

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge
December 1999

I. Highlights

Two unusual birds were sighted this month, a great blue heron and hairy woodpecker.

Construction of the new administration building continued during the month, with construction approximately 68 percent complete. The internal framing is complete, drywall, electrical installation, plumbing, and roof installation is ongoing.

II. Weather

Average temperature for the month was slightly lower than normal with a mean of 17.9° Fahrenheit. The extreme high was 52° Fahrenheit and the extreme low was minus 21° Fahrenheit. Precipitation was near normal with 7.1 inches of snow, resulting in .56 inches of precipitation.

Activities and Accomplishments

Todd Stefanic, Biological Science Technician, completed his career seasonal appointment, we hope to bring him back in mid-March, budget pending.

Langer, Follett and Rizor traveled to Denver to meet with representatives from Office Depot to discuss new office furniture needs.

Jack Hise, RO Realty traveled to the Refuge to evaluate the Anderson and RR track properties. Lucile Anderson appears unwilling to sell at this time. The RR track property may be for sale in the near future.

Langer and Lanier looked over two Private Lands Projects in Routt County.

Langer, and Mike Long, ES Cheyenne met with Stan Anderson Univ. of Wyoming Coop Unit regarding Mortensen Lake and Coop work in general. The Wyoming Toad study by Josh Parker is finishing up and a paper should be published during the spring of 2000.

The office was without water for several weeks due to frozen water lines. The main problem ended up being a shut-off valve outside the office which had not been insulated properly.

Follett replaced a driver card and the motherboard in one of the office Gateway computers after it crashed. Neither solved the problem and the computer had to be sent in to Gateway for a new hard drive.

Follett completed a final audit of Fed Select and returned all unused checks.

Saratoga NFH borrowed one of the Refuge dump trucks to complete one of their construction projects.

V. Public Relations

NPHPP - Lanier (1)

OPM - Langer (1)

NP Sage Grouse - Rizor (1)

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