

## **Area Report – Open Space Operations for 1/24/13**

### **General-**

- Attended Agricultural Advisory Board , Habitat Protection Program and Open Lands Advisory Board meetings

### **Rangers-**

- Visitor count using new 'Trafx' laser counters will begin at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space on 1/1/13, two trail counters at Horsetooth Mountain trail head and one trail counter at Soderberg trail head
- Charged (10) hours of patrol to Grant's at Red Mountain Open Space for security on their property
- Investigated report of someone shooting prairie dogs on open space property at Indian Creek/Devil's Backbone
- Developed spreadsheet to track hunter information and harvest rates for Red Mountain hunting program
- Horsetooth Mountain gatehouse (Kim) has sold 77 annual permits in December
- Took pictures to document new heron rookery that established this spring at Fossil Creek Reservoir

### **Maintenance/Projects/Leases-**

- Wrote 2013 annual grazing plans for Red Mountain, Eagle's Nest and North Property (Solid Waste) and sent to lessees for review
- Finished River Bluffs' five year agricultural lease draft agreement and sent it to lessee for review
- Installed rail fence around pipe inlet of livestock tank at Red Mountain
- Signed road maintenance agreement with Indian Creek Ranch HOA to finish road re-surfacing work in Indian Creek valley/Devil's Backbone area
- Installed smaller 'Long View Farm' signs on east side of Hwy 287 in agreement with Manor Ridge Estates HOA to identify as county land
- Removed approximately ¼ mile of silt barrier along entry road at Red Mountain Open Space