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Carrie Ward Named Highlands Ranch Metro District Director of Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Highlands Ranch, CO -- Carrie Ward, a 30-year parks and recreation veteran, has been named the Director of Parks, Recreation & Open Space by the Highlands Ranch Metro District in Highlands Ranch, CO. She will begin her new duties in June. Ward will oversee the department which provides the community's ever-growing outdoor youth and adult recreation programs, plans, builds, manages and maintains the community's 23 parks, more than 70 miles of trail, and 2,200 acres of natural open space area. The department is also responsible for managing 57 miles of parkway landscaping along major roads and managing a healthy suburban forest of 12,000 trees.

"We are thrilled that Carrie will be joining us in Highlands Ranch where our residents enjoy very active lifestyles in our diverse outdoor amenities," said Metro District General Manager Terry Nolan.

Ward served five years as Executive Director of the Sisters Park & Recreation District in Sisters, Oregon, and eight years as Executive Director of the Bend Park & Recreation District in Bend, Oregon. She has served as President of the Oregon Park & Recreation Association, and has received the organization's Professional Honor Award.

In addition to the amenities noted above, the popular Highlands Ranch Outdoors recreation system also features eight lighted nationally-award winning tennis courts, two skate parks, four dog parks, and much more. In 2010, *Business Week* magazine named Highlands Ranch the Best Place in Colorado to Raise Kids as part of a national ranking.

Founded in 1981 as the local government in Highlands Ranch, Colo., the Metro District provides a variety of municipal services to this planned community of 93,000 people. Learn more about the Metro District at www.highlandsranch.org.

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