

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge  
February 2009

I.     Highlights

- (G8)   A count of the wintering elk herd found approximately 1,670 animals in five groups ranging from 15 to 810 animals.
- (G1)   Timberman reported a sighting of a potential wolf just off the Refuge boundary near the Headquarters entrance road.

II.    Weather

The month was extremely dry with .16 inches of precipitation from 3.4 inches of snow, compared to the average of .52 inches. Temperatures were warmer than normal with a mean of 22° F, compared to the average mean of 19.4° F. The high was 48° F and the low was -5° F.

III.   Activities and Accomplishments

- (C3)   Thornburg and Boyd checked the Chandler Ranch area for potential contaminants sampling. Thornburg also talked to Greg Copper of Cooper Natural Resources, about the contaminants history of the adjoining mine property.
- (F7)   Thornburg and Johnson met with grazing permittees to discuss: grazing fees; AUM's, prescribed burning, and answer any questions.
- (F9)   Johnson traveled to Steamboat Springs, for her annual fire physical.
- (D2)   Thornburg continued to work on the Hunt Plan, talking with the local CDOW and updating the plan with their comments.
- (H17)   Timberman was at LE In-service in Marana, AZ the first week of the month.
- (H17)   Dilley, CDOW wrote a coyote hunting violation on the Refuge. He noted a vehicle and called Timberman to ensure the vehicle was suspicious and she verified no one should be in that area. Dilley then proceeded with the case and found the violator with two coyotes shot on the Refuge near the Hampton Barn. Timberman went to the location and they brought the violator back to HQ. After discussing options on the best way to cite, Dilley wrote State citations. The hunter faces the loss of hunting privileges for up to five (5) years.
- (I2)    Boyd has spent many hours constructing take-outs for the Lateral B ditch on the Soap Creek tract.

- (I4) Boyd serviced the dump truck, lowboy, ATV's and 06 Chevy.
- (J3) Lennek completed converting the files over to the new filing system.
- (J3) Staff traveled to Grand Lake, CO to be fingerprinted and photographed for the new DOI Access Cards.
- (D2) Johnson completed the Narrative and Annual Habitat Work Plan with Water Management Plan attached.
- (J3) Timberman and Lennek attended a North Park Outdoor Education Network meeting. Earth Day and a Water Carnival were discussed.
- (J3) Boyd participated in a Wage Grade Conference Call.
- (I2) Thornburg continued to work with Grand Lake Electric to finish repairs in the office.
- (J3) Thornburg completed online SAMMS training.

IV. Public Relations

NPGSGC – Johnson (1)

4-H – Lennek (1): Animal tracks and Winter Survival.

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