

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge
December 2008

I. Highlights

- (G1) A trumpeter swan was seen on the North Platte River, just off County Rd 12W. It stayed in the same area for about 10 days.
- (G8) Approximately 600 elk were observed on the Anderson tract late in the month.

II. Weather

The month was just over 1° F warmer than average with a mean of 19.8° F. The high was 46° F and the low was -16° F. Precipitation was higher than normal with .76 inches, from 13.6 inches of snow, compared to the average of .55 inches.

III. Activities and Accomplishments

- (C1) Esperance, RO Planning drafted the EA for the Chandler Ranch donation. Timberman assisted with editing and adding required information.
- (E1) Rudy, Term Maintenance Worker, LDOD was December 19th.
- (I1) Thornburg met with representatives from DU to discuss Boyce Brothers and Hubbard #1 headgates and river structures.
- (F7) All grazing was finalized and permittees were contacted for final billing.
- (G1) Johnson and Lennek participated in the annual Christmas bird count sponsored by the Colorado State Parks.
- (I4) Boyd worked on several vehicles: new seal in transfer case of 99 Dodge; brake pads 99 Ford; repaired and modified headache rack and worked on the brakes on 01 Chevy; and worked on the taillights of the 06 Dodge.
- (I2) Boyd spent time preparing for snow removal, working on snow plow and putting chains on loader.
- (I2) Rudy installed shelves in Timberman's office and the kitchen. The shelves in the conference room closet were moved to make room for the herbarium.
- (J3) Timberman met with Bill Ulfelder, Ben McConahey and Michael Higuera from TNC. Ben is taking over long term landscape planning efforts and Michael is the Land Conservation Program Manager. Bill will be transferring out of state for a new position with TNC.

- (J3) Timberman, Thornburg and Johnson participated in the zone conference call.
- (J3) Timberman completed her annual LE physical.
- (J3) Thornburg continued to assist the RO with the Challenge Cost Share, helping with the final selection of the approved projects.

IV. Public Relations

NPHPP – Timberman (1)

North Platte Basin Round-table – Timberman (1)

NP Wetland Focus Group – Thornburg (1)

North Platte Wetland Inventory Steering Community – Thornburg (1)

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