

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge
September 2009

I. Highlights

- (C3) The Chandler Ranch, donated to the Refuge by Gloria Chandler, was accepted on the 25th.

II. Weather

Temperatures were near normal with a mean of 49.9° F. compared to the average of 49.3° F. Precipitation was low with .57 inches of rain compared to the average of 1.12 inches. River flows remained low, with a minimal flow on the north throughout the month.

III. Activities and Accomplishments

- (E1) Justin and Collin Rhine LDOD was the 11th, as they headed back to school. They did a great job for us this summer, really helping with the YCC program.
- (E2) Gonzales our last YCC enrollee LDOD was the 30th. Rudy was a great help with fencing and goose structure removal his last month.
- (E6) Justin and Collin presented the monthly safety meeting with topics of safely fueling vehicles and using air tools.
- (G3) A waterfowl count was conducted on the Refuge with numbers near normal for the time of year.
- (H8) Youth Waterfowl weekend was the 26th and 27th, with fourteen youth hunters in 9 groups contacted opening day. One hunter had his limit, one was female and with the perfect weather everyone was having a great time.
- (H8) The draft Hunt Plan/EA was received back from the RO, comments were incorporated and a final draft developed. The final draft will be given to the CDOW in Oct. for comments, then go through a 30 day public comment period in Nov. Many thanks to Thornburg, RO Planning, for coordinating RO comments and writing the plan.
- (I2) Work began on the thermostat project for the office, which will help conserve energy by allowing us to lower temperatures during the evenings and weekends.
- (I2) Boyd and Rudy finished installing take-outs in the Lateral C, he also rehabbed the blow-out on the Caudal headgate, reset several checks on the Hubbard #2, rehabbed a blow-out in Boyce Brothers and reset a check, and rehabbed a check blown out in the Caudal ditch.
- (I2) Boyd took the backhoe to the MacFarlane Extension ditch and rehabbed the headgate, river structure and a blow-out. He also removed willows in the Howard ditch near the flume.

- (I2) Rudy built two new parking lots off of Highway 125 for hunter access.
- (I4) The following items were received during the month: fire extinguishers, eyewash station, Friends Group demonstration board and tent.
- (HT) A waterfowl survey was completed on Mortenson and Hutton Lake NWR's.
- (J3) Timberman traveled to Kirwin NWR for mid-year law enforcement requalification.
- (J3) The assessment for the Case and Hampton barns was completed by Andrews and Anderson, a firm from Boulder, CO. The report is pending and is the first step in preserving the barns. The next step will be to apply for a stabilization grant from the Colorado State Historical Society.

V. Public Relations

OMP – Timberman (1)

NPHPP – Timberman (1)

Arapaho Friends Group – Timberman (1), Johnson (1)

- (H7) Lennek participated in a Star Gazing Party put on by the JC Outdoor Education Network program.

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