

Curriculum Vitae - Jason T Curry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director - Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation – Salt Lake City, Utah

January, 2023 to Present

Oversee all administration, operations, planning, budget, and personnel for the state agency tasked with outdoor recreation. Prioritization and distribution of \$40 million in state grant funds. Direct strategic missions of the organization to ensure recreation goals are met through programs like Every Kid Outdoors, trail crew program, boating recreation, OHV recreation, and outdoor recreation planning. Guide division staff to bring local, state, federal, tribal, nonprofit, and business stakeholders together in the interest of outdoor recreation statewide. Deliver greater health and economic prosperity by elevating outdoor recreation.

Deputy Director - Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands – Salt Lake City, Utah

September, 2021 to January, 2023

Administer and manage the performance of six regional offices and three programs throughout the State of Utah. Supervise the six area managers and assist them in their efforts in wildfire, forestry, land management, budget, and personnel matters. Oversee the division's law enforcement section, safety program, and public relations efforts. Review agency contracts and agreements to ensure policy is followed, funds are used efficiently, and the agency is protected from risk. Act as the Division's legislative liaison, working directly with several key legislators in the Utah House and Senate. Testified in committee hearings, wrote briefing papers and directly negotiated with lobbyists and legislators to create and amend laws in a way that represents the interests of the Division and the citizens of Utah.

Public Information Officer/Law Enforcement Chief - Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands – Salt Lake City, Utah - January, 2008 to September, 2021

Started the Division's first law enforcement section including the setting up of ORI, BCI, policies, cooperative agreements, patrol vehicles and other motorized equipment. Initiated and administered cooperative agreements with 12 city police departments along the Jordan River to enhance public safety and security along the corridor. Coordinated all communications with public, media, partner agencies and elected officials about forestry industry, land management and wildfire issues. Administered contracts with agencies and other vendors. Acted as the Division's legislative liaison and worked directly with several key legislators in the Utah House and Senate. Testified in committee hearings,

Served on statewide communication, prevention and education working group, the State Emergency Response Team, Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Teams, Northern Utah Type 3 Incident Management Team, the Utah Attorney General's Child Abduction Response Team, Statewide Fire Policy and Department of Emergency Management Continuity of Operations Planning Workgroup.

Public Affairs Coordinator - Utah Department of Natural Resources – Salt Lake City, Utah - August, 1999- January, 2008

Coordinated public affairs projects by the Department. Consistently produced internal communications including newsletters, announcements and employee initiatives. Coordinated seven division's contribution to the Department Annual Report and facilitated publishing. Coordinated website redesign and created design standards for 7 divisions.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science – Economics (Including coursework in Parks, Recreation and Tourism)

June, 2000 University of Utah

Business and Economics degree progress

1992-1996 Utah State University

SELECTED TRAININGS and CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Swiftwater Rescue, NRS (April, 2004)
- Avalanche 1 and Avalanche 2, Utah Avalanche Center (Jan, 2005)
- High-Angle Rope Rescue, Mountain Rescue Association (2000 to 2009)
- Certified Public Manager (CPM)- State of Utah (6/2006)
- S-420, Command and General Staff, Missoula MT 40 Hr (8/2011)
- IS-240, Leadership and Influence, Emergency Management Institute 8 Hr. (8-2003)
- Team-Building, Mentoring and Coaching Skills for Managers and Supervisors, Career Track-Provo, UT 8 Hr. (11/2012)
- Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives & Deadlines 24 Hr (10/2005)
- S-203 Public Information Officer, Utah Wildfire Academy, Richfield 40 Hr. (5/2008)
- S-403 Advanced Public Information Officer, Colorado Wildfire Academy 40 Hr (3/2011)

- Incident Command System (ICS) 100, 200, 300, ICS 400, ICS 700, ICS 800
- Tactical Tracking, Kane County SWAT (4/2013)
- Instructor at S-203, Basic Public Information Officer Course (2009-2014)
- Annual Public Information Officer Conference (2006-2020)
- Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) training, Utah Bureau of Criminal Information (2008 to 2022)
- Leadership Training, Utah Department of Human Resource Management, Jan, 2022
- Interpersonal Effectiveness Seminar, Utah Department of Human Resource Management,
Jan, 2022
- Communication and Performance Management Course, Utah Department of Human Resource Management, Jan, 2022