%

*May include participants in multiple activities.

** Actual visitor number

Although not quite reaching their former levels, AHRA revenues saw an encouraging rebound in 2003 as well. As noted on the preceding table, revenues were just shy of three-quarters of a million dollars in 2003.

AHRA YEAR 2003 REVENUES

Year 2003 By Month	Park Passes	Camping Permits/ Reservations	Registrations	Special Use Agreements	Other: Penalties, Donations, Misc.	TOTALS
January	\$1,674.06	\$122.00	\$731.25	\$4,573.00	\$25.00	\$7,125.31
February	\$1,079.79	\$40.00	\$448.00	\$300.00	\$5,980.00	\$7,847.79
March	\$1,556.88	\$349.00	\$1,249.50	\$3,043.09	\$-15.24	\$6,183.23
April	\$4,584.84	\$1,777.00	\$2,190.50	\$27,997.69	\$95.00	\$36,645.03
May	\$9,619.78	\$5,786.41	\$2,531.50	\$7,449.09	\$257.25	\$25,644.03
June	\$24,507.24	\$11,290.45	\$3,708.75	\$121,571.47	\$332.75	\$161,410.66
July	\$19,180.27	\$12,671.46	\$6,538.75	\$0.00	\$52.49	\$38,442.97
August	\$10,014.88	\$9,707.12	\$4,211.00	\$250.00	\$113.00	\$24,296.00
September	\$4,865.72	\$4,282.60	\$1,627.50	\$0.00	\$554.50	\$11,330.32
October	\$1,929.03	\$1,316.55	\$1,982.00	\$235,928.40	\$85.00	\$241,240.98
November	\$901.04	\$332.00	\$1,296.50	\$100,377.20	\$4.00	\$102,910.74
December	\$1,664.52	\$63.00	\$1,411.50	\$26,114.86	\$0.00	\$29,253.88
TOTALS	\$81,578.05	\$47,737.59	\$27,926.75	\$527,604.80	\$7,483.75	\$692,330.94

AHRA YEAR 2003 EXPENDITURES -COLORADO STATE PARKS ONLY-

Year 2003 By Month	Personnel	Operating	Utilities	Capital Equipment	Controlled Maintenance	Grants & Misc. Accounts	TOTALS
January	\$41,948.92	\$6,200.79	\$571.93	\$4,035.00	\$2,964.74	\$4,825.05	\$60,546.43
February	\$39,884.44	\$5,001.40	\$595.30	\$0	\$10,805.26	\$3,687.40	\$59,973.80
March	\$42,097.74	\$4,200.33	\$490.43	\$0	\$11,881.45	\$6,784.31	\$65,454.26
April	\$43,792.80	\$3,612.12	\$509.12	\$0	\$5,127.37	\$2,231.53	\$55,272.94
May	\$60,734.66	\$8,140.52	\$2,661.86	\$0	\$7,840.83	\$5,427.11	\$84,804.98
June	\$64,288.63	\$16,738.13	\$2,217.32	\$0	\$8,667.21	\$7,004.38	\$98,915.67
July	\$66,091.36	\$12,171.01	\$684.94	\$0	\$3,558.18	\$2,487.77	\$84,993.26
August	\$65,511.68	\$9,372.94	\$1,653.84	\$0	\$1,609.67	\$4,564.81	\$82,712.94
September	\$55,497.76	\$6,579.60	\$2,927.47	\$0	\$1,925.75	\$10,638.35	\$77,568.93
October	\$48,014.40	\$6,952.60	\$1,054.58	\$0	\$3,382.45	\$3,624.71	\$63,028.74
November	\$43,877.96	\$4,260.84	\$751.43	\$0	\$2,497.71	\$948.85	\$52,336.79
December	\$39,484.25	\$3,956.82	\$554.31	\$0	\$848.16	\$1,454.02	\$46,297.56
TOTALS	\$611,224.60	\$87,187.10	\$14,672.52	\$4,035.00	\$61,108.78	\$53,678.29	\$831,906.30
Total expenditures for water purchases in 2003							\$18,000.00
Grand Total							\$849,906.30

AHRA Ranger Section

The Ranger Section patrols all portions, both land and river, of the AHRA throughout the year. The three full time staff members typically hire up to twelve seasonal staff members to assist them with their patrol responsibilities. Because of budget reductions, the number of seasonal rangers for the 2003 season was reduced to eight. Seasonal rangers assigned to land-based operations are responsible for managing visitor use in the busy recreation sites and campgrounds and for collecting field revenue critical to AHRA operations. Because the seasonal staff typically covers two shifts per day, seven days a week, and are assigned to patrol either upstream or downstream of Salida each day, these vital field staff are the primary resource our visitors come into contact with during the summer months.

Four of the AHRA seasonal rangers specialize in whitewater boating activities on the river. Known as river rangers, they patrol whitewater sections of the Arkansas otherwise inaccessible to AHRA staff. These rangers actively monitor river flows and hazards, provide whitewater search and rescue support, inspect commercial and private boat trips for adequate safety equipment and operations, investigate boat accidents and provide expert river education to AHRA visitors in the field.

The three full time park rangers, the state park manager, and the assistant park manager are all certified Colorado peace officers. Additionally, all AHRA seasonal law enforcement rangers are Title 33 commissioned officers. When necessary, they can take appropriate law enforcement action necessary to protect our visitors, preserve the resource and ensure compliance with other administrative regulations. While law enforcement may not be the primary function of any ranger's job, it is an important and necessary responsibility of all rangers. It should also be noted that AHRA rangers work closely with other local, state and federal peace officers and resource managers in the performance of their duties.

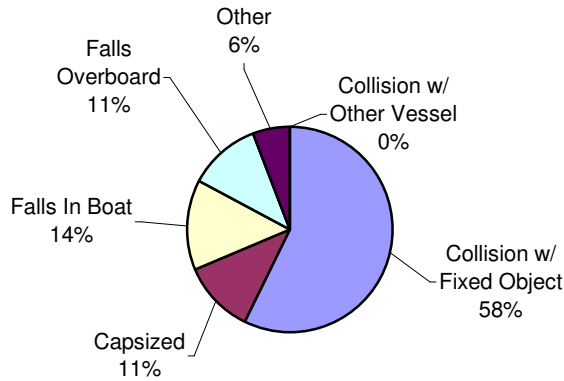
In the winter the full time rangers continue to patrol AHRA sites along the river corridor. Additionally, rangers manage several snowmobile trail-grooming contracts and patrol snowmobile trails on Bureau of Land Management, national forest and other public lands within the river corridor as part of the State Parks Snowmobile Program. Winter is also the ideal time for rangers to complete most of their training and recertifications, to organize and evaluate programs and plan for the high use season.

Summary of Public Safety Field Actions

River Outfitter Safety Inspections	120
River Outfitter Office Records Inspections	0
River Assists	185
Search, Rescue and Recovery Operations	12
River Hazard Removal Operations	18

* There was one private river fatality within the AHRA in 2003. It was the second consecutive year with no commercial boating fatalities.

2003 BOAT ACCIDENTS BY CAUSE



CAUSE	TOTAL
Collision w/ Fixed Object	20
Capsized	4
Falls In Boat	5
Falls Overboard	4
Other	2
Collision w/ Other Vessel	0
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	35

Note: Many collision with fixed object accidents resulted in capsized, falls in boat, or falls overboard.

Investigated and Reported Incidents for the Year 2003

Reportable Commercial Boat Accidents	31
Other Commercial Accidents	2
Other Non-Commercial Accidents	6
Interagency Assists / SAR	4
Vandalism / Theft	5
Hazard Removal / HAZMAT	1
Other	1
Total	44

Citations Issued for the Year 2003

Year	2003	2002	2001
Pass/Permit Violations	89	143	202
Resource Protection Violations	18	21	23
Public Safety Violations	13	12	07
Records/Reporting Violations	03	22	04
OHV Violations	35	34	33
Snowmobile Violations	10	28	16
Other Violations	0	04	06
*Total	168	264	299
*Above Total Includes Citations to Commercial Outfitters - broken out as follows			
	09	08	32

AHRA Special Use Agreement Section

The Special Use Agreement Section exists to accurately and efficiently administer AHRA Special Use Agreements (Permits) as well as administer the Rationing Plan for Commercial Boating on the Arkansas River within the AHRA. AHRA had 84 Outfitters in 2003. Permitted Outfitters provided various combinations of activities such as whitewater rafting, float fishing, walk and wade fishing experiences, and photo and video images to over 215,000 clients in 2003. The commercial use at AHRA increased by 54% from 2002 (a low water year) while still 15% below 2001 levels; however, the Arkansas River still remains the most commercially rafted river in the United States.

This section also administers the AHRA Rationing Plan that regulates commercial boat per day (bpd) carrying capacities on twelve different river sections. In 2003, river sections had commercial bpd carrying capacities ranging from 450 bpd to 10 bpd and differing section specific boating restrictions.

In addition, this section develops data control methods and commercial use verification for Outfitter Special Use Agreement compliance. Assisting in this program is a seasonal Count Crew responsible for collecting Spot Checks and maintaining an electronic database for Trip Log comparison. This section also has a Rationing Program Assistant winter seasonal, to assist with annual boat allocations and oversee the Agreement Application program.

AHRA Commercial Special Use Agreements By Type

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Boating.....	60.....	60
Photography / Video	6.....	7
Walk and Wade Fishing.....	15.....	13
Shuttle Services.....	3.....	2
Total	84.....	82

Rationed Days By Section

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Section 1c – The Numbers.....	35.....	34
Section 2b – Browns Canyon.....	10.....	10
Section 2d – Big Bend to Salida	3.....	3
Section 3 – Salida to Vallie Bridge.....	35	33
Section 4a – Vallie Bridge to Texas Creek.....	9.....	8
Section 4b – Texas Creek to Parkdale	4.....	5
Section 5 – The Royal Gorge.....	21.....	21
Total	117.....	114

AHRA Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management staff consists of the Contact Representative, the Recreation Technician, the Outdoor Recreation Planner and the River Manager. These employees work together to fulfill the BLM's role within the AHRA Partnership.

The Contact Representative meets and greets visitors to the AHRA Visitor Center and provides a full range of information services on recreational activities including camping, boating, fishing, gold panning, hiking and biking. This representative handles sales and bookkeeping, including revenues from concession agreements, retail GARNA items, park passes and recreational vehicle registrations. This person acts as radio dispatcher to staff in the field and provides administrative support to all AHRA employees as needed. This staff member also files, docket and maintains the law enforcement penalty assessments, trains seasonal employees during the busy summer season and maintains a database of information on park visitation and revenue.

The Recreation Technician provides assistance to visitors in the BLM uplands and specifically carries out patrols and maintenance on the public lands immediately adjacent to AHRA managed lands along the river corridor. This technician provides support for OHV partnership projects, coordinates other volunteer resource improvement projects and works to support AHRA in the Geographical Information System process. This technician also collects data for the Global Position System in order to record the locations of roads, trails and other recreational use sites within the river corridor. Data collected will be used to support the Travel Management Planning process. The technician is also part of an AHRA team that carries out resource monitoring {in its eighth year} of lunch and campsites along the river in Browns Canyon.

The Outdoor Recreation Planner provides a wide range of professional level expertise to AHRA related to both the BLM upland management as well as the immediate public lands along the river corridor within AHRA. This planner works closely with other AHRA staff, many other federal and state agencies, as well as local entities and user groups on issues tied to public lands within the river corridor. The Fourmile Travel Management Plan was completed in 2002 and implementation of the plan began in 2003. The plan was a joint effort between the BLM and the FS and involved approximately 100,000 acres of public lands. The purpose of the plan was to designate a system of roads and trails for the public use. This planner provides input into various NEPA documents and is also continuing to monitor and provide resource protection to the two units of BLM Wilderness Study Areas {WSA's} and to four BLM Areas of Critical Environmental Concern {ACEC's}. In addition, this planner is assisting AHRA staff with the development of the Big Bend OHV riding area. The OHV track was opened in 2002 and additional grants, through the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Program, have been secured in 2003 to continue to work on this project.

The BLM River Manager is responsible for the overall operations, care and feeding of this unique multi-agency partnership. This individual works closely with the Colorado State Parks AHRA Park Manager to assure that the direction provided within the ARRMP is fully implemented. This individual is also responsible for seeing that the overall health of the public lands along the river corridor is maintained and enhanced as feasible. Most recently, a complete reassessment of the potential land acquisitions directed by the management plan was carried out with 28 properties or easements being pursued through BLM, State Parks, USFS and

Cities/Towns within the corridor. Other major initiatives recently worked on are the site management planning for the newly purchased 251 acre Blue Heron Property, the private boater permitting issue, input into the rationing plan modifications, the continued effort with the Lake County Open Space Initiative and the very near purchase of the 1310 acre Hayden Ranch Property. The River Manager also works in conjunction with the Arkansas Headwaters Citizens Task Force. The CTF consists of 14 individuals representing 7 different interest groups. The group provides advice to AHRA managers on a variety of issues affecting the river. The River Manager also works closely with various water interest groups such as the Upper Arkansas Watershed Council, the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District and the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

AHRA Administrative Section

The Administrative Section provides support services for all State Parks and BLM employees, full time and seasonal alike. Administrative staff coordinate visitor and customer services; administer park pass and registration programs and sales; oversee field and office revenues and accounting; manage the Environmental Education and Interpretive Program including special projects and grants; assist with purchasing and receiving; take care of personnel and payroll matters; and handle thousands of telephone and radio calls each year. One permanent full time State Parks position, two seasonal State Parks employees and the BLM Contact Representative staff this section.

Administrative Services, Sales and Revenue Statistics (January through December 2003):

2003	Activity	Compared to 2002
241	Annual Passes Sold	+ 12.09%
\$9,695	Revenue from Annual Passes Sold	+ 6.71%
295	Aspen Leaf Passes Sold	+ 16.60%
\$3,042	Revenue from Aspen Leaf Passes Sold	+ 33.13%
1,721	Boat, Snowmobile and OHV Registrations Sold	+ 57.31%
\$27,927	Revenue from Registration Sales	+ 11.82%
\$31,118	Revenue from Camp Permits	+ 24.60%
\$68,841	Revenue from Daily Individual Passes	+ 56.17%
\$527,605	Revenue from Commercial Agreements	+ 51.20%

Administrative Section Visitor Contacts for 2003

# Of People	Type of Activity
17,123	Visitors to Visitor Center
3,745	Personal Interpretation
7,164	Non-Personal Interpretation
1,097	Environmental Education

Volunteer Hours for 2003

Volunteers (groups or individuals)	1,428
Buena Vista Correctional Facility Inmates	2,226
Canon City Correctional Facility Inmates	659
Community Service Volunteers	96
Total Volunteer Hours in 2003	4,409

Interpretive and Environmental Education programs and services were enhanced significantly throughout 2003. GOCO Interpreter, Phyllis Cron, presented Junior Ranger and campground programs covering such topics as: “Don’t Take Arkansas River’s Rocks for Granite”; “Don’t Bug Me!”; “Spider Sniffing”; “Scat, Tracks & Fur...Who’s Been Here?”; “Close Encounters of the Scaly Kind”; “Starry, Starry Night”; “Walk on the Wildflower Side”; “Owl Prowl” and “Helgamite Hunt”. The singing cockroaches from Madagascar, Leggs the tarantula and Bully the snake were also welcomed attractions.

Children of all ages were enthralled with the Junior Ranger programs in Buena Vista and Salida, and attendance was at maximum capacity for nearly every program. The “Don’t Bug Me” with the “I Ate a Bug Club” awards were so popular that even the parents came to join the fun. Roving interpretation also proved to be very popular. Visitors enjoyed having the GOCO interpreter come up and talk to them about the area and respond to their questions. Campers at Hecla Junction also appreciated the AHRA campground hosts, Nettie and Giff Babcock. Besides answering questions, Nettie and Giff gave interpretive programs in the evening at Hecla Junction. Finally, it should be noted that one of the most well applauded efforts for the summer of 2003 were interpretive talks that Phyllis gave to commercial river guides on the Arkansas River.

AHRA continues to be very active year-round with area schools, local recreation programs and other youth groups to provide environmental education that is consistent with their own curriculum. AHRA also participates in many community events throughout the year. AHRA and GARNA (Greater Arkansas River Nature Association) partner on many educational and interpretive programs, projects and events, such as the 2003 River Clean-up/Green-up. GARNA is also instrumental in assisting AHRA with grant writing and administration, and the GARNA sales outlet at the AHRA Visitor Center continues to grow in sales and popularity with the public.

AHRA Maintenance Section

The Maintenance Section is responsible year-round for the routine daily site cleaning, repair, improvements and up keep for the entire recreation area from the Crystal Lakes Recreation Site near Leadville, to the Parkdale Recreation Site near Canon City. This takes a great deal of effort and coordination, yet our staff meets this challenge and continues to excel at it. This section is also extensively involved in site improvements and modifications suggested by our visitors, outfitters, and staff. During 2003, these improvements included drainage, signage, weed control/re-vegetation, fencing, landscaping and roadway/trail maintenance and development. Welcome and fee/information sign design, construction, and installation/replacement was a large part of the maintenance objective this past year as was increasing the overall efficiency in the maintenance department.

Extensive utilization of corrections inmate work crews, volunteer agencies, community service workers, and a variety of youth groups also received added emphasis during 2003. AHRA is hopeful that use of these entities will be increased even further in the future, as all parties involved derive great benefits. In addition, when these volunteer groups are utilized, the limited maintenance resources of the park are multiplied many times over and the result is a win/win for the recreation area.

AHRA State Park Management

The State Park Manager oversees and coordinates the daily operations and overall programs and projects for the entire work unit described above. He is the communication link between field staff and the Rocky Mountain Region office in Grand Junction and State Park offices in Colorado Springs, Denver and Littleton. He also works closely with the Bureau of Land Management to insure that management plan goals and directives are being met and to implement the Arkansas River Flow Program each year. Most importantly, he works to provide the many community and resource wide coordination activities and efforts needed throughout the 150 mile river corridor and continues to develop and enhance communication and cooperation among current and potential partners.

This year, as in past years, AHRA staff continued to maintain the essential quality of management practices and public services that help conserve the Arkansas River and its unique features for everyone's enjoyment.

This year AHRA was also fortunate to have the Assistant Park Manager position filled. This Colorado State Park position, vacant for the past two years, fills an essential role at AHRA providing a key administrative link between both the visitor services and maintenance staff.

The preceding information provided a section-by-section analysis of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. What follows is the final portion of the Annual Report, which provides a detailed list of accomplishments completed during 2003.

2003 Annual Report Accomplishments

- ❖ Added an ambitious Tamarisk control and eradication effort to the Weed Management Program and increased efforts to control specifically targeted species such as Canada Thistle and Poison Ivy
- ❖ Assisted in the removal of 4 vehicles from the Arkansas River
- ❖ Conducted River Rescue Training for AHRA Staff, the Statewide River Ranger Team and Chaffee County Sheriff's Office
- ❖ Co-sponsored and hosted the 12th Annual Arkansas River Clean-Up / Green-Up with GARNA (the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association)
- ❖ Patrolled and picked up litter per agreement with the Lake County Open Space Initiative (LCOSI) and Lake County to manage the Hayden Meadows Recreation Site in Lake County
- ❖ Hosted a Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) crew for several backcountry construction and maintenance projects
- ❖ Improved roadways, trails and picnic areas at upriver section of Parkdale site
- ❖ Installed or replaced welcome signs at eleven of our recreation sites
- ❖ Manned a State Parks booth at the Denver RV Show and the Colorado State Fair
- ❖ Set up an AHRA booth at the Buena Vista trade fair and Gold Rush Days festival
- ❖ PARKS web-based accounting system implemented at AHRA and all State Parks
- ❖ Heather Goodroe assisted the State Parks Reservation Unit in Littleton for a week in order to open the campground reservation system early
- ❖ AHRA enhanced marketing relationship with the Chaffee County Visitors Bureau
- ❖ JW Wilder instructed at the Winter Skills Training Academy 01-21 to 01-24-03
- ❖ Land Ranger Section moved from the trailer back into the office
- ❖ Made new templates for the sign site inventory and for sign orders
- ❖ All fully commissioned L.E. personnel attended In-service Training
- ❖ Casey and JW assisted in the recovery of a body from Hancock Pass avalanche
- ❖ Investigated the theft of money from our pay-tubes, designed and installed anti-theft devices in all pay-tubes
- ❖ Received two AED's and trained staff in their use
- ❖ JW gave an AHRA presentation to the Southeastern Water Conservancy District (SECWCD) and Pueblo Board of Waterworks
- ❖ JW did two 10 minute radio spots with Fan Outdoor Radio Show's Terry Wickstrom with Tony Keenan and Rod Patch
- ❖ Maintenance staff and rangers assisted with the Rincon asphalt spill cleanup
- ❖ AHRA staff and volunteers manned the Hunter Safety Tent the two days prior to each of the October/November hunting seasons
- ❖ JW created Ranger field notebooks
- ❖ Received two ice rescue suits and related ice rescue equipment from MASARS
- ❖ Remodeled and expanded picnic area at Parkdale, replaced picnic table tops
- ❖ Saved the lone pine at Lone Pine
- ❖ Built two rock dikes and performed river bank stabilization at Vallie Bridge
- ❖ Built new walk/boat in campground at Vallie Bridge
- ❖ RMYC & CWP harvested and hauled over 1500 corral poles and 750 posts
- ❖ Finished the Jump Rock staircase
- ❖ Built buck and rail fence at Railroad Bridge

- ❖ Built day use picnic site at Railroad Bridge
- ❖ Renovated Numbers Site access road into usable and safe condition
- ❖ Major renovation of the boat ramp at Salida East
- ❖ Installed wastewater dump station for camp host at Hecla Junction
- ❖ Worked with several volunteer groups

Special Activity

Location

▪ Clean Up/Green Up	Arkansas River
▪ Leave No Trace & Kitchen Class	Ruby Mountain Campground
▪ Gold Prospectors Picnic	Point Bar
▪ CWWA Training Camp	Arkansas River
▪ 99 Basic kayak fundraiser	Arkansas River
▪ Lion's Club Motorist Service	Spike Buck
▪ Build Your Own Raft Race	Canon City
▪ Kayak Surfing Contest	Buena Vista
▪ Chamber of Commerce Raft Trip	Browns Canyon
▪ Whitewater Wednesday – Buena Vista	Browns Canyon
▪ Chamber Ducky Race	Salida
▪ FIBArk	Salida, etc.
▪ Swiftwater Rescue Training	Park dale and Browns Canyon
▪ TEN – teacher education workshop	Hecla Junction
▪ Freestyle Kayaking Competition	Salida Play Hole
▪ Rhinehiemer/Bridges Wedding	Collegiate Peaks
▪ National Bike for the Family	Spike Buck
▪ Royal Gorge Go Fast games	Royal Gorge/Canon City
▪ ATV Color Tour	Ruby Mountain
▪ Star Gazing	Stone Bridge