



Red Mountain District - Open Space Operations

General-

- Attended Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) , Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) and Open Lands Advisory Board (OLAB) meetings
- Northern Colorado Climbers Coalition has completed their anchor replacement on Horsetooth Rock; Thanks for all your hard work NCCC!
- Completed final budget revisions for 2014 budget
- Working with Fort Collins Natural Areas on a possible shared pronghorn hunting program at Red Mountain and Soapstone
- Horsetooth Mountain webcam is working well and much appreciated by our visitors and rangers

Rangers-

- Red Mountain Open Space was closed for the winter starting on Dec. 1st, it will reopen on March 1st
- Red Mountain hunting application drawing runs February 1st through February 28th for 2015 big game seasons
- Rangers assisted with a missing person search at the east side of Fossil Creek Reservoir, unable to locate individual
- Seventeen to eighteen cormorants were found dead along the Fossil Creek Reservoir shore line near the rookery, several were bagged and taken in for examination, it is presumed that they died through the night while roosting during the severe cold spell we had in late November, cormorants should have migrated south by now
- Devil's Backbone visitor count concluded on December 31st, counters will be moved to Red Mountain for 2015

Maintenance/Projects/Leases-

- Repaired fascia board on outdoor classroom at Devil's Backbone
- Worked with South Fort Collins Water District and Linda on River Bluffs OS water increase (and very large water bill) due to water line vandalism; additional vandalism occurred at the trailhead
- Initial planning and cost estimate for Sand Creek fence at Red Mountain for native green back cutthroat fish habitat.
- Worked with Charlie Peterson and brand inspector on Bob Green cattle trespass at Red Mountain
- Worked with lessees at Eagle's Nest and Red Mountain to remove cattle on Dec. 1
- Phone discussion with Boulder County farmer wanting to lease agricultural land in Larimer County
- Arranged with Royal Vista Equine to put 8-9 horses in River Bluffs' west field for winter grazing
- Replaced boundary fence and gate at Red-tail Ridge (FEMA), our last FEMA project

