

Memorandum

Date: February 10, 2025

To: Douglas County Advisory Boards

From: Nick Giauque, Parks Program Manager
 Luke Thornton, Parks Program Coordinator

CC: Steve Shoultz, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails, and Building Grounds

Subject: **Parks Program Update for January 2025**

SUMMARY

This is the Parks Program update for January 2025.

COUNTER UPDATE – AS OF 1/30/2025

Location	2024 total through January	2025 total through January
Bayou Gulch Regional Park – Dog Park	1,823	1,531
Bingham Lake	2,974	2,504
Bluffs Regional Park	8,459	5,374
Cherry Creek Regional Trail – Pinery	1,177	835
East/West Regional Trail – Grigs Trailhead	1,886	1,275
East/West Regional Trail – Monarch Trailhead	N/A	375
East/West Regional Trail – Schweiger Ranch	187	487
East/West Regional Trail – Stepping Stone	N/A	1,198
Fairgrounds Regional Park – Dog Park	3,650	3,101
High Line Canal - West	2,722	2,707
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Coyote Run Loop	690	211
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Incline Trailhead	3,537	2,688
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Newlin’s Gold	N/A	33
Totals	27,105	22,319

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND PARK RANGER CAREER FAIR

Luke Thornton, Parks Program Coordinator and Jason Trujillo, Park Ranger, attended the Outdoor Education and Park Ranger Career Fair at Red Rocks Community College on January 29th. They were able to meet with young professionals to talk about the seasonal positions and volunteer opportunities available with Parks, Trails, and Building Grounds and Rueter-Hess Reservoir.



Memorandum

Date: February 3, 2025
To: Douglas County Advisory Boards
From: Amy Knopp, Manager of Rueter-Hess Reservoir
CC: Steven Shoultz, CPRE, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails & Building Grounds
Subject: **Rueter-Hess Recreation Update for January 2025**

SUMMARY

This is the Rueter-Hess Recreation update for January 2025.

UPDATES

As temperatures began to drop, the Rueter Hess Rangers observed the reservoir's shoreline for signs of freezing. After the new year weather conditions kept the shoreline frozen even during warmer daytime hours when the sun was out.

Due to the ice Rueter Hess Reservoir has closed to all fishing as of January 3, 2025, for the remainder of the season and will remain closed to fishing until the ice on the reservoir melts.

Rueter Hess Reservoir will remain open for trail access only. The colder weather has not deterred visitors from enjoying the Incline Challenge and Coyote Loop Trail. Rangers will continue to answer questions about access to the water in the summer and the Newlin's Gold hike within the reservoir side of the property.



OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE UPDATES

- Final e-bike purchased; Ranger Program now has e-bikes to fit all staff heights
- Easy loading bike rack donated to the Ranger Program
- Rental boat anchor system purchased
- Prepping for corridor clearing projects
- Identifying spring ranger training programs
- Volunteer calendar for 2025 created
- Attended Career Fair at Red Rocks Community College

Calendar of Events 2025		
Special Use		
All Summer Season- Application Received	Avid4 Adventure Summer Season Day Camp	Reservoir
TBD	Fransen Pittman Company 5K	Incline
TBD	Colorado Gun Dog Association	Hess Rd. Access
TBD	Women Inspiring Leadership	Incline
TBD	Amateur Radio Emergency Service	Hess Rd. Access
7/14 to 7/18/25	Girl Scouts of Colorado Camp Days	Reservoir
TBD	Runuphill Racing	Incline
RAB /Partner Days		
TBD	PWSD Bring Your Child to Work Day	Reservoir
8/10/2025	Castle Pines Partner Day	Reservoir
7/19/2025	Lone Tree Partner Day	Reservoir
TBD	PWSD Family Day 3-6 pm	Reservoir
7/27/2025	Castle Rock Partner Day	Reservoir
8/15/2025	Parker Partner Day	Reservoir
Partner Programing		
6/14/2025	Dash Across the Dam - Parker 5K	Reservoir

STATS

Visitation	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	Jan 2025
Reservations Made	N/A	10	2
Total Visitors At Reservoir	N/A	15	9
RHR Incline (Reported Monthly)	2441	3537	2688
RHR Coyote Run Loop (Reported Monthly)	87	690	211
RHR Newlin Gold Trail (Reported Monthly)	N/A	4	33
Total Trails Visitors	2528	4231	2932
Total Visitors	2528	4246	2941
Special Use	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	Jan 2025
Total Special Activities/Events	N/A	0	0
Total People Attending Special Activities/Events	N/A	0	0

Facility Closure	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	Jan 2025
Facility Closure For Water Quality	N/A	0	0
Impacted Reservation	N/A	0	0
Facility Closure For Weather	N/A	3	0
Fishing	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	Jan 2025
Adult Anglers	N/A	1	0
Youth Anglers	N/A	0	0
Total Anglers	N/A	1	0
Tackle Box Inspections	N/A	1	0
Fishing Checks	N/A	1	0
Watercraft Inspections	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	Jan 2025
Total Watercraft Inspections	N/A	0	0
Total Watercraft Cleaned - Allowed To Launch	N/A	0	0
Total Failed Inspections - Not Allowed To Launch	N/A	0	0
Public Safety	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	Jan 2025
Trail Assist	N/A	0	0
Trail Rescue	N/A	0	0
Water Assist (Just Needed Some Help)	N/A	0	0
Water Rescue (Dangerous Or Distressed Situations)	N/A	0	0
EMS Requested	N/A	1	0
Number Of People Helped By EMS	N/A	2	0
Overdue Groups	N/A	0	0
Number Of People Overdue	N/A	0	0
Number Of People Helped During Assists	N/A	0	0
People Helped During Rescue	N/A	0	0
Number Of People Helped To Recreate Safely	N/A	0	0

Ranger Patrol (Round To Nearest Hour)	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	Jan 2025
Foot Patrol	N/A	34	43
Bike Patrol	N/A	0	0
Boat Patrol	N/A	0	0
Vehicle And ATV Patrol	N/A	41	104
Entrance Station	N/A	250	224
Training	N/A	56	8
Rules and Regulations	Jan 2023	Jan 2024	Jan 2025
PFD Violations	N/A	0	0
Swim/Wade	N/A	0	0
Dogs On Shore	N/A	0	0
Dogs In Water	N/A	0	0
Dogs Off Leash	N/A	1	2
Vehicles Undesignated Areas	N/A	6	2
Off Trail Use	N/A	0	0
Bait Violations	N/A	0	0
Hook Violations	N/A	1	0
Poles Violations	N/A	0	0
Fishing In Restricted Areas	N/A	0	0
Fishing License Violations	N/A	0	0
No Fishing Permit Violations	N/A	0	0
Total Rule Violations	N/A	8	4