

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge  
November 1995

I. Highlights

Refuge ponds remained open late into the month which is very unusual since most years the refuge is completely frozen by the end of October. Several extremely hardy or very dumb mallards, pintails and shovellers were seen as late as the 22nd of the month, the latest ducks have been recorded on the refuge in many years. Large flocks of sandhill cranes were sighted several times flying over the refuge during the month, another late occurrence. Four swans were observed for several days early in the month, these were either trumpeter or tundra swans, there was a difference of opinion on the identification.

II. Weather

The month was mild with an average temperature of 32 degrees fahrenheit, a high of 56 degrees fahrenheit and a low of 0 degrees fahrenheit. Precipitation was more than double the normal for the month with 1.23 inches.

III. Activities and Accomplishments

Mike Stemple, Colorado State Supervisor, visited the refuge to get acquainted with the staff and refuge programs.

Patten and Follett spent many hours working on the Stelbar Acquisition Conceptual Management Plan, the plan includes a narrative and GIS maps of the actual land exchanges.

Patten traveled to Kremmling to meet with the BLM on the Stelbar Acquisition Conceptual Management Plan and Owl Mountain Project 319 monies.

Rodriguez completed his detail to Brown's Park NWR, assisting the staff during the Project Leader and ROS vacancies.

The tour loop and the nature trail were closed for the winter and all hunting and interpretive signs were brought in and winterized.

Patten assisted the Colorado Division of Wildlife with law enforcement activities for the third big game rifle season.

Better late than never, the overhead doors on the equipment building were completed this month.

Curtis chaired the monthly safety meeting, the film 'Electric & Power Line Safety' was viewed.

IV. Public Relations

Lion's Club - Patten (1)

Owl Mountain - Patten (2), Rodriguez (1)

Boy Scouts - Rodriguez (2)

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