

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge
November, 1999

I. Highlights

- (G1) Unusual sightings for November included tundra swans, a long tailed weasel, a short-eared owl, and snow geese.
- (H8) Waterfowl hunting remained an option most of the month as ponds and the river didn't ice over until late in the month. The third big game season passed without incident on the Refuge.
- (I1) Construction of the new administration building continued during the month, with Langer conducting daily site inspections.

II. Weather

- (B) November was very mild, with temperatures often above normal. November's high of 67 degrees Fahrenheit on the 12th broke the old record of 66 degrees Fahrenheit set in 1953. The low for the month was -23 degrees Fahrenheit. The mean temperature was 33.2 degrees Fahrenheit (6.4 above normal). Precipitation was near normal at .54 inches (3.7% above normal), with 5.9 inches of snow. That brings this years' precipitation to 12.38 inches. The Illinois River maintained good flows.

III. Accomplishments

- (E1) Dan Varney's LDOD was the 4th and Carey Furlo's LDOD was the 19th.
- (J3) Lanier attended a week of Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Training in Mardan, ND
- (J3) Lanier and Langer met with representatives of the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss Pathfinder NWR management issues.
- (J3) Lanier and Rizor attended a water rights meeting in Denver, CO with RO water rights, solicitors, and BLM personnel regarding depletion issues on the Refuge.
- (E8) Follet listed all heavy equipment, trailers, and ATV's for credit cards and licence plates.
- (I5) Follet changed over the office computers (bumped the machines down the line to make room for her new Dell 486), and installed Word Perfect 2000 in all the computers.
- (E1) The staff's performance appraisal's were discussed, adjusted if necessary, and sent in to

the Regional Office.

- (I1) Stefanic, Furlo and Varney completed a new boundary fence north of Potter Creek, and moved the cattle guard to the new line.
- (J3) Stefanic and Furlo seeded and harrowed the Lion's Park, as part of the Refuge's contribution to the new park.
- (G3) Stefanic and Furlo straightened and/or fixed about 20 goose structures.
- (J3) Stefanic took the brush hog to Owl Mountain and cut a fire line for the CDOW.
- (F2) Bilbeisi and Rizor spent several days clearing out beaver dams in the Hubbard #2 ditch on the Case tract.
- (G6) Rizor and Bilbeisi captured an injured golden eagle, it was transported to the Raptor Rehab Center in Ft. Collins. The eagle did not survive due to internal injuries.
- (MT) Rizor and Stefanic took the electric fence down at Mortenson Lake NWR, and checked the water at Hutton NWR.

V. Public Relations

HPP - Lanier (1)

NP Sage Grouse Group - Rizor (1)

Owl Mtn. - Langer (1)

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