

**FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-9 - WILDLIFE PROPERTIES**

**I. ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**#900 - REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL WILDLIFE PROPERTIES, EXCEPT STATE TRUST LANDS**

**A. DEFINITIONS**

1. "Aircraft" means any machine or device capable of atmospheric flight, including, but not limited to, airplanes, helicopters, gliders, dirigibles, balloons, rockets, hang gliders and parachutes, and any models thereof.
2. "Water contact activities" means swimming, wading (except for the purpose of fishing), waterskiing, sail surfboarding, scuba diving, and other water-related activities which put a person in contact with the water (without regard to the clothing or equipment worn).
3. "Youth mentor hunting" means hunting by youths under 18 years of age. Youth hunters under 16 years of age shall at all times be accompanied by a mentor when hunting on youth mentor properties. A mentor must be 18 years of age or older and hold a valid hunter education certificate or be born before January 1, 1949.

**B. Public Access to State Wildlife Areas**

1. Only properties listed in this chapter are open for public access. The Director may open newly acquired properties for public access for a period not to exceed nine (9) months pending adoption of permanent regulations. In addition, the Director may establish and post restrictions based upon consideration of the following criteria:
  - a. The location and size of the area.
  - b. The location, type and condition of roads, vehicle parking areas and the number and type of sanitary facilities available.
  - c. The number of users and vehicles the area will tolerate without significant degradation to wildlife resources, and public or private property.
  - d. Opportunity to assure public safety, health and welfare.
2. If a property is opened for public access pursuant to this provision, the property shall be posted with a list of applicable access restrictions. It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter any such property, except in accordance with its posting and the applicable restrictions.

**C. Prohibited Activities**

Except as specifically authorized by contractual agreement, official document, public notice, permit or by posted sign, the following activities are prohibited on all lands, waters, the frozen surface of waters, rights-of-way, buildings, and other structures or devices owned, operated, or under the administrative control of Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

1. To enter, use, or occupy any area or portion thereof for any purpose when posted against such entry, use, or occupancy.
2. To enter, use, or occupy any area for any commercial purpose or to conduct land, water, oil, gas, or mineral investigations, surveys, or explorations of any kind.

3. To operate any form of vehicle (motorized or non-motorized) except on established roads or within designated camping or parking areas. All motor vehicles and the operators thereof must be in compliance with all Colorado statutes and regulations pertaining to motor vehicle operation.
4. To operate a motor vehicle in excess of posted speed limits or in excess of 25 miles per hour where not posted.
5. To leave a camp, pitched tent, shelter, motor vehicle, or trailer unattended for more than 48 hours, or to camp or to park a travel trailer or camper on any one state wildlife area for more than 14 days in any 45-day period.
6. To build, erect, or establish any permanent structure or to plant any vegetation. Only portable blinds or tree stands and steps may be erected by the public on state wildlife areas. No nails may be driven into trees. Portable blinds or tree stands intended for use to hunt any big game or waterfowl during an established season may be erected on state wildlife areas no earlier than 30 days prior to the season in which they are used. All man-made materials used for blinds or tree stands during big game or waterfowl seasons must be removed within 10 days after the end of the season in which they are used. Any other portable blind or tree stand used for any other purpose must be removed at the end of the day in which they are used. The Customer Identification Number of the owner and the date(s) to be used must be displayed on the outside of all portable blinds and on the underside of all tree stands in a readily visible area. However, the erection or placement of any blind or tree stand by any person does not reserve the blind or tree stand for personal use. All such blinds and tree stands remain available for use to the general public on a first come, first-served basis.
7. To remove, modify, adjust, deface, destroy, or mutilate any building, structure, water control device, fence, gate, poster, notice, sign, survey or section marker, tree, shrub or other vegetation or any object of archaeological, geological, or historical value or interest.
8. To litter in any form, to leave fish, fish entrails, human excrement, waste water, containers or cartons, boxes or other trash, garbage or toxic substance on any area or to bring any household or commercial trash, garbage or toxic substance to a Division-controlled area for disposal, or to dump trailer waste into any toilet or sanitary facility.
9. To set or build a fire without provision to prevent the spreading thereof, or to leave a fire unattended.
10. To release or allow livestock to graze or range on any area, except that horses, mules, llamas, and burros may be used when in direct association with wildlife recreational activities.
11. To possess, use or apply explosives (other than lawful firearm ammunition), fireworks, poisons, herbicides, insecticides or other pesticides.
12. To release wildlife or privately-owned game birds, except privately-owned game birds released for field trials, including group dog training, or on those state wildlife areas where release for dog training is specifically authorized in #901.B of these regulations; or to permit dogs, cats, or other domestic pets to run at large (not on a leash) on any area, except dogs lawfully used while actively hunting, or while training dogs for hunting, or during Division licensed field trials.
13. To excavate or dig trenches, holes, or pits.

14. To leave vessels beached, at anchor, moored or docked unattended overnight, except in areas designated for that purpose.
15. To fish from, block or impede any Division-controlled boat ramps or boat docks when in conflict with boaters or as posted.
16. To snorkel, scuba dive, or spearfish with the aid of diving mask, swim fins, snorkel, and/or air tanks, except in waters where swimming is permitted, when location is properly identified by a "divers down flag," and when the scuba diver has a valid S.C.U.B.A. diver's certificate issued by a recognized S.C.U.B.A. training organization.
17. To engage in any unlawful conduct or act as defined in Title 18, C.R.S.
18. To utilize any air or gas inflated floating device as a means of transportation upon or across the surface of the water unless such device is of multi-compartment construction and has a rigid motor mount for those devices propelled by gasoline or electric motors. Single compartment air or gas filled flotation devices are restricted to designated swimming areas.
19. To promote, sponsor, or conduct or participate in boat regattas, paintball shooting, questing, or other non-wildlife oriented activities.
20. To launch or land any aircraft.
21. To leave any decoys or anything used as decoys set up in the field or on the water overnight.
22. To swim, except in designated waters or in association with specifically authorized water contact activities.
23. To discharge a firearm or bow within designated parking, camping, or picnic areas.
24. To possess the following types of ammunition and/or firearms: tracer rounds, armor-piercing rounds, military hardened rounds with explosive or radioactive substances, .50 caliber BMG rounds, or fully automatic firearms.
25. To possess, store, or use hay, straw, or mulch which has not been certified as noxious weed free in accordance with the Weed Free Forage Crop Certification Act, Sections 35-27.5-101 to 108, C.R.S., or any other state or province participating in the Regional Certified Weed Free Forage Program. See Appendix A of this chapter. All materials so certified shall be clearly marked as such by the certifying state or province. Exempted from this prohibition are persons transporting such materials on Federal, State, or County roads that cross Division property; and hay produced on the property where it is being used.
26. Upon notification by authorized Colorado Parks and Wildlife personnel of a violation of any of the above (or any other law of the State of Colorado) and where the unlawful activity is not immediately and permanently discontinued or if it is of a continuing nature, the violator(s) may be required to leave Colorado Parks and Wildlife property for a minimum of 72 hours.
27. To trap, unless such trapping is done in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-204 (General Exemptions), 33-6-205 (Exemptions for Departments of Health), 33-6-206 (Nonlethal Methods Exemptions), #901 and Chapter 3 of these regulations. Persons wishing to use the above-mentioned exemptions must have prior authorization from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

28. To conduct field trials or group dog training without first obtaining a field trial license, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8 of these regulations.

29. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division is permitted with the following exceptions:

- a. It shall be prohibited to consume alcoholic beverages on any archery or firearm range unless specifically authorized by a concession contract, cooperative agreement or special activities permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated by the contract, agreement, or permit.
- b. It shall be prohibited to sell and/or dispense alcoholic beverages on any lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division unless specifically authorized by a concession contract, cooperative agreement, or special activities permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated by the contract, agreement, or permit and the applicant party has obtained all appropriate licenses and permits to sell and/or dispense alcoholic beverages.
- c. It shall be prohibited to be present on any lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division when under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance to the degree that may endanger oneself or another person, damage property or resources, or may cause unreasonable interference with another person's enjoyment of any lands or waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division.

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## II. ARTICLE II - PROPERTY-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

### #901 - PROPERTY-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

**(See Appendix B for a list of properties without property-specific regulations, to which only restrictions in #900 apply)**

- A. Except as specified in #901.A.1 below, on those properties which have reservations available or required, reservations may be made by calling 1-800-846-9453. Reservations are not accepted more than 14 days in advance of the hunt date, nor after 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date, or Friday at 12:00 noon for Sundays and holidays falling on Monday. Hunters who wish to cancel a reservation must do so no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date. Failure to hunt a reserved area without prior cancellation, or follow check station procedures, may cause forfeiture of the privilege to make reservations for the remainder of the hunting season. Hunters are limited to a maximum of one reservation per hunt date and one reservation per phone call. Hunters must possess a valid license for the species to be hunted in order to make a reservation. Reservations are not transferable. The individual named on the reservation must be at the property on the day of the hunt and be a licensed hunter for the species to be hunted. Hunters with reservations may only hunt the hunt area specified on the reservation.
  1. Reservations may be made on the following properties by calling 970-255-6161. All other restrictions listed in #901.A apply.
    - a. Colorado River Island State Wildlife Area
    - b. Franklin Island State Wildlife Area
    - c. Highline Lake State Park
    - d. Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area
    - e. James M. Robb Colorado River State Park
    - f. Orchard Mesa State Wildlife Area
    - g. Tilman Bishop State Wildlife Area
    - h. Stagecoach State Park

- B. In addition to or in place of those restrictions listed in regulation #900, the following provisions or restrictions apply:

9. **Basalt State Wildlife Area (Basalt Unit, Christine Unit, Toner Unit, Peachblow Unit, 7 Castles Unit, Schuck Unit) - Eagle and Pitkin Counties**

~~a. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on shooting range.~~

ab. Except for muzzle-loaders, firearms on the shooting range are restricted to those lower than .50 caliber. Discharge of shotguns is allowed.

be. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited.

cd. Firearms may only be discharged on the shooting range on Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday through Sunday from 9:00a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

de. Boating is prohibited on Christine Lake.

ef. Camping is prohibited, except by licensed hunters during an established big game or turkey season plus three (3) days before and three (3) days after such season. With the exception of the Christine Lake and rifle range areas, all human activity is prohibited from December 1 to April 15 of the following year.

fg. Camping is prohibited at all times within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the Frying Pan River.

gh. Fires are prohibited.

hi. Water contact activities are prohibited on Christine Lake.

ij. Field trials may be authorized during August and September only.

jk. Dogs are prohibited, except as provided in 'j'

kl. Mountain bikes are prohibited.

10. **Bayfield Lions Club Shooting Range - La Plata County**

a. Public access is allowed April 1 through November 30.

b. Public access is allowed from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm from April 1 - October 31.

c. Public access is allowed from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm from November 1 - November 30.

~~d. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited.~~

de. Pistol or rifle shooting is prohibited on the shotgun trap range.

ef. Shotguns, shooting slugs only, are allowed on the pistol- rifle range.

fg. Except for muzzleloaders, rifles are restricted to those smaller than .50 caliber.

gh. Except for clay targets, glass or other breakable targets are prohibited.

157. **Narraguinnep Reservoir State Wildlife Area - Montezuma County**

a. Camping is prohibited.

b. Fires are prohibited.

~~c. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.~~

cd. Glass containers are prohibited.

de. Public access is prohibited from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except for fishing.

238. **Totten Reservoir State Wildlife Area - Montezuma County**

a. Camping is prohibited.

b. Fires are prohibited.

~~c. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.~~

cd. Glass containers are prohibited.

de. Hunting is prohibited in the inlet area from September 30 through January 20, as posted, to protect resting waterfowl.

ef. Boating is prohibited in a manner that creates a white water wake.

fg. Public access is prohibited along the north shore from March 1 through May 31.

~~gh.~~ Public access is prohibited from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except for fishing.

**239. Trujillo Meadows State Wildlife Area - Conejos County**

a. Boating is prohibited in a manner that creates a white water wake.

**240. Turk's Pond State Wildlife Area - Baca County**

a. Boating is prohibited, except for float tubes or craft propelled by hand, wind or electric motor.

b. Camping is prohibited.

c. All human activity is prohibited within a one-quarter (¼) mile of the high water line around Turk's Pond including the administrative buildings, from the opening day of the regular duck season through the last day of the regular dark goose season as posted. Hunters are allowed inside the closure only to retrieve downed waterfowl. Hunters must leave firearms outside of the closure.

**241. Twin Spruce Ponds State Wildlife Area- Montezuma County**

a. Camping is prohibited.

b. Fires are prohibited.

~~c. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.~~

~~cd.~~ Glass containers are prohibited.

~~de.~~ Hunting and discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited.

~~ef.~~ Boating is prohibited, except for float tubes or craft propelled by hand.

~~fg.~~ Public access is prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

~~gh.~~ Access to the property is from designated parking area only.

**ARTICLE III - STATE TRUST LANDS**

**III. #902 REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE TRUST LANDS LEASED BY COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE**

**A. DEFINITIONS**

1. "Youth mentor hunting" means hunting by youths under 18 years of age. Youth hunters under 16 years of age shall at all times be accompanied by a mentor when hunting on youth mentor properties. A mentor must be 18 years of age or older and hold a valid hunter education certificate or be born before January 1, 1949.

**B. Public Access to State Trust Lands Leased by Colorado Parks and Wildlife**

1. Public access is prohibited from March 1 through August 31, unless otherwise posted.

2. All newly enrolled properties are closed to public access until September 1 of the year of enrollment, unless otherwise posted.

3. Public access is prohibited from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, except as posted, in accordance with the lease agreement with the State Land Board.

4. Public access is restricted to hunting, fishing, and watchable wildlife activity.

**C. Prohibited Activities**

Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, the following provisions apply to all State Trust Lands leased by Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

1. It is unlawful for any person to enter, use or occupy any area or portion thereof for any purpose when posted against such entry, use or occupancy.

2. Motorized vehicle use is restricted to designated roads.
  3. Littering is prohibited. All trash must be packed out by State Trust land users.
  4. Camping and fires are prohibited, unless otherwise posted.
  5. Access is by foot or horseback only, unless otherwise posted.
  6. No outfitting or non-wildlife related public access is permitted.
  7. Target practice or non-hunting-related shooting is prohibited.
  8. It is unlawful to possess the following types of ammunition and/or firearms: tracer rounds, armor-piercing rounds, military hardened rounds with explosive or radioactive substances, .50 caliber BMG rounds, or fully automatic firearms.
  9. It is unlawful to possess, store, or use hay, straw, or mulch which has not been certified as noxious weed free in accordance with the Weed Free Forage Crop Certification Act, Sections 35-27.5-101 to 108, C.R.S., or any other state or province participating in the Regional Certified Weed Free Forage Program. See Appendix A of this chapter. All materials so certified shall be clearly marked as such by the certifying state or province. Exempted from this prohibition are persons transporting such materials on Federal, State, or County roads that cross State Trust Lands leased by the Division, and hay produced on the property where it is being used.
10. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division is permitted with the following exceptions:
- a. It shall be prohibited to consume alcoholic beverages on any archery or firearm range unless specifically authorized by a concession contract, cooperative agreement or special activities permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated by the contract, agreement, or permit.
  - b. It shall be prohibited to sell and/or dispense alcoholic beverages on any lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division unless specifically authorized by a concession contract, cooperative agreement, or special activities permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated by the contract, agreement, or permit and the applicant party has obtained all appropriate licenses and permits to sell and/or dispense alcoholic beverages.
  - c. It shall be prohibited to be present on any lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division when under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance to the degree that may endanger oneself or another person, damage property or resources, or may cause unreasonable interference with another person's enjoyment of any lands or waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division.

#### **D. Criteria for Posting Prohibited Activities**

When these regulations provide that an activity is prohibited, except as posted or permitted as posted, Colorado Parks and Wildlife may control these activities by posting signs. Colorado Parks and Wildlife shall apply the following criteria in determining if an activity shall be restricted or authorized pursuant to posting:

1. Public safety.
2. Proximity to a calving or lambing area.
3. Proximity to a corral, loading chute or similar structure maintained for the purpose of handling domestic livestock.
4. Proximity to private structures such as outbuildings, houses, barns, storage sheds or similar structures.
5. Proximity to agriculture equipment.
6. Whether protection of roads or trails is necessary to prevent excessive damage caused by human use
7. Negative impacts on wildlife resources or domestic livestock, or agricultural products.

8. Whether the area can provide additional public benefits and remain consistent with all applicable agreements.

**E. Closure of Properties to Public Use**

1. The Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife may establish and enforce temporary closures of, or restrictions on, lands or waters leased by the Division from the State Land Board, or portions thereof, for a period not to exceed nine months, when any one of the following criteria apply:
  - a. The property has sustained a natural or man-made disaster such as drought, wildfire, flooding, or disease outbreak which makes public access unsafe, or where access by the public could result in additional and significant environmental damage.
  - b. The facilities on the property are unsafe.
  - c. To protect threatened or endangered wildlife species, protect wildlife resources from significant natural or manmade threats, such as the introduction or spread of disease or nuisance species, changing environmental conditions or other similar threats, protect time-sensitive wildlife use of lands or waters, or facilitate Division-sponsored wildlife research projects or management activities.
2. Whenever such closure is instituted, the area(s) involved shall be posted indicating the nature and purpose of the closure. It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter any such area(s) posted as closed.



**AS APPROVED – 11/15/2018**  
**Basis and Purpose**  
**Chapter W-9 - Wildlife Properties**

**Basis and Purpose:**

Previously, based on state statute 12-47-901, the consumption of alcoholic beverages with a content of alcohol greater than 3.2% on public lands was prohibited. With the passage of Senate Bill 18-243, individuals who are at least twenty-one years of age or older, can now consume all types of liquor on public lands, including state parks and state wildlife areas, as long as such consumption has been approved by rule of the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

This change to regulation allows such alcohol consumption, but establishes necessary restrictions on that consumption, dispensing and retail in order to protect public safety and the enjoyment of all users of these properties.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be viewed and copies obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager, Policy and Planning Unit, 1313 Sherman, Room 111, Denver, CO 80203.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106 and 33-1-107, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.**

**APPROVED:**  
**John V. Howard**  
**Chairman**

**ATTEST:**  
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