

Featured Biologist

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PATTY KNUPP

**"As a wildlife biologist, I manage wildlife and their habitat to help sustain their populations and a healthy ecosystem."
-- Patty Knupp**

She began her career with the Colorado NRCS in October 2006. Patty's involvement with NRCS began when she partnered with the agency during the time she was employed with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries as a statewide wildlife biologist from 1990 to 2003.

One thing Patty enjoys the most about her job is getting on the land and doing site visits with local producers, though, she admits not having enough time has proven to be challenging at times.

Patty is currently leading a very large tamarisk control project on the Apishapa River watershed. This project involves at least 10 different partners as well as a dozen landowners in three counties. Tamarisk beetles have been released with the hope that they will establish and maintain the riparian corridor.

"We have covered approximately 30 river miles. The interest continues to grow and we hope to complete the entire watershed in another year or two," Patty said.

Patty partners with several other agencies to perform her job responsibilities. Those agencies include: CDOW, RMBO, Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado State University, Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, State Land Board, and local Conservation Districts.

In her spare time, Patty enjoys horseback riding, gardening, hunting, angling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing...pretty much anything outdoors.

She also enjoys spending time with her two yellow labs, Holly and Lutra, and two horses, Diamond and Dakota.

*Helping People
Help the Land*

About Patty

Patty Knupp works as a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/Colorado Division of Wildlife(CDOW)/Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory (RMBO) Private Lands Wildlife Biologist in the Pueblo Field Office located in Pueblo, Colorado.

Patty provides wildlife technical assistance to 16 NRCS field offices in southeastern Colorado and to private landowners to help enhance and/or restore wildlife and their critical habitat through Farm Bill programs.

Her job responsibilities include providing program support to field offices; assisting CDOW and the NRCS state biologist with biological assessments; developing and sustaining cooperative working relationships with numerous partners, which helps leverage dollars for habitat improvement; and providing trainings and workshops for peers and landowners.

Patty graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point in 1987 with a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management. She then went on to receive her M.S. degree in Wildlife Management from South Dakota State University in 1990.