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U.S. FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEE RECEIVES REGIONAL BIOLOGIST AWARD

LEADVILLE, Colo., May 11, 2012... Jeni Windorski, an employee with the U.S. Forest Service, Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) – Leadville District is the recipient of the Outstanding Young Professional Biologist Award.

Among her many accomplishments, she has established a strong working relationship with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Jeni has worked extensively with local schools to provide education programs for students from pre-school through elementary school. Additionally, she has worked for several years with the “Pathways to Fishing” program, leading education events for Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and underprivileged youth in Lake County. Jeni is a leader in the efforts against aquatic nuisance species in Lake County, the District’s noxious weed program and established a fishing line recycling program.

Other noteworthy achievements include: improving elk habitat; closing and rehabilitating user-created roads in big game winter range; identifying and protecting raptor nest sites through recreational closures; monitoring cavity nesting bird sites and raptor nests; wetland habitat improvement via the Twin Lakes Irrigation Project; and implementing the first acoustical surveys for bats on the Leadville District.

According to Leadville Ranger Jon Morrissey, “Jeni has exhibited a high level of passion and demonstrated great interpersonal skills, allowing her to nurture strong partnerships with local, state and federal agencies. Her commitment to the wildlife resource is evidenced by her stellar efforts in conservation education, work with volunteers and implementation of habitat improvement projects. Jeni is a tremendous asset to the Forest and the Rocky Mountain Region.”

The PSICC is proud of her achievement in receiving the Outstanding Young Professional Biologist Regional Award.

Jeni began her career as a Biological Technician and was hired as the Leadville District Wildlife Biologist in October, 2010.

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