MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge December 2010

I. <u>Highlights</u>

(G8) An elk count early in the month found approximately 700 elk in five groups.

II. Weather

Temperatures were slightly warmer than normal with a mean temperature of 21.2° F. compared to the average mean of 18.3° F. The high for the month was 46° F. and the low was -16° F. Precipitation was high with 1.01 inches (from 15.8 inches of snow), compared to the average of .55 inches.

- III. Activities and Accomplishments
- (E1) Rudy, Term Maintenance Worker, LDOD was the 3rd, he will return in the spring.
- (F7) All grazing permittees finalized their grazing for the year and paid their grazing fee.
- (H17) Klavetter patrolled for LE during the month. He put down an female elk calf that had a broken front leg from being entangled in a fence.
- (F9) Klavetter worked with Ashcroft, FMO on paperwork for burn piles on Arapaho, Mortenson Lake, and Hutton Lake.
- (I2) Boyd spent time fabricating ditch checks and plowing snow.
- (J3) Klavetter worked with the fence and solar/boiler contractors.
- (J3) Due to excessing the Soap Creek Quarters, Mountain Parks Electric is removing 3 ½ miles of overhead power lines from the Refuge.
- (MT) The Nature Conservancy closed on the Magee Property at Mortenson Lake NWR. TNC bridged this important 520 acre purchase for conservation of the endangered Wyoming Toad.
- (H17) Timberman completed her annual LE physical.
- (J3) Timberman drafted an Intermountain West Joint Venture Capacity Grant request to help fund a Refuge Manager position for the Wyoming Satellite Refuges. The grant will be submitted in January 2011.
- (J3) Timberman continued to work on the DOT team efforts throughout the month.

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