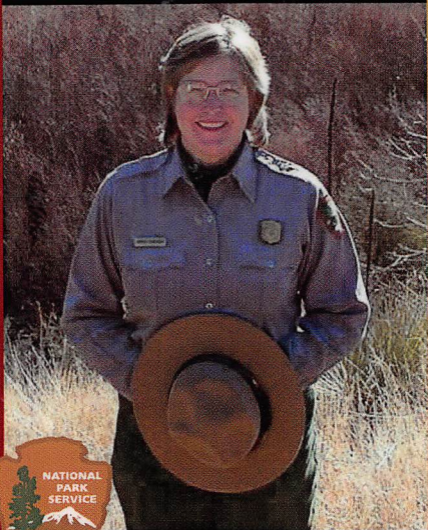


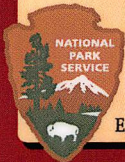
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The National Park Service is America's best idea. I hope to inspire the nation as to the importance of the prairie ecosystem and Kansas parks while developing future generations of National Park Rangers. A native of Ark City, Kansas, my first park job was as an SCA volunteer working trail crew. Fresh out of high school, I set my sights on being a Park Ranger. With a Range Science Management degree, my government service has spanned the globe. I have worked for three Dept. of Interior agencies

- NPS, BLM, & USFWS in 15 areas
- from north of the Arctic Circle to the east coast. Areas ranged from 33 acres to over 10 million. My experience in these natural, cultural, and historical sites throughout city, rural, and wilderness areas have repeatedly shown me why it matters to protect resources for generations to come.



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