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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VICE PRESIDENT

2002- Present

Barber and Mann, Inc., Ridgeland, MS

Owner and biologist for firm specializing in conservation planning, conservation and historic preservation easement appraisals, land planning, landscape architecture, specialized consulting and real estate. Consulting services include conservation planning and grant administration for non-profits, federal and state agencies and private landowners in the Southeast U.S.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1998 – 2003

American Lung Association of Mississippi and Mississippi Thoracic Society Ridgeland, MS

CEO of state's oldest voluntary health organization. Oversaw all lung health program, administrative, education, professional, policy, strategic planning, communication, research and grant administration and operations of lung health organization.

Mississippi Wildlife Federation Jackson, MS 1989 – 1998

1991 – 1998

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Managed operations of non-profit conservation organization including membership, education programs, resource committees, volunteer coordination, strategic planning, fundraising, grant administration, advocacy efforts and communication. Coordinated efforts of three staff and 40 board members statewide.

1990 – 1991

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND EDITOR

Supervised staff, investigated issues of concern for Board of Directors and coordinated fundraisers. Edited and wrote for *Mississippi Wildlife* magazine and other publications.

1989 – 1990

GRADUATE STUDENT INTERN

Responsible for coordination of Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza (consumer show and fundraiser for conservation programs).

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 1984-1988

- 1987 – 1988 **PARK RANGER** Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, Columbus, MS
Responsible for inspections, permits, law enforcement, recreation management and operations in territory from Aberdeen to Fulton, MS along waterway and adjacent public lands. Assisted project biologists and foresters with all resource management including creel surveys, re-vegetation of borrow pits, creation and enhancement of wildlife habitat, reforestation and forest management, prescribed burning, supplemental feeding and artificial nesting. Developed and presented educational and interpretive programs to public.
- 1984 – 1986
semesters) **PARK RANGER TRAINEE** (Cooperative Educational Student – 4 alternate
Allatoona Lake, Cartersville, GA and Tenn-Tom Waterway, Columbus, MS
Participated in all phases of recreation management, including water and land patrols, reforestation and wildlife management operations, visitation and interpretation, maintenance and construction of recreational facilities and law enforcement.

EDUCATION

Mississippi College

Master of Science in Communication 1990

With Highest Honors

Mississippi State University

Bachelor of Science in Forestry/Wildlife Management 1987

Cooperative Education Program

Cum Laude