

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 10/22/2014

ISSUE:	Should the age for required permits at Jumbo and Prewitt SWAs be lowered to match the age requirement of the habitat stamp (18)?	
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):		
<p>Currently the age requirement is 19 for the Prewitt and Jumbo State Wildlife Area permits. This is confusing to our customers. Years ago the permit was instituted and there still is confusion as to what visitors are required to have to enter Jumbo and Prewitt SWAs. Often the habitat stamp is purchased or referred to as the required permit. The age requirement for the habitat stamp was changed from 19 to 18. Public knowledge of ages for required licenses and permits currently is: age 16 = fishing license, waterfowl stamps. Age 18 = habitat stamp, adult licenses.</p> <p>We see this as a simple house cleaning item to keep the regulations consistent for our customers.</p>		
WHO ARE THE INTERNAL/EXTERNAL PUBLICS IN THIS ISSUE? WHAT INPUT PROCESS HAS OCCURRED?		
<p>External: Anglers, campers, hunters, wildlife viewers Internal: Area 3 staff, NE regional manager. Internal discussions have been ongoing since March.</p>		
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):		
<p>1. * Preferred Alternative*: Decrease the age of the SWA permits to match the habitat stamp age; 18.</p> <p>2. No change.</p>		
Issue Raised by:	Area 3	
Author of the issue paper (if different than person raising the issue):	Cory Chick	
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APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:	STEVE YAMASHITA	
REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?		NO
ISSUE PAPER HAS BEEN EMAILED TO REG REVIEW MGRS GROUP?		YES
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?		YES

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Date: 11/17/2014

ISSUE:	Should hand, wind and electric propelled craft be allowed on Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area, is a productive fishery and highly utilized wildlife area on the east side of Pueblo, Colorado. Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area is comprised of two lakes: Runyon Lake and Fountain Lake. Runyon Lake is the larger and more heavily used of the two lakes. Although Runyon State Wildlife Area is heavily utilized by a wide variety of users, fishing access has been traditionally limited to shore fishing only. Both Runyon and Fountain Lakes are stocked regularly by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) with catchable rainbow trout and occasionally with other species which include channel catfish, walleye, & saugeye.</p> <p>For 20+ years Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area has been open to the public in Pueblo. For the same time period, boating, wading, and swimming have been prohibited by Wildlife Commission Regulation much per the request of the City of Pueblo. On December 19, 2008, former Pueblo East District Wildlife Manager Jeremiah Johnson and former Area 11 Aquatic Biologist, Jim Melby met with Assistant City Manager of Pueblo, Doug Fitzgerald, and consultant and member of the Pueblo Conservancy District, Gus Sandstrom concerning amongst other things, the change of regulation to allow watercraft on Runyon Lake for the sole purpose of fishing. This meeting stemmed from years of requests from the public to allow for utilization of Runyon Lake by non-motorized watercraft for fishing and the professional opinion of CPW personnel that the fishery of Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area was being under-utilized. Runyon Lake consistently yields saugeye and catfish weighing 4-10+ pounds during net surveys of the lake. Other species of relative quantity and quality include walleye, largemouth bass, bluegill, and black crappie.</p> <p>None of the attending members of the meeting in 2008 voiced opposition to the request by CPW to allow hand, wind, and electric powered craft on Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area for the purpose of fishing. This change was reflected in the 2011-2012 State Wildlife Areas brochure, under Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area, but was never changed in Chapter W-9 of Parks and Wildlife Commission Regulation. For the last several years boating has been allowed "as posted" consistent with the outcome of the 2008 meeting and with the approval of the current property owner, the Pueblo Conservancy District. This issue submittal would correct the difference between current permitted use allowed by posting and what is allowed by regulation and provide for limited use of watercraft on Runyon/Fountain Lakes State Wildlife Area for the sole purpose of fishing.</p>	
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<p>INTERNAL: Former Area 11 Aquatic Biologists, Area 11 Area Wildlife Manager, Southeast Senior Aquatic Biologist, Southeast Regional Manager, District Wildlife Managers.</p> <p>EXTERNAL: Fishermen, Pueblo Emergency Responders, Public users of the State Wildlife Area, Pueblo Conservancy District board members.</p>	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. * Preferred Alternative *: A regulation change for Runyon/Fountain Lakes SWA to the following: "a. boating is prohibited except for float tubes or craft propelled by hand, wind, or electric motor used for fishing. All canoes must be under 14 feet in length." 2. No change in regulations. 	
Issue Raised by:	Quentin Springer, District Wildlife Manager (Pueblo East, Area 11)

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THIS REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?		YES
ISSUE PAPER HAS BEEN EMAILED TO REG REVIEW MGRS GROUP?		YES
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?		YES

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Date: 11/24/2014

ISSUE:	Should Wellington #4 Reservoir be closed to public access?	
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):		
<p>Colorado Parks and Wildlife leases Wellington #4 Reservoir and Smith Reservoir from North Poudre Irrigation to provide public fishing access. In 2013, NPI notified CPW that they were planning a major construction project on Wellington #4 Reservoir including raising the level of the dam to be able to store water to a level up to 17 feet above the current storage level. In order to raise the level of the reservoir NPI chose to enter into construction easements with landowners on the north side of the reservoir whose properties would be impacted by the higher water levels and in exchange for those easements, NPI would grant those landowners exclusive access to the reservoir for a period of five years. Because of these issues, NPI notified CPW that they wanted to vacate the lease that CPW holds with NPI for Wellington #4 Reservoir but that they still wanted to continue to lease Smith Reservoir to CPW for public access. CPW moved forward with a fish salvage operation in 2014 to move as many fish to Smith Reservoir as possible. This issue paper finalizes the closure of the property through the Parks and Wildlife Commission process. The possibility does exist that sometime in the future, public access may again be feasible at Wellington #4 Reservoir and CPW will pursue that course of action. CPW will need to re-negotiate the lease with NPI to include only Smith Reservoir.</p>		
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<p>CPW- Area and Regional staff, field biologists, front desk staff, CPW Regulations Manager. External- North Poudre Irrigation, the Town of Wellington, public users of Wellington #4 through press releases.</p>		
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):		
<p>1. * Preferred Alternative *: Close Wellington #4 to public access.</p>		
Issue Raised by:	Mark Leslie AWM	
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ISSUE:	Should a majority of the regulations on Overland Trail STL be changed to mirror Overland Trail SWA to allow for consistent management and less confusion for hunters and users of both areas?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>In 2014, Overland Trail STL was created from the Youth / Mentor portion of Atwood STL. This area joins and is now accessed through Overland Trail SWA. The intent when the change occurred was to parallel all the regulations and management of the STL and the SWA for consistency and to lessen confusion now that both areas are access through the same parking lot on the SWA. It was planned that the area would no longer require reservations and it would no longer be a Youth / Mentor Property.</p> <p>It is proposed that Overland Trail STL be managed under the same regulations scheme as Overland Trail SWA, except that the dates of access open September 1 – May 31, and other specific regulations that have been adopted for State Land Board parcels would remain in effect.</p> <p>Those regulations would be:</p> <p align="center"><u>173. Overland Trail State Wildlife Area – Logan County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Camping is prohibited. b. Fires are prohibited. c. Target practice is prohibited, except when authorized by the area wildlife manager. d. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited, except when hunting. e. Discharge of bows is allowed for bow fishing. f. All recreational activities, except deer hunting, are prohibited on the opening weekend of the regular plains rifle deer season and on the opening day and first weekend of the late plains rifle deer season. g. Horse use is prohibited, except when used in direct association with training of hunting dogs, and then only permitted in February, March, April (through the Wednesday immediately preceding the opening of the spring turkey season) and August. h. Beginning with the first day of the regular duck season through the last day of the regular duck season, all waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at the designated check station before leaving the property. i. All access must be from designated parking areas only. j. The launching or takeout of vessels is prohibited from the first day of the September teal season until the last day of the dark goose season. 	
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<p>External - Youth mentor hunters that have used the property over the last several years.</p> <p>Input process - Talks about the change were made with the agricultural lease holder last year and he expected the area to be managed similar to the SWA.</p>	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preferred Alternative- Make changes to the current regulations as stated above. 2. Status Quo- Overland Trail STL will remain a youth / mentor property and require set up of the reservation unit to begin and then continue taking reservations on it as Overland Trail STL Youth/Mentor hunting area. 	
Issue Raised by:	Larry Conger
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