



### **Chris Pilley**

Chris was born in Kansas and at the age of 4 his family moved to Missouri. He is youngest of three siblings, who both still reside in Missouri. Growing up his family vacations were to Colorado to spend a week snowboarding. These small tastes of Colorado were enough for Chris to know that he wanted to someday move there. After attending the University of Missouri – Kansas City for two years, in their pharmacy program, Chris decided that he didn't want to spend his life counting pills, leading him to leave UMKC and head to Colorado.

After a year living in Westcliffe, Colorado, Chris moved to Fort Collins and shortly after began his career in the tourism industry as a part time and seasonal employee with Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours. His intention to attend CSU and finish college were put on hold as he still didn't qualify for in-state tuition. He was then provided with the opportunity to continue working with Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours after the summer season ended and that's when he began working his way up in the company. He handled winter contracting, allotments, reservations, accounts receivable, groups, and eventually contracting their activities and ranches. After seven years of learning the ins and outs of the business, Chris purchased the company from its founder, Gary Schluter.

Chris lives in Fort Collins with his wife and their 2 dogs and 3 cats. He spends much of his free time enjoying Colorado's amazing outdoor activities, such as hiking, camping, backpacking, running, snowboarding, hunting, fishing, stand up paddleboarding, and occasionally, if he has time, sitting down and relaxing while enjoying the beautiful mountain views.