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Ryan has worked as the Park Manager at Kanopolis Lake since 2014. He oversees a 12,000 acre wildlife area that is home to the Kansas City District's largest agricultural lease program. In addition, he oversees two class A recreational parks and the oldest Dam in the Kansas City District. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with Emphasis in Wildlife Management from Fort Hays State University in 2007. Ryan's



"outdoor career" started in 2000 at Webster State Park in western Kansas where he worked as seasonal maintenance for Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks while in high school. During college, he moved to federal service as a USACE Summer Ranger at Wilson Lake which started his 12 year (and counting) USACE career. After being selected and completing the SCEP program he was placed in a Natural Resource Specialist position at Perry Lake and later on transferred back to Wilson Lake in 2008.

As most in his career path, Ryan's passion is on the natural resource management side of the house. His NRM focus is the effective management of the land, habitat, and the organisms that live there. While he wishes that he had more time to divulge with the hands on activities, most of his effective management is from the seat of a truck or UTV, behind a computer screen, or on the phone coordinating with contractors and agricultural lessees. One of those "hands on" activities that Ryan coordinates and conducts is the prescribed fire program.

Ryan's interests include spending time with his family, anything outdoors, and an endless amount of DIY projects on his home, acreage, and whatever his wife finds on "pinterest".