

value of these areas to wildlife and the potential impacts of various types of human uses on wildlife and habitats.

Summary of Project Accomplishments (numbers correspond to project objectives/activities):

1. a. During the reporting period we contracted with an environmental firm in Gustavus to conduct sandhill crane and other wildlife observations on the DCCCHA. The data collection period started on September 1, 2003 and will be completed by October 1, 2003 with the analysis and write up being completed by December 30, 2003.

b-d. The dissolution of the Habitat and Restoration Division resulted in a setback in the planning process for a management plan for the DCCCHA. Preliminary discussions towards this goal had begun, but further work could not be accomplished without the leadership and personnel of the Habitat and Restoration division. Therefore, Job/Activities b-d were not accomplished.
2. a. ADF&G staff prepared for and attended monthly meetings of the Mendenhall Wetlands Citizens Advisory Group. This group actively investigated issues and activities that had the potential to affect the Mendenhall Refuge. Because of the dissolution of the Habitat and Restoration division, our role in the planning efforts that include attending these monthly meetings has increased.

b. During this report period we discussed options for achieving fine scale habitat mapping of the MWSWR and met with potential contractors to determine their capability to do it.

c. ADF&G staff investigated options for signs aimed at educating refuge users about refuge issues.

Project Costs: Federal share \$15,725.25 + state share \$5,241.75 = total cost \$ 20,967

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