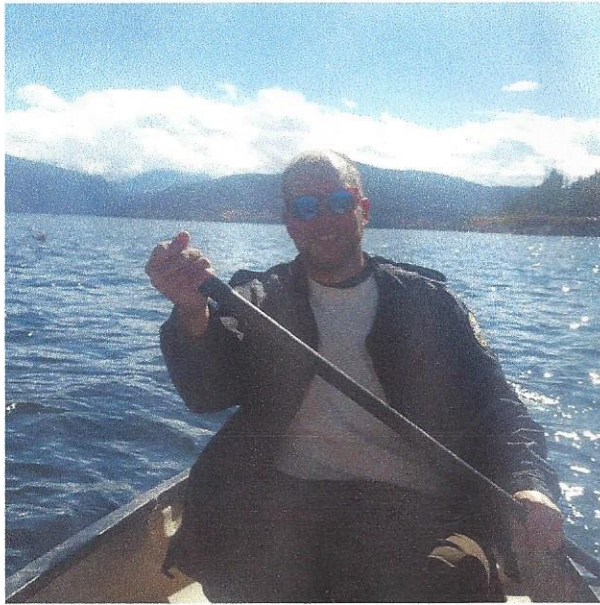


Welcome Nick Bankston

Fremont County Weed Director



Nick Bankston began working as the Weed Management Director for Fremont County in August 2017. He's from Wisconsin and attended University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned a degree in conservation biology.

After graduating Nick spent four years studying endangered salmon populations in California and Washington. He moved to Denver in 2012 when he started working with Colorado Parks and Wildlife monitoring aquatic invasive species throughout the state.

Nick also worked for the City of Boulder managing invasive plant populations, which helped prepare him for this new position.

“I’m looking forward to the challenge of controlling noxious weeds throughout the Upper Arkansas and collaborating with other government agencies, non-profits, and private landowners to accomplish this goal,” said Nick. “I hope to uphold the quality of work set by my predecessors at the weed management department in Fremont County.”

Nick’s most pressing concern is addressing the newly discovered giant reed growing in Canon City and Florence, while continuing to eradicate elongated mustard, Japanese knotweed, yellow starthistle, and other noxious weeds found throughout the Upper Ark region.