

COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

2009 Volunteer Annual Report



Art Bennett, CDOW volunteer for the Northwest Region, teaches kids how to fish at Outdoor Heritage Day in Palisade.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MISSION:

To provide a willing, skilled, and knowledgeable volunteer work force to augment the Division of Wildlife staff and programs, provide training and exposure to wildlife management, and, as a result, cultivate informed citizen support for the wildlife of Colorado.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife relies significantly on the contribution of dedicated volunteers to accomplish important work in such areas as: wildlife education and conservation, hunting and angling education and recruitment, wildlife habitat conservation and maintenance, terrestrial and aquatic program assistance and research, public information and outreach assistance, and much more. Contact your local Volunteer Coordinator for more information on how you can help Colorado's wildlife.



A Cast & Blast participant catches her first fish at a NW Region event for women.



A great horned owl is released after being rehabilitated at Ellicott Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Some statewide statistics:

Active volunteers: 1,016

DOW Projects: 222

Labor contributed to DOW: \$1,080,115

Equivalent FTE: 25^{1/2}



Southeast volunteer Lynne Cann monitors bluebird houses in spring 2009.

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2009 HIGHLIGHTS

HUNTING PROGRAMS

Highlights: Hunter outreach, women afield, education, customer service hours

7,946 hours



Education, license sales, recruitment programs and more

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Highlights: Spawning, electrofishing, education, fishing clinics, and more

2,019 hours



Outreach and assistance for aquatic programs

BEAR AWARE

Highlights: 10 Teams

3,128 hours



Community outreach on reducing human-bear conflicts in bear country

WILDLIFE TRANSPORT

Highlights: 8 Teams

3,778 hours



Transporting sick and injured wildlife to rehabilitation



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WILDLIFE VIEWING FESTIVALS

Highlights: Viewing festivals all around the state for species ranging from Sandhill cranes to bighorn sheep

1,284 hours



Wildlife viewing festivals provide opportunities to view wildlife, attend educational programs, and more

BIGHORN SHEEP SURVEYS & LEK COUNTS

Highlights: 11 Projects

2,258 hours



Volunteers participate in bighorn sheep and other wildlife population surveys assisting field staff

SPORTSMEN'S SHOWS & HUNTER INFORMATION BOOTHS

Highlights: Hunter recruitment and outreach opportunities, information distributed in hunt camps

1,166 hours



Volunteers provide information about the DOW, hunting, and fishing in Colorado

CAMP HOSTS

Highlights: 10 Sites

6,142 hours



Camp hosts assist with maintenance of SWAs and hatcheries during the summer season