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New Database Debuts in September

The Colorado Division of Wildlife Volunteer Program is unveiling a new database system in September that will make it much easier to track volunteers, hours, grant matches, and track wildlife accomplishments for both volunteers and the DOW. For existing volunteers, like yourself, once you log in to the new system, you will then be able to access your own demographic information, and update your address, phone number, and email. Once we give everyone the word, you'll want to review and update your chosen interests and skills. You'll even be able to search for new opportunities, request an assignment to a project, report your hours, and most importantly, check how many hours you have already reported. This new system will be more efficient, accurate, and interactive than in the past.

With this new system, new volunteers will be able to apply on-line. Searching for opportunities will be a snap, and volunteers can request an "assignment" right then and there when they find something interesting.

The link to all this great new stuff will be on the same old DOW Volunteer

page, so the transition will be seamless. All current volunteers will be moved onto this new system sometime in late August or early September. You will automatically be assigned a temporary user name and password. When you try to access the system for the first time, you'll need to request an email, and the information will be sent to you. From there, you can log in, review your file, and change your password. Look for a post-card with instruction to be mailed soon.

Not everything in the old system will make it to the new one; you may want to review your file once the new system is in place. Bare with us as we all become familiar with this new system, and let us know what you think!

For those without internet access or email, don't worry. We'll continue to produce the printed quarterly newsletter, keeping you up-to-date on current news and opportunities. Volunteer orientations will be offered throughout the state this fall, winter, and spring to discuss these changes, so watch for a workshop near you. As always, feel free to contact your local volunteer coordinator if you have questions.



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Northeast Region Volunteer Program

By Mary McCormac

As some of you know, I have recently accepted the Northeast Region Education Coordinator position and I figured a short article in the newsletter may help address some questions and concerns some of you may have regarding the direction of the Volunteer Program in the NE region. Management has assured me that they intend to fill this position as soon as possible. In the meantime, I will try to juggle both positions and will certainly appreciate all of your patience and understanding while I try to maintain this program, while learning all the responsibilities and obligations of my new position.

I continue to be inspired and amazed at the commitment and enthusiasm of all the people who care enough

about Colorado’s wildlife that they are willing to give their spare time to help this agency. Whether it’s a hunter or angler wanting to give back or someone with a passion for wildlife he/she wants to share, there are so many individual stories to impress and inspire. Henry David Thoreau wrote, “One is not born into the world to do everything, but to do something,” and every one of you is proof of that statement. This job change is bittersweet, as it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Coordinator. But now I will look forward to working with you in a different capacity, as I move back to where my heart truly is – wildlife conservation education. Thank you for everything you do and I hope to see you on some future education projects!

Montrose Volunteers Will Miss Their Friend



Volunteer **Dave Olsen** passed away on July 27th of cancer, which took him quickly. Dave had been a volunteer for about four years, working on projects including hunter information, youth fishing, and a kit fox tracking project. Long time Montrose volunteer

Jack Beck had known Dave for many years, and they had hunted together since the late ‘60’s. Dave was wearing a DOW t-shirt when the funeral home picked him up. We will miss him as a friend and volunteer.

What is she up to now?

On June 30, Linda Edwards, the NW region Volunteer Coordinator retired from the DOW. She is now sleeping in, enjoying time with her husband, Ken (who retired before her) and preparing to go fishing.

Linda requested a fish grill for her retirement party. So we went all out and grilled salmon, mahi mahi, and had shrimp cocktail for appetizers. Their son Jason and grandson Jack surprised them so the party was a family affair! She really enjoyed the party and we all had a good time watching her blindfolded and swinging at a piñata! What a surprise when little bottles of her favorite spirits came pouring out of it! Fun was had by all!

Linda worked as the NW Volunteer Coordinator for five years, with a total of 22 years of service to the State of Colorado. Prior to working for the DOW, Linda worked at Mesa State College and was a teacher when she and Ken first arrived in the Grand Valley. Linda helped coordinate thousands of volunteer hours to the DOW through projects including placing wildlife hosts on DOW properties from Memorial Day through Labor Day each



summer, coordinating community wildlife rescue teams, and using volunteers to increase coexistence with black bears through the Bear Aware program in the Northwest.

Some future trips that Linda has planned are traveling to Alaska and visiting her grandchildren in Montana. Linda will be missed by all of us at the DOW, but we know that she has many happy trails ahead. Congratulations Linda!



Sunset at Miramonte Reservoir (Dan Nobel SWA). Campground hosts **Elva and Bob Foulk and Jo and Mario Busnardo** put in lots of hours this summer answering questions, cleaning up campgrounds, and keeping track of campers. Their work is much appreciated at this remote yet beautiful spot.

It's Hunting Season—Stay Safe!

“Hunting or not, blaze orange is a great precaution when outside during the Fall.”



Volunteer Kacey Tepley wears blaze orange while playing around during deer season.

Autumn attracts big game hunters seeking deer, elk, moose, pronghorn, bear, and other game animals to thousands of acres of public and private land in Colorado. Because the busy hunting season is fast approaching, we would like to offer a few safety tips for both the hunters and non-hunters who find themselves sharing the outdoors. The big game combined seasons are typically the busiest of the hunting seasons with both residents and non-residents out looking for meat to bring home to their families. The dates of the big game rifle seasons include a limited first season October 10-14, then over the counter elk seasons from October 17-25 and October 31 – November 6, then the last major rifle elk season November 11-15. Other big game hunting occurs before and after these dates, but the combined rifle seasons are the busiest.

To be the most visible and help prevent accidents in the field, anyone going outdoors should wear blaze orange. According to Colorado law, big game hunters using firearms must wear at least 500 square inches of blaze orange above the waist (including a hat or head covering) visible from all directions. Hunting or not, blaze orange is a great precaution when outside during the Fall. You can even buy a blaze orange backpack cover at local sporting good shops.

In addition to being visible, experienced outdoor enthusiasts know they should ALWAYS be prepared when outdoors in Colorado. Don't leave your vehicle without the proper clothing for the quickly changing weather conditions, always carry emergency food & water no matter how short your hike, and carry a small survival kit with you. If you are unfamiliar with survival practices, take a class locally and learn as much as possible. Knowledge is power and may save you or someone else in the future.

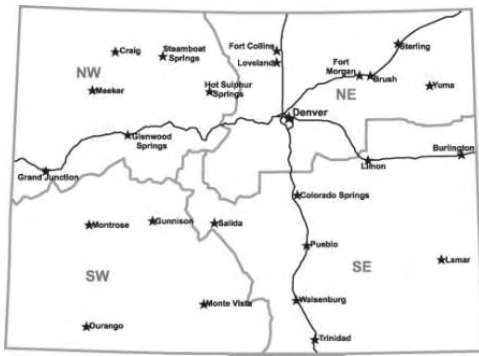
Always let someone know where you are going and when you'll be back. If you do get lost, stay in one place until help arrives. If you are on the move in the woods and don't know where you are going, you'll be much harder to find.

If you plan to be outdoors, purchase a Colorado habitat stamp or hiking certificate. The \$10.25 habitat stamp includes the search and rescue fee, and also gives the DOW money for habitat protection helping wildlife directly. Another option is the Colorado hiking certificate. The cost is \$3 for one year or \$12 for 5 years and if you do find yourself in a situation where you need search and rescue support, costs may be reimbursed. These can be purchased at any DOW office with a driver's license. Gift certificates can be purchased with the correct information such as name, address, phone # and date of birth.

Fall is one of the best times to be outdoors but play it safe, stay visible and always be prepared anytime you venture out.

Where do I look for projects?

The map on the left has four regional designations. Projects within those regions are listed in the Opportunities by project type, under the region name. For example, if you are interested in projects in Yuma, look under Northeast opportunities. If you have questions or need assistance, call your regional coordinator.



Northeast Opportunities

To sign-up for opportunities in this section, or for more information, please call the person in the Contact section.

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Aquatic				
Hatchery Assistance	Bellvue Fish Hatchery, west of Fort Collins	Assist in fish culture activities: feeding, sorting, loading fish, cleaning ponds and raceways, and maintaining buildings and grounds.	Weekdays, min. 4 hour shift per week	Brad Neuschwanger or Steve Hokansson 970-482-1659
Aquatic Lab Assistants	Aquatic Animal Health Lab 122 E Edison Brush Service Center	Work with biologists in a lab to process samples, enter and file whirling disease data, and perform general lab procedures such as disinfection, maintenance of water baths, weighing chemicals, and fixing lab equipment.	Ongoing, Weekdays, flexible hours	Vicki Milano 970-842-6308
Large Stream Electro Fishing	Upper South Platte Basin	2-3 volunteers needed to assist biologist with all aspects of electrofishing. Shocking, weighing, measuring, and data collection. Work conducted in rapid river water; must have chest waders with felt boots. Must be able to walk upstream in cold, swift water while dragging up to 20 lbs. Please do not volunteer if you are not in top physical shape. Screening will be done to verify physical requirements are met.	Dates TBA, Oct.-Early Nov. Need to be at the location by 7:30 or 8am. Must be flexible, changes in dates and locations	Jeff Spohn 303-838-5305 Jeff.spohn@state.co.us
Large Stream Electro Fishing	Clear Creek Bear Creek	See description above.	Mid-Sept. to Mid-Oct., Exact dates TBA Weedays, 8am-4pm	Paul Winkle 303-291-7232 Paul.winkle@state.co.us
Large Stream Electro Fishing	Big Thompson and Poudre Rivers, Larimer County	See description above.	Oct. 20-Nov. 13 8am - 4pm, Mon.-Thurs. Meet at: FC DOW 317 W. Prospect back parking lot	Ben Swigle 970-472-4364 Ben.swigle@state.co.us

Northeast Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Public Information & Education				
Summerset Festival	Clement Park in Littleton, Wadsworth and Bowles	Staff the Living with Wildlife booth at the Summerset Festival in Littleton. 2 volunteers needed per shift; 2 shifts per day.	Sept. 19 & 20 10am-6pm	Mary McCormac 303-291-7369 mary.mccormac@state.co.us
Green Ranch Check Station (Elk hunting)	Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Hunter's parking lot	Greet & monitor up to 10 licensed hunters, distribute information and answer questions, record deer/elk harvest figures and wounding incidents; report problems to park rangers. Need personal vehicle. Good communication skills; ability to persuade people to comply with rules, while having NO police power. Opportunity to get acquainted with deer/elk hunters and watch wildlife.	Filled on a first come, first served basis, Contact for exact dates and times	Dominique Marks 303-582-3707 Dominique.marks@state.co.us
National Hunting and Fishing Day	DOW Headquarters, 6060 Broadway	5 volunteers needed to assist with the Junior Wildlife Manager Area. Experience working with children, public speaking, teaching or interpretation preferred.	September 26 8am-5pm Shift 1: 8am-1pm Shift 2: 12-5pm	Mary McCormac 303-291-7369 mary.mccormac@state.co.us
Elk Fest-- Elk & wildlife viewing interpretation	Downtown Estes Park	Volunteers will host an information table <i>and</i> lead guided bus tours. Project goal is to increase awareness, understanding, and appreciation for elk and other Colorado wildlife. Volunteers will host tour buses carrying about 20 people each; tours leave the town park and travel to popular elk "hang-out" places near the town of Estes Park (not inside Rocky Mt. National Park.) Volunteers may also be asked to help us talk with visitors at the golf course about responsible viewing. NOTE: Returning volunteers especially desired; few new volunteers needed. Requirements: minimum of introductory level knowledge about elk, good communication skills, experience with public speaking, education or interpretation required; must enjoy talking with a diversity of people. Training for new volunteers required; training date TBA	Oct. 3 & 4 9am-5pm, with a break Volunteers may work one or both days Meet together for dinner Saturday night if desired	Karen Hardesty 303-291-7291 Karen.hardesty@state.co.us

Northeast Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Public Information & Education (continued)				
Elk Fest-- Fishing Education	Estes Park	Host “introduction to fishing” activity for families during the Elk Fest. Requirements: Experience in fishing, good communication skills required; must enjoy working with kids and families. Prefer volunteers who have experience teaching fishing education for DOW. NOTE: Also looking for volunteer(s) with experience teaching fly-tying.	Oct. 3 & 4, time TBA Volunteers may work one or both days. Meet for dinner Saturday night together if desired.	Scott Gilmore 303-291-7512 Scott.Gilmore@state.co.us
Elk Fest-- OGT Trailer and Laser Shot	Downtown Estes Park	Volunteers to staff the “Operation Game Thief” trailer during the festival. Talk to visitors about wildlife, poaching, hunting, etc. Also assist with the Laser Shot system. 2-3 people per day.	Oct. 4 & 5 9am-5pm, with a break See description above	Mary McCormac 303-291-7369 Mary.mccormac@state.co.us
Georgetown Bighorn Sheep Festival – wildlife viewing interpretation	Georgetown Viewing Area and Town of Georgetown	Assist the DOW and the Town of Georgetown in hosting the Georgetown Bighorn Sheep Festival. Volunteers will set up for festival programs; greet and help orient festival and program participants; host the viewing facility and provide interpretation/education about bighorn sheep; host a DOW information table; and help with other duties as assigned. NOTE: Returning volunteers are especially desired; also volunteers who have helped with other Watchable Wildlife projects, but not this one. A few new volunteers are needed! Requirements: minimum of introductory level knowledge about wildlife; good communication skills; experience with public speaking, education or interpretation required; must enjoy talking with a diversity of people. Event orientation will be required.	Nov. 14 8:30am–6pm	Karen Hardesty 303-291-7291 Karen.hardesty@state.co.us

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Northeast Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Public Information & Education (continued)				
Georgetown Bighorn Sheep Festival – Children’s activities leaders	Georgetown Viewing Area and Town of Georgetown	Assist DOW staff with hosting and coordinating children’s events at the Georgetown Bighorn Sheep Festival. Volunteers will help set up for programs; greet and assist children (approx 3-12 yrs) in crafts and other festival programs. NOTE: Please let us know if you have experience working with ESL youth, if you speak Spanish or any other language, or if you have skills/experience with special needs populations. Requirements: Must have experience working with children, and enjoy working with families; good communication skills required; experience with public speaking, teaching or interpretation preferred.	Nov. 14 8:30am–6pm **Assistance needed with set-up in afternoon Friday, Nov. 13	Mary McCormac 303-291-7369 or mary.mccormac@state.co.us
Georgetown Bighorn Sheep Festival – fishing outreach and education	Georgetown Viewing Area and Town of Georgetown	Host “introduction to fishing” activity for families during the Georgetown Bighorn Sheep Festival. Prefer volunteers who have experience teaching fishing education for DOW. NOTE: Also looking for volunteer(s) with experience teaching fly-tying. Requirements: Experience fishing and good communication skills required; must enjoy working with kids and families.	Nov. 14 8:30-6pm	Scott Gilmore 303-291-7512 Scott.Gilmore@state.co.us
Winter Bighorn Viewing & interpretation Georgetown Viewing Area	Georgetown viewing station, Georgetown exit off I-70	Volunteers host and provide interpretive services to visitors at the Georgetown Viewing Area. Help visitors find and learn about Rocky Mt. bighorn sheep. Volunteers work in pairs or small groups on weekends and holidays during peak winter visitation. NOTE: Returning volunteers especially desired; few new volunteers needed. Requirements: knowledge about bighorn sheep, good communication skills, wildlife viewing experience, and experience with public speaking, teaching or interpretation required. Must enjoy talking with a diversity of people. Viewing station is not enclosed, but provides shelter; volunteers must dress for cold winter weather. Training required for new volunteers; may be combined with Festival training. Dates TBA.	Nov.15– Jan. 3 Work at least one weekend day per month for Nov. & Dec.	Karen Hardesty 303-291-7291 Karen.hardesty@state.co.us

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Public Information & Education (continued)				
GIS Program Support	Fort Collins Service Center, 317 W. Prospect, Ft. Collins	Primarily clerical work. May offer digitizing county boundaries and wildlife points of interest, data capture using a GPS unit. General data compilation for use in spatial databases. Compile species distribution map books.	Variable	Dawn Browne 970-472-4360 Bob Sacco 970-472-4329
Volunteer Orientations & Other Learning Opportunities				
New Volunteer Opportunities		<i>Due to staff and program changes, the Northeast Region Volunteer Program cannot accept new volunteer applicants at this time. This change in program status is temporary so please keep your eye out on our website and/or the newsletter for when the region will begin accepting new applicants again.</i>		
Volunteer Orientation	Denver	Learn all about the new on-line volunteer database, where you can access your own volunteer information, update an address or an email, change your interests, and enter your hours all in one place.	TBA	Mary McCormac 303-291-7369 or mary.mccormac@state.co.us



SE volunteers show up time and time again to help the DOW clean up state wildlife areas and we greatly appreciate the help. This photo was sent to us from volunteers on the Runyon cleanup from May. What a great effort, thanks to everyone that gives their blood, sweat, and tears on these important habitat improvement projects.

Southeast Opportunities

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NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Terrestrial				
Salida Bluebird Meeting	Salida DOW Office	End of season informational meeting for the bluebird efforts in the upper Arkansas Valley in 2009. Come learn about the project and hear about plans for bluebirds in 2010.	Sept. 22 6pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
Chronic Wasting Disease Head Collection	Colorado Springs & Pueblo Offices	Assist DOW office with hunter harvested head collection. Volunteer shifts 4-8 hours daily during big game hunting seasons mid October-November. Flexible. <i>Training mandatory.</i>	Sept. 24 6pm for training	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
Property Development/Maintenance				
SWA Cleanup, Skagway	SE of Victor, El Paso County	Assist wildlife technician with mountain property cleanup including shoreline and dam. Waders helpful but not required. Bring lunch, drinking water, gloves, and raingear.	Sept. 12 10am, at the boat ramp	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
SWA Cleanup, Brush Hollow	Penrose	Meet at Brush Hollow boat ramp (SE corner of reservoir) for half day cleanup to remove trash, fishing line, and plastic. Birding and fishing available afterwards. Bring lunch, drinking water, gloves, and waders or boots.	Sept. 19 9am, at the boat ramp (SE corner)	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
Ramah Trail Work	East of Colorado Springs	Trail building effort including moving dirt at this rural State Wildlife Area. Bring work gloves, boots, lunch, and drinking water.	Sept. 19 & Oct. 17 9am	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
Pueblo Tamarisk Removal	Pueblo State Wildlife Area, west of reservoir	Assist wildlife technician with non-native salt cedar removal. Bring gloves, work boots, lunch, drinking water. Meeting place TBA.	Sept. 26 9am	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
Dome Rock Trail Workday	Teller County past Mueller State Park	Help maintain and restore hiking trail on State Wildlife Area. Bring work gloves and boots, lunch, and drinking water. Tools provided.	Sept. 26 9am – 4pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
Volunteer Orientations & Other Learning Opportunities				
Volunteer Orientation	Colorado Springs	Come learn about the NEW volunteer tracking system whether you are a potential volunteer wanting information, or a veteran volunteer with years of experience. See the web-based system firsthand and you'll be amazed! Open to ALL SE volunteers, more orientations coming to other SE locations this winter/spring.	Sept. 21 5pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204

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Northwest Opportunities

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NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Aquatic				
Pathways to Fishing Helpers	Varies by date	1-12 volunteers to help with Pathways program that introduces young anglers to the sport of fishing. Assist at one of 8 fishing stations with a small group of anglers. Later help individual anglers as they try their hand at fishing. Training provided. Must enjoy fishing and being around kids!	Aug 1-Sept. 27, several times a month, 2-3 hours each time, flexible	Lynn Ensley 241-9556 or lynn.promotools@bresnan.net
Williams Fork/Granby Kokanee Salmon Spawn	Williams Fork/Granby Reservoirs	Assist with spawning operations for Kokanee Salmon. Fish are gathered by electroshocking and netting. Fish are spawned on site. Volunteers needed for different phases of operation. No experience is necessary, but should be comfortable working in and around water. Be prepared for cold conditions. Waders recommended. 4-6 volunteers needed for each spawning occasion.	Spawning is 2x a week late Sept. to mid-Dec. on set days, Dates TBA	Jon Ewert 970-725-6214
Terrestrial				
CWD Head Collection	Grand Junction Regional Service Center	Volunteers needed daily to assist in collecting data, answering questions and tagging deer and elk heads during big game hunting season at CWD collection sites. Samples obtained are used to determine where CWD may (or may not) exist and at what level. Equipment and training is provided. One week (or 5-day, non- continuous) or one weekend commitment preferred.	Aug.29-Nov.18, Jan. 15-30 Mon.-Sun., 8am-5pm, Anytime Busy dates: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct. 15, 19, 20, 26, 27; Nov. 8, 9, 16, 17; Jan. 15-30	Dick Antonio 970-255-6100
CWD Head Collection	Glenwood Springs Service Center	See description above.	See description above	Kasi Rishel 970-947-2930
Grouse Wing Collecting	Hot Sulphur Springs route, Granby to Ute Pass Rd & Hwy 9 intersection	Collect grouse wings from collection barrels along a specified route during grouse hunting seasons. Wings are used for population estimates and to evaluate age structure of populations. Work can be smelly! It's a beautiful drive! Mileage is paid by DOW. Route takes approximately 5 hours.	Sept. 1-Oct. 1 Pickups are done 2x a week: Mon.-Fri. 2 day commitment a week preferred	Justin Martens 970-725-6207
Tamarisk Survey	Routt County	6-10 volunteers needed to survey and help eradicate tamarisk on the Yampa River in Routt County.	Aug.-Sept. 8am-2pm, weekdays	Steve Baumgartner 970-846-0904

Northwest Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Public Information & Education				
Hunter Information Specialist	Craig Sportsman Center, Craig Chamber of Commerce	Provide hunting related information to visitors and assist hunters in the greater Craig area. 1 Volunteer needed for each time period.	Oct. 7-9, 14-16, & 28-30 8am-5pm	Terry Carwile 970-824-3046
Hunter Information Tent	Rifle	1-2 volunteers needed to greet and assist hunters, hand out regulations, help with access questions, etc. Tent is located in Rifle and draws many hunters. DOW, City of Rifle, local businesses, and federal agencies are all involved. Training provided, dates TBA.	Oct. 14-16 & 28-30 7:30am-5:30pm	Brian Gray 970-255-6157
Hunter Information Tent	Fruita Welcome Center	Lead volunteer needed to coordinate this effort. Volunteers are needed to greet and assist hunters, hand out regulations, help with access questions, etc. Welcome Center is located in Fruita and draws many hunters, fishermen, and wildlife viewers. Training provided.	Sept.-Nov. 13 Dates & Times TBA	Trina Romero 970-255-6191 trina.romero@state.co.us
Moose Information	Grand Mesa; Grand, Summit Counties	6-25 volunteers needed to help with letter mailings and to distribute flyers to hunter's camps (Grand Mesa only) prior to each of the big game rifle seasons. <i>Informational session will be provided and required.</i>	Letters, signs Sept. Date TBA Flyers to hunter camps Oct. 7-Nov. 10	Randy Hampton 970-255-6162 randy.hampton@state.co.us
Hunter Outreach Youth Hunts and Women Afield Helpers	Northwestern Colorado	4 volunteers needed per hunt for one day or weekend to assist DOW employees with elk, deer, pheasant, turkey and duck hunts designed for women and youth in Northwest Colorado. Need hunt photographers, cooks, guides, and camp helpers.	Aug. 2009- January 2010	Kathleen Tadvick 970-255-6181 kathleen.tadvick@state.co.us
Youth Hunt-Mentors	Grand County, Summit County	5-12 volunteers needed as youth mentors. Must be 18 years of age or older and have good communication skills. Must be experienced with big game hunting and have a working knowledge of Middle Park. Must be able to educate, demonstrate and mentor youths on safe and ethical hunting practices and firearm use.	Sept-Dec 8am- 3pm, Fri.-Sun.	Kirk Oldham 970-725-6203
Support Services				
Customer Service Assistance	Glenwood Springs Service Center	Provide customer service at front desk and phone, and possibly assist with additional administrative duties. Training provided.	4+ hours a week on a regular basis	Kasi Rishel 970-947-2930

Northwest Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Support Services (continued)				
Customer Service Assistance	Hot Sulphur Springs Service Center	Provide administrative assistance to office: filing, typing, answering phones, making copies and various other duties. Training provided.	Hours vary based on work load	Kris Holinka 970-725-6211
Hunter Education Assistance	Glenwood Springs Service Center	1 volunteer needed to organize, fill/process orders for upcoming hunter education programs. Available on an on-call basis to come into office to help.	Schedule varies	Kasi Rishel 970-947-2930
Property Development/Maintenance				
Herold Range Clean Up	Herold Range near Yampa	1-3 volunteers needed to help keep range clean of trash and debris. Assistance with range maintenance and enhancement efforts when available	Ongoing	Libbie Miller 970-736-8359
Range Patrol, Basalt	Basalt Shooting Range	1-2 volunteers needed keep eye on things by patrolling property, removing trash, performing general maintenance on property as well as providing general information about the shooting range	April 1-Nov. 30	Perry Will 970-947-2927
Range Patrol, Grand Junction	Grand Junction shooting ranges: 27 ¼ Rd, 34 & C Rd.	1-2 volunteers needed to patrol property (keep eye on things), remove trash, perform general maintenance on property, as well as provide general information about the shooting range.	Sept-Nov. 15 Fri-Sun before big game seasons	Albert Romero 970-255-6154 for 27 ¼ Road Frank McGee 970-255-6115 for 34 & C Road
SWA Assistance	Fruita, Horsethief Canyon SWA	1-6 volunteers to assist with maintenance tasks and other projects on the SWA. Duties include removing trash, fence building and removal, assisting with habitat improvement projects as needed and working with property technician on specific projects for the SWA	Ongoing Training on site	Tom Sanderson 970-858-3200
SWA Assistance	Garfield Creek SWA, New Castle; Plateau Creek SWA, Collbran; West Rifle Creek SWA, Rifle	See description above.	See description above	Buddy McNeel 970-984-9872
SWA Assistance, Mesa Co.	Plateau Creek SWA Shooting Range	2-10 volunteers to assist with trash removal on and around SWA working with property technician.	On going	Buddy McNeel 970-984-9872

Northwest Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
Property Development/Maintenance (continued)				
SWA Assistance	Chuck Lewis SWA, Steamboat Springs; Adams SWA, Yampa SWA, Sarvis Creek SWA, Hayden Gun Range	Volunteers needed to assist with maintenance tasks and other projects on SWA's. Duties include removing trash, fence building and removal, and working with property technician on specific projects for the SWA.	Ongoing, Training on site	Steve Baumgartner 970-846-0904
SWA Assistance	Gypsum Ponds SWA	1-6 volunteers to assist with maintenance tasks and other projects on the SWA. Duties include assisting with habitat and property improvement projects as needed and working with property technician on specific projects for the SWA	Ongoing, Training on site	Brian Wodrich 970-947-2970



Colorado is fortunate to have excellent wildlife hosts that spend their summers on DOW properties conducting tours, picking up trash, mowing grass (yes, we have grass on some properties) and performing the Call to Duty of a summer wildlife host.

Chalk Cliffs Hatchery Hosts **Ann Blodgett** and **Lila Jordan** went above and beyond this summer and changed a drab grey DOW working garage into an warm, inviting and educational entrance for visitors to learn about DOW, Chalk Cliffs Hatchery. The volunteers planned and designed beautiful mobile display cases to greet Hatchery visitors. They found a local cabinet maker to finish off the designs at a great price. Hats off to Ann and Lila for a job well done!

Southwest Opportunities

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Aquatic				
Kokanee Salmon Spawn, Roaring Judy	Roaring Judy Hatchery, Almont, NE of Gunnison	Assist with spawning operations for Kokanee Salmon by crowding fish, netting fish and rinsing eggs. No experience is necessary. On site training. Be prepared for cold conditions. Waders provided. Volunteers also needed for fish give away days, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 8, the last three Fridays in October and the first Friday in November, 8-10am. Volunteers can take fish home on these days as well.	Tues., Weds., and potentially Thurs. as needed Early Oct. to mid-Nov.	Dan Brauch 970-641-7070
Kokanee Salmon Spawn, Vallecito	Vallecito Reservoir, NE of Durango	Assist with spawning operations for kokanee salmon by assisting the DOW with gathering fish, cleaning eggs, managing holding nets, and cleaning the weir. No experience is necessary. Be prepared for cold conditions. Waders recommended.	Weir cleaning is done daily mid-Sept to mid-Nov; Spawning is 2x a week mid-Oct to mid-Nov. Tues & Fri	Jim White 970-375-6712
Kokanee Salmon Spawn, McPhee	McPhee Reservoir on the Dolores River, Dolores	Assist with spawning operations for kokanee salmon by netting fish. Fish are spawned at the Dolores River SWA and the fertilized eggs transported to the Durango Hatchery. Volunteers needed for different phases of operation. No experience is necessary. Be prepared for cold conditions. Waders recommended but we can supply them if needed.	Spawning is 2x a week mid-Oct to mid-Nov Mon & Thur	Jim White 970-375-6712
Public Information & Education				
La Jara State Trust Land Host	Conejos County, San Luis Valley	This State Trust Land is located in GMU 81. Looking for an onsite host to provide information to hunters on big game regulations, access and boundaries, game sightings, report violations, maintain signs and gates to area and provide a DOW presence. Self contained RV or camping required. Pets OK if contained. Hoping to line up a volunteer this summer for work this fall.	Oct.-Nov. Fri.-Mon. opening weekend of 2nd, 3rd and 4th hunting seasons	Rod Ruybalid 719-588-6362

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Southwest Opportunities (continued)

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Public Information & Education (continued)				
Hunter Information Booth	Durango	Sign-up to volunteer in the SJMA info booth located at the Division of Wildlife Service Center in Durango (at the Hatchery). 2-4 hour slots are available. The only requirement is a smile. Some knowledge of the area is helpful, but training is provided. The booth is a partnership between San Juan Mountains Association, San Juan National Forest, BLM & CDOW.	August 11, October 8, 9, 13-16, 29-30	Alan Peterson 970-385-1258 apeterson01@fs.fed.us
Customer Service Assistance	Durango Area Office	Provide information about hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing opportunities, how to control wildlife problems, sell licenses, verify hunter education, explain regulations, etc. at front counter during busy fall hunting season. May assist with various other administrative duties as needed. Training provided. Great introduction to the Division of Wildlife and insight into all facets of the Agency.	Sept. –Nov. Hours vary based on work load	Leland Flores 970-375-6744
Hatchery Tours	Roaring Judy Hatchery, Almont, NE of Gunnison	Tour school children and small children of all ages through the salmon facility as well as the raceways. We could use some help with the high school tours as well and any people whom just want to come by and see what we have at the hatchery. New signage recently installed.	Sept. 5-Nov. 1 Some weekdays during school hours and some weekends	Jim Ferraro 970-641-0190
Moose Information	Grand Mesa	A few volunteers needed on the southwest side of grand mesa to distribute flyers to hunter's camps prior to each of the combined big game rifle seasons. Informational session will be provided. Mileage reimbursement included as funding allows.	Oct. 16 & 30 Nov. 10	Jack Beck, lead volunteer 970-249-3132
Support Services				
IT Assistance	Montrose Service Center	Work with regional IT support on various duties including installing new software, running wiring in buildings and other duties as assigned. Some experience with computers preferred, but not required. Training provided.	Ongoing	Kevin Angeles 970-252-6020
Volunteer Orientations & Other Learning Opportunities				
Volunteer Database Orientation	Durango & Montrose (other areas by request)	Learn all about the new on-line volunteer database, where you can access your own volunteer information, update an address or an email, change your interests, and enter your hours all in one place.	Fall TBA	Jennifer Kleffner 970-375-6704

Updated Volunteer Agreement: Do You Know What's In It?

As we reviewed all of our current forms in preparation for the migration to the new database, we tried to consolidate and shorten where we could. All CDOW volunteers, at some point, have signed a Volunteer Application that included a Volunteer Agreement. However, through the years, this agreement has been added to and changed, and not all volunteers may be

aware of these updates. So in order to keep everyone up to date, below is our current volunteer agreement. This agreement will now also be part of the new database, and all new volunteers will be required to “accept” this agreement before being allowed to complete a volunteer application.

AGREEMENT BY VOLUNTEER

I understand that **before volunteering** I should complete and turn in a self-test from the volunteer handbook (online), attend a New Volunteer Orientation, or contact my regional volunteer coordinator.

I offer and agree to volunteer my services without compensation to assist the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) in accordance with the following:

I understand that although this volunteer service will not confer on me the status of a State employee while acting within the scope of this agreement, I will be covered by the **Colorado Governmental Immunity Act (CGIA)** which protects a State employee from liability for injury or damage to others while the employee is acting within the scope of his or her duties.

The CGIA sets forth situations in which the State will not be liable for acts of a volunteer. If I suffer an injury from an act or omission of action occurring during volunteer responsibilities, the State will provide coverage. If the injury occurs while I am acting **outside** the scope of volunteer responsibilities, or I cause injury through acts of gross negligence, or intentional willful or wanton misconduct, the **State will not afford coverage**. Also the State will not be liable if I compromise or settle a claim without the consent of the State. Lawsuit notification must be submitted to the DOW within fifteen days after the commencement of lawsuit. Finally, when a volunteer fails to notify the DOW of an incident within a reasonable time afterwards, the State will not be liable.

I am at least 18 years old, or if I am less than 18, my parent or guardian consents to this agreement by signing below.

I understand that Volunteer projects may be out of doors in hazardous conditions (including high elevation) and that I will need to be in the **proper physical condition** for the assigned tasks. I will notify the Volunteer Coordinator of any significant change in my ability to do work or physical activity. If special skills are required for a project, I will be trained before being assigned to that project and I will be expected to use proper safety equipment.

If an injury occurs while performing duties within the scope of this agreement the State will not be liable for **medical coverage** beyond the Volunteer Insurance Policy. If I feel this coverage is not sufficient, I will provide the excess coverage through a personal medical plan.

This agreement does not entitle me to operate a **state vehicle** unless specifically authorized. I understand that if I or my minor son/daughter drive my personal vehicle to a volunteer project, I certify that the vehicle is properly insured according to Colorado State Law. My insurance is the primary insurance. The State will not pay for damage to my personal vehicle while it is being used for State business.

By accepting this agreement, I understand that my application may require a **criminal background investigation** and **driving history check** through state and local law enforcement agencies. All information will be held confidential.

I understand this agreement may be terminated at any time without cause, by either party, upon advance written notice.

The DOW may terminate this Agreement immediately upon good cause.

I have ___ have not ___ been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or any hunting or fishing violations. If yes, explain

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A Special Day for Clifton by Clifton Woolman

I awoke with the clock showing 3:00 am (certainly earlier than normal, but this was an important day). I tried not to wake the wife, so that was a good start.

A cup of coffee and some breakfast and I was out of the house. You see I participate in the annual Bighorn Sheep & Mountain Goat survey conducted by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Each year in July we collect information on the Sheep & Goat Herds that occupy the mountains north of the Interstate 70 Highway that runs from Denver, Colorado to Utah. I met up with Bill Hadl (a long time friend) and we headed for the mountaniess area near Loveland Pass. Parking at the trail head, which is at 10,400ft in elevation, we loaded our day-packs with water bottles, sandwiches, windbreaker, camera, and spotting scope. By 5:30 am we were headed up the trail to Herman Lake. We were using the most reliable transportation method known to man - our feet. The sign on the trail showed that Herman Lake was about 4 miles up the trail. What it didn't tell you was that when you reached the lake you would be at 12,100 ft (1,700 ft higher than where you were reading the sign.) We took our time and steadily advanced. The wild flowers were everywhere, the recent rains, in June, was just what they needed.

Every time we came to a clearing we would scan the surrounding mountains for animals. Something about the hunter in-stink tells you to "find me if you can". With the morning sun just starting to paint

the tops of the mountains, the deer and elk were feeding and enjoying the warmth of the sun. During one stop, we counted fifteen-Buck Deer feeding above timberline. Their horns were still in the velvet stage and were still growing in size. The bachelor bucks were high to get away from the flies and the heat. A short time later we located four Bull Elk.

Five hours after leaving the car we arrived at Herman Lake. It was time to rest and have lunch. Of course, that didn't keep us from scanning the mountaintops for sheep and goats. We watched 5 Mountain Goats as they worked their way across a talus slope. They had feed and were looking for a place to lie down and rest. The white color of the goats made them easy to see against the rocky terrain. Just to show you how the survival instincts of wild animals work. The five goats walked out onto a snow-field (yes, there is still snow in Colorado at 12,000 ft in July) and lay down. They basically disappeared while on the snow and I am sure they enjoyed the coolness, since they have not totally lost their winter coats. We lost interest in the goats on the snow and continued to look for other animals. We knew that a Billy Goat had to be in the area. We located him a short time later high above the others. He was lying down on a dirt slope. As we watched, he would take his front leg and scoop dirt up and fling it over his hind end. The flies must have been bothering him badly.

A Special Day Continued:

Seeing the animals resting and napping brought on the same feeling for me. The twenty-minute nap was enjoyable and certainly renewed my energy. We collected out gear and headed back down the mountain, stopping occasionally to photograph the flowers and mountain-view. The car was a welcome sight and the car seats sure beat the rocks we used earlier. We reminisced about what we had seen as we drove towards home.

I guess I should tell you why this was a special day. You see, today is my birthday, and I turned 75 today. I know I am getting old only because the calendar keeps telling me so. But I don't feel old. In fact, I am looking forward to participating in the Bighorn Sheep & Mountain Goat survey again next year.

I thought I would tell you how I spent my 75th birthday. My wife encourages me to continue

these activities as long as I am having fun. Why don't you join me?

Clifton Woolman has been a CDOW Volunteer since 2008. He has participated on the Bighorn Sheep and Goat Count Project.

Photo by Bill Hadl



Photo by Haydee Ullrich

John Koshak, SE watchable wildlife coordinator and his top-notch watchable wildlife festival volunteers spread the DOW message at the Colorado Springs Hummingbird Festival in May. Thanks to all the great DOW volunteers that help at all the DOW wildlife festivals. Without your help, we couldn't offer the public these excellent viewing opportunities.



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