

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge
October 2000

I. Highlights

- (G1) Uncommon wildlife sightings for September included 3 burrowing owls, a loggerhead shrike, and 200 + sandhill cranes.
- (I1) Construction on the new administration building continued, several things remain on the check list, but the building was accepted nonetheless, and moving into the new building began on the 30th.
- (H8) Waterfowl season's first split ended on the 22nd. October saw the first two rifle big game seasons pass without incident on the Refuge.
- (G11) Stefanic, Furlo, Follet, and Pam Bilbeisi helped with lake and brown trout spawning at Saratoga National Fish Hatchery.

II. Weather

The extreme high for October was 69° Fahrenheit, the extreme low was 7 ° Fahrenheit with an average temperature of 39.9° Fahrenheit, which is 0.7° above normal. Precipitation was 0.62 below normal at 0.06 inches, with no snow. The Illinois River maintained flows throughout it's entire length.

III. Activities and Accomplishments

- (D1) P. Bilbeisi, Lanier, and Langer met with BRD personnel to discuss goals and objectives for Arapaho NWR's CCP. Lanier and Langer met with State Staffers to inform them of the CCP process.
- (J3) Langer attended a Mountain/Prairie Ecosystem Team meeting in Bismarck North Dakota.
- (I6) The cleaning / janitorial contract was put out for bid.
- (I4) The final items from the St. Paul Insurance settlement were ordered (digital camera, slide cabinet, taxidermy, and projector).
- (I3) The headgates at Hubbard 2 were pulled and reset with new pipes.
- (I3) Stefanic, Furlo, and Varney completed the new stretch of north boundary fence for pasture S1, and constructed a new boundary fence along Burr Lane.

- (G2) Staff had a chance to view black-footed ferrets at the Forest Service building as they were passing through to re-introduction sites in Utah.
- (HT) A waterfowl survey was conducted on Mortenson and Hutton NWR's. Staff spent two days at Mortenson NWR placing rip-rap around Mortenson Lake, and doing work around Soda Lake. Bilbeisi, Stefanic, Furlo, and Varney returned and spent several days completing work at Soda Lake.

V. Public Relations

P. Bilbeisi and Follet conducted a bat station at 'Day In The Woods' for 66 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from Walden Elementary, and 16 adults.

Girl Scouts - P. Bilbeisi (1)

Boy Scouts - Lanier (1)