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Jeffco's Centennial Cone Park Closes December 1 for Hunting

One of Jefferson County's most recently developed Open Space parks will be closed to the public December 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007. That's when Open Space cooperates with the Colorado Division of Wildlife to provide hunting opportunities that have historically pressured herds of elk and deer and limited habituation of the animals. Open Space acquired nearly 3,000 acres in 1998 where the landowner had offered private hunting. In 2000 at the request of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, hunting was authorized through an access permit process for licensed hunters. Hunters are required to hold a late season deer or elk license in Game Management Unit 38 and an Open Space Hunting Access Permit. All qualifying hunters received notice of the Open Space permit process and successful applicants were issued access permits to the park from December 1 to January 31. A schedule of rest days will be interspersed within the two month hunting window.

Once the hunting closure is lifted, park visitors may return to enjoy the park and are advised to be aware of any seasonal closure areas implemented for further wildlife management.

For more information about Centennial Cone Park and Jefferson County Open Space, call 303-271-5925 or go to the Web at <http://openspace.jeffco.us>