

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*



**Stampede Dam and Reservoir and White-Tail Deer – Photo Credit: Steven Sprague**

Stampede Dam and Reservoir (Washoe Project) are located on the Little Truckee River immediately below the mouth of Davies Creek and approximately eight miles above the confluence of the Little Truckee and Truckee Rivers. The dam is a zoned earthfill structure built in 1970, 239 feet high and 1,511 feet long; the reservoir has a capacity of 226,610 acre-feet. The dam provides recreation, flood control, a reservoir for fishery, and a supplemental water supply to improve spawning habitat conditions on the Lower Truckee River for endangered or threatened Pyramid Lake fish.

The reservoir also provides water for wildlife. The adult white-tails have reddish-brown coats in the summer which fade to a duller grayish-brown in the winter. Male deer, called bucks, are easily recognizable in the summer and fall by their prominent set of antlers, which are grown annually and fall off in the winter. Only the bucks grow antlers, which bear a number of tines, or sharp points. During the mating season, also called the rut, bucks fight over territory by using their antlers in sparring matches.

Female deer, called does, give birth to one to three young at a time, usually in May or June, and after a gestation period of seven months. Young deer, called fawns, wear a reddish-brown coat with white spots that helps them blend in with the forest.

White-tailed deer are herbivores, leisurely grazing on most available plant foods. Their stomachs allow them to digest a varied diet, including leaves, twigs, fruits and nuts, grass, corn, alfalfa, and even lichens and other fungi.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/642641/white-tailed-deer>  
[http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Facility.jsp?fac\\_Name=Stampede%20Dam](http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Facility.jsp?fac_Name=Stampede%20Dam)

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