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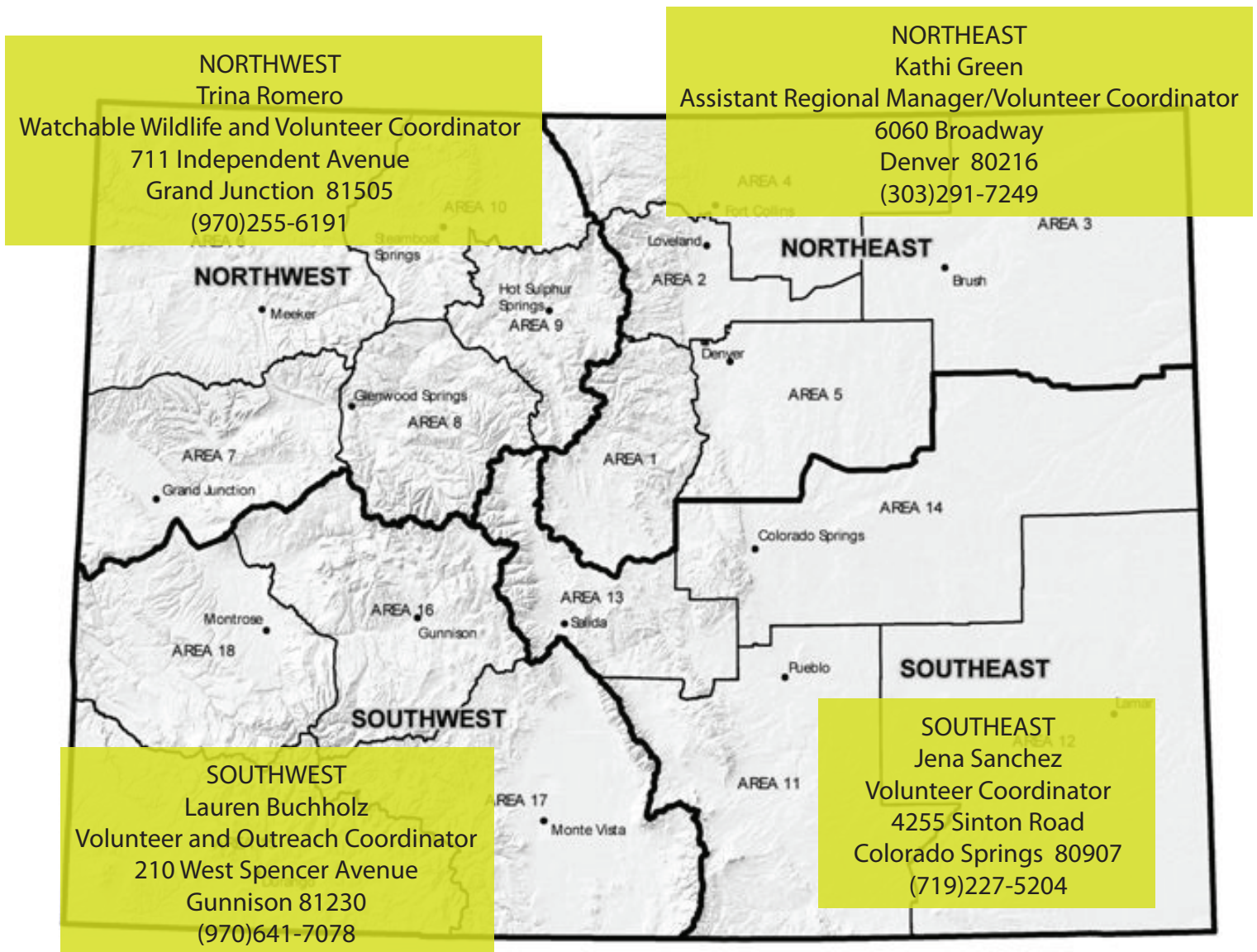
2011 Volunteer Annual Report



Photography is just one talent Parks and
Wildlife volunteers bring to the table.
Photo courtesy volunteer Doug Spainhower

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MISSION:

To provide a willing, skilled, and knowledgeable volunteer workforce to augment Parks and Wildlife staff and programs, provide training and exposure to wildlife management, and, as a result, cultivate informed citizen support for the wildlife of Colorado.



This report represents a segment of Parks and Wildlife volunteers who participated primarily on wildlife-related projects in 2011. As the agency continues to move forward with the merger, we will begin to represent work accomplished by the full scope of our volunteers in 2012.



The Hansen couple were one of Chalk Cliffs Hatchery's hosts for the summer of 2011.

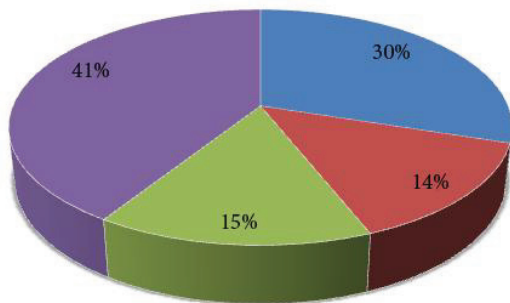
About the Program

WHO ARE OUR VOLUNTEERS?

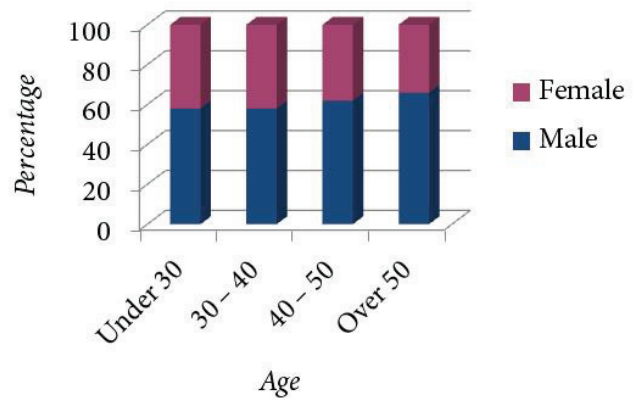
Parks and Wildlife volunteers run the gamut from retirees to college students, staff spouses to corporate groups. No matter what age or profession, anyone who is willing to donate their time to the agency is eligible for our volunteer program.

Age of CPW Volunteers

■ Under 30 ■ 30 – 40 ■ 40 – 50 ■ Over 50



Gender of CPW Volunteers



WHAT DO OUR VOLUNTEERS DO?

Here are some of the projects in which our volunteers participated during 2011:

Hatchery/SWA hosts (statewide): **4,312 hours**

College interns (SE region): **1,350 hours**

Fishing clinics (NE): **1,086.5 hours**

Aquatics program assistance (SW): **696.5 hours**

Bighorn sheep project assistance (SE): **1,558 hours**

Grand Valley WTT/rehabilitator assistance (NW): **1,140 hours**

Durango wildlife center tour leaders (SW): **1,127 hours**

Law Enforcement Unit office assistance (NE): **1,210.5 hours**

CWD assistance at Grand Junction Regional office (NW): **585.5 hours**



Volunteer Terry O'Donnell (second from left) assists with cooking hot dogs for Palisade's Outdoor Heritage Day.



2011: By the Numbers

Volunteer Kevin Corwin at the 2011 Monte Vista Crane Festival.

Total # of wildlife volunteers in 2011:

4,615

of active projects in 2011:

239

of volunteers who participated in a project in 2011:

748

of active volunteer hours in 2011:

51,364 hours



CPW interns assist at a SE region wildlife rehabilitation facility.

Other CPW volunteer program hours — 2011

River Watch (Coordinator: Barb Horn): 238 (July — Dec. 2011)

Hunter Education (Coordinator: Mark Cousins): 36,721

Project WILD (Coordinator: Tabbi Kinion): 1,984

Total #of volunteer hours for active projects in 2011:

90,307

FTE Equivalent: 43.5 employees

Monetary value* of 2011 volunteers: \$1,952,437.34

* Valued at \$21.62/hour; http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time



Parks and Wildlife volunteers present at a 2011 Teller County Bear-Aware program.

Using Volunteers

HOW CAN I BENEFIT FROM THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM?

If you have a recurring project with which you would like some assistance...

If there's a large event coming up, and you'll need some extra hands...

If you just don't have time to finish everything you'd like to get done...

Then take another look at using the volunteer program by:

- * Getting in touch with your regional volunteer coordinator (see first page).
- * Checking out our website and volunteer application (**every volunteer needs one**) at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Volunteer/Pages/Volunteer.aspx>.
- * Talking to other staff in your area who use volunteers and taking the opportunity to meet some of the volunteers for yourself.
- * Signing up your wife/husband/kid or your summer college intern for the program.

We recognize our active Parks and Wildlife volunteers every year through great prize giveaways and annual banquets. Their support makes a huge difference!



CPW volunteers assisted a Montrose veterinary clinic with the release of a rehabilitated golden eagle in the summer of 2011.



Thanks for Volunteering!



Hunter education instructors like Monty Rutherford teach safe and ethical hunting practices and shooting techniques to thousands of people across Colorado.



Blake Rogers stands in front of one of three bridges he completed for an Eagle Scout project on the Leatha Jean Stassen SWA.



Volunteers from the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership removed nearly 60 old tires from Billy Creek SWA after massive flooding in the fall of 2011.



A Walker SWA clean-up crew (left to right): Volunteer Wayne Ash; DWM Ty Smith (Glade Park); volunteers Ed Wacker, Art Bennett, and Patty Fabrizio; and DWM Paul Creeden (Fruita). Not pictured: Wildlife Technician Derek Lovoi (photographer).