

I. FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSIDERATIONS

The Colorado Division of Wildlife is responsible for all fish and wildlife activities in the State including Silver Jack Reservoir and Cimarron Creek in the vicinity of the dam. They are responsible for stocking fish and for the maintenance of good fish habitat. The Colorado Division of Wildlife is also responsible for the establishment of hunting and fishing regulations and for their enforcement.

A no shooting safety zone exists in the developed recreation facilities and the primary jurisdiction area (PJA). (See Drawing No. 860-417-54 in Appendix "B" for the bounds of the PJA). The remainder of the recreation area is open to hunting and fishing.

The repayment contract between the United States and the Bostwick Park Water Conservancy District provided for provided for 1,500 acre-feet (1,850,000 m³) of storage for fish and wildlife purposes (Contract No. 14-06-400-4421). The Colorado Division of Wildlife can call for releases of this stored water when flows are needed to meet their requirements.

Minimum fishery flows below Silver Jack Dam and the Cimarron Canal Diversion Dam are maintained throughout the year, both winter and summer. Between May 16 and August 31, the Colorado Division of Wildlife has targeted a minimum flow of 25 cfs (0.708 m³/sec) to be provided downstream of the Cimarron Canal Diversion structure. (Releases to downstream water users in the Cimarron Area counts as filling this release requirement.) Winter releases are usually set at 17 cfs (0.48 m³/sec). These flows are bypassed through the 10 inch (25.4 cm) jet-flow valve as described in Chapter II.