

Memorandum

Date: April 2, 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 March 2025**

SUMMARY

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

UPDATES



The ice has melted, and on Saturday, March 8, 2025, Rueter-Hess Reservoir welcomed its first angler of the year! Mother Nature couldn't have timed it better—the reservoir opens for fishing just as daylight saving time begins. Starting Sunday, March 9, visitors will enjoy an extra hour of recreation, with access extended from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. As temperatures continue to rise, non-motorized watercraft use will be coming soon!

Patience paid off and there were big smiles all around as the first fish of the season were caught at Rueter-Hess Reservoir on March 15, 2025. A 5-pound, 22-inch walleye and a 3.63-pound, 21-inch walleye were caught by two fishermen excited to come back to Rueter-Hess after successful fishing trips last year. Rangers have also received reports of lots of bites along shore and we are excited to see what people catch as the season starts to pick up.



OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE UPDATES

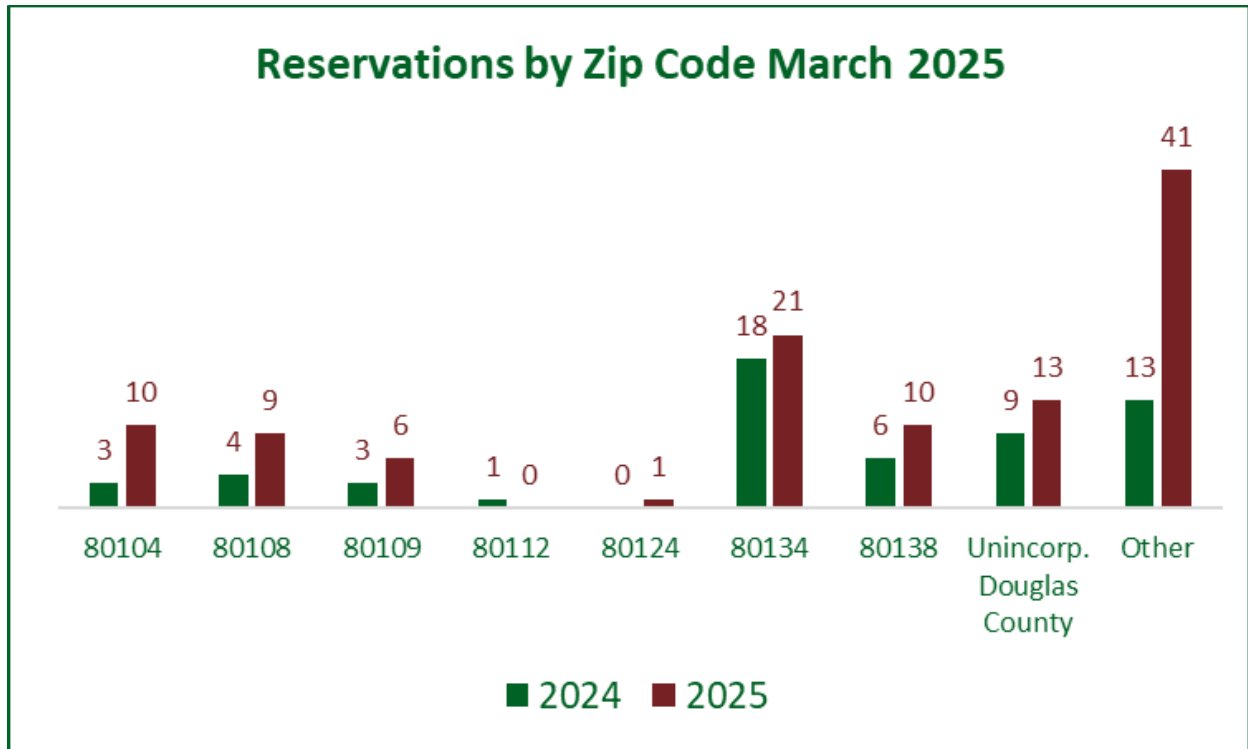
- Buoy preparation, anticipated to be dropped in reservoir 1st week of April
- Research pedal kayaks for possible rental opportunities
- Safety Boat preparation – clean, start, and operate
- Inspect reservoir for any safety hazards
- Entrance station preparation
- Hired new Ranger – Hannah Blake
- Inspect trails
- Created online patrol log

Calendar of Events 2025		
Special Use		
6/1 to 8/15/25	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
June	Amateur Radio Emergency Service	Hess Rd. Access
7/14 to 7/18/25	Girl Scouts of Colorado Camp Days	Reservoir
Sept. 2025	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
Voluneteer Programming		
4/3/25	Rocky Outcropping Fence	Incline
4/10/25	Rocky Outcropping Fence	Incline
4/17/25	Tentative Rocky Outcropping Fence	Incline
6/30/25	Corridor Clearing	Coyote Loop
7/18/25	Shoreline Clean-up	Reservoir
7/25/25	Corridor Clearing	Newline
9/12/25	Shoreline Clean-up	Reservoir

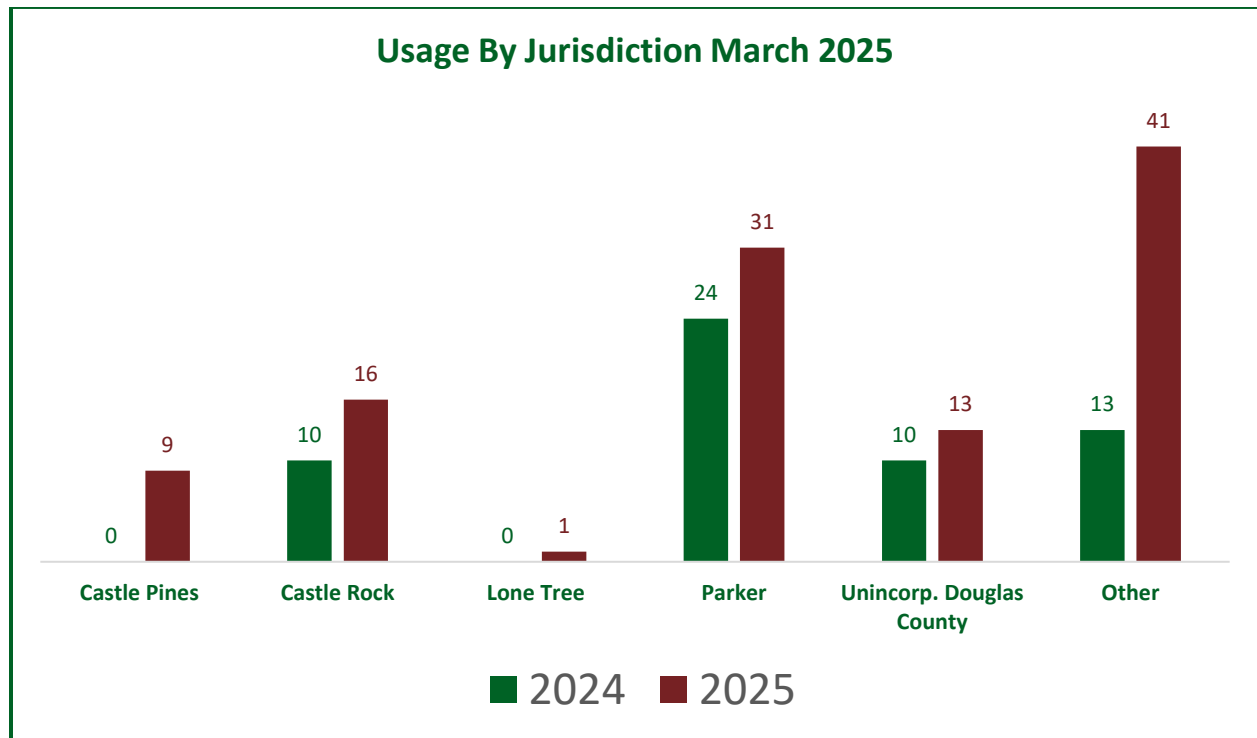
STATS

Visitation	Jan	Feb	Mar	2025 Total
Total Visitors At Reservoir	9	14	223	246
Total Trails Visitors	2894	4338	7453	14685
Total Visitors	2903	4352	7676	14931
Fishing	Jan	Feb	Mar	2025 Total
Adult Anglers	0	0	94	94
Youth Anglers	0	0	37	37
Total Anglers	0	0	131	131

Public Safety	Jan	Feb	Mar	2025 Total
Trail Assist	0	0	0	0
Trail Rescue	0	0	0	0
Water Assist (Just Needed Some Help)	0	0	0	0
Water Rescue (Dangerous Or Distressed Situations)	0	0	0	0
EMS Requested	0	0	0	0
Number Of People Helped By EMS	0	0	0	0
Overdue Groups	0	0	1	1
Number Of People Overdue	0	0	2	2
Number Of People Helped During Assists	0	0	0	0
People Helped During Rescue	0	0	0	0
Number Of People Helped To Recreate Safely	0	0	0	0
Rules and Regulations	Jan	Feb	Mar	2025 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	2	3	1	6
Alcohol On Property	0	0	0	0
Vehicles Undesignated Areas	2	1	4	7
Off Trail Use	0	0	0	0
Bait Violations	0	0	0	0
Hook Violations	0	0	0	0
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	4	4	5	13



Rueter-Hess Usage by Zip Code		Number of Reservations	
Zip Code		2024	2025
80104		3	10
80108		4	9
80109		3	6
80112		1	0
80124		0	1
80134		18	21
80138		6	10
Unincorporated Douglas County		9	13
Other		13	41
Totals		57	111



Usage By Jurisdiction March		
City	2024	2025
Castle Pines	0	9
Castle Rock	10	16
Lone Tree	0	1
Parker	24	31
Unincorporated Douglas County	10	13
Other	13	41
Totals	57	111