

EASTERN COLORADO AREA MANAGER JAN (SIGNE) SNORTLAND



Jan (Signe) Snortland is the Area Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Eastern Colorado Area Office based in Loveland, Colo. Snortland is responsible for the management, development, and protection of water, hydropower. She is also responsible for water-related land and environmental resources for the Colorado-Big Thompson and Fryingpan-Arkansas Projects. She oversees 15 dams and reservoirs and seven hydropower plants. These facilities provide 420 megawatts of power, which is enough electricity to supply 90,000 homes with annual energy needs, and water for more than 1.4 million people.

Snortland began her federal career in 1994 as an Archaeologist for Reclamation's Dakotas Area Office in Bismarck. After graduating from Reclamation's Executive Leadership Development Program in 1999, she served as an Environmental Specialist. In that capacity, she successfully managed several complex projects, including the Arkansas Valley Conduit and Mount Elbert Pumped-Storage Plant Rehabilitation Projects for

Eastern Colorado Area Office (ECAO); Lower Yellowstone Intake Project Environmental Assessment for the Montana Area Office; the Red River Valley Water Supply Project Environmental Impact Statement for the Dakotas Area Office; and the Republican River Basin Study for the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office. In May 2014, she became the Deputy Area Manager of ECAO, and has served as Acting Area Manager of ECAO since March 2016. Prior to federal service, Snortland worked for the State Historical Society of North Dakota and State Historic Preservation Office for 16 years as a Survey Archaeologist, Research Archaeologist as well as Chief Archaeologist.

Snortland earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of North Dakota and her Master of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Manitoba. During her vacations, she and her husband excavate archaeological sites in Egypt with the Combined Prehistoric Expedition.

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