

## **RMS Southwest Chapter Report for 2010/2011**

### **Southwest Chapter Activities**

Several chapter activities occurred in 2010 and 2011 and several activities had to be cancelled for various reasons. In November, 2010, RMS cosponsored the River Rendezvous which took place in Moab, Utah. We are planning on participating in this event in November, 2011. The RMS display was put up and partially manned at the Colorado/Utah River Outfitter Meeting in Grand Junction, Colorado. We are planning on attending again in 2012. Several river trips were planned, one on the Green River through Desolation Canyon in Utah and one on the Rio Chama River in New Mexico. The Desolation Canyon Trip was cancelled by the managing agency. The Rio Chama trip was cancelled due to limited participation.

### **Chapter Elections**

Chapter elections were held for President, Vice President and Secretary. Two members ran for President and two members ran for Vice President. There was a tie for VP and we had a run-off election. The 2012 officers are:

President: Robyn Ceurvorst

Vice President: Jason Carey

Secretary: Greg Trainor

Treasurer: Jennifer Jones

### **River Ranger Rendezvous**

The Southwest Chapter sponsored, along with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, the River Ranger Rendezvous in Salida, Colorado. Seventeen members participated in the event from as far east as Valentine, Nebraska to as far west as Boise, Idaho. Many presentations were given and included invasive species removal, rescue techniques and stand-up paddle boarding. Several productive round tables were held which discussed topics such as hazard removal, river ranger minimum qualifications and high water issues encountered this season. A fun filled day was had on the river floating through Browns Canyon with amazing weather, wildlife viewing and of course some great whitewater. The participants used a large variety of boats to navigate the rapids ranging from your standard 14 foot paddle boat to inflatable kayaks, 10 foot R-2 boat, a Super Puma and several kayaks.

SW Chapter River Management Society – 2011 Work Plan Completed

RMS Mission: *To support professionals who study, protect, and manage North America's rivers.*

**Goal 1: Professional Development – Encourage career-long learning and leadership in river management and science.**

Objectives	Actions	Accomplishments	Deadline	Budget
Objective 1.2: Expand the range of professional development services available to those exploring or employed in the field of river management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsor one field internship within the SW chapter by partnering with an employer who will place and mentor the intern</li> </ul>	Supported several new members through the River Ranger Rendezvous		
Objective 1.4: Provide training opportunities in state-of-the-art technologies and science pertaining to river management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host events in a variety of locations around the chapter.</li> <li>Personally solicit chapter volunteers to plan and lead opportunities.</li> <li>Provide Chapter website as part of National RMS website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hosted River Ranger Rendezvous</li> <li>RMS table at River Rendezvous sponsored by Plateau Restoration</li> <li>Will be cosponsoring in River Rendezvous in Moab in November</li> </ul>		

**Goal 2: Information – Promote development and sharing of information and knowledge about river ecosystems and their management.**

Objectives	Actions	Accomplishments	Deadline	Budget
Objective 2.2: Increase recognition of RMS as a leading source of information about rivers and river management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicize SW RMS activities in media venues where activities occur</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted articles for SW chapter focus.</li> <li>SW chapter events publicized in newsletter</li> </ul>		
Objective 2.3: Ensure that the body of knowledge possessed by members and created by RMS activities is documented, objective, scientifically sound, replicable and accessible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post 2011 work plan and accomplishments online.</li> </ul>			

**Goal 3: Education – Advance the use of science and research in river policy formulation, decision making, and management.**

Objectives	Actions	Accomplishments	Deadline	Budget
Objective 3.2: Assist organizations that promote policies complementary to the RMS mission by providing them with credible, compelling and cutting-edge state of the art research, science and data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select and schedule meeting with one professional society and exchange information.</li> </ul>			

**Goal 4: Capacity Building – Enhance the organization’s ability to achieve its mission.**

Objectives	Actions	Accomplishment	Deadline	Budget
Objective 4.1: Retain existing members through active chapters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize and hold a minimum of 2 activities per year.</li> <li>• Provide quarterly chapter updates to RMS newsletter.</li> <li>• Send mailings to chapter members (e.g., event invitation, newsletter, update on activities, ballot, etc.).</li> <li>• Conduct personal outreach to chapter members.</li> <li>• Review chapter activities to assess their value to membership across the chapter.</li> <li>• Encourage chapter officers to recruit chapter members to serve on national committees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River Rendezvous was held in Salida, Colorado</li> <li>• Provided 3 Chapter Updates</li> <li>• Over 20 emails sent to all chapter members</li> <li>• Will be cosponsoring the River Rendezvous in Moab</li> <li>• Both river trips had to be cancelled</li> <li>• Held chapter election</li> </ul>		
Objective 4.2: Achieve 5% annual growth in membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Chapter officer personally invites one non RMS member to an RMS national or chapter activity.</li> </ul>			
Objective 4.3: Diversify the membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select and schedule meeting with one professional society and exchange information.</li> </ul>			
Objective 4.4: Enhance national and chapter structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop annual or biennial chapter work plans.</li> </ul>	Posted on SW website		
Objective 4.7: Develop and expand partnerships to leverage capabilities and share resources.				