

LANDS USES

Boundary management, utilities



In 2012, the ARP acquired Little Echo Lake adjacent to the James Peak Wilderness Area.

LANDS 2012FACTS

- Accepted and authorized **66 Special Use applications.**
- Acquired **334 acres** of pristine property and **2 easements** across private property.
- Administered **620 permits** (31 major utility lines, 20 reservoirs, 16 communication sites).
- Posted **45 miles** of boundary.



The ARP administers permits for 16 communication sites.

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) have an active lands and special uses program dedicated to securing and protecting the American public's rights, title, value and interest in National Forests and Grasslands. This includes consolidating land ownership through exchanges and acquisitions; surveying and posting boundaries; acquiring road and trail rights of ways; and processing applications for permits such as power lines and communication sites.

▶ The Forest acquired a **15-acre inholding** close to the Berthoud Pass Overlook and **319 acres** adjacent to the James Peak Wilderness, which includes Little Echo Lake, a 10-acre high mountain lake, and more than a mile of stream in Mammoth Gulch.

▶ The ARP established a **Special Use Permit** with U.S. Army for training activities on National Forest System lands until 2017. Additionally, the partnership provides U.S. Army staff expertise and equipment to assist engineering-related projects on the ARP such as the construction of the Baker Draw Shooting Range on the Pawnee National Grassland.

▶ Staff completed **Land Line Survey** for projects across the ARP including the Sligo Cemetery and Winks Lodge encroachment resolution and three fuels reduction projects -two on the Boulder Ranger District and one on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District (CLRD).

▶ CLRD continued the **Middle Bald Communication Site Project**, located in Larimer County, after it had been put on hold by Larimer County Commissioners in 2008. The project was proposed for emergency communication for VHF and the 800 MHz system. Scoping, public meetings and work on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement occurred in 2012.

▶ The Forest coordinated and provided input on the **Western Area Power Authority's** (Western) proposals on the CLRD and Sulphur Ranger District (SRD) to rebuild and reroute transmission lines. The proposal on CLRD consolidates and rebuilds two aging transmission lines on separate rights-of-way into one existing line between Estes Park and Loveland. The SRD project proposes rebuilding and possibly rerouting the transmission line near Grand Lake.

▶ The **High Park Fire** impacted power lines and poles under special use permit and destroyed boundary markers. Permit administrators worked with Poudre Valley REA to facilitate getting the infrastructure replaced and repaired and the site restored after construction. Surveyors continue to restore boundary markers destroyed during the fire to facilitate the rebuilding the homes on private property within the ARP boundary. Survey crews are scheduled to restore more than 30 miles of boundary markers in 2013. Immediately after the High Park Fire several special use permits were issued for **research activities** related to the fire.