

The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area



2004 End of Year Report

Welcome to the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area's Annual Report for 2004. This annual report covers the activities of the AHRA from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

The year 2004 saw a slight downturn in visitation for AHRA, as well as for nearly all natural resource agencies in the Upper Arkansas River Drainage. Although the drought of the past several years continued to lessen a bit, visitation at our recreation sites remained slow to recover. In addition, most AHRA commercial outfitters saw a slight decrease in their 2004 use and private boat numbers were also somewhat down during this past season.

The Citizens Task Force (CTF) continues to be an instrumental force behind the success of the AHRA. This advisory committee meets five times a year and provides recommendations to 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 for the partners that form AHRA – Colorado State Parks, BLM, Division of Wildlife and the U.S. Forest Service. The Citizens Task Force is composed of two representative members from each of the following AHRA constituency groups:

Anglers	Private Boaters
Commercial Permittees	Local Governments
Environmentalists	River Front Property Owners
Water Users	

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 many dedicated seasonal employees at AHRA accomplish the visible fieldwork. In a typical season, AHRA employs nearly 30 seasonal staff members. In 2004 AHRA employed 25 seasonal staff. For the majority of 2004, the following full-time staff members supervised the work sections noted below:

AHRA Sections and Supervisors

Maintenance -	Tom Talbot and Harry Singleton (Parks)
Rangers -	Stew Pappenfort, JW Wilder, and Sean Shepherd (Parks)
Administration -	Rose Bayless (Parks) Heather Goodroe (BLM)
Commercial Agreements- Recreation Planning -	Mike Walker and John Kreski (Parks) Position not filled (BLM)
Management -	Robert White, John Geerdes (Parks) and John Nahomenuk (BLM)

In 2004 several significant full-time staff changes occurred. Beginning in January, Dave Taliaferro retired from the BLM River Manager position. In April John Nahomenuk was promoted to the BLM River Manager position and his Recreation Planner position was left unfilled. Harry Singleton retired from his position in the Maintenance Section in April and his position was left unfilled for the remainder of 2004. In May Sean Shepherd graduated from the Arapahoe Community College Police/Law Enforcement Academy and assumed the position of River Ranger Supervisor, which had been vacant since September 2003. Mike Walker transferred to Steamboat Lake State Park as a Senior Ranger in May and his position was left unfilled until December when John Kreski joined the AHRA team as the Commercial Agreement and Rationing Coordinator. Tom Talbot retired from his position in the Maintenance Section in October and that position was left unfilled for the remainder of 2004. With both full-time maintenance positions unfilled, Assistant Park Manager John Geerdes assumed the supervisory responsibilities for the remainder of 2004.

AHRA overall visitation numbers in 2004 remained strong compared to 2002 numbers, but as previously noted saw a slight decrease from 2003. The most significant decreases were in private boating and camping. These two activities are somewhat related as many private boaters camp when visiting the AHRA.

Recreational Use of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Two-Year Comparison

ACTIVITY*	2004 PEOPLE	2003 PEOPLE	'03 TO '04 % CHANGE
SIGHTSEEING	283,669	286,598	-1.02%
FISHING	Shore	68,570	73,975
	Boat	6,895	7,441
PICNICKING	42,740	47,293	-9.63%
BOATING	Commercial	243,862**	255,788**
	Private	28,691	31,816
TRAIL	20,715	22,065	-6.12%
INTERPRETIVE	29,029	29,129	-.34%
CAMPING	17,429***	23,141***	-24.68%
ACTIVITY TOTAL	741,600	777,246	-5.32%

*May include participants in multiple activities

**Actual visitor number

***Number of nights camping

Although recreational use was down slightly in 2004, AHRA revenues saw an encouraging 4% increase. As noted on the following table, revenues were just shy of three-quarters of a million dollars in 2004.

AHRA YEAR 2004 REVENUES

Year 2004 By Month	Park Passes	Camping Permits/ Reservations	Registrations	Special Use Agreements	Other: Penalties, Donations, Misc.	TOTALS
January	\$1,938.41	\$96.00	\$951.50	\$22,364.58	\$0.00	\$25,350.49
February	\$827.00	\$24.00	\$551.25	\$1,252.50	-\$29.00	\$2,625.75
March	\$4,026.68	\$932.00	\$2,472.25	\$23,209.47	-\$10.50	\$30,629.90
April	\$3,508.24	\$1,739.11	\$1,987.50	\$14,304.80	\$65.25	\$21,604.90
May	\$13,311.80	\$8,047.85	\$4,106.75	\$33,082.49	\$131.75	\$58,680.64
June	\$17,799.76	\$9,722.22	\$3,903.00	\$181,459.29	\$313.75	\$213,198.02
July	\$17,130.75	\$16,256.25	\$7,984.50	\$2,731.36	\$119.35	\$44,222.21
August	\$9,345.66	\$8,510.90	\$4,149.75	\$250.00	\$243.80	\$22,500.11
September	\$4,417.93	\$5,485.90	\$1,539.25	\$3,998.54	\$45.00	\$15,486.62
October	\$1,984.50	\$1,511.00	\$1,873.00	\$170,550.29	\$530.00	\$176,448.79
November	\$695.35	\$153.00	\$1,448.50	\$101,780.92	\$3.00	\$104,080.77
December	\$1,283.90	\$12.00	\$1,442.00	\$2,596.36	\$143.50	\$5,477.76
TOTALS	\$76,269.98	\$52,490.23	\$32,409.25	\$557,580.60	\$1,555.90	\$720,305.96

AHRA YEAR 2004 EXPENDITURES -COLORADO STATE PARKS ONLY-

Year 2004 By Month	Personnel	Operating	Utilities	Capital Equipment	Controlled Maintenance	Grants & Misc. Accounts	TOTALS
January	\$44,240.86	\$4,047.41	\$742.68	\$0	\$3,735.12	\$4,757.77	\$57,523.84
February	\$44,053.00	\$6,342.74	\$526.13	\$0	\$36,972.98	\$2,379.15	\$90,274.00
March	\$60,190.95	\$6,795.07	\$540.19	\$0	\$3,493.48	\$0	\$71,019.69
April	\$58,342.16	\$17,822.77	\$393.67	\$0	\$21,136.06	\$893.26	\$98,587.92
May	\$69,624.73	\$23,730.23	\$2,634.89	\$0	\$11,693.38	\$4,034.09	\$111,717.32
June	\$79,502.36	\$20,039.70	\$8,049.62	\$0	\$394.25	\$6,647.91	\$114,633.84
July	\$48,755.29	\$18,092.55	\$1,282.32	\$0	\$3,799.40	\$869.57	\$72,799.13
August	\$55,043.37	\$14,020.47	\$18,601.70	\$0	\$5,372.39	\$2,019.89	\$95,057.82
September	\$67,570.94	\$8,831.10	\$844.24	\$0	\$1,795.30	\$6,223.25	\$85,264.83
October	\$42,181.85	\$974.40	\$1,232.23	\$0	\$2,831.24	\$1,057.44	\$48,277.16
November	\$32,957.53	\$5,667.12	\$403.64	\$0	\$0	\$1,626.86	\$40,655.15
December	\$36,233.53	\$4,434.24	\$721.60	\$0	\$134.22	\$380.28	\$41,903.87
TOTALS	\$638,696.57	\$130,797.80	\$35,972.91	\$0	\$91,357.82	\$30,889.47	\$927,714.57
Total Expenditures for Water Purchases in 2004*							\$135,000.00
Grand Total							\$1,064,214.57

* \$80,000 for water, \$40,000 for storage and \$15,000 for stream gauge maintenance

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. A portion of the AHRA Seasonal Work Program budget was restored enabling ten seasonal rangers to be hired during the 2004 summer season, up two from the 2003 season. The two reinstated positions were in the land section. 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 both 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. In addition, river rangers also undertake a variety of resource related projects such as the control of invasive plant species in remote sections of the recreation area.

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 the 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.

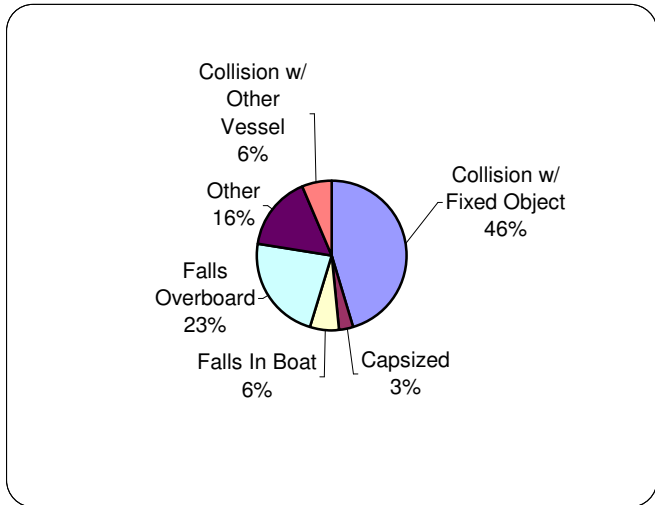
In the winter the full-time rangers continue to patrol AHRA sites along the river corridor. Additionally, rangers manage several snowmobile trail-grooming contracts and patrol snowmobile trails on Bureau of Land Management, National Forest and other public lands within the river corridor as part of the State Parks Snowmobile Program responsibilities. 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	110
River Outfitter Office Records Inspections	16
River Assists	185
Search, Rescue and Recovery Operations	19
River Hazard Removal Operations	16

*There were no private river fatalities within the AHRA in 2004.

*2004 was the third consecutive year with no commercial river fatalities within the AHRA.



CAUSE	TOTAL
Collision w/ Fixed Object	14
Capsized	1
Falls In Boat	2
Falls Overboard	7
Other	5
Collision w/ Other Vessel	2
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	31

Note: Many “Collision with Fixed Object” accidents resulted in capsized, falls in boat, or falls overboard.

Investigated and Reported Incidents for the Year 2004

Reportable Commercial Boat Accidents	26
Other Commercial Accidents	3
Other Non-Commercial Accidents	7
Interagency Assists / SAR	8
Vandalism / Theft	7
Hazard Removal / HAZMAT	0
Other	2
Total	53

Citations Issued for the Year 2004

Year	2004
Pass/Permit Violations	65
Resource Protection Violations	32
Public Safety Violations	11
Records/Reporting Violations	4
OHV Violations	10
Snowmobile Violations	6
Other Violations	5
*Total	133
*Above total includes 15 citations to commercial outfitters	

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 82 commercial outfitters in 2004. 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 204,000 clients in 2004. Commercial use at AHRA in 2004 decreased by 5% from 2003. Gross revenue received from commercial operations within the AHRA in 2004 was 3% above revenue received in 2003. 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 2004, river sections had commercial bpd carrying capacities ranging from 450 bpd to 10 bpd with 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 four person 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 seasonal, that is employed during both the winter and summer months, to assist with annual boat allocations and oversee the Special Use Agreement Application program.

AHRA Commercial Special Use Agreements By Type

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Boating.....	56	60
Photography / Video	10	6
Walk and Wade Fishing.....	13	15
Shuttle Services.....	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	82	84

Rationed Days By Section

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Section 1c – The Numbers.....	40	35
Section 2b – Browns Canyon.....	11	10
Section 2d – Big Bend to Salida	3	3
Section 3 – Salida to Vallie Bridge.....	38	35
Section 4a – Vallie Bridge to Texas Creek.....	8	9
Section 4b – Texas Creek to Parkdale	3	4
Section 5 – The Royal Gorge.....	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>
Total	124	117

AHRA Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management staff underwent changes in 2004, starting with the retirement of long time River Manager Dave Taliaferro early in the year. However, we were fortunate to have the Outdoor Recreation Planner, John Nahomenuk, promoted to the River Manager position. John brings plenty of experience and familiarity with the partnerships and operations of the AHRA. Additional BLM staff members in 2004 were the seasonal Recreation Technician, seasonal Recreation Aide and the term Contact Representative.

The BLM River Manager is responsible for the overall operations and the maintenance of this unique multi-agency partnership. He works closely with the Park Manager to assure that the direction within the ARRMP is fully implemented, as well as working with a multitude of other agencies, interest groups and organizations. He is also responsible for the maintenance and enhancement, where possible, of the overall health of the public lands along the river corridor.

The Outdoor Recreation Planner position was left vacant by the promotion of John Nahomenuk during the summer. This position remains vacant, but is high on the list of priorities for BLM positions to be filled when funding becomes available. This position is directed to work closely with other AHRA staff, many other Federal and state agencies, and local entities and user groups on issues regarding public lands within the river corridor. This includes project planning, grant acquisition, input into NEPA documents, and monitoring and providing resource protection to the two units of BLM Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) and to four Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

The Recreation Technician provides assistance to visitors in BLM uplands and carries out patrols and maintenance on public lands immediately adjacent to AHRA sites along the river corridor. He provides support for OHV partnership projects, coordinates volunteer resource improvement projects and works to support AHRA in the Geographical Information System process. He 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. He is also part of an AHRA team that performs resource monitoring (in its ninth year) of lunch and campsites within Browns Canyon.

The Recreation Aide primarily handles actual field patrols and public contacts in addition to assisting the Recreation Technician as needed.

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. She handles sales and bookkeeping, including revenues from concession agreements, retail GARNA items, park passes and recreational vehicle registrations. She acts as radio dispatcher to staff in the field and provides administrative support to all AHRA employees as needed. She also files, docket and maintains the law enforcement penalty assessments, trains seasonal employees and maintains park visitation and revenue information.

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 2004):

2004	Activity	Compared to 2003
195	Annual Passes Sold	-19.09%
\$8545	Revenue from Annual Passes Sold	-11.86%
183	Aspen Leaf Passes Sold	-37.97%
\$3884	Revenue from Aspen Leaf Passes Sold	27.68%
\$63,841	Revenue from Daily Individual Passes	-7.26%
\$52,490	Revenue from Camp Permits*	68.68%
1899	Boat, Snowmobile and OHV Registrations Sold	10.34%
\$32,409	Revenue from Registration Sales	16.05%
\$557,581	Revenue from Commercial Agreements**	5.68%

*Reservation Revenue is included in this total for 2004, but was not included in 2003

** Total includes administrative fees and fines not reflected under the Special Use Agreement Section summary

Administrative Section Visitor Contacts for 2004

# Of People	Type of Activity
20,495	Visitors to Visitor Center
7,670	Personal Interpretation
7,099	Non-Personal Interpretation
526	Environmental Education

Volunteer Hours for 2004

Volunteers (groups or individuals)	1018 hrs
AHRA Advisory Groups (CTF, RAAC)	972 hrs
Buena Vista Correctional Facility Inmates	1943 hrs
Canon City Correctional Facility Inmates	906 hrs
Community Service Volunteers	192 hrs
Total Volunteer Hours in 2004	5031 hrs

Interpretive and Environmental Education programs and services continued to captivate the public throughout 2004. In February 2004, the Raptor Center from Pueblo was invited to present “Raptors Over the River” at the Howard Community Center, and the public was more than enchanted with the live hawk, owl, and falcon. GOCO Interpreter Amy Duggins presented Junior Ranger and campground programs covering such topics as: “Take Two Dandelions and Call Me in the Morning”, “Lazy Campers Guide to the Night Sky”, “Pine Needle Tea” and “Wildflowers in Love”.

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. One junior ranger parent wrote, “what a wonderful impact Amy had on her (daughter) and all of the children who participated in the program.”

Visitors to AHRA also appreciated having the GOCO interpreter walk/hike around and talk to them about the area and respond to their questions. It should be noted that one of the most well applauded efforts for the summer of 2004 were interpretive talks that Amy gave to commercial river guides on the Arkansas River, which enabled AHRA to further expand its natural resource stewardship message.

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, including the FIB-Ark Parade in Salida and Gold Rush Days in Buena Vista. AHRA and GARNA (Greater Arkansas River Nature Association) partner on many educational and interpretive programs, projects and events such as the 2004 River Clean-up/Green-up and the Hunters Safety Tent. GARNA is also instrumental in assisting AHRA with grant writing and administration, interpretive signs and displays, and the GARNA sales outlet at the AHRA Visitor Center, which 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, and improvements 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 2004, 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 Department of Corrections work crews, volunteer groups, community service workers, and a variety of youth organizations helped AHRA achieve many of its maintenance goals in 2004.

AHRA State Park Management

The State Park Manager and Assistant Park Manager oversee and coordinate the daily visitor service and maintenance operations and overall programs and projects for the entire work unit described above. They are the communication link between field staff and the Southeast Region office in Colorado Springs and State Park offices in Denver and Littleton. They also work closely with the Bureau of Land Management to insure that management plan goals and directives are being met and to implement the Arkansas River Voluntary Flow Program each year. Most importantly, they work with the public to provide the many community and resource wide coordination activities and efforts needed throughout the 148-mile river corridor and continue to develop and enhance communication and cooperation among visitors as well as 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.

2004 Annual Report Accomplishments

- ❖ Discussed and partially resolved issues in the ICP (Integrated Concept Plan) and presented these to the Parks Board
- ❖ Participated in the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum
- ❖ Development of a web-based Arkansas River Water Flow data and information site
- ❖ Participated in a number of State Parks marketing efforts promoting AHRA and the outfitting community
- ❖ BLM hosted the Carnage Canyon clean-up project on National Public Lands Day
- ❖ Continued an aggressive tamarisk eradication campaign on lands under AHRA jurisdiction
- ❖ Partnered with CDOT to obtain materials for rehabilitation of the Pinnacle Rock Recreation Site
- ❖ Replaced the damaged steps at the Fishermen's Bridge Recreation Site
- ❖ Rebuilt the aging timbered staircase out of rock at the Stone Bridge Recreation Site
- ❖ The Western Colorado Conservation Corps out of Grand Junction worked 720 man-hours to complete reclamation and trail projects at the Lone Pine and Hecla Junction Recreation Sites
- ❖ Partnered with Fremont County Road and Bridge Department to grade and add road base to the Parkdale and Spikebuck Recreation Sites
- ❖ Continued to perform construction and reclamation projects at the Hayden Meadows Recreation Site
- ❖ Added a multi table day use picnic site at the Railroad Bridge Recreation Site
- ❖ Worked through the Central Mountain Training Foundation in their 04/05 grant cycle to receive \$1142.55 in training, travel and per diem as well as six free classes for law enforcement training, including radar enforcement training
- ❖ Remodeled the AHRA Visitor Center meeting room, reception workstation, lobby, bathrooms, river ranger offices, land ranger office and interpretative/BLM seasonal office with new paint and floor coverings

- ❖ Assisted the Colorado State Patrol with the removal of several vehicles from the Arkansas River
- ❖ Recorded GIS data on river features from the confluence of the Lake Fork to Lake Pueblo State Park for the purpose of generating a variety of river maps for various projects
- ❖ Received funding from the State of Colorado Telecommunications Division to install digital trunk radios in all AHRA patrol vehicles
- ❖ Completed the Parkdale beach enhancement project adding usable ramp space to the existing boat ramp
- ❖ Completed the installation of new boat safety signs
- ❖ Conducted swiftwater rescue training for AHRA staff, Fremont County Sheriff's Deputies, Salida Fire, Chaffee County EMS and Yampa River State Park staff
- ❖ Investigated a string of pay station thefts. Modified pay tubes with antitheft devices and added new padlocks. Assisted the 11 mile State Parks staff with the apprehension and conviction of the suspect involved in these thefts
- ❖ Investigated and sought convictions of three unlicensed/un-permitted boating outfitting operations and one un-permitted photographer operation
- ❖ Received a surplus Boston Whaler from Cherry Creek State Park and leased it to the Lake County Sheriff's Office
- ❖ Worked on issues related to the permitting of commercial river boarding (sledging) on the Arkansas River
- ❖ Participated in a Civil Air Patrol search and rescue training exercise
- ❖ Installed signage and provided education on AHRA fire pan and groover regulations
- ❖ Organized an award ceremony for nine individuals/commercial raft guides involved in river rescues along the Arkansas River
- ❖ Continued meeting with state and federal agencies as well as local and state officials in an effort to obtain funding for a feasibility study of a Natural Resource Center in Salida
- ❖ Continued meeting with the AHRA Private Boater Permit Planning Team to discuss the development of a framework for a private boating permit system for AHRA should private boater capacities be exceeded in the future
- ❖ AHRA staff participated in a variety of sports, boat and travel shows in Denver and Colorado Springs promoting State Parks and AHRA
- ❖ Continued to work with representatives from the BLM, BOR and Colorado State Parks on the possible acquisition of a portion of the Hayden Ranch property near Leadville
- ❖ Participated in State Parks' Strategic Planning efforts via public and internal meetings
- ❖ Continued work on Phase IV of the AHRA commercial use web site program improvements. Phase V will include a Web Based Rationing Program
- ❖ Began the reconstruction of the Collegiate Peaks Recreation Site
- ❖ Hosted the 13th Annual Arkansas River Clean-up/Green-up
- ❖ Met with representatives from CIG LLC in Denver to discuss issues related to railroad trespass and their purchase of the quarry at Parkdale. Also met with Fremont County Commissioners to discuss the purchase of Agile Stone by CIG
- ❖ Created additional parking spaces and an additional boat ramp at the Hecla Junction Recreation Site
- ❖ Discussed potential West Nile Virus prevention strategies with local health departments
- ❖ Continued to remove rock fire rings and human waste from Brown's Canyon and dispersed camping areas in the Numbers and along Hwy 50
- ❖ Began discussions for use changes at the Ruby Mountain Recreation Site to include access for commercial float fishing and ADA river trips

- ❖ Worked to resolve a private boater access issue at Johnson’s Village
- ❖ Completed the expansion of the Vallie Bridge Campground Sites
- ❖ Began work on developing an AHRA river access site in Canon City
- ❖ Began the planning process for development of the Salida East Recreation Site
- ❖ Revised the AHRA map which will be used in future brochure printings and on entrance station signs
- ❖ Researched the ownership of the low head diversion adjacent to the Clear Creek North River access site. Gave a Power Point presentation to the Homestake Board of Directors to make them aware of the boating hazards created by the structure and requested their assistance in rebuilding the structure

Special Activity

Location

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| • Clean Up/Green Up | Arkansas River |
| • Riverbank Cleanup – Trout Unlimited | Hayden Meadows to Parkdale |
| • Brook Bevin Fundraiser | Salida and Buena Vista Play Holes |
| • Colorado Spider Survey | Park wide |
| • Build Your Own Raft Race | Canon City |
| • CMC Geology Field Trip | Rincon, Stone Bridge and Hecla Junction |
| • Chamber of Commerce Raft Trip | Browns Canyon |
| • Whitewater Wednesday | Browns Canyon |
| • Salida Chamber Ducky Race | Salida |
| • FIBArk | Salida to Texas Creek |
| • Swift water Rescue Training | Parkdale and Browns Canyon |
| • TEN – teacher education workshop | Hecla Junction |
| • Kayaking Competition | The Numbers |
| • Pimp n hoe Rodeo | Buena Vista Play Hole |
| • Romine/Webb Wedding | Five Points Overlook |
| • High Angle Rescue Training | Hecla Junction |
| • Star Gazing | Stone Bridge |
| • Dawson School Canoe Qualifications | Salida |