

**RED FEATHER STORAGE AND IRRIGATION COMPANY
2019 RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING MEMBERS**

Violations of any of the following rules will be reviewed by the Red Feather Storage & Irrigation Company Board of Directors and may result **in suspension of fishing privileges, a fine or both. See page two for penalties and fines.**

FISHING

1. Fishing memberships are available from RFS&I. Contact the office or one of the board members for details.
2. Each fishing permit (badge) is assigned to a specific person and is non-transferable. **The badge must be prominently displayed while fishing.**
3. Fishing season opens May 11, 2019, the second Saturday of May, and closes October 31. Fishing **hours are from 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. MDT.** Ramona will be closed from Thursday, July 4, until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 6.
4. Each adult is limited to **3 fish per day per lake**, not to exceed a **total of 6 fish per day**. Each junior or grandchild is limited to **2 fish per day per lake**, not to exceed a total of **3 fish per day**. Children age 6 or under either have to count their fish towards the accompanying adult's bag limit, or need to have their own junior permit.
5. Nokomis and Shagwa are restricted to fishing with barbless flies or single barbless hook lures only. The use of soft plastic worms, scent "power bait" or any other form of bait is prohibited. Only one fish per day can be kept at Nokomis and Shagwa.
6. Walleye have been stocked in Apache as a method of perch control. Walleye under 17" must be returned to the lake; over 17" may be kept, however, they do count towards your possession limit.
7. Due to the cost and purpose of stocking Grass Carp, do not keep or harm these fish. If caught, carp must be returned to the water immediately using the utmost care.
8. When transporting fish, members are subject to Colorado Parks & Wildlife possession limits of no more than 8 fish.
9. Each fisherman is required to maintain their catch in their possession at the lake. Catching fish for others is not permitted, i.e. for one's spouse or friend.
10. Do not return injured fish back into the lake. **All fish caught with bait must be kept.**
11. Each fisherman is restricted to the use of one fishing pole or line at any given time.
12. **Fishing with live minnows is prohibited in all lakes.**
13. Ice fishing on Ramona and Apache Lakes only. Dates are subject to ice safety. No unescorted guest fishing allowed.
14. Members and guests are responsible for removing all litter and trash to include fishing line, cigarette butts, etc.

GUEST FISHING

1. **The sponsoring member is responsible for the guest and must ensure the guest observes all rules.**
2. Adult members must accompany escorted adult guests. Junior members can accompany junior guests, but not escort adult guests. Self-escorted guests can accompany junior guests. Refer to Fishing rule #4 for bag limits.
3. Guest fishing is allowed from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 25, through October 31.
4. **Guest passes must be purchased in advance from the office before guest is allowed to fish.** Passes cannot be sold for any amount above the published price. **Guest passes must be properly filled out and displayed on the guest.** Daily guest passes are good for only one calendar day, for example 5:00 AM to 9:30 PM on Saturday. Weekend guest passes are good for only one weekend, beginning at 4:00 PM on Friday, through 9:30 PM on Sunday.

USE OF RFS&I PROPERTY

1. No swimming, camping or campfires are permitted at any of the lakes.
2. Due to environmental damage, all motorized craft or vehicle use is prohibited on all dams, ditches, lakes, and other RFS&I property except for the fish biologist or as needed for work on dams and ditches.
3. Watercraft, boats (without motors), inflatable float tubes, and pontoon craft; are permitted on Apache, Erie, Hiawatha, Letitia, and Nokomis. All watercraft at Apache Lake must be stored behind the boat screen. **No watercraft are permitted on Snake, Ramona, or Shagwa. All watercraft stored at lakes overnight must be registered with RFS&I.** Any boats left at Apache, Erie, Letitia, Nokomis after October 2019, will be charged a \$150 storage fee.
4. Boaters are subject to Colorado Parks & Wildlife enforcement of the Colorado Boating Statutes. <http://cpw.state.co.us/things/todo/Pages/boat.aspx> The use of PFD's is highly encouraged.

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FISHING & PROPERTY USE VIOLATION PENALTIES

VIOLATION	PENALTY
1. Member not having badge in possession * Contact office for free replacement if lost.	Twenty dollars (\$20), but if member takes current badge to the S&I office, assessment will be suspended. Further violations are \$20 .
2. Misuse of member's badge (badges are not transferable) *	Two hundred dollars (\$200) – Members Fifty dollars (\$50) – Juniors & Grandchildren
3. Guest fishing violations: * - before Memorial Day weekend - no permit - not filled out, not dated, not signed - unescorted guest using escorted permit	Seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the guest, and the sponsoring member will also be fined \$75 .
4. General policies: * - type of bait - improper lures or flies - bait fisherman returning fish - fishing out of season - fishing before or after legal hours - catching fish for others	Fifty dollars (\$50)
5. Use of live minnows as bait - Transporting live fish from one lake to another	Five hundred dollars (\$500) and forfeiture of membership.
6. Use of more than one (1) fishing pole or line	Fifty dollars (\$50)
7. Watercraft use on Snake, Ramona, or Shagwa	One Hundred dollars (\$100)
8. Creel limit: * - more than three (3) fish per day per lake - more than six (6) fish per day - Juniors and Grandchildren, two (2) fish per lake & three (3) fish per day - more than one (1) fish per day at Shagwa or Nokomis - no more fishing is permitted once you have reached the creel limit for that specific lake	Fifty dollars (\$50)
9. Watercraft registration, all boats, kayaks, canoes, and inflatables stored at a lake overnight or longer.	Five dollars (\$5) for the new registration.
* Cost per fish in possession (in addition to the violation penalty)	Twenty-five dollars (\$25) per fish.

Suspension of fishing privileges will be combined with any of the above second or more violations, except #9. Fines not paid will result in membership being revoked until paid. Repeat offenders will result in fines doubled.