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ABOUT

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. Morgan received his B.S. in Geology from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in 1996. While in New Mexico, he specialized in geomorphology and stratigraphy. In 1996, he relocated to Denver and began his career with the Colorado Geological Survey (CGS). In 2006, Mr. Morgan graduated with an M.S. in Geology from the Colorado School of Mines where he studied the Alamo Meteorite Impact Breccia of southern Nevada. He authored or contributed to over 100 journals, reports, maps, and proceedings volumes on topics ranging from geomorphology, minerals, landslides, earthquakes, and meteorites. In September of 2022, Mr. Morgan became the Director of the CGS and Colorado's sixth State Geologist. He continues to work on many scientific projects with a focus on geochronology, geologic mapping, and landscape evolution. Recently, he received the GSA/AASG John C. Frye Memorial Award for his work on the CGS publication, "The West Salt Creek Landslide: A Catastrophic Rockslide and Rock/Debris Avalanche in Mesa County, Colorado." Mr. Morgan is actively involved in promoting geosciences and STEM activities to Colorado schools and organizations. He resides in Lakewood with his wife Karen and their two children, Kylie (currently at the University of Arizona) and Elena, where they enjoy traveling and exploring the geology of Colorado.