



Gilpin County is happy to welcome Patrick Nalley to the Gilpin senior leadership team as our new Parks and Recreation Director, starting on May 8, 2017. Nalley follows outgoing Director Kathi Lambert who retired at the end of April.

Nalley comes to Gilpin County with an impressive array of experience and qualifications. He holds a Cum Laude Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies from Arizona State University, and is finalizing his Master of Science in Sports Administration from Arkansas State University this month. He is a Certified Playground Inspector, a licensed Aquatics Facility Operator, and a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional. He brings more than 15 years of experience in the recreation field to Gilpin County, including NCAA coaching, and work with high school and elementary aged children.

Most recently, Nalley served as the Parks and Recreation Director for Woodmen Hills Metro District in Peyton, CO, just outside Colorado Springs. He's also been the Head Coach and Director of Aquatics for the Little Rock Athletic Clubs in Little Rock, AR, an assistant swim coach at Penn State University, and the head swim coach for Sun Devil Aquatics in Tempe, AZ, where his leadership helped several swimmers achieve state championships.

Nalley said he's excited about the opportunity to live in a small mountain community, and work in the parks and recreation field, where his true passions lie. He hopes to continue his volunteer work with the Red Cross, the SPCA, Big Brother, Big Sister program, the YMCA, Special Olympics and his church after he relocates to the area.

Nalley describes himself as a personable, detail-oriented leader, with great team building and project management skills and a commitment to providing high quality customer service and upholding uncompromising ethical standards.