

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge
February 2001

I. Highlights

- (G1) Over 1100 elk, scattered in four groups, were still present on the Refuge. Several flocks of sage grouse were sighted during the month. A short-eared owl was observed two times along the Headquarters in-road.
- (D1) Refuge staff met with staff from BRD, Cesar, BLM, Garza, RO Planning, Wenum and Patch, CDOW for several days to discuss the upland and meadow goals and objectives for the CCP.
- (D1) The Refuge hosted two Open Houses, one in Walden and one in Ft. Collins as part of public outreach in the CCP process. A questionnaire was given to all participants, along with a slideshow followed by a question and answer period. All comments received were documented and will be reviewed during the planning process.

II. Weather

The monthly was 5 degrees warmer than normal with a mean temperature of 23.0° Fahrenheit. The extreme high was 45° Fahrenheit and the extreme low was -27° Fahrenheit. Precipitation was higher than normal with .65 inches of water from 7.9 inches of snow.

III. Activities and Accomplishments

- (J3) Lanier and Langer attended their annual LE Refresher In-Service at Marana, AZ.
- (H3) Follett, Stefanic, Langer and Lanier attended a day meeting with Emmons, CSU Grad Student, Decker, CSU Professor, and Fetherman, RO Visitor Services to review the draft Rhythms on the Refuge Planning Guide for Environmental Education.
- (MT) P. Bilbeisi attended three days of a Wyoming Toad Population and Habitat Viability Assessment Workshop in Laramie, WY. Langer participated the first day.
- (I5) Follett worked with R. White, North Park High School to get OMP GIS back on the server.
- (D1) Langer met with Kahn, Chief Wildlife Biologist, CDOW to discuss the organization and involvement of the CDOW in the CCP for Arapaho. He volunteered to be the distributor of the draft and final within the CDOW.

- (I1) Follett sent certified copies of Stouffer, High Country Contractor complaints to the RO. Stouffer is filing suit against the Government and Ken Fox on several different factors during the construction of the new office.
- (J3) Langer leads the effort to rewrite the Mountain Prairie Eco-Team plan.
- (I5) Follett started loading Lotus Notes on the Refuge computers adding one computer every two weeks. She also hooked up the 2nd modem on the WebRamp.
- (PA) Lanier attended a Central Platte Action Group meeting in Rawlins, WY.
- (F10) P. Bilbeisi attended the annual Jackson County Weed meeting recapping the previous years accomplishments and goals for this year.
- (J3) The North Park Focus Area committee sponsored an Estate Planning Workshop for local landowners who were interested. P Bilbeisi is the chairperson of the group, approximately 14 landowners attended.
- (I4) A new Craftsman 10", 3/4 H.P. Bench Grinder was received along with a 12, 18 and 24 volt battery charger.

V. Public Relations

OMP - Langer (1)

NPHPP - Lanier (1)

Boy Scouts - Lanier (3), R. Bilbeisi (1)

Girl Scouts - P. Bilbeisi (2)

Lion's Club - Lanier (1)

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