

Memorandum

DATE: April 3, 2024
TO: DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS
FROM: AMY KNOPP, MANAGER OF RUETER-HESS RESERVOIR
CC: STEVE SHOULTZ, CPRE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS, TRAILS & BUILDING GROUND
SUBJECT: RUETER-HESS RECREATION UPDATE FOR MARCH 2024

SUMMARY

This is the Rueter-Hess Recreation update for March 2024.

UPDATES

Trail Corridor Clearing

Rangers are continuing efforts to clear the corridor along the Coyote Run Loop trail. A properly cleared trail will limit human and animal interactions, improve the line of sight for bicyclists, and allow the trail to dry out faster after the rain or snow.

Safe, Family Friendly Experiences

Upon a request from the Recreation Advisory Board, Rueter-Hess Rangers conducted research regarding improving the fishing experience at the reservoir. A functional criterion was identified, and two pedal pontoon boats, as well as two, 14 foot-V Bow row boats, will be available for customer use this summer.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE UPDATES

- Spring sanding and maintenance on picnic tables
- Prepping the patrol boat
- Setting up buoys to drop in early May
- New sign installation
- Rangers attended Douglas County Innovation League (DCIL)
- Spring training for Rangers
- Continuous trail maintenance

SPECIAL ACTIVITY- NEW RESERVATIONS

- Avid4 Adventure Summer Season Day Camp June - August
- Rock Canyon High School April 10, 2024
- South Metro Fire Department May 31, 2024
- Fransen Pittman Company 5K June 1, 2024
- Women Inspiring Leadership, June 8, 2024

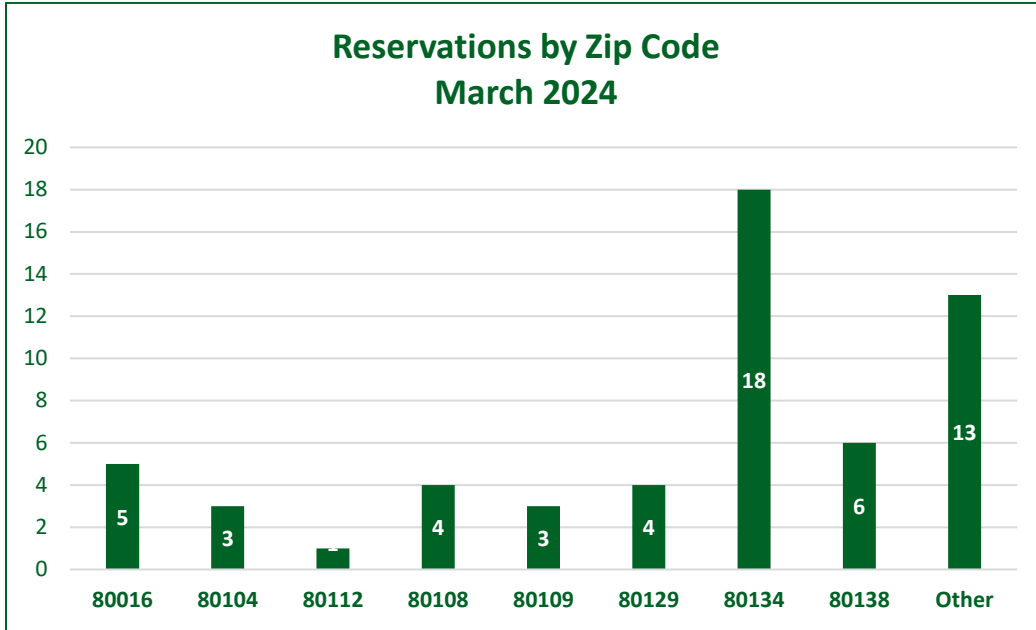
STATS

Visitation	January	February	March	2024 Total
Reservations made	10	14	81	105
Reservations attended	7	7	52	67
No show reservations	3	7	29	38
Number of visitors at reservoir	15	17	118	151
Incline visitors	3537	3106	5325	11968
Coyote Run Loop visitors	690	545	341	1576
Newlin Gold trail visitors	10	17	71	98
Total Visitors	4242	3668	5784	13695
Vehicles allowed in because they couldn't make a reservation (Failed Reservation)	0	0	0	0
Reservation System Feedback	January	February	March	2024 Total
Reservation complaints	0	0	1	1
Vendor reported reservation complaints	0	0	0	0
Complaints via email or phone	0	0	0	0
Total complaints	0	0	1	1
Fishing	January	February	March	2024 Total
Adult anglers	1	0	51	53
Youth anglers	0	0	14	14
Total anglers	1	0	65	67
Tackle Box Inspections	1	0	51	53
Fishing checks	1	0	39	41
Special Events	January	February	March	2024 Total
Partner days	0	0	0	0
Partner days attendance	0	0	0	0
Partner programming days	0	0	0	0
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Total special activities/events	0	0	0	0
Total people attending special events	0	0	0	0

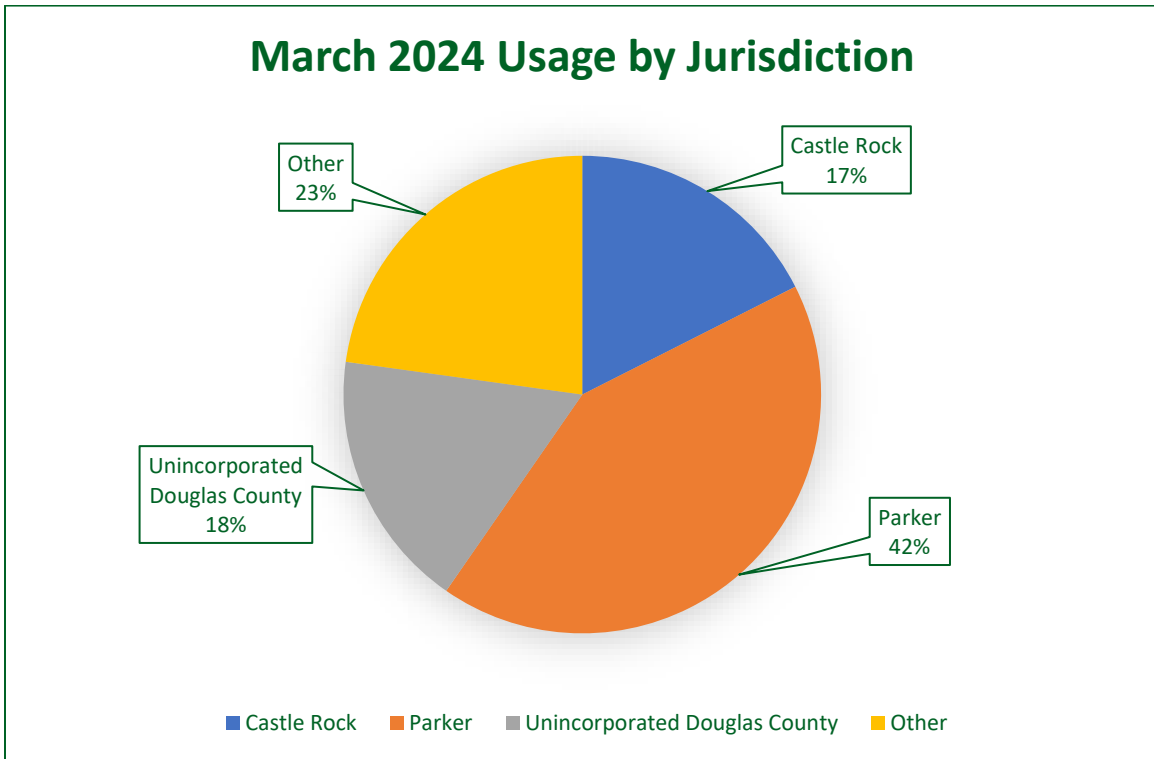
Public Safety	January	February	March	2024 Total
Water assist (just needed some help)	0	0	0	0
Trail assist	0	0	0	0
Number of people helped during assists	0	0	0	0
Water rescue (dangerous or distressed situations)	0	0	0	0
Trail rescue	0	0	0	0
People helped during rescue	0	0	0	0
Overdue groups	0	0	0	0
Number of people overdue	0	0	0	0
Number of people helped to recreate safely	0	0	0	0
Ranger Patrol (hours)	January	February	March	2024 Total
Foot patrol	34.00	57.00	124.00	225.00
Bike patrol	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00
Boat patrol	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicle and ATV patrol	41.00	59.00	61.00	171.00
Entrance station	194.00	38.00	88.00	332.00
Training	59.00	105.00	82.00	250.00
Admin	464.00	513.00	228.00	1219.00
Holiday/Vacation/PTO	64.00	44.00	45.00	153.00
Total hours	856.00	816.00	630.00	2352.00
Watercraft Inspections	January	February	March	2024 Total
Paddleboard inspection	0	0	0	0
Canoe inspection	0	0	0	0
Kayak inspections	0	0	0	0
Windsurf inspections	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total watercraft inspection	0	0	0	0
Paddleboard cleaned	0	0	0	0
Canoe cleaned	0	0	0	0
Kayak cleaned	0	0	0	0
Windsurf cleaned	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total watercraft Cleaned - allowed to launch	0	0	0	0
Failed Paddleboard inspection	0	0	0	0
Failed Canoe inspection	0	0	0	0
Failed Kayak inspections	0	0	0	0
Windsurf and Wing surf inspections	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Failed inspections (not allowed to launch)	0	0	0	0

Rules and Regulations	January	February	March	2024 Total
PFD violations	0	0	0	0
Swim/wade	0	0	0	0
Dogs on shore	0	0	0	0
Dogs in water	0	0	0	0
Dogs off leash	1	4	7	12
Alcohol on property	0	0	1	1
Vehicles parked in undesignated areas	6	4	7	17
Off trail use	0	0	4	4
Bait violations	0	0	0	0
Hook violations	1	0	2	3
Poles violations	0	0	0	0
Fishing in restricted areas	0	0	0	0
Fishing license violations	0	0	0	0
No fishing permit violations	0	0	0	0
Total rule violations	8	8	21	37
Trail Maintenance (hours)	January	February	March	2024 Total
Trail maintenance	3.0	19.0	39.5	61.5
Establish new trail	0.0	0.0	4.5	4.5
Fishing access maintenance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Parks Tech's with machinery	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total trail maintenance hours	3.0	19.0	44.0	66.0
Comments & Questions	January	February	March	2024 Total
Allowed activity	0	2	4	8
Biking	1	0	0	1
Boating	0	0	0	2
Camping	0	0	0	0
Fishing	4	5	10	23
General questions	0	0	15	15
Hiking	0	0	0	3
Inspections	0	0	0	0
Passes	2	2	4	8
Refunds	0	0	0	0
Rentals	0	0	0	0
Reservations and fees	1	2	8	12
Special events	0	0	0	0
Trails	0	0	3	3
Grand total	8	11	44	75

Facility Closure	January	February	March	2024 Total
Facility closure for water quality	0	0	0	0
Impacted reservation	0	0	0	0
Facility closure for weather	3	0	3	6
Total number of impacted people	0	0	0	0



Rueter-Hess Usage by Zip Code	
Zip Code	Number of Registrations
80016	5
80104	3
80112	1
80108	4
80109	3
80134	18
80138	6
Other	13



Rueter-Hess Reservations by Jurisdiction	
Castle Rock	10
Parker	24
Unincorporated Douglas County	10
Outside Douglas County	13