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OBJECTIVES:

To provide photography services to private landowners and government agencies with a focus on eco-tourism, conservation, public outreach and education.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Consulting to private landowners for eco-tourism opportunities.
- Color and black & white photography, processing and printing in the 35 mm, 6x6 and 4x5 format.
- Wildlife and environmental assignments, scientific projects, public outreach and education.
- Photo documentation with GPS mapping incorporating ArcView GIS for restoration and construction projects.
- Proficient in using Adobe Photoshop, MS Publisher, Power Point and ArcView GIS.
- Conservation farm planning, survey, design and construction of best management practices.
- Video production and editing.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Photographer, 1981 to Present

Working with conservationists, private landowners, researchers, scientists and commercial customers providing custom photographic support for research projects and public awareness advertisements. Recent contracts include:

- **Peaceful Springs Nature Preserve** – Photographing and recording the flora and fauna on the ranch, GPS mapping of habitats and endangered bird territories using ArcView GIS. Leading photography workshops and guiding bird watching tours and other nature activities.
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife** - Presented a workshop on nature photography at Festival in the Davis Mountains.
- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** - On location photography for Fire Management program using prescribed fire for habitat restoration and to promote Urban Interface outreach education.
- **The Nature Conservancy Barton Creek Preserve** - Generated photo points and photographic documentation for habitat restoration using a GPS, compass and integrating that data into ArcView GIS mapping program.
- **Spiker Communications Inc.** - Contracted for cover photographs for promotional packet of the Marshall Ranch Golf Project and weeklong event coverage for Pro Golfer Gary Player.
- **Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission** - Provided photographs for Migratory Fish Restoration publication.
- **Maryland State Assembly** - Provided copy negatives of state historical photographs for reproduction and public display.
- **Virginia Department of Recreation and Planning** - Supplied photographs for “The Chesapeake Bay and Its Rivers” signage for public outreach located at boat ramps in the bay area.
- **Environmental Protection Agency Virginia and Maryland** - Photographic documentation of the Pamunkey River Fish Restoration project and the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council Meeting.
- **Calvert Soil Conservation District - Prince Frederick Md., 1998 to 2001**
Handled all of the photographic and video needs of the office, developed public relations materials for conservation initiatives and assisted in field survey and technical drafting.
Attended the following training courses:
 - Conservation Planning
 - Interagency Wetland Identification
 - Basic Survey
 - Construction Inspection and Certification
- **American Orchid Society** - Delivered technical close-up slides for archive files of Awarded Orchids for the Orchid Digest and Orchids publications.
- **U.S Forest Service Montana** - Aerial and ground photo coverage for the Lewis and Clark National Forest of the 1988 wilderness fires and photographic support to biologists and geologists for many region projects.

- **U.S. Forest Service Florida** - Photographs for Wild and Scenic River survey and documentation photography for an archeological site in the Ocala National Forest.
- **Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks** - Supplied photographs for visitor center displays, booklets and articles. Worked one season as a Park Ranger.
- **U.S. State Department U.S. Embassy Ankara Turkey** - Maintained all surveillance and security photographic support to the Regional Security Office, event photography for all official functions of the Ambassador, and State Department Magazine.
- **Federal Bureau of Investigation** - Executed confidential processing and printing of sensitive material, including bank robbery surveillance film.
- **United Press International** - Photographic coverage the Florida Senate and House of Representatives processed and printed time sensitive images for statewide wire services.

Infinite Photo and Imaging - Springfield Va., 1996 to 1998

As Production manager, responsible for coordinating photo lab operations in: Custom color and B&W printing, film processing, slide production and the mounting department. Worked with tight deadlines on custom display projects for the Department of Natural Resources, National Park Service and other Government agencies. Held a security clearance required on sensitive projects for some Department of Defense clients.

RMS Technologies - Goddard Space Flight Center, 1994 to 1996

- Photo Lab operations, including E-6 color slide processing and printing, color processing and custom printing, copy negatives, internegatives, mounting, matting and framing.
- Event photography of NASA Snoopy Awards presented to employees by Astronauts.

Cove Corporation - Lusby Md., 1992 to 1995

- Joint Research with Scientists on board The OSV Anderson (Ocean Survey Vessel) collecting marine sediment samples and water nutrient samples. Duties included standing a watch, working nets from the stern of the boat and monitoring underwater camera survey sleds.
- Lab duties included sorting through sediment samples and removing marine organisms using basic taxonomy.

EDUCATION:

Community College of Calvert County
 Florida State University
 Tallahassee Community College
 University of Maryland, European Division
 Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

VOLUNTEER WORK:

- Chairman for the Austin Awards Event for Images for Conservation Fund Pro Tour Photography Contest.
- Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge - Public Relations Assistant and trail construction.
- Austin Youth River Watch Program - Board member and water monitoring training with at risk high school students.
- The Nature Conservancy Barton Creek Habitat Preserve - Photographic and education outreach.
- Friends of Balcones National Wildlife Refuge - Newsletter publication, public outreach and conservation education hikes at the refuge.
- Jefferson Patterson Park Archeological Conservation Lab- photo lab training, photographic workshops.
- Department of Natural Resources- Annual Osprey, Raptor and songbird leg banding for gathering research data on migrating birds.
- Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks- Great Falls Visitor Center and Giant Springs.