

MONTHLY ACTIVITY  
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge  
August 2007

I.     Highlights

- (G1) Western kingbirds and loggerhead shrikes became a common observation as fall approaches. Unusual sightings included: fox, marbled godwit and cedar waxwing.

II.    Weather

The month was slightly warmer than normal with a mean of 59.5° F, a high of 85° F. and a low of 30° F. Precipitation was higher than normal with 1.76 inches compared to the average of 1.12 inches.

III.   Activities and Accomplishments

- (E1) Timberman showed Amy Thornburg, new ROS, the Wyoming Satellite stations and parts of Arapaho NWR. Amy will EOD in September but came up to Arapaho for a few days in August to see the station and help with some workload.
- (E1) Kinney, Biological Science Technician LDOD was the 8<sup>th</sup>. He left to return to college in North Carolina; Jason ran the YCC crew and did a great job.
- (E4) Student volunteers Lewis and Brown LDOD was the 2<sup>nd</sup>. They both are returning to college and were very helpful this summer in accomplishing several projects on the Refuge.
- (E2) The YCC enrollees finished their last day of work on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The four person crew assisted the Refuge with many work projects and gave some time to a variety of other Natural Resource agencies.
- (E6) Biological Science Technician Defilipps presented a safety meeting on soap holes and thin ice.
- (F9) A lightning strike ignited sagebrush south of the office. The Walden Volunteer Fire Department responded, along with USFS. The fire was extinguished by firefighters, followed by a heavy rain; the blaze was about 1/10 acre.
- (I1) The replacement of the Case interior fence contract was let and Hold'em Fence Company got the bid.
- (I2) Boyd spread road base around the handicap pads at the office and in front of the cold storage shed.

- (I2) Boyd graded the Allard backroad and mowed the RR track road.
- (I5) The Refuge received the following: a Dell computer; an auger for the skidsteer; a microwave and toaster oven for Quarters #154; an oven for Quarters #4; a trailer from Ouary NWR; two front and one rear window on the 99 Ford, YCC Crewcab and 06 Chevy respectively.
- (MT) Johnson attended a Wyoming Toad Recovery Team meeting.
- (HT) Timberman and Griffin, RO Planning hosted a public meeting in Laramie, WY as part of the Laramie Plains CCP process. Six people showed up with questions/comments on the Laramie Plains CCP. All comments were supportive of the preferred alternative.
- (HT) Johnson, Boyd, Fields and Defilipps spent approximately two weeks at Hutton Lake NWR removing and replacing a section of fence in the North Forty area of the Refuge.
- (HT) While working on the fence at Hutton NWR the semi was left there overnight. Several chains and an oversize load sign were stolen. Chains will be locked in boxes on the semi in the future to prevent loss.
- (J3) Staff held a quarterly planning meeting to set priorities for fall work.
- (J3) Follett completed CMT verification, sent a Business Unit 'C' activity report to field stations, participated in an AO Conference call and purchased a jump drive.
- (J3) McClure, GAO auditor, along with Rundle, RO Refuge Supervisor, Dennis, RO Chief of Budget visited the Refuge. Timberman provided a tour, fielded questions and discussions on the budget climate and the effects tight budgets are having on Arapaho and other field stations

#### IV. Public Relations

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