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**Profile**

Stephanie

First Name

Prochaska

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**Are you a resident of the City of Colorado Springs?** Yes  No

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Colorado Department of  
Transportation

Employer

Environmental Project  
Manager

Job Title

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Advisory Board: Appointed

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**Introduction****Briefly introduce yourself and state your interest in serving on a specific Board, Commission, or Committee**

My name is Stephanie Prochaska and I have been a resident of Colorado Springs since 1992. My neighborhood park, Stratton Meadows, is by far one of the busiest neighborhood parks I have seen. I love seeing our parks being utilized and enjoyed. Additionally, I am a hiker and think Colorado Springs has some of the best municipal trail systems I have ever seen.

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I worked in the archives of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum for 5 years and really understood the value of the parks to this community. Now, I am a NEPA environmental project manager specializing in the recreational and community resources. Many of the projects I manage are specific to trails and pedestrian facilities. Currently, I am a representative on the Spanish Peaks Outdoor Commission and work with other rural entities as part of my job. I want to be involved with my own community and thought this opportunity would be a great start and aligns with my interests and values.

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**Supplemental Materials (if applicable)**

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[Parks Board Resume.pdf](#)

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# Stephanie Prochaska

## Environmental Project Manager

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Stephanie Prochaska

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### Experience

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**Colorado Department of Transportation / Environmental Protection Specialist: Project Manager**  
MAY 2023 - PRESENT, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Facilitates environmental clearances for CDOT, permit, right of way (ROW), and Local Agency projects. Acts as a liaison between the local agencies and CDOT regional and headquarter staff for the NEPA process. Manages consultants for projects. Attends pre-construction planning/scoping meetings and provides input based on environmental risk analysis. Participates in project scoping, communicates with the project team about potential adverse effects, and works to find a solution. Communicates with the project team and design engineers about clearance timelines. Provides guidance to consultants on NEPA clearances and permits necessary for the project. Reviews access permits prior to the Environmental Program Manager's comments identifying environmental concerns not addressed by applications. Reviews MMOF, TAP, and other CDOT local agency grant applications for the project's environmental needs. Developed community analysis clearance templates and follows guidance from FHWA. Communicates with FHWA. Created and maintains a region 2 non-historic 4(f) GIS map referencing known planning documents related to recreational resources. Works with maintenance staff and engineers to discuss challenges and find solutions. Stays up to date on federal, state and local laws that may impact clearances and permits. Participates in habitat restoration activities in the region. Participates in pollinator habitat in CDOT ROW research, bat species on CDOT structures research, milkweed and monarch butterfly observational mapping, living snow fence in Park county and other biological research opportunities. Works with CDOT biologists on plant and species identification during site visits.

**Colorado Department of Transportation / Technician IV**  
JULY 2019 - MAY 2023, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Created and updated Environmental Project Manager tracking for project assignments; created program delivery spreadsheets. Created tracking sheets for soil testing, paid invoices using PCard and charged to the appropriate project or cost center. Sent Permission to Enter forms for 4 projects, created maps of which properties returned the forms. Inventoried environmental records. Uploads documents into OnBase or ProjectWise as directed by CDOT's Records Manager. Manage the

Planning & Environmental Unit's records, track retention periods, digitize and store according to state procedural directives. Maintained Sharepoint database and site for the regional internal documents; migrated documents to OnBase and was a point of contact for CDOT HQ with decommissioning Sharepoint. Serve as timekeeper for the Unit where I manage personnel files. Provide reference help to internal and external customers. Serve as regional representative on the data management committee. Attends quarterly TPR meetings, runs STIP reports, and compiled the PPACG ledger. Documented milkweed and monarch butterflies for tracking/research purposes. Collected and planted cottonwood trees for Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse habitat in El Paso County & in Fairplay. Researched information for Hamlet Ditch, McCullough Gulch Reserve, and other property information for projects. Researched culvert and property history for SH67 future project. Created multiple maps in ArcGIS pro and/or Google Earth for projects including wildlife fencing on 115, top 25% wildlife vehicle collision corridors in Region 2, known Raptor nests, and CDOT PMJM properties, PMJM trapping data & PMJM photo monitoring areas. Provided GIS data to ROW of known historic ditches and irrigated land within the region. Attended project meetings such as FIR, FOR and preconstruction meetings. Communicates with the project manager about the CatEx status. Created a Region 2 NEPA library. Tracked down missing NEPA documents and provides this information to consultants, engineers, and other stakeholders. Creating a Spec Library for specialty spec for construction. Attended stakeholder meetings for Raton Pass Wildlife corridor, and the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance quarterly meeting. Attended a non-historic Section 4(f) training.

### **City of Colorado Springs: Pioneers Museum / Archivist**

DECEMBER 2018 - JULY 2019, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Gave lectures and presentations on research, history, and preservation methods. Digitized archival materials including photographs, audio cassette tapes, and manuscript materials. Identified representation gaps in the collection and actively sought out diverse donations. Managed the institutional records. Represented the archives on the museum's Acquisition Committee. Created content for the museum's social media pages and the museum's website. Built relationships among researchers and donors. Managed volunteers, interns, and part-time employees.

### **City of Colorado Springs: Pioneers Museum / Assistant Archivist**

FEBRUARY 2015 - DECEMBER 2018, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Processed archival collections and catalog reference library collection. Coordinated research service and provided reference services to the public. Scheduled volunteers and interns and managed their projects. Contributed to institutional goals. Fulfilled reproduction orders, research and media requests. Contributed to the storage planning and expansion.

### **Sierra Nevada Corporation / Technical Data Librarian**

MARCH 2013- FEBRUARY 2015, CENTENNIAL, CO

Maintained a Secret security clearance. Digitized program records, processed collections, and created finding aids. Maintained database of program documentation. Represented the library for the company's FAA Repair Station certification and audits. Created procedures to improve the document distribution procedure and traceability of data. Prepared recurring reports and obtains data for research as requested. Contributed to the storage plan of documents and records stored in the library. Worked with program managers about technical orders, distribution of materials, and various records research.

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## Education

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**University of Denver / Masters of Information Science**  
SEPTEMBER 2010 - MAY 2012, DENVER, CO

**University of Colorado Colorado Springs / Bachelor of Arts,  
English**  
AUGUST 2004 - DECEMBER 2008, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

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## Committees

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Community Analysis working group regional representative, Scenic & Historic Byways Region 2 representative, Visual Resource working group regional representative, Environmental Documentation working group, CDOT GIS Steering Committee, Spanish Peaks Outdoor Coalition representative

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## Trainings

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Bird surveys, visual resource assessments, Environmental Justice (CDOT), non-historic 4(f) (CDOT), Catex Training (2022), Intro to NEPA (2022), Basic NEPA from FHWA (2022), National Highway Institute (NHI) Environmental Justice, FHWA Environmental Justice webinar, Face to Face (2022-present), webinars from ESRI (GIS) and ERIS (HazMat), Coffee at CDOT programs hosted by EPB & FHU, ISA/HazMat including how to conduct site visits and read reports from ERIS, Intro to ArcGIS Pro, Excel 2-3, Microsoft SharePoint, basic plan reading and plan checking (CDOT), GIS User Group quarterly meetings, SWMP Reviewer (2023), non-historic Section 4(f) training (2023), (NHI) Fundamentals of Environmental Justice (2023), NHI Introduction to NEPA and Transportation decision making (2023), NHI Environmental Justice Starts in Planning (2023), PEL Training (2023), OnBase trainings (2023), NEPA 101 (2024), Context Sensitive Solutions (2024), NEPA ReEvaluation training (2024), Stormwater

Seminar (2024), webinars on pollinator habitat, beaver habitat and other biological webinars.

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## Profile

Stephen

First Name

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Last Name

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US Forest Service - Retired

Employer

Deputy Forest Supervisor,  
Job Corps National Office  
Asst Director

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizens' Transportation Advisory Board: Submitted

Planning Commission: Submitted

City/County Drainage Board: Submitted

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Advisory Board: Appointed

TOPS Working Committee: Appointed

Stormwater Advisory Committee: Submitted

Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission: Submitted

Colorado Springs Housing Authority Board : Submitted

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## Introduction

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I recently moved to Colorado Springs (June 2020) after serving 40+ years with the US Forest Service in ten different states spanning the country. I have worked as a forester, district ranger, forest supervisor, high school teacher, and served as the Assistant Director of the Forest Service Job Corps National Office in Denver. I know how to work as a team member and leader and have worked with federal, state and local governments and communities to help manage national forest with the concerns of local constituents always in mind. I would very much like to give back to my new community and help make government even more responsive and continue to improve our community. I am currently a "regular crew" volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Colorado Springs and previously volunteered with Chicago Habitat. Last week I began training as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for neglected and abused children. I previously served on the Parks Foundation for five years in the city of Chadron, NE. While employed with the Forest Service I worked as a wildland firefighter for over 30 years and was certified as an Incident Commander, Taskforce Leader, Crew Boss and led crews across the entire US. I am currently working as a consultant helping to design and implement Youth Conservation Corps programs in Honduras, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Columbia, and Uzbekistan. I am fluent in English and Spanish.

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**Profile**

Vanessa

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My name is Vanessa Zink, and I'm public relations pro living and working in Colorado Springs. I'm passionate about building strong, connected communities, and I believe our parks, recreation, and cultural services are essential to that mission. I'm applying to serve on the PRCS Board because I want to contribute my strategic communications experience and community engagement perspective to help ensure these resources remain accessible, welcoming, and responsive to the needs of our residents. As a mom of three active kids ages 9 and under, I see firsthand how vital these services are, from youth soccer leagues and open space trails for family hikes to the beloved playground in our neighborhood park. These spaces are where our children grow, neighbors connect, and memories are made. I'd be honored to help steward and advocate for the programs and places that make Colorado Springs such a special place to live.

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## Relevant Experience and Community Involvement

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I worked in the City of Colorado Springs Communications Department for nearly 8 years, helping to tell the amazing stories of dedicated City employees. During that time, I regularly volunteered to help at City events, worked many a cleanup, and brought our young family along to experience it all. I also served as co-chair of the Olympic City USA taskforce alongside Doug Price and have served as a volunteer soccer coach and \*official\* snack organizer. I help in my kids' classrooms as my work schedule allows, and I am a graduate of Leadership Pikes Peak (class of 2022, "best class ever").

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## Supplemental Materials (if applicable)

Zink\_Resume\_25.pdf

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**about me.**

Experienced and well-rounded strategic communications, marketing and media relations professional. A skilled planner, researcher and writer who forges collaborative partnerships, navigates complicated systems and improves institutional reputations and reach through thoughtful messaging, creative and compelling campaigns, and by working with journalists to secure positive media coverage. Service oriented with a reputation for leading, building and inspiring teams.

**professional experience.**

**Ent Credit Union: Senior Manager, Public Relations.....June 2025-present; Colorado Springs, CO**

- Lead strategic public relations initiatives that elevate Ent Credit Union’s community impact, brand reputation, and member engagement across Colorado.
- Develop and execute integrated campaigns that support philanthropic partnerships, financial education, and local sponsorships, especially around education, youth programming, food security, and attainable housing.
- Serve as a key spokesperson and media liaison, crafting messaging that reflects organizational values and resonates with diverse audiences.
- Collaborate cross-functionally to manage crisis communications, values-based public response strategies, and storytelling that builds trust and transparency.

**City of Colorado Springs—Olympic City USA: Chief Communications Officer.....March 2018-June 2025; Colorado Springs, CO**

- Proven to be a trusted and capable leader. Promoted to CCO under Mayor John Suthers in 2022 before serving as Mayor Yemi’s CCO. Through the 2023 mayoral transition, effectively led a team through significant organizational change.
- Strategically reorganized the City’s full-service communications team to maximize the strengths of individual team members. This has ensured expectations are exceeded through strategic, executive and internal communications; media relations; marketing; community engagement; graphic design; website; social media; video production; and a public-access TV station.
- Worked collaboratively with City departments and enterprises to develop and execute comprehensive communications plans that effectively and proactively tell stories, engage residents, and build trust for City services.
- Worked with media daily to share information in a timely manner and lead an in-house media training for City leaders.
- Aptly and confidently served as a City spokesperson, regularly appearing on camera and speaking at large events with ease.
- Prepared Mayor Yemi for regular public touchpoints, including a monthly press briefing, podcast and desk updates.
- Oversaw joint marketing efforts to actively build the Olympic City USA brand which achieved a remarkable 88% familiarity rate amongst residents in its first 9 years. In a 2024 survey, 63% of respondents said they were proud of the Olympic City USA brand.
- Oversaw the City’s crisis communications response following the 2022 shooting at Club Q.
- Led PR efforts that garnered significant national media coverage for the Pikes Peak Summit Visitor Center, while simultaneously executing a promotional campaign for the City’s 150th celebration and the City’s COVID-19 response.
- Experienced speechwriter who managed the public voice and positions of the Mayor and top City leaders; speeches consistently and effectively conveyed City priorities and advance the City’s vision. Prepared Mayor Yemi for 256 speeches in his first year.
- Supervisory experience and budget oversight responsibilities; consistently sought and participated in opportunities for professional development of myself and staff, emphasizing continuous improvement.

**United States Golf Association: Manager, Open Championships PR .....Jan. 2015–March 2018; Liberty Corner, NJ**

- Created and executed strategic communications plans for the USGA’s Open and amateur championships; contributed to increased championship attendance, elevated brand awareness and an improved organizational reputation amongst players and fans worldwide
- Nurtured relationships with industry influencers, particularly players, media, host clubs and State & Regional Golf Associations.
- Aligned executive speaking points and messaging to strategic priorities, and wrote news releases, recaps and features, effectively telling the USGA’s story, expanding its reach, and strengthening its position through its championships and leaders.
- Worked closely with the USGA’s marketing, partnership, broadcasting, digital media, public services, and rules and competitions teams, ensuring a consistent and positive tone across all communications channels.
- Closely monitored and evaluated public perception; building and implementing reactive communications, when necessary.
- Conceived and developed an online newsroom in 2017, a first for the organization, to more effectively serve media.

## professional experience, continued.

### **United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee: Manager, Marketing Communications...July 2010-Dec. 2014; Colorado Springs, CO**

- Served on a cross-functional marketing communications team with a goal of increasing Team USA brand recognition. Started as an intern in 2009 and was promoted three times in four years, taking on additional responsibility with each new role.
- Led a variety of campaigns before each Olympic and Paralympic Games, including “Road To” initiatives and the Team for Tomorrow humanitarian program, resulting in increased exposure and greater public interaction with the Olympic Movement.
- Planned and executed media operations at three Olympic Games, including a post-competition media tour for medalists; athlete and executive appearances on NBC platforms; and USA House media events, garnering maximum coverage opportunities.
- Secured and facilitated media interviews for USOPC leaders, sport performance experts and athletes, elevating their profiles as thought leaders in industry trade publications and leading to numerous speaking opportunities at conferences and events.
- Wrote messaging, news releases, recaps, media guides, feature stories and organizational newsletters, clearly communicating organizational messages to a wide variety of internal and external audiences.
- Built and maintained relationships with key national media influencers, allowing for consistent coverage of programs and events; served as a communications lead for USOPC corporate partners and closely collaborated with the USOPC’s agency of

## education.

**Ball State University:** M.A. in public relations

**University of Wisconsin Oshkosh:** B.A. in journalism and political science

**International Association of Public Participation Certificate** (2020)

**International Session for National Olympic Committee Delegates** (2011)

## references.

**John Suthers; Brownstein Farber Hyatt Schreck LLP, Shareholder**

*Served in the Suthers administration from 2018-2023; reported to him directly as both his Acting Chief Communications Officer and Chief Communications Officer.*

**Craig Annis; A&O Shearman, Chief Communications Officer**

*Reported to Craig from 2017-2018 when he was the Chief Communications Officer at the U.S. Golf Association.*

**Patrick Sandusky, Chicago Bulls, Vice President of Communications**

*Reported to Patrick from 2010-2014 when he was the Chief Communications Officer at the U.S. Olympic Committee.*