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Dr. Charles R. “Chuck” Preston serves as Senior Curator of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center and Founding Curator in charge of its Draper Museum of Natural History. He is an ecologist and conservation biologist who explores the influence of climate, landscape, and human attitudes and activities on wildlife, and is widely recognized as a leading authority on wildlife and human-wildlife relationships in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. He is a strong advocate for the role of scientists as public educators and for experiential science programs for youth.

Prior to his current appointment, Dr. Preston was Chairman of the Department of Zoology at the Denver Museum of Natural History, and before that Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He holds or has held adjunct faculty appointments in biology and environmental science at the University of Colorado (Boulder and Denver campuses), environmental policy and management at the University of Denver, and biological sciences at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

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