MONTHLY ACTIVITY
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge
June 2007

I. Highlights

(G1) Unusual sighting for the month include: long-eared owl and American bittern. The first duck brood, Mallard with four young, was spotted on June 15, young Am. coots were observed the next week.

II. Weather

Temperatures for the month were near normal with a mean of 53.8º F, a low of 25º F and a high of 84º F. Precipitation was extremely low with .29 inches compared to the 30 year average of 1.04 inches. The Illinois River dropped rapidly the last week of the month.

III. Activities and Accomplishments

(E1) Timberman reviewed applications for ROS position, selection is pending.

(E1) Nameth, STEP completed her last work day on the 22nd, she left the next week to attend her first year at the Navel Academy in Annapolis.

(E2) The YCC crew started this month; the crew consists of two girls and two guys. They have completed a variety of jobs including: fence removal, trash pickup, fence repair and sealant, working two days with the USFS and one with Colorado State Park.

(E6) Lewis and Brown, Student volunteers, presented a safety meeting on Ticks, the diseases they carry and proper first aid.

(E6) Locke, YCC enrollee stepped on a nail while loading old wood for disposal. He was treated at the local clinic and was off work for about a week.

(G1) Seasonal personal spend one morning a week working on gathering information for the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas.

(H1) Time was spent irrigating when possible with river declines and getting electric fence up for grazing permittees.

(H7) Timberman met with Linda Edwards, CDOW, to plan a presentation and tour of the refuge for a volunteer tour that CDOW has annually.

(I4) Boyd spent many hours working on an ATV that had been damaged; he also finished installing an eye wash basin in the shop.

(I2) Boyd finished cleaning up the old concrete at Soap Creek, completed rehab on Bilbeisi and Spring Creek dikes, bladed Hampton, Smith and MacFarlane dam roads and installed two entrance signs.

(I2) Follett priced gravel/rock/dirt for several refuge dike rehab projects.

(J3) Timberman met with Evans, private landowner to plan cooperative efforts on the maintenance of MacFarlane dam.

(J3) Follett participated in a Business Unit 'C' conference call and an AO council call.

(J3) Timberman reviewed the fence contract for Case unit and discussed office heating system problem with Wern Air.

(HT) A waterfowl count was completed at Hutton and Mortenson Lake NWRs. Water and the traffic counter were also checked at Hutton.

(J3) Timberman attended SAMMS training at National Elk Refuge in Wyoming.

(J3) Timberman review the draft statewide sage grouse plan.

IV. Public Relations

NPHPP – Timberman (1)

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