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Dear Applicant,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife offers a Free Lifetime Fishing License to individuals who are **totally** and **permanently** disabled. In order to qualify for the license, you must provide proof of a **total** and **permanent** disability (defined by the Attorney General as *any physical or mental impairment which* prevents substantial gainful employment, but only if it is reasonably certain that such disability will continue throughout the lifetime of the disabled person).

You must be a <u>Colorado resident</u>. Resident means a person who has been domiciled in Colorado for (6) six months or more, immediately preceding the date of application, and who resides in CO with the genuine intent of making CO his/her permanent abode, and who, when absent, intends to return to CO.

There are 3 different ways to qualify for the Free Lifetime Fishing License:

- Provide documentation that you have been receiving Social Security Disability Benefits for (7) seven years or longer. In order to do this, contact your local Social Security office and request an AWARD letter that specifically documents your Social Security Disability Benefits with the <u>ENTITLEMENT DATE</u>. (<u>ENTITLEMENT DATE</u>, not eligibility date, must show that benefits began seven years ago or longer).
- 2. A physician's statement, on his/her letterhead, that attests to a **TOTAL** and **PERMANENT** disability (as defined above). Please note: the physician's statement must state both **TOTAL** and **PERMANENT** disability.
 - a. Example: "patient's name" is totally and permanently disabled.
- 3. Provide a "Final Admission of Liability" form from the Division of Workers' Compensation, indicating **TOTAL** and **PERMANENT** disability.

Without the proper documentation, we are unable to process your application. Please be sure to fill out the application card completely. Any missing information will delay the processing of your request. Please mail the enclosed application and proof of disability to:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife License Services / Lifetime Fishing License 6060 Broadway Denver, CO 80216

Please allow 12 to 15 business days for verification and processing time. If you have any questions, please contact License Services at 303-291-7235.