



Area Report – Open Space Operations for 3/28/13

General-

- Attended Agricultural Advisory Board , Habitat Protection Program and Open Lands Advisory Board meetings
- Galena Fire burned 1300 + acres in the Horsetooth Mountain/Lory State Park area
- A pair of Bald Eagles are building a new nest at Fossil Creek Reservoir, a trail closure has been put in place at ½ mile from the nest on the Sand Piper trail
- Major damage done to the Sand Creek Barn at Red Mountain by the blizzard/windstorm on 2/24, working with Risk Mgmt to have it fixed

Rangers-

- Multiple citations and verbal warnings for off- trail use, climbing in non-designated area, dogs off leash and illegal camping
- Planning for Ranger Excellence School 2013, dates will be May 6 - 10
- On-line application process for Red Mountain hunting program was February 1st – 28th , drawing was held on March 1st , 667 applications for 9 licenses
- Red Mountain Open Space re-opened on March 1st
- Seasonal closures at Devil’s Backbone/Keyhole, River Bluffs, Fossil Creek and Eagle’s Nest for raptor nesting; Cattail Flats trail opened at Fossil Creek

Maintenance/Projects/Leases-

- Prepared and sent out first quarter grazing and agriculture billing
- Crew started work on hardening Swan Johnson trail at Horsetooth Mountain
- Crew started work on building prairie dog barrier and installing new access gate and culvert for lessee to access eastern agricultural field at River Bluffs