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## Volunteers Help Make DOW Outdoor Events a Huge Success

We hope you had plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy Colorado this fall. Wasn't it beautiful? With the hope of getting more people outdoors and interacting with wildlife, the Division hosted a great number of events for the general public over the last few months. From Elk Fest in Estes Park to the Poudre Rendezvous, from Pine Valley Ranch to St. Vrain, from the Birding Fair to each and every one of the outdoor skills clinics held right here in Denver... the Division got hundreds of kids and families outside



DOW volunteer Rory Lambott teaching kids safe shooting practices.

learning about wildlife. And we could not have done this without the exceptional help of our volunteers!

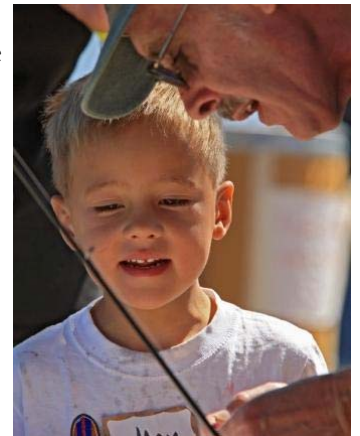
People volunteered in droves to be a part of these events.

Whether it was helping park cars

or teaching kids about fishing, getting the public Bear Aware or educating families about wildlife and hunting. We are so grateful to all of you who were able to help impart knowledge and help promote the Division to people around the State. Thank you for all your help!

We hope you had as much fun at these events as we did!

- The DOW Volunteer Team



Learning to fish at St. Vrain State Park Outdoor Skills Day.



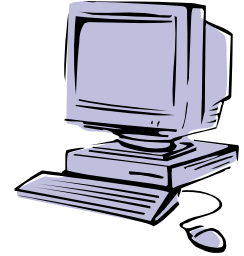
“All my life I have tried to pluck a thistle and plant a flower wherever the flower would grow in thought and mind.”  
—Abraham Lincoln

## Datebase Tips for Volunteers

We continue to update and improve the volunteer database and we want to take this chance to THANK everyone for their patience and diligence as we moved to an interactive web-based system for tracking volunteers and hours. Here are some tips to make things easier on you:

- To access your online profile, simply go to <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Volunteer> and click on “Volunteer Login”.
- Once you’re logged in, if you click on “Report My Hours” you will be able to log hours for any project for which

you have been assigned. If you aren’t assigned the right projects just call your regional coordinator, it’s a necessary step we have to take on the front end but it’s as easy as a phone or an email call away.



- You no longer need to enter your start and end times. Simply enter the date (or date range) you worked the project and then enter the total hours worked in one daily sum including your travel time.

## North Lake Watchable Wildlife Trail



Volunteers recently completed work on a short, scenic wildlife viewing trail that leads visitors into the heart of a beaver wetland at North Lake State Wildlife Area. The wide, level trail cuts through a willow thicket and traverses a grassy meadow on its way from the parking area to the beaver pond overlook. The DOW operates North Lake State Wildlife Area in cooperation with the City of Trinidad, and the lake offers boating and fishing in a

spectacular setting along the Scenic Highway of Legends Byway at the base of the Culebra Range of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Featured on the Colorado Birding Trail, the area around North Lake provides great wildlife watching opportunities along the byway, at the Wildlife Area, and into the San Isabel National Forest along the North Fork of the Purgatoire River up to the Purgatoire Campground at 9700’ in elevation. For more information on great wildlife viewing and recreation sites, visit the Colorado Birding Trail website at [www.coloradobirdingtrail.com](http://www.coloradobirdingtrail.com).

## Ed Schlottach

### Above and beyond the call of duty



Ed Schlottach assisting with Kokanee Spawn, October 2010.

The ranks of DOW volunteers are filled with people from diverse backgrounds who hold a common interest in wildlife management in Colorado. Today, I'm writing

operations over the years. It was so helpful to have Ed educate and oversee the egg-washers for me so I could focus my attention elsewhere. He sets a very high standard for egg quality and is never afraid to let the squeezers know if the eggs are not up to his standards. The kokanee operations run late into the fall and inclement weather is unavoidable. I've been amazed to see Ed show up at some of those late Granby spawns, after driving 4-5 hours from Denver to get there. He would leave Denver as early as 4:00 AM to beat road closures on the passes due to snow!"

to highlight a volunteer who has committed innumerable hours assisting our aquatic biologists on fish management operations. Ed Schlottach has spent the last 30 years helping whenever possible on a variety of fisheries projects and I hope this article will help to recognize him for his efforts.

I first met Ed when I was a temporary employee for the Division in the mid-1980s. I was assigned to work on the walleye spawning operations at Cherry Creek and Chatfield Reservoirs. The first day we set nets, Ed introduced himself as a volunteer and told me about his involvement with the Division, his love of fishing and his keen interest in lending a hand on the spawning operations. Since then, Ed has continued to help with walleye and kokanee spawning operations, fish culture duties and projects, ice fishing education for scout groups, equipment transportation, fish holding and egg washing consultation, and all sorts of other tasks. He does all this because of his avid interest in improving Colorado's aquatic wildlife resources.

Billy Atkinson, Aquatic Biologist for the Upper Yampa River, remembers: "It's hard to explain the extent of Ed's contributions to our state spawn

Jon Ewert, Aquatic Biologist for the Upper Colorado and Blue Rivers, had this to say about Ed: "Ed is the most dedicated volunteer I've ever run across. A large fraction of the entire population of kokanee salmon living in this state owes their existence to the caring scrutiny of Ed, the King of the Egg Washers!"

We would not enjoy the current level of fisheries operations success without the help of our entire army of wonderful volunteers each year. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have a full time career in fisheries fully understand the commitment and dedication from these volunteers is crucial for us to accomplish many of our objectives and goals. We stand in awe of those volunteers, like Ed Schlottach, who routinely go above and beyond the call of duty to help us out.

Thanks Ed! And thank you to all the volunteers who support the Colorado Division of Wildlife!

Gregory W. Gerlich  
Aquatic Section Manager – Fisheries Chief  
Colorado Division of Wildlife

# Colorado Division of Wildlife Volunteers Stack Up



“In 2009 over 1,110 volunteers turned in hours from DOW projects for a total of 59,395 hours.”

The Corporation for National and Community Service collects the most comprehensive

data on volunteering in the United States. The U.S. Bureau of Labor partners with the Corporation to collect annual statistics. This study includes 60,000 households or approximately 100,000 adults and helps civic leaders gauge the incidence and characteristics of volunteering as well as civic life indicators in the United States. The *Volunteering In America 2010 Report* covers research from the US from Sept. 2008 – Sept. 2009 and here are some of the key findings for the entire **United States:**

- Approximately 1.6 million MORE volunteers served in 2009 than in 2008, making this the largest increase of volunteers in the US since 2003.
- 63.4 million people contributed 8.1 billion hours of service in 2009, equaling approximately \$169 billion for their service.
- The volunteering rate increased in 2009 to 26.8%, up from 26.4% in

2008. This was fueled by higher rates among women especially those ages 45-54; increases in married couples and those that were employed, even full-time.

- On average, U.S. women contributed 50 hours/year. Males average 52 hours/year.
- Volunteering is influenced by community factors such as education levels, poverty rates, commute times, and community involvement/engagement as measured by home ownership.

**In Colorado**, 1.2 million or 32.4% of the population volunteered between 2007 and 2009, ranking 16<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states. Some of the Colorado highlights:

- 167.3 million hours of service were contributed by Coloradans, or 44 hours on average.
- \$3.5 billion was contributed by their service in Colorado. Religious causes received the most help from volunteers at 27%. Educational (32%) and social (15%) causes were the second and third places where Coloradans donate their time.

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- In large city ranking (nationally), Denver ranked twelfth in average volunteer rates at 30.2% of the population, averaging 40 hours. In the Mid-Size City ranking, Ft. Collins ranked 4<sup>th</sup> with a 40.7% volunteer rate, followed by Boulder with a 38.2% rate, Colorado Springs at a 32.2% rate and Greeley with a 30.5% rate (fourth, eighth, 26<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> respectively in national rankings).
- # of Those Volunteers turning in hours SO FAR in 2010 (Truly Active) = 628.
- In 2009 over 1,110 volunteers turned in hours from DOW projects for a total of 38,120 hours.
- Total Hours/Volunteer in 2010 = 58.8 hours on average, higher than the national average.

For more information on this report go to [www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/co](http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/co).

**CDOW Volunteer Statistics:**

- # of CDOW Volunteer Applicants currently in database = 3,470

If you have not submitted *your* 2010 hours yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any concerns or problems, contact the closest regional coordinator for assistance. We are happy to help!

15% Off

## Colorado Springs DOW Office Lobby Book Sale

The Rocky Mountain Nature Association Bookstore at the DOW SE Regional Office at 4255 Sinton Road, Colorado Springs will host their annual book sale on Friday, December 10th from 8am to 5pm. All items in the bookstore will be marked down 15% for the holidays with the exception of the DOW clothing items for sale at the DOW end of the counter. The full line of DOW items can be seen and purchased online at [www.wildlife.state.co.us/shop](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/shop).



## SE Region Bluebird Project Update



Volunteers cleanout bluebird boxes at Cheyenne Mountain State Park in fall 2010.

Bluebird volunteers in the SE Region worked hard in 2010 building, installing, repairing, and monitoring boxes. They also kept busy enter-

ing data into the national database through Cornell University called Nest-Watch.org where volunteers and homeowners with boxes can record data about eggs and fledged babies from successful nests, contributing valuable data to national songbird populations and trends.

As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, over 60 DOW volunteers had contributed their time to the native bluebirds, flagging around 800 volunteer hours in 2010 alone. Here is a rundown of Southeast bluebird trail locations.

- Colorado Springs has four sites:

*Cheyenne Mountain State Park*--26 nest boxes fledging 60+ bluebirds starting April 30 and 60+ tree swallows, another common native cavity-nesting bird

*Stratton Open Space*--30 nest boxes fledging 29 western bluebirds; 5 wrens

and 107 tree swallows

*Ramah State Wildlife Area* east of the Springs--22 boxes and all but five were used by tree swallows. Ramah also has several new kestrel boxes that have been observed being used by these small falcons

*Dome Rock State Wildlife Area* in Teller County--at least one box had bluebirds this year

- The town of Howard along the Arkansas River east of Salida has around 80 nest boxes that get monitored by a cadre of local ranchers & homeowners. Spread along four different trails, these boxes have successfully fledged 47 western bluebirds, 79 mountain bluebirds, and 90 violet green swallows. Bluebird numbers were down a bit this year from 2009.
- The Upper Arkansas Valley bluebird trails, between Salida & Buena Vista, include boxes at Mt. Shavano & Mt. Ouray Hatcheries, Droney Gulch State Trust Land on hwy 285, Heckendorf State Wildlife Area, and various locations along the Arkansas Headwaters State Park. Of these ten or so sites, almost all boxes fledged bluebirds this year including at least twelve docu-

It is the time of year that we find ourselves with game meat in our freezers (hopefully!) Here is a recipe idea that may assist you with preparing a great meal from your Colorado harvest. This is a new addition to the newsletter, and each season we will feature a new game recipe for you to try. Let us know if you enjoy this recipe. If you have a game recipe that is a real crowd pleaser and you are willing to share it, please let us know and we will publish it in the next *Call of the Wild* newsletter.

### Game Marinade

*Makes enough for 3- to 4- pounds game meat*

½ cup olive oil

½ cup white wine

½ cup soy sauce

4 ½ tablespoons honey

6 large garlic cloves, minced

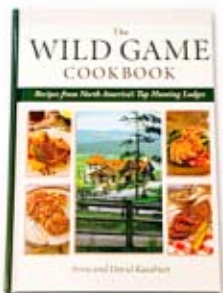
3 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary (or 1 tablespoon dried)

1 ½ tablespoons coarsely ground black pepper

1 ½ teaspoons table or sea salt

Combine all ingredients in a large resealable plastic bag and mix well. Add meat to bag. Push out excess air, seal, and refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

This simple marinade can be used with your favorite game meat, whether you roast, grill, or sauté.



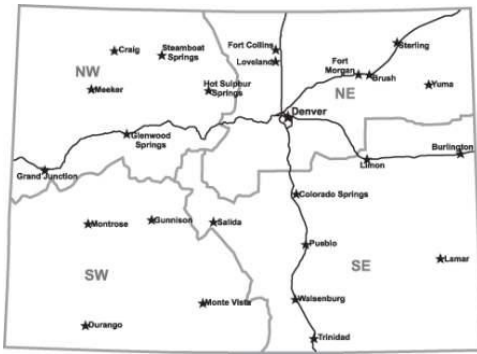
*Chef Kim Souther, Heartland Wildlife Ranches, Ethel, Missouri*

*Recipe from The Wild Game Cookbook, Recipes from North America's Top Hunting Lodges, Anna and David Kasabian ( p. 53, Copyright 2008, Creative Publishing international, Inc.)*

**This cook book can be purchased at DOW offices statewide, or online at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/wildlifestore/>**



Long-time wildlife technician Jake Rodriguez from Canon City got a great send-off from DOW family and friends at his retirement party in early October. Jake spent many years and hard hours working for the CDOW and he will be missed by the Volunteer Program. Jake recognized the value of extra helping hands. From 2004-2010 he hosted multiple cleanups at the properties he so proudly managed including Brush Hollow and Skaguay Reservoirs in Fremont & Teller Counties. In that time volunteer hours totaled 1,500 hours picking up plastic, fishing line, tires and other debris harmful to fish & wildlife. Jake was involved in other volunteer projects, such as building stock tank ladders which keep birds & mammals from drowning in stock tanks. He was also a regular at the Pueblo walleye spawn. Everyone that worked with Jake wishes him well in his new endeavors!



**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
<b>Aquatic</b>				
<b>Hatchery Assistance</b>	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
<b>Aquatic Lab Assistants</b>	Aquatic Animal Health Lab Brush Service Center, 122 E Edison	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
<b>Terrestrial</b>				
<b>Winter Waterfowl Count</b>	Various lakes along the front range, Ft. Collins to Littleton	Volunteers needed to drive to assigned lake(s) before sunrise, set up, and use spotting scopes to count number of geese and ducks on lakes. Must provide own vehicle and binoculars or spotting scope. Ability to distinguish species types is preferred.	January 4, Pre-dawn to approx. 9am	Chris Howard 303-291-7369 chris.howard@state.co.us
<b>Wildlife Transport Team</b>	Denver metro area and Boulder/Louisville areas	Approximately 10 volunteers need to be added to existing team, particularly on weekdays. Respond to injured/sick wildlife reports; transport small wildlife to rehabilitators. Possibly long driving distances; must have dependable transportation. Equipment is provided; mileage is NOT reimbursed. This is a very independent project. One year commitment is required.  <i>You must be available weekdays, able to go anywhere from Castle Rock to Longmont, foothills to plains, and be reliable.</i>	2-3 weekdays a month for a 24 hour on-call day (midnight-midnight)  Mandatory training date for new members, Tentative March 12, 10am-4pm	Chris Howard 303-291-7369 chris.howard@state.co.us

# Northeast Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Public Information &amp; Education</b>				
<b>From Our Lands to Your Hands Expo</b>	Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont	The Boulder Valley and Longmont Conservation Districts and the Longmont Natural Resources Conservation Office are sponsoring the “From Our Lands to Your Hands” Exposition. The CDOW will be participating as an educational vendor and will have booths focusing on wildlife identification, habitat, management, etc. Looking for 2-3 volunteers to assist at this event.	February 3, 9:30am–1:30pm  (some help needed with set-up the day before)	Chris Howard 303-291-7369 <a href="mailto:chris.howard@state.co.us">chris.howard@state.co.us</a>
<b>Critter Crate Assistance</b>	NE Region Service Center, 6060 Broadway, Denver	Volunteers needed to help inventory, organize, and maintain our critter crates. Critter crates are a free resource available for educators to check out and use to educate students on various wildlife species & topics.	On-going, weekdays, flexible hours	Megan Barton 303-291-7246
<b>Artists Wanted</b>	NE Region	We are looking for volunteers interested in sharing wildlife drawings, sketches, paintings, etc. for use in educational and outreach materials. Credit will be provided unless otherwise requested and a signed waiver for art use will be required.	On-going	Jennifer Churchill 303-291-7634 <a href="mailto:jennifer.churchill@state.co.us">jennifer.churchill@state.co.us</a>
<b>Photography Wanted</b>	NE Region	We are looking for volunteers interested in taking photos at various volunteer projects for use in outreach materials. We will keep a list of interested people and contact when needed. Credit will be provided unless otherwise requested and a signed waiver for photo use will be required.	On-going	Jennifer Churchill 303-291-7634 <a href="mailto:jennifer.churchill@state.co.us">jennifer.churchill@state.co.us</a>
<b>Support Services</b>				
<b>GIS Program Support</b>	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
<b>Law Enforcement Unit Office Assistance</b>	Denver Headquarters, 6060 Broadway, Denver	Volunteer assistance is needed scanning citations and case reports, referencing database against hard copy for errors, and filing documents. Must be detail-oriented and enjoy data entry. Because of sensitivity of the records, a background check will be required.	Ongoing, hoping for 20 hrs. per week	Jay Sarason 303-291-7452 <a href="mailto:jay.sarason@state.co.us">jay.sarason@state.co.us</a>

## Northeast Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Support Services (continued)</b>				
<b>Real Estate Unit-Records Check on CDOW Acres</b>	Denver Headquarters, 6060 Broadway, Denver	Work with a Real Estate Specialist and another volunteer who is a surveyor, researching Real Estate Records both hard copy and electronic to reconcile what CDOW owns as far as acres are concerned. Should have some knowledge of how to read real estate documents such as deeds, exchange agreements, leases etc. and understand legal descriptions such as U. S. Geological Survey descriptions. (Township, Range, Sections etc).	Ongoing, a few hours a week for several months	Larry Rose 302-291-7274
<b>Volunteer Orientations &amp; Other Learning Opportunities</b>				
<b>Volunteer Database Training</b>	Fort Collins Service Center, 317 W. Prospect, FC	Learn all about our 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. <b>RSVP REQUIRED.</b>	February 1, 2-4pm	Chris Howard 303-291-7369 <a href="mailto:chris.howard@state.co.us">chris.howard@state.co.us</a>
<b>Volunteer Database Training</b>	DOW Headquarters, 6060 Broadway, Denver	See description above.	February 8, 2-4pm	Chris Howard 303-291-7369 <a href="mailto:chris.howard@state.co.us">chris.howard@state.co.us</a>
<b>Volunteer Program Orientation</b>	Fort Collins Service Center, 317 W. Prospect, FC	This orientation is <b>only</b> for new volunteers. Includes overview of DOW, projects, volunteers' and staff's expectations, and more. <b>RSVP REQUIRED.</b>	February 1, 6-8pm	Chris Howard 303-291-7369 <a href="mailto:chris.howard@state.co.us">chris.howard@state.co.us</a>
<b>Volunteer Program Orientation</b>	DOW Headquarters, 6060 Broadway, Denver	See description above.	February 8, 6-8pm	Chris Howard 303-291-7369 <a href="mailto:chris.howard@state.co.us">chris.howard@state.co.us</a>



Colorado Division of Wildlife biologists transferred thirteen Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep from the southern Sangre de Cristo Mountains to the northern part of that mountain range in late October, where they haven't lived since the 1980s. Three rams and nine ewes were captured, airlifted, processed with full medical exams and then released with radio collars and ear tags into new territory. Stories like this and others can be found at the DOW Web-site at [www.wildlife.state.co.us/news](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/news).

# Southeast Opportunities

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NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Terrestrial</b>				
<b>Bluebird Project Workday</b>	Work day at Mt. Shavano Hatchery Shop	Join the Upper Arkansas Valley bluebird volunteers for a nest box building work day in Salida. It's the time of year to repair boxes and get them ready for the 2011 season. Monitoring training scheduled for March TBA.	January 15, 10am -noon	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Wildlife Transport Training</b>	Colorado Springs DOW Classroom	Volunteers needed to transport sick & injured birds and small mammals to local wildlife rehabilitators and vets as directed. Training is mandatory, must be 18 yrs old and have reliable transportation. Once trained volunteers will be called for transports as needed.	February 19, 9am-1pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Wildlife Transport Training Arkansas Valley</b>	Pueblo Greenway & Nature Center, W. 11 Street, Pueblo	See description above.	March 12, 9am-noon	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Public Information &amp; Education</b>				
<b>Wildlife Festivals Training</b>	Colorado Springs DOW Classroom	Recommended class for volunteers interested in helping at wildlife viewing festivals including Eagle Day (Pueblo), Bighorn Sheep Fest (CO Springs), Snow Goose Festival and more. Key DOW messages, festival duties and other information will be shared by Watchable Wildlife Coordinator John Koshak.	January 20, 5:30pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Eagle Day Assistance</b>	Lake Pueblo	Volunteers staff DOW booth, staff spotting scopes and help with general festival operations as needed. No experience necessary except for Wildlife Festival Training above is highly recommended.	February 5-6	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Bighorn Sheep Fest</b>	Garden of the Gods Park, Colorado Springs	See description above.	February 12, 9am-4pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Snow Goose Festival</b>	Lamar	See description above.	February 24-27	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204

The Colorado Division of Wildlife is the state agency responsible for protecting and managing wildlife and habitat, and providing wildlife related recreation. Our public outreach programs promote appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of Colorado's wildlife.

## Southeast Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Public Information &amp; Education (continued)</b>				
<b>Big Game Regulation Review</b>	Colorado Springs DOW Classroom	Highly recommended for volunteers working DOW booths or helping with customer service. This class will focus on the Big Game hunting regulations for 2011 including changes & updates for the new year.	March Weekday TBA	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Property Development/Maintenance</b>				
<b>Cottonwood Cutting &amp; Replanting</b>	Chico Basin SE of Colorado Springs	Salt cedar/Russian olive control project begins late Feb/early March for cutting shrubs using hand saws. Planting of cottonwood poles will happen in late March and again April/May timeframe. Project will be weather dependent.	Late Feb-April TBA	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Volunteer Orientations &amp; Other Learning Opportunities</b>				
<b>New Volunteer Orientation</b>	Colorado Springs DOW Classroom	Recommended for new volunteers. Get oriented to the DOW volunteer program, policies, and procedures. Learn about upcoming projects, how to sign up, and how to maintain volunteer account.	January 12, 5pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204
<b>Basic Map Reading Class</b>	Colorado Springs DOW Classroom	FREE to DOW volunteers. Come learn about basic map reading incl. US Forest maps, BLM maps, quad maps and others. 2-3 hour training by DWM Sabrina Schnelker. Follow up intermediate map/GPS class to be offered 4/9/11 TBA.	February 17, 5:30-8pm	Jena Sanchez 719-227-5204



Volunteer Daniel Bricker displays flicker boxes he built as part of an Eagle scout project.



Volunteer Nathan Hawkins displays electric bear mats he created as part of an Eagle scout project.

# Northwest Opportunities

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NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Aquatic</b>				
<b>Williams Fork/Granby Kokanee Salmon Spawn</b>	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 each spawn occasion.	Spawning is 2x a week late Sept. to mid-Dec. on set days. Dates TBA	Jon Ewert 970-725-6214
<b>Terrestrial</b>				
<b>Cedar Ridge Deer Count</b>	Cedar Ridge	10+ volunteers to assist counting deer on a one-day survey. Survey goal is to get a total count of deer population. Survey is conducted on foot and in vehicles. Some walking may be required. Training is provided onsite the morning of the survey.	Date and location TBA in Feb. in local papers	Hot Sulphur Springs Office 970-725-6200
<b>CWD Head Collection/ Mandatory Bobcat/Lion Inspections</b>	Grand Junction Regional Service Center	1-2 volunteers daily to assist with deer and elk head submissions for CWD testing and perform mandatory inspections of bobcat and lion hides/skulls. Equipment and training are provided. Map reading and PDA experience very helpful. Five-day (continuous or non-continuous) commitment preferred.	Weekdays, Nov. 16–Mar. 5, 8am-5pm	Derek Lovoi 970-858-3200
<b>Wildlife Rescue Team</b>	Grand Valley, including Grand Junction, Clifton, Palisade, Fruita, Mack, Gateway, Parachute, Collbran, Grand Mesa	Respond to injured, orphaned, and nuisance wildlife calls from the public. Provide wildlife education and solutions and transport wildlife to veterinarians and rehabilitators. May require some capture. Must be 18 years or older, have a very flexible schedule, and be willing to drive long distances in your personal vehicle. Good public skills and maturity are essential. <b>Orientation/interviews and training required.</b>	<i>Orientation/interviews</i> Feb. 16, 7-8:30pm, NW Conference Room  Training date and location TBA in Feb/Mar	Frank McGee 970-255-6115

This program receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior and its bureaus prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, age or sex (in educational programs.) If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or you desire further information please write to : The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office for Diversity and Civil Rights Programs—External Program, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 130, Arlington, VA 22203

## Northwest Opportunities (continued)

NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	CONTACT
<b>Public Information &amp; Education</b>				
<b>Bear/Lion Aware</b>	Grand Valley, including Grand Junction, Clifton, Palisade, Fruita, Mack, Gateway, Collbran, Grand Mesa	Come learn about bears and help us to reduce the number of bear/lion people conflicts this summer. We're looking for volunteers with excellent people skills to put up signs and distribute information on bears/lions to the public in your community. Volunteers will work closely with wildlife officers. <b>Training is required.</b>	Training dates TBA in Feb/Mar/Apr  Project starts in spring and ends in the fall	Elissa Knox 970-255-6156
<b>Hunter Education Assistance</b>	Glenwood Springs Service Center	2-4 volunteers needed to organize and fill/process orders for upcoming hunter education programs. Available on an on-call basis to come into office to help.	Variable schedule	Kasi Rishel 970-947-2930
<b>Mesa County Safety Fair</b>	Mesa Mall, Grand Junction	3+ volunteer needed to staff a Hunter Safety Booth at the annual Safety Fair. Help to educate the public on reducing wildlife conflict, increasing their appreciation and awareness of wildlife and share wildlife viewing opportunities. Training will be provided.	Dates and times TBA in Feb. in local papers	Elissa Knox 970-255-6156
<b>Hunter Outreach Youth Hunts and Women Afield Helpers</b>	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. Need hunt photographers, cooks, guides, and camp helpers.	Dec. 2010-Jan. 2011	Kathleen Tadvick 970-255-6181 kathleen.tadvick@state.co.us
<b>Youth Hunt-Mentors</b>	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.	December, Fri.-Sun., 8am-3pm	Hot Sulphur Springs Office 970-725-6200
<b>Support Services</b>				
<b>Customer Service Assistance</b>	Glenwood Springs Service Center	Provide customer service at front desk and on phone, and possibly assist with various administrative duties.	4+ hours a week on a regular basis	Kasi Rishel 970-947-2930

# Northwest Opportunities (continued)

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<b>Support Services (continued)</b>				
<b>Customer Service Assistance</b>	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
<b>Property Development/Maintenance</b>				
<b>Herold Range Clean Up</b>	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
<b>SWA Assistance</b>	Garfield Creek SWA near New Castle; Plateau Creek SWA near Collbran; West Rifle Creek SWA near Rifle	Lead volunteer for each SWA to work closely with property technician and officers on maintenance tasks and other projects on the SWA. Duties include removing trash, repairing damaged fence, assisting with habitat improvement, and other tasks as needed.	Ongoing, Training on site	Buddy McNeel 970-984-9872
<b>SWA Assistance-Mesa County</b>	Horsethief Canyon SWA, Fruita	See description above.	See description above	Tom Sanderson 970-858-3200
<b>SWA Assistance-Eagle County</b>	Gypsum Ponds SWA	See description above. 1-6 volunteers needed.	See description above	Brian Wodrich 970-947-2970
<b>SWA Assistance-Steamboat Springs</b>	Chuck Lewis SWA, Adams SWA, Yampa SWA, Sarvis Creek SWA, Hayden Gun Range	See description above.	See description above	Steve Baumgartner 970-846-0904
<b>SWA Assistance-Mesa Co.</b>	Plateau Creek State Wildlife Area Shooting Range	See description above.	Ongoing	Derek Lovoi 970-858-3200

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