

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge
December 2000

I. Highlights

A bald eagle was sighted on the headquarters entrance road. Several herds of elk have been wintering on the Refuge, with approximately 700 animals total.

II. Weather

Average temperature for the month was slightly lower than the normal with a mean of 17.9° Fahrenheit. The extreme low was -14° Fahrenheit and the extreme high was 44° Fahrenheit. Precipitation was near normal with eight inches of snow, resulting in .52 inches of precipitation.

III. Activities and Accomplishments

Stefanic, Biological Science Technician, completed his career seasonal appointment on the 14th. We plan on bringing him back to work in mid-March, budget pending.

Langer traveled to Ft. Collins to attend a meeting with CDOW and BRD personnel to discuss Refuge objectives for the Illinois River channel.

Follett attended a 16 hour Warrant Refresher Training, in Denver.

The Refuge hosted a North Park Focus Group meeting, P Bilbeisi is the chairperson. Topics of discussion included Lion's Club Park funding, water rights issues, upcoming conservation easement workshop and wetland development potentials for North Park.

Most grazing permittees came in during the month to finalize their grazing permits. The CCP and effects it might have on grazing were discussed with each permittee.

V. Public Relations

Lion' Club - Lanier (1)

Girl Scouts - P Bilbeisi (2)

Boy Scouts - Lanier (1)

NP Focus Group - P Bilbeisi (1), Lanier (1)

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