



## RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

### AGENDA

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Friday, December 12, 2025

9:00 AM

13939 Ancestry Drive  
Parker, CO 80134

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**1. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of the Agenda

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Attachments:**    [Unofficial Minutes for 11-14-25](#)

**3. Citizen Comment**

**4. Discussion and Action Items**

- a. Unofficial Partner Days for 2026
- b. Rueter-Hess Update for November 2025

**Attachments:**    [Rueter-Hess Update for November 2025](#)

- c. Rueter-Hess Budget Update for November 2025

**Attachments:**    [Rueter-Hess Budget Update November 2025](#)

**5. Other Business and Discussion**

- a. Finance Fee Update
- b. Dock Phase II Update

- c. Entrance Shed Update

**6. Adjournment**

*\*\*The Next Regular Meeting Will be on Friday, January 9, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.\*\**

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**MEETING DATE:** November 14, 2025

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Unofficial Minutes for 11-14-25



## RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

### MINUTES

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Friday, November 14, 2025

9:00 AM

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#### 1. Call to Order

Board Chair, Bill Wasserman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

##### a. Roll Call

**PRESENT** Board Member Bill Wasserman.  
Alternate Marne Hansen  
Alternate Amy Knopp  
Board Member Marcus Graves  
**EXCUSED** Board Member Austin Good  
Board Member Jeff Brauer  
Board Member Mary Colton  
Board Member Steve Shoultz  
Alternate Michael Lawson  
Alternate Seth Hoffman  
Alternate Larry Nimmo

##### b. Approval of the Agenda

Board Member, Bill Wasserman, asked for a motion from the Board to approve today's agenda.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Marne Hansen

**SECONDER:** Marcus Graves

**AYES:** Wasserman, Hansen, Knopp, Graves

**EXCUSED:** Good, Brauer, Colton, Shoultz, Lawson, Anderson, Hoffman, Nimmo

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Board Member, Bill Wasserman, asked for a motion from the Board to approve the Minutes from October 10, 2025.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Marne Hansen

**SECONDER:** Marcus Graves

**AYES:** Wasserman, Hansen, Knopp, Graves

**EXCUSED:** Good, Brauer, Colton, Shoultz, Lawson, Anderson, Hoffman, Nimmo

**3. Citizen Comment**

There were none.

**4. Discussion and Action Items****a. Annual Partner Update Tour**

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess requested dates from jurisdictions who would like a presentation for their town councils on Rueter-Hess Recreation. Board Members will reach out if needed.

**b. Calendar 2026 Partner Days**

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess requested dates from the partners for their Partner Days in 2026.

**c. Rueter-Hess Update for October 2025**

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, shared the update with the RAB.

**d. Rueter-Hess Budget Update for October 2025**

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, shared the budget update with the RAB. The County's finance department's actual report will be used to lessen the confusion and provide more details for the RAB.

**5. Other Business and Discussion****a. Rueter-Hess Entrance Shed Update**

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, updated the RAB on the permit status and timeline. The permit has been issued and the signed contract should be coming in over the next few days. The shed and the mini-split will be ordered soon.

**b. Dock Phase II Update**

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, updated the Board on dock phase II. The docks have been ordered. A separate order for the wheels was placed and received to help staff pull the docks out this fall. The phase II docks will be delivered and stored until spring. Docks will be replaced into the water when ice is off the reservoir and the boat can be launched, sometime in the spring.

**c. Increased Finance Fee**

Staff informed the RAB about the County's finance program, MSB, increase starting December 1, 2025. The fee will increase from a 2.19% to a flat \$2.00 fee. The RAB requested more information and possible options at the December 12, 2025, meeting.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

*\*\*The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on December 12, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.\*\**

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**MEETING DATE:** December 12, 2025

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Rueter-Hess Update for November 2025

## Memorandum

**Date:** December 2, 2025  
**To:** Douglas County Advisory Boards  
**From:** Amy Knopp, Manager of Rueter-Hess Recreation  
**CC:** Steven Shoultz, CPRE, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails, Building Grounds, and Rueter-Hess Recreation  
**Subject:** **Rueter-Hess Recreation Update for November 2025**

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### **UPDATES**

#### **Natural Resource Stewardship**

Rueter Hess Park Rangers cleanup of fishing lines in a heavily used fishing area of the reservoir. They removed eight fishing lures and approximately fifty yards of fishing line, much of which was entangled in willow trees along the shoreline. The removal of this debris not only addressed the immediate hazard to local wildlife but also enhanced the overall safety and environmental quality of the reservoir for water quality and public use.



#### **Enhancing Visitor Experience Through Trail Maintenance**

Maintaining our trails is essential not only for safety but also for creating an enjoyable experience for every visitor. Proper vegetation control plays a key role in this process. By managing overgrown plants and shrubs, we can ensure clear pathways, allowing visitors to fully immerse themselves in the beauty of nature.

Maintaining clear, accessible trails is an essential part of providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors. These improvements made our trails more welcoming while ensuring the long-term health of the surrounding landscape.

Continued vegetation management supports the health of the local ecosystem by allowing more sunlight to reach the forest floor, encouraging the growth of native grass and wildflowers while helping to control invasive plant species.

Trail users are reminded to stay on designated paths and follow all posted signage. Maintenance operations are planned for minimal disruptions so hiking and recreation can continue safely. Once completed, the improved trails will offer smoother passage and a more enjoyable outdoor experience.



## Master Anglers

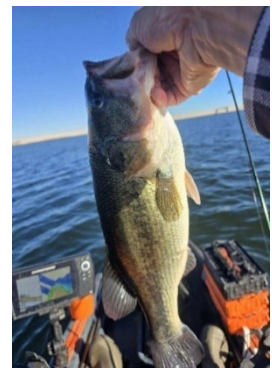
Just before closing for the season to watercraft usage on Rueter Hess Reservoir, we had multiple anglers reel in some impressive award-winning fish.

Race, an avid youth angler who has spent countless hours on the water searching for big walleye happened to catch a 12-inch yellow perch. A fish of that size was able to secure Race the title of Master Angler, awarded by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).



On the same note, another one of our frequent anglers, Jim, came out looking for trophy walleye but instead found himself catching his first ever largemouth bass, and a big one at that. His bass measured 19 inches and netted him a master angler title with the CPW as well.

With so many of our anglers focusing on walleye it is so promising to see that our fishery is holding incredibly sizeable fish of all species. As we begin to pivot to shoreline fishing until ice forms on the reservoir, we are pleased with the quality of fish within our waters and are already looking forward to next paddle season with larger fish waiting to be caught.





## **SPECIAL USE CALENDAR**

<b>Calendar of Events 2025</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Special Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
5/11 & 12/2025	PWSD Student Visit to the Reservoir	Reservoir
5/14/2025	South Metro Fire Training	Reservoir
5/31/2025	Runuphill Racing	Incline
6/7/2025	Fransen Pittman Company 5K	Incline
6/7/2025	Journey Church Fishing	Reservoir
6/6/2025	Celebration of Life	Pavilion/Obs
6/7/2025	Colorado Gun Dog Association	Hess Rd. Access
6/9/2025	Lone Tree Rec. Committee Tour	Reservoir
7/4/2025	Jaegger Family Visit to Rueter-Hess	Reservoir
7/19/2025	South Metro Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
TBD	Women Inspiring Leadership	Incline
7/21/2025	South Metro Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
7/23/2025	South Metro Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
7/24/2025	South Metro Dive Rescue Training	Reservoir
8/9/2025	Ashley Elfeld Wedding	Pavilion
9/11/2025	Lone Tree Brewery 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb	Incline
9/13/2025	WICT Network Rocky Mountain	Incline
6/1 to 8/15/25	Avid4Adventure Summer Season Day Camp	Reservoir
6/26 to 6/28/25	Amateur Radio Emergency Service	Reservoir
7/14 to 7/18/25	Girl Scouts of Colorado Camp Days	Reservoir
8/23/2025	Douglas County Sheriff's Office	Reservoir
<b>RAB /Partner Days</b>		
7/19/2025	Lone Tree Partner Day	Reservoir
7/27/2025	Castle Rock Partner Day	Reservoir
8/6/2025	PWSD Family Day 3-6 pm	Reservoir
8/10/2025	Castle Pines Partner Day	Reservoir
8/16/2025	Parker Partner Day	Reservoir
<b>Partner Programing</b>		
6/14/2025	Dash Across the Dam - Parker 5K	Reservoir

## **OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

Throughout November, park rangers focused on completing seasonal maintenance of rental equipment to ensure everything is in top condition for the 2026 summer season.

The watercraft season officially ended on November 16, marking the start of dock removal operations. Over the following two days, rangers (supported by five staff members and a skid steer) safely removed the docks from the reservoir. Favorable weather was critical during this process, as staff were required to work in the water and operate machinery on natural surfaces. Once the docks were removed, impacted areas were restored to their natural state. Dock maintenance, organization, and minor repairs will continue throughout the winter months.

On November 21, Parks Technicians teamed up with the rangers to lay nearly 700 feet of road base, significantly improving access to the fishing dock below the E Lot parking area. Staff will continue refining the trail over the winter by hand—cleaning edges, compacting the surface, and filling low spots to ensure it's ready for public use next year.

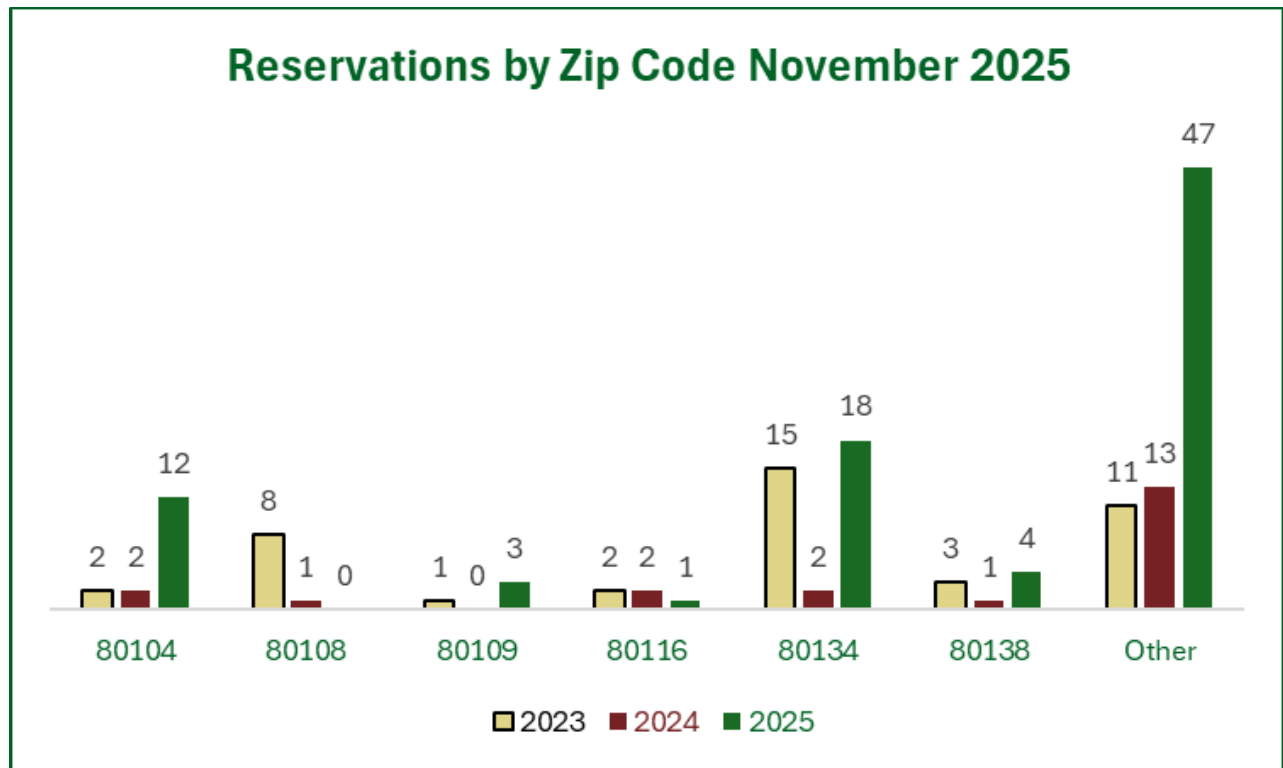
## **RUETER-HESS VOLUNTEER HOURS**

RUETER-HESS VOLUNTEER HOURS 2025								
Month	Number of Hosted Events	Number of Volunteers	Hours of Service	Hours of Check-Ins & Inspections	Bags of Trash Collected	Feet of Shoreline Maintained	Bags of Weeds Pulled	Miles of Trail Maintained
March	8	8	24	24	0	0	0	0.00
April	11	11	33	33	0	0	0	0.00
May	19	19	57	50	3	20	1	0.25
June	10	10	30	26	3	0	1	0.00
July	8	8	24	10	3	200	0	0.25
August	2	2	6	6	0	0	0	0.00
September	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0.00
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Totals	58	58	174	149	9	220	2	0.50

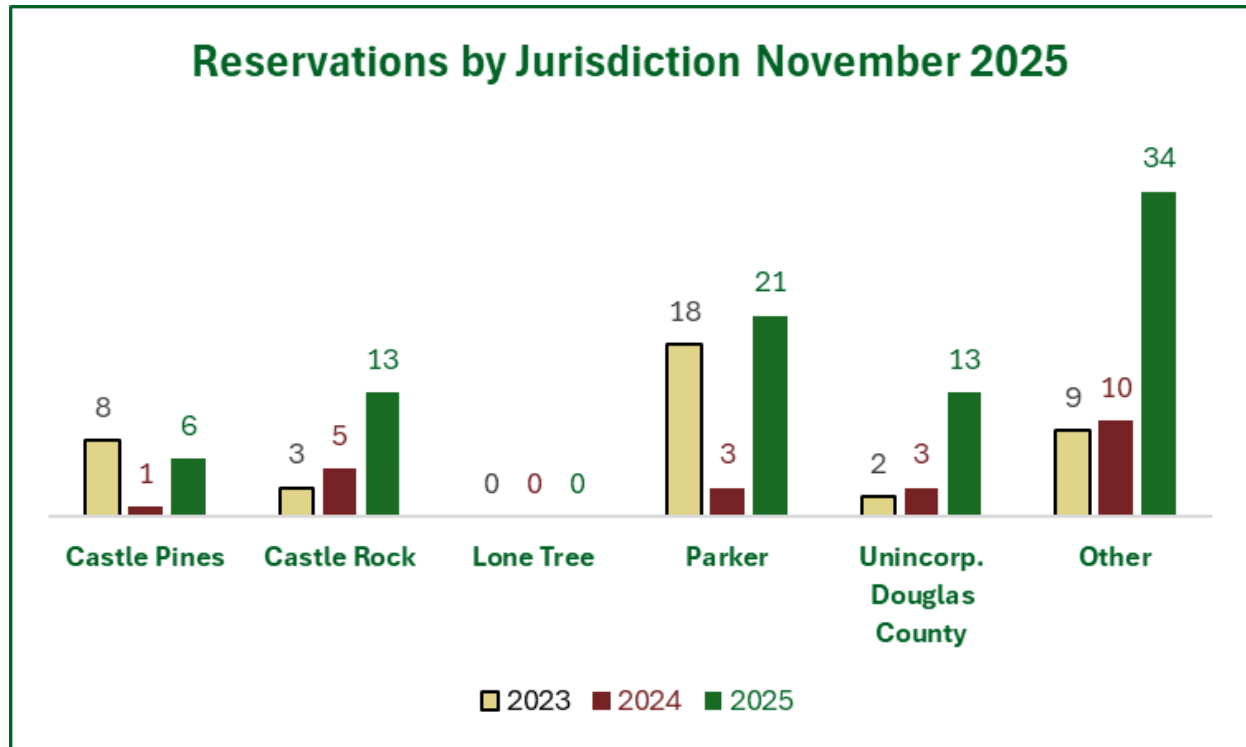
## **RUETER-HESS RECREATION STATS (UPDATED 12/01/25)**

Visitation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	2025 Total
Reservations Made	2	3	130	140	312	819	1080	868	419	186	109	4,068
Total Visitors At Reservoir	9	14	223	224	544	1719	2292	1826	723	295	203	8,072
Total Trails Visitors	2894	4338	7571	7626	10216	10395	9194	9236	8369	7335	4373	81,547
Total Visitors	2903	4352	7794	7850	10760	12114	11486	11062	9092	7630	4578	89,621
Special Use	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	2025 Total
Total Special Activities/Events	0	0	0	0	4	34	41	23	4	0	0	106
Total People Attending Special Activities/Events	0	0	0	0	95	1398	965	798	51	0	0	3307

Fishing	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	2025 Total
Adult Anglers	0	0	94	114	189	266	363	457	148	147	90	1,868
Youth Anglers	0	0	37	26	48	133	147	176	51	41	30	689
Total Anglers	0	0	131	140	237	399	510	633	199	188	120	2,557
Watercraft Inspections	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	2025 Total
Total Watercraft Cleaned - Allowed To Launch	0	0	0	0	6	47	54	51	7	0	0	165
Public Safety	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	2025 Total
Trail Assist	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Trail Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Water Assist (Just Needed Some Help)	0	0	0	0	1	16	6	3	6	1	0	33
Water Rescue (Dangerous Or Distressed Situations)	0	0	0	0	8	6	1	2	0	1	0	18
EMS Requested	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number Of People Helped By EMS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Overdue Groups	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	2	0	1	0	10
Number Of People Overdue	0	0	2	2	0	4	10	4	0	2	0	24
Number Of People Helped During Assists	0	0	0	0	1	16	7	3	6	2	0	35
People Helped During Rescue	0	0	0	0	8	7	1	2	0	1	0	19
Number Of People Helped To Recreate Safely	0	0	0	0	9	23	8	5	6	3	0	54
Rules and Regulations	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	2025 Total
PFD Violations	0	0	0	0	9	22	188	60	32	2	0	313
Swim/Wade	0	0	0	0	5	12	44	17	13	1	0	92
Dogs On Shore	0	0	0	3	2	4	6	2	2	0	0	19
Dogs In Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4
Dogs Off Leash	2	3	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	2	0	16
Alcohol On Property	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vehicles Undesignated Areas	2	1	4	0	3	18	51	2	1	1	0	83
Off Trail Use	0	0	0	1	4	2	3	7	6	2	0	25
Bait Violations	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	1	0	7
Hook Violations	0	0	0	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	12
Poles Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	4
Fishing In Restricted Areas	0	0	0	1	3	9	15	5	1	0	0	34
Fishing License Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Fishing Permit Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Rule Violations	4	4	5	8	34	80	310	96	60	10	0	611



Rueter-Hess Usage by Zip Code November 2023 - 2025			
Zip Code	2023	2024	2025
80104	2	2	12
80108	8	1	0
80109	1	0	3
80116	2	2	1
80134	15	2	18
80138	3	2	4
Other	9	10	49



Usage By Jurisdiction November 2023 - 2025					
City	2023	2024	2025	Partner Day 2024	Partner Day 2025
Castle Pines	8	1	6	110	72
Castle Rock	3	66	13	101	35
Lone Tree	0	5	0	59	42
Parker	18	3	21	69	74
Unincorporated Douglas County	2	3	13	--	--
Other	9	10	34	--	--

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**MEETING DATE:** December 12, 2025

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Rueter-Hess Budget Update November 2025

Budget vs. Actual Activity - B.U.

Budget vs Actual Rpt(CONDENSED)

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For the Eleven Months Ending November 30, 2025

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
47100 RUETER-HESS REC OPS & MAINT								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
330000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	(620,000.00)	(620,000.00)	(796,539.00)	.00	(620,000.00)	(620,000.00)	176,539.00	(28.5)
340000 CHARGES FOR SERVICES	(52,686.76)	(30,000.00)	(59,926.89)	.00	(32,000.00)	(32,000.00)	27,926.89	(87.3)
360000 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	(96,843.28)	(15,000.00)	(93,256.34)	.00	(50,000.00)	(50,000.00)	43,256.34	(86.5)
390000 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(229,166.63)	.00	(250,000.00)	(250,000.00)	(20,833.37)	8.3
300000 REVENUES	(1,019,530.04)	(915,000.00)	(1,178,888.86)	.00	(952,000.00)	(952,000.00)	226,888.86	(23.8)
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
410000 PERSONNEL SERVICES	623,984.54	667,585.00	492,020.96	.00	656,315.00	656,315.00	164,294.04	25.0
433000 SUPPLIES	35,575.35	41,600.00	16,678.33	.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	(11,078.33)	(197.8)
438000 CONTROLLABLE ASSETS (C.A.)	3,761.87	.00	4,796.87	.00	.00	.00	(4,796.87)	(100.0)
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	14,656.01	28,000.00	5,452.37	.00	.00	.00	(5,452.37)	(100.0)
449000 FIXED CHARGES	37,216.86	38,500.00	18,874.13	.00	44,020.00	44,020.00	25,145.87	57.1
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	18,800.00	175,000.00	152,185.92	56,120.00	93,000.00	243,000.00	34,694.08	14.3
480000 CONTINGENCIES & RESERVES	.00	50,000.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	733,994.63	1,000,685.00	690,008.58	56,120.00	848,935.00	998,935.00	252,806.42	25.3
47100 RUETER-HESS REC OPS & MAINT	(285,535.41)	85,685.00	(488,880.28)	56,120.00	(103,065.00)	46,935.00	479,695.28	1,022.0

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850900 Fishery Management								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
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400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	31,890.36	16,310.00	439.40	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	59,560.60	99.3
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	15,581.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	31,890.36	31,891.00	439.40	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	59,560.60	99.3
850900 Fishery Management	31,890.36	31,891.00	439.40	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	59,560.60	99.3



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850901 Docks								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	100.0
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	250,000.00	127,230.34	94,801.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	(22,031.34)	(11.0)
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	250,000.00	127,230.34	94,801.00	200,000.00	450,000.00	227,968.66	50.7
850901 Docks	.00	250,000.00	127,230.34	94,801.00	200,000.00	450,000.00	227,968.66	50.7

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850902 Trailhead Plan & Construction								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
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400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	.00	.00	(11,000.00)	(100.0)
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	.00	.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	100.0
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	64,000.00	85.3
850902 Trailhead Plan & Construction	.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	64,000.00	85.3

Description	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Budget	Current Year Actual	Current Year Encumbrance	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Current Year Available	% Remaining
850903 Entrance Improvements								
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
330000 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	.00	.00	(50,000.00)	.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	(100.0)
300000 REVENUES	.00	.00	(50,000.00)	.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	(100.0)
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
439000 PURCHASED SERVICES	.00	.00	3,750.00	.00	.00	.00	(3,750.00)	(100.0)
471000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	110,000.00	95,000.00	41,869.66	.00	110,000.00	(26,869.66)	(24.4)
400000 EXPENDITURES	.00	110,000.00	98,750.00	41,869.66	.00	110,000.00	(30,619.66)	(27.8)
850903 Entrance Improvements	.00	110,000.00	48,750.00	41,869.66	.00	110,000.00	19,380.34	17.6