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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
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RE: Chapter W-5 Final Regulations for the April 30, 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
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Final regulatory changes for Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) and Chapter W-9 ("Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9) are summarized below. If there are questions about the agenda items below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 303-866-3203 x4609.

**Agenda Item 14.4: Chapter W-5 - "Small Game - Migratory Game Birds" - 2 CCR 406-5 and those related provisions of Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1) and Chapter W-9 ("Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-5**

These proposed regulations reflect the upcoming 2020-2021 migratory bird seasons and are the result of an annual review of the entire chapter related to migratory birds. The established seasons are necessary to manage migratory bird populations in Colorado in accordance with federal laws regulating migratory birds. These regulations allow migratory birds to be harvested in a manner, which helps maintain the biological integrity of the migratory bird population while at the same time providing recreational opportunity for hunters and wildlife viewers. The regulations are also consistent with Federal guidelines provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. These regulatory changes make permanent the emergency rules related to waterfowl season dates and bag and possession limits adopted by the Commission on March 30, 2020.

Other specific considerations include the following:

- **Necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations related to waterfowl hunting in the Grand Valley (throughout Chapter W-5, Chapter P-1 and Chapter W-9 included with the subsequent agenda item)**  
Waterfowl hunting regulations pertinent to the Grand Valley reside in three separate chapters of CPW regulations. As a result, waterfowl hunters need to look in several different places to find specific waterfowl hunting regulations as they pertain to the Grand Valley. Additionally, there are similar regulations in these chapters that are duplicative. Regulations related to Grand Valley waterfowl hunting, State Wildlife Areas, and parks properties have been edited, removed, and simplified where needed. Additionally, the updates to these regulations address reserving hunting blinds through the Hunter Reservation System.
- **Updating the current description of the San Luis Valley goose zone to include portions of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide (p. 12)**  
Due to a historical oversight, there are small portions of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide that were not included within this zone. The existing San Luis Valley goose zone description (#512.C.) has been modified to include areas of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide. This regulatory change makes permanent the emergency rules adopted by the Commission on March 30, 2020.

- **Expanding current youth waterfowl days to permit waterfowl hunting by veterans and active duty military members (p. 13-15)**

Since 1998, the federal frameworks have allowed states to have two days of waterfowl hunting for youth hunters, outside of the regular duck-hunting season. As such, Colorado has established a youth hunting weekend in each hunting zone annually. New federal regulations allow states to have up to two additional days to allocate to veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than training). These days could be the same or different for youth and veterans/active duty military. To provide this extra opportunity to veterans/active duty military while minimizing the impact on the length of the regular waterfowl seasons, the existing youth waterfowl hunting weekends have been modified to also allow hunting by veterans and active military personnel on the same days. This includes members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training. This regulatory change makes permanent the emergency rules adopted by the Commission on March 30, 2020.

**FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-5 - MIGRATORY BIRDS**

**ARTICLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**#500 – DEFINITIONS:**

- A. "Migratory birds" means those migratory birds included in the terms and conventions between the United States and any foreign country for the protection of migratory birds.
- B. "Migratory game birds" means sora, Virginia rail, sandhill crane, Wilson's snipe, mourning dove, white-winged dove, band-tailed pigeon, crows, ducks, coots, and geese.
- C. "Waterfowl" means ducks and geese.
- D. "Dark geese" means Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant, cackling geese and all other species of geese except light geese.
- E. "Light geese" means snow (including blue) geese, and Ross' geese.
- F. "Manipulation" means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. Manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.
- G. "Natural vegetation" means any non-agricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. Natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting is considered natural vegetation.
- H. "Normal agricultural operation" means a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or agricultural practice that is conducted in accordance with 50 C.F.R. 20.11 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, October 1, 2013).
- I. "Normal agricultural planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation" means a planting or harvesting undertaken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with 50 C.F.R. 20.11 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, October 1, 2013).
- J. "Normal soil stabilization practice" means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted in accordance with 50 C.F.R. 20.11 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, October 1, 2013).
- K. "Non-toxic shot" means any shot type approved for use to take migratory game birds by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in 50 C.F.R. 20.21, November 6, 2017. This federal regulation, but not later amendments to or editions thereof, has been incorporated by reference and can be viewed and copies obtained as set forth in the "Incorporated References" section of Chapter 0 of these regulations.
- L. "Sinkbox" means a raft or any type of low floating device having a depression which affords a hunter a means of concealing himself below the surface of the water.

**#501 – HUNTING HOURS**

- A. One-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

## #502 – MANNER OF TAKING

The following are legal methods of take for game species listed in this chapter. Any method of take not listed herein shall be prohibited, except as otherwise provided by statute or Commission regulation.

### A. Waterfowl and other migratory game birds:

1. Shotgun - Any shotgun not larger than 10 gauge, not firing single slugs and incapable of holding more than three (3) shells in the magazine and chamber combined and fired from the shoulder. Shotguns of any description originally capable of holding more than three (3) shells total capacity shall have the magazine so cut off, altered or plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so as to reduce the total gun capacity to hold no more than three (3) shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
2. Hand-held bow - With any hand-held bow provided that the arrow or bowstring is not held or drawn mechanically, except no bows may be used on any firing line designated by the Commission.
3. Blinds - In the open or from a blind or other place of concealment on land or water except a sink box. When camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, such camouflaging must not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed.
4. Vessels - From or by means of any vessel (excluding a sinkbox) having a motor or sails attached when the motor has been shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased or from a vessel that is drifting or being propelled by hand, or by the aid of a vessel when used solely as a means of picking up dead or injured birds.
5. Hawking or Falconry - By means of hawking or falconry.
6. Decoys, dogs, and calls - By the aid of a dog, artificial decoys, or with the aid and use of birdcalls except recorded or electrically amplified calls or sounds, unless their use has been authorized elsewhere in this chapter.

### B. Non-toxic shot requirements

1. Shot size - No person shall possess or use non-toxic shot of size larger than size T while taking or attempting to take ducks, geese, or coots anywhere in Colorado.
2. Statewide, including all counties in Colorado in both the Central and Pacific flyways;
  - a. No person shall use or possess shot (either in shot-shells or as loose shot for muzzle-loading) other than non-toxic shot while taking or attempting to take ducks, geese or coots.
3. Non-toxic shot is required on commercial wildlife parks, during field trials, and during dog training activities when taking captive-reared mallards in Colorado.

### C. Prohibition of baiting

1. Migratory game birds and waterfowl may not be taken by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area. It is unlawful to place or direct the placement of bait on or adjacent to an area for

the purpose of causing, inducing, or allowing any person to take or attempt to take any migratory game bird by the aid of baiting or on or over the baited area.

2. As used in this sub-paragraph "baiting" means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. "Baited area" means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.
3. Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit the taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:
  - a. Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice; or standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.
4. Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit the taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:
  - a. Areas where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of the manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

### **#503 – LICENSE AND STAMP REQUIREMENTS**

#### **A. License required**

1. A small game license is required to take all migratory game birds listed in #500(B) for which an open season exists.
2. Each hunter must call 1-866-COLOHIP (1-866-265-6447) or register online ([www.colohip.com](http://www.colohip.com)) prior to their first hunting trip of the season to register their intent to hunt migratory birds, and to obtain permit numbers if hunting sandhill cranes, and to provide harvest information for the previous season. "Season" means the period September 1 through March 15.

#### **B. Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp**

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person who has attained the age of sixteen (16) years shall take any migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese and swans) unless at the time of such taking they have on their person an unexpired Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (commonly called duck stamp), validated by their signature written across the face of the stamp in ink, or a license issued through the Integrated Parks and Wildlife System (IPAWS) that provides a receipt as proof of purchase. This proof of purchase is given to the purchaser instantly, and constitutes valid proof of purchase of a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp for a period not to exceed 45 days from the date of purchase.

#### **C. Colorado State Waterfowl Hunting Stamp**

In addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, no person who has attained the age of sixteen (16) years shall take any migratory waterfowl (ducks and

geese) unless they possess and carry on their person a valid Colorado State Waterfowl Hunting Stamp, validated by their signature on the license.

1. A Colorado State Waterfowl Stamp may be obtained for collection or personal purposes, but shall not serve as the required state stamp for waterfowl hunting purposes.

D. Band-Tailed Pigeon Permit

Beginning with the 2016 band-tailed pigeon hunting season, no hunter shall take any band-tailed pigeons unless at the time of such taking they have on their person an annual band-tailed pigeon permit in addition to a small game license. An annual band-tailed pigeon permit can be purchased for \$5.00.

## **#504 - SPECIAL CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS**

A. General

The State of Colorado is divided into two migratory waterfowl flyways consisting of the Pacific Flyway which includes all lands west of the Continental Divide, and the Central Flyway which includes all lands east of the Continental Divide.

1. A person may take in any one day, during the open season prescribed, not to exceed the number of migratory game birds and waterfowl permitted in this chapter. When so taken such birds may be possessed in the numbers specified in this chapter, except that no person on the opening day of the season may possess any migratory game birds or waterfowl in excess of the applicable daily limits and no person may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds or waterfowl during the closed season for such birds.
2. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to permit the taking of migratory game birds or waterfowl on any Federal reservation or sanctuary, or any area of the United States set aside under any law, proclamation, or executive order for use as a bird, game, or other wildlife reservation, breeding ground, or refuge, or on any area designated as a closed area under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act except as may be permitted by these regulations.
3. No migratory game bird or waterfowl may be taken at any time, or by any means, from, on or across any highway, road, designated trail, or other right-of-way, whether public or private, within the exterior boundaries of any established national wildlife refuge.
4. Open seasons are established only on such migratory game birds and waterfowl as are herein designated. Exceptions to daily bag and possession limits and to the hours of hunting stated in Federal Migratory Bird regulations shall be as prescribed in this chapter.
5. Descriptions of all closures, specific areas, and areas with special restrictions in this chapter begin with the northern boundary and are described in clockwise rotation, with all roads or designations listed connecting to the next in the progression. The following standard abbreviations are used throughout this chapter:  
Colorado State highways: Colo  
County: Co  
County roads: Co Rd  
Interstate highways: I-  
Road: Rd  
U.S. (Federal) highways: US

Note: Migratory bird hunting closures and special provisions and restrictions for Division properties are found in Chapter 9.

B. Possession of Live Birds

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit. No person shall at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live migratory game birds taken under the provisions of this chapter.

C. Possession of Plumage and Skin of Migratory Birds and Waterfowl.

1. No permit is necessary to possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds and waterfowl.
2. Personal use of feathers or skins - any person for his own use may possess, transport, ship, import, and export without a permit the feathers and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.

D. Commercial Use of Feathers

Any person may possess, purchase, sell, barter, or transport for the making of fishing flies, bed pillows, and mattresses, and for similar commercial uses the feathers of migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans) killed by hunting pursuant to these regulations, or seized and condemned by Federal or State game authorities except that:

1. No person shall purchase, sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell, or barter for millinery or ornamental use the feathers of migratory game birds taken under authority of this chapter, and;
2. No person shall purchase, sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell or barter mounted specimens of migratory game birds taken under authority of this chapter.

E. Most Restrictive Federal or State Law Shall Apply -

Federal and State laws and regulations govern the taking of all migratory birds, in all cases, the most restrictive State or Federal regulation shall apply by species.

F. Processing, Storage and Tagging Required

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds or package or container of such birds has a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating the hunter's address, the total number and species of birds, the date such birds were killed, and the hunter's hunting license number.

G. Custody of Birds of Another Person

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required in item F.

H. Migratory Bird Preservation Facilities

No preservation facility shall:

1. Receive, possess or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment, unless accurate records are maintained showing (1) the number of each species, (2) the date such birds were received, (3) the date such birds were disposed of, and (4) the name and address of the person to whom such birds were delivered, or
2. Destroy any records required to be maintained under this section for a period of one (1) year following the last entry on the record, or

3. Prevent any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this regulation from entering such facilities at all reasonable hours and inspecting the records and the premises where such operations are being carried on.

I. Closures

1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited within the area bounded on the north by the Colorado-Wyoming state line; on the east and south by I-76, Colo 71, US 36, and I-70; and on the west by the Continental Divide and the Larimer-Jackson county line and in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Mesa, Otero, and Prowers counties.
  - a. Within fifty (50) yards on each side of the center line of any public road.
  - b. Within one-hundred-fifty (150) yards of any dwelling including the air space directly above this closure, without first obtaining permission from the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the dwelling.
2. Hunting is restricted as specified below:
  - a. Barr Lake State Park, Adams County
    1. A reservation is required to hunt and hunters must check-in and out at the check station. Reservations must be made in accordance with ~~#504.I.#901-A~~ of these regulations.
    2. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited, except on opening day and Saturdays and Wednesdays. Hunters may only hunt the area reserved, and only from designated blinds with a maximum of three (3) hunters per blind.
    3. Dove hunting prohibited, except on opening day and Sundays and Mondays during the month of September. Dove hunters may only hunt from designated stations with a maximum of three (3) hunters per station.
    4. Hunting areas not reserved will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis after 5 am. Reserved hunting areas not occupied by 7:00 am are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
  - b. Boyd Lake State Park, Larimer County
    1. A reservation is required to hunt waterfowl. Reservations must be made in accordance with ~~#504.I.#901-A~~, except that reservations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis starting 14 days in advance of the hunt date and may be made or canceled up to the starting time of the reserved time slot. Hunters may only hunt in the designated zone and time slot reserved.
    2. Leaving decoys set overnight is prohibited.
  - c. Colorado River, Grand County
    1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited after November 14, from Shadow Mountain Dam downstream to Twin Creek.
  - d. Colorado River, Mesa County
    1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on and within 200 yards of the Colorado River from the Grand Avenue Bridge in Grand Junction to the west end of Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area (SWA) Wednesday through Friday of each week, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
    2. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on and within 200 yards of the river from Appleton Drain to the west end of the Walker SWA.
    - 2-3. A reservation is required to hunt waterfowl from designated blinds along the Riverfront Trail between Fruita and Loma. Reservations must be made in accordance with #504.I.
  - e. Grand Lake and Windy Gap Reservoir, Grand County
    1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the lakes and within 100 yards of the high water line.
  - f. Highline Lake State Park Recreation Area, Mesa County
    1. Waterfowl and small game hunting on Highline Lake is prohibited on Saturdays and Sundays except for youth hunting waterfowl during the youth waterfowl season weekend.



2. Small game hunting is limited to that portion of Highline Lake State Park bounded on the north and the east by the park property boundaries; on the south by the no wake buoy line; and on the west by Mack Mesa Reservoir.
  3. A reservation is required to hunt waterfowl ~~and hunters must check-in and out at the check station.~~ Reservations must be made in accordance with ~~#504.I#901.A~~ of these regulations. ~~Hunters may only hunt the area reserved and only from designated blinds with a maximum of four (4) hunters per blind.~~
  4. ~~Hunters may only hunt the area reserved and only from designated blinds with a maximum of four (4) hunters per blind.~~
  4. ~~Hunting areas not reserved are available on a first-come, first-serve basis after 5:00 am. Reserved areas unoccupied by 7:00 am will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, any hunt area must be yielded at any time upon request of a hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that area.~~
- g. James M. Robb Colorado River State Park, Mesa County
    1. Waterfowl hunting on the 34 Road Parcel is prohibited, except on Saturdays and Sundays. A reservation is required to hunt, ~~and hunters must check-in and out at check stations.~~ Reservations must be made in accordance with ~~#504.I#901.A~~ of these regulations.
    2. Hunters may only hunt the areas reserved and must park in designated areas. Hunters may only hunt from designated blinds, with a maximum of two (2) hunters per blind on the 34 Road Parcel and four (4) hunters per blind on the remainder of the state park.
    3. ~~Hunting areas not reserved are available on a first-come, first-serve basis after 5:00 am. Reserved areas unoccupied by 7:00 am will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, any hunt area must be yielded at any time upon request of a hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that area.~~
  - h. Pueblo County - No person shall discharge a firearm or release an arrow for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 150 yards of any dwelling, including the airspace directly above this closure, without first obtaining permission from the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the dwelling.
  - i. Prewitt Reservoir, Logan and Washington counties
    1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited as posted.
  - j. Stagecoach State Park, Routt County
    1. Waterfowl hunting is limited to designated waterfowl hunting zones only, with a maximum of six (6) hunters per zone.
    2. Waterfowl hunting on this property is by reservation only. Reservations must be made in accordance with ~~#504.I#901.A~~ of these regulations. Hunters with reservations may only hunt the hunt zone specified on the reservation. Hunters must follow check-in and out procedures as posted at the property.
    3. Hunting zones not reserved are available on a first-come, first-serve basis after 5:00 am. Reserved hunting zones unoccupied by 7:00 am will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, any hunting zone must be yielded at any time upon request of a hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that zone.
  - k. Sweitzer Lake, Delta County
    1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited, except on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and legal holidays after Labor Day.
  - l. Trinidad State Recreation Area, Las Animas County
    1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited as posted.
  - m. Turk's Ponds Area, Baca County
    1. All human activity is prohibited within one-quarter (1/4) 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 closure.
    2. No person shall discharge a firearm or release an arrow from, upon or across an area 50 yards on each side of the centerline of any public road.
  - n. Vancil Reservoir, Morgan County

1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited as posted.
3. Hunting is prohibited in the areas listed below, as posted by the Division.
  - a. Crawford State Recreation Area, Delta County
    1. Hunting is prohibited, except after Labor Day.
  - b. Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County
  - ~~c. Mack Mesa Reservoir State Recreation Area, Mesa County~~
  - ~~c.d. Meredith Reservoir, Crowley County~~
4. Hunting geese is prohibited as specified in the areas listed below:
  - a. Dillon Reservoir, Summit County
    1. Hunting geese is prohibited Saturday through Monday of Labor Day weekend.
  - b. Empire Reservoir, Weld and Morgan Counties
    1. Hunting geese is prohibited below the high water line and from any portion of the dam and inlet structures.
  - c. Fossil Creek Reservoir, Larimer County
    1. Hunting geese is prohibited as posted.
  - d. Jumbo Reservoir, Logan and Sedgwick Counties
    1. Hunting geese is prohibited in the area bounded on the north by Logan Co Rd 70/Sedgwick Co Rd 28; on the east by Sedgwick Co Rd 3; on the south by Sedgwick Co Rd 24.8/Logan Co Rd 970; and on the west by Logan Co Rd 95.
  - e. Ovid-Julesburg Corridor, Sedgwick County
    1. Hunting geese through the dark geese season is prohibited in the area bounded on the north by US 138; on the east by US 385; on the south by I-76; and on the west by Sedgwick Co Rd 29.
5. On properties specified in #504(l)(6), which have reservations available or required, those reservations may be made by phone or online (cpw.state.co.us). Reservations for waterfowl hunting may not be made more than 14 days in advance of the hunt date, nor after 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date. 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. 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. Hunters with reservations may only hunt the hunt area specified on the reservation. Any exceptions to the above restrictions will be listed under property specific regulations in #504.l and #901.B.
6. Reservations for waterfowl hunting are available or required on the following properties:
  - a. Andrick Ponds State Wildlife Area
  - b. Banner Lakes State Wildlife Area
  - c. Barr Lake State Park
  - d. Boyd Lake State Park
  - e. Brush Prairie Ponds State Wildlife Area
  - f. Colorado River Island State Wildlife Area
  - g. Elliott State Wildlife Area
  - h. Flanders Ranch State Wildlife Area
  - i. Franklin Island State Wildlife Area
  - j. Highline Lake State Park
  - k. Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area
  - l. Jackson Lake State Wildlife Area
  - m. James M. Robb Colorado River State Park
  - n. Orchard Mesa Wildlife Area
  - o. Tamarack Ranch State Wildlife Area
  - p. Tilman Bishop State Wildlife Area

- g. Stagecoach State Park
- r. Whitehorse State Wildlife Area

## ARTICLE II – REGULAR SEASONS, AREAS, DATES AND LIMITS

### #505 – SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL

- A. Statewide:
  - 1. Dates: September 1 - November 9 annually.
  - 2. Daily Bag Limit: Twenty-five (25) soras or Virginia rails singly or in the aggregate.
  - 3. Possession Limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

### #506 – SANDHILL CRANE

- A. All areas east of the Continental Divide except North Park (Jackson County) and the San Luis Valley.
  - 1. Dates: October 3 – November 29, 2020. ~~October 5 – December 1, 2019.~~
  - 2. Daily Bag Limit: Three (3).
  - 3. Possession Limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

### #507 – WILSON'S SNIPE

- A. Statewide
  - 1. Dates: September 1 - December 16 annually.
  - 2. Daily Bag Limit: Eight (8).
  - 3. Possession Limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

### #508 – MOURNING DOVE AND WHITE-WINGED DOVE

- A. Statewide.
  - 1. Dates: September 1 - November 29 annually.
  - 2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Fifteen (15) mourning doves or white-winged doves singly or in the aggregate.
  - 3. Possession Limit:
    - a. Three (3) daily bag limits.
  - 4. Special Conditions and Restrictions
    - a. While in the field or during transport, all dressed (not fully feathered) doves shall be counted against the daily bag or possession limit for mourning and white-winged doves.

### #509 – BAND-TAILED PIGEON

- A. Statewide.
  - 1. Dates: September 1 - 14 annually.
  - 2. Daily Bag Limit: Two (2).
  - 3. Possession Limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

### #510 – CROW

- A. Statewide.

1. Dates: November 1, ~~2020~~2019 – February 28, 2021~~February 29, 2020~~.
2. Daily Bag Limit: Unlimited.
3. Possession Limit: Unlimited.
4. Special Conditions and Restrictions - Recorded or electronically amplified calls may be used during this season.

## #511 – DUCK AND COOT

- A. Central Flyway Northeast Zone – All areas east of Interstate 25 and north of Interstate 70.
  1. Dates:
    - a. First season: October 10 – November 30, 2020~~October 12 – December 2, 2019~~.
    - b. Second season: December 19, 2020 – January 31, 2021~~December 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020~~.
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Ducks: Six (6), excluding mergansers. Of the six (6), no more than five (5) mallards, of which no more than two (2) can be female, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, three (3) wood ducks, and one (1) ~~three (3)~~ scaup.
    - b. Mergansers: Five (5), of which no more than two (2) may be hooded mergansers.
    - c. Coots: Fifteen (15).
  3. Possession limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.
- B. Central Flyway Southeast Zone – All areas east of Interstate 25 and south of Interstate 70, and all of El Paso, Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas Counties.
  1. Dates:
    - a. October 28, 2020 – January 31, 2021~~October 28, 2019 – January 31, 2020~~.
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Ducks: Six (6), excluding mergansers. Of the six (6), no more than five (5) mallards, of which no more than two (2) can be female, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, three (3) wood ducks, and one (1) ~~three (3)~~ scaup.
    - b. Mergansers: Five (5), of which no more than two (2) may be hooded mergansers.
    - c. Coots: Fifteen (15).
  3. Possession limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.
- C. Central Flyway Mountain/Foothills Zone – All areas west of Interstate 25 and east of the Continental Divide, except El Paso, Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas Counties.
  1. Dates:
    - a. First season: October 3 – November 30, 2020~~October 5 – December 2, 2019~~.
    - b. Second season: December 26, 2020 – January 31, 2021~~December 26, 2019 – January 31, 2020~~.
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Ducks: Six (6), excluding mergansers. Of the six (6), no more than five (5) mallards, of which no more than two (2) can be female, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, three (3) wood ducks, and one (1) ~~three (3)~~ scaup.
    - b. Mergansers: Five (5), of which no more than two (2) may be hooded mergansers.
    - c. Coots: Fifteen (15).
  3. Possession limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.
- D. Pacific Flyway Western Zone – All areas west of the Continental Divide not included in the Eastern Zone.
  1. Dates:
    - a. First season: October 3 – October 21, 2020~~October 5 – October 23, 2019~~.
    - b. Second season: November 7, ~~2020~~2019 - January 31, 2021~~2020~~.

2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Ducks and Mergansers: Seven (7) in the aggregate. Of the 7 (seven), no more than two (2) female mallards, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, and ~~two (2) three (3)~~ scaup. No scaup may be taken after January 12, ~~2021~~2020.
    - b. Coots: Twenty-five (25).
  3. Possession limit:
    - a. Three (3) daily bag limits.
- E. Pacific Flyway Eastern Zone - All of Routt, Grand, Summit, Eagle, and Pitkin counties, those portions of Saguache, San Juan, Hinsdale, and Mineral counties west of the Continental Divide, and those portions of Gunnison County except the North Fork of the Gunnison River Valley (GMUs 521, 53, and 63), and that portion of Moffat County east of the northern intersection of Moffat County Rd 29 with the Moffat-Routt County line, south along Moffat County Rd 29 to the intersection of Moffat County Rd 29 with the Moffat-Routt County line (Elkhead Reservoir State Park).
1. Dates:
    - a. First season: ~~October 3, 2020 – January 15, 2021~~~~October 5, 2019 – January 17, 2020.~~
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Ducks and Mergansers: Seven (7) in the aggregate. Of the 7 (seven), no more than two (2) female mallards, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, and ~~two (2) three (3)~~ scaup. No scaup may be taken after ~~December 27, 2020~~~~December 29, 2019.~~
    - b. Coots: Twenty-five (25).
  3. Possession limit:
    - a. Three (3) daily bag limits.

## #512 – GOOSE

- A. North Park – Jackson County
  1. Dates:
    - a. Dark goose:
      1. First season: ~~October 3, 2020 – January 15, 2021~~~~October 5, 2019 – January 17, 2020.~~
    - b. Light goose: ~~October 31, 2020 – February 14, 2021~~~~November 2, 2019 – February 16, 2020.~~
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Five (5).
    - b. Light goose: Fifty (50).
  3. Possession limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Three (3) daily bag limits.
    - b. Light goose: Unlimited.
- B. South Park – All of Chafee, Custer, Fremont, Lake, Park, and Teller Counties..
  1. Dates:
    - a. Dark goose:
      1. First season: ~~October 3, 2020 – January 15, 2021~~~~October 5, 2019 – January 17, 2020.~~
    - b. Light goose: ~~October 31, 2020 – February 14, 2021~~~~November 2, 2019 – February 16, 2020.~~
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Five (5).
    - b. Light goose: Fifty (50).

3. Possession limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Three (3) daily bag limits.
    - b. Light goose: Unlimited.
- C. San Luis Valley - All of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, and Rio Grande counties, and those portions of Archuleta, San Juan, Saguache, Mineral, and Hinsdale counties east of the Continental Divide.
1. Dates:
    - a. Dark goose:
      1. First Season: ~~October 3 – October 21, 2020~~October 5 – October 23, 2019.
      2. Second Season: ~~November 21, 2020 – February 14, 2021~~November 23, 2019 – February 16, 2020.
    - b. Light goose: ~~October 31, 2020 – February 14, 2021~~November 2, 2019 – February 16, 2020.
  2. Daily bag limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Five (5).
    - b. Light goose: Fifty (50).
  3. Possession limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Three (3) daily bag limits.
    - b. Light goose: Unlimited.
- D. Northern Front Range - All areas in Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties from the Continental Divide east along the Wyoming border to Highway 85, south on Highway 85 to the Adams County Line, and all lands in Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties.
1. Dates:
    - a. Dark goose:
      1. First Season: ~~October 3 – October 21, 2020~~October 5 – October 23, 2019.
      2. Second Season: ~~November 21, 2020 – February 14, 2021~~November 23, 2019 – February 16, 2020.
    - b. Light goose: ~~October 31, 2020 – February 14, 2021~~November 2, 2019 – February 16, 2020.
  2. Daily bag limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Five (5).
    - b. Light goose: Fifty (50).
  3. Possession limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Three (3) daily bag limits.
    - b. Light goose: Unlimited.
- E. Balance of Central Flyway - All areas east of the Continental Divide, except North Park, Northern Front Range, South Park and San Luis Valley.
1. Dates:
    - a. Dark goose: ~~November 2, 2020 – February 14, 2021~~November 4, 2019 – February 16, 2020.
    - b. Light goose: ~~October 31, 2020 – February 14, 2021~~November 2, 2019 – February 16, 2020.
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Five (5).
    - b. Light goose Fifty (50).
  3. Possession limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Three (3) daily bag limits.
    - b. Light goose: Unlimited.

- F. Pacific Flyway Western Zone - All areas west of the Continental Divide not included in the Eastern Zone.
1. Dates:
    - a. First season: ~~October 3 – October 12, 2020~~ ~~October 5 – October 14, 2019.~~
    - b. Second season: ~~November 7, 2020 – January 31, 2021~~ ~~November 2, 2019 – January 26, 2020.~~
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Four (4).
    - b. Light goose: Ten (10).
  3. Possession Limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.
- G. Pacific Flyway Eastern Zone - All of Routt, Grand, Summit, Eagle, and Pitkin counties, those portions of Saguache, San Juan, Hinsdale, and Mineral counties west of the Continental Divide, and those portions of Gunnison County except the North Fork of the Gunnison River Valley (GMUs 521, 53, and 63), and that portion of Moffat County east of the northern intersection of Moffat County Rd 29 with the Moffat-Routt County line, south along Moffat County Rd 29 to the intersection of Moffat County Rd 29 with the Moffat-Routt County line (Elkhead Reservoir State Park).
1. Dates:
    - a. First season: ~~October 3, 2020 – January 6, 2021~~ ~~October 5, 2019 – January 8, 2020.~~
  2. Daily Bag Limit:
    - a. Dark goose: Four (4).
    - b. Light goose: Ten (10).
  3. Possession Limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

### ARTICLE III - SPECIAL SEASONS, AREAS, DATES AND LIMITS

#### #513 - YOUTH, VETERAN AND ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

- A. Central Flyway Northeast Zone – All areas east of Interstate 25 and north of Interstate 70.
1. Dates: ~~October 3 – October 4, 2020~~ ~~October 5 – October 6, 2019.~~
  2. Daily bag limit:
    - a. Ducks: Six (6), excluding mergansers. Of the 6 (six), no more than five (5) mallards, of which no more than two (2) can be female, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, three (3) wood ducks, and ~~one (1) three (3)~~ scaup.
    - b. Mergansers: Five (5), of which no more than two (2) may be hooded mergansers.
    - c. Coots: Fifteen (15).
    - d. Dark Goose: Five (5).
  3. Possession limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.
- B. Central Flyway Southeast Zone – All areas east of Interstate 25 and south of Interstate 70, and all of El Paso, Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas Counties.
1. Dates: ~~October 24 – October 25, 2020~~ ~~October 19 – 20, 2019.~~
  2. Daily bag limit:
    - a. Ducks: Six (6), excluding mergansers. Of the 6 (six), no more than five (5) mallards, of which no more than two (2) can be female, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, three (3) wood ducks, and ~~one (1) three (3)~~ scaup.
    - b. Mergansers: Five (5), of which no more than two (2) may be hooded mergansers.
    - c. Coots: Fifteen (15).
    - d. Dark Goose: Five (5).
  3. Possession limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

C. Central Flyway Mountain/Foothills Zone – All areas west of Interstate 25 and east of the Continental Divide, except El Paso, Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas Counties.

1. Dates: ~~September 26 – September 27, 2020~~ September 28–29, 2019.
2. Daily Bag Limit:
  - a. Ducks: Six (6), excluding mergansers. Of the six (6), no more than five (5) mallards, of which no more than two (2) can be female, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, three (3) wood ducks, and one (1) ~~three (3)~~ scaup.
  - b. Mergansers: Five (5), of which no more than two (2) may be hooded mergansers.
  - c. Coots: Fifteen (15).
  - d. Dark Goose: Five (5).
3. Possession limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

D. Pacific Flyway Western Zone – All areas west of the Continental Divide not included in the Eastern Zone.

1. Dates: ~~October 24 – October 25, 2020~~ October 26 – 27, 2019.
2. Daily bag limit:
  - a. Ducks and Mergansers: Seven (7) in the aggregate. Of the 7 (seven), no more than two (2) female mallards, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, and two (2) ~~three (3)~~ scaup.
  - b. Coots: Twenty-five (25).
  - c. Dark Goose: Four (4).
  - d. Light Goose: Ten (10).
3. Possession limit:
  - a. Three (3) daily bag limits.

E. Pacific Flyway Eastern Zone – All of Routt, Grand, Summit, Eagle, and Pitkin counties, those portions of Saguache, San Juan, Hinsdale, and Mineral counties west of the Continental Divide, and those portions of Gunnison County except the North Fork of the Gunnison River Valley (GMUs 521, 53, and 63), and that portion of Moffat County east of the northern intersection of Moffat County Rd 29 with the Moffat-Routt County line, south along Moffat County Rd 29 to the intersection of Moffat County Rd 29 with the Moffat-Routt County line (Elkhead Reservoir State Park).

1. Dates: ~~September 26 – September 27, 2020~~ September 28–29, 2019.
2. Daily bag limit:
  - a. Ducks and Mergansers: Seven (7) in the aggregate. Of the 7 (seven), no more than two (2) female mallards, one (1) pintail, two (2) canvasback, two (2) redheads, and two (2) ~~three (3)~~ scaup.
  - b. Coots: Twenty-five (25).
  - c. Dark Goose: Four (4).
  - d. Light Goose: Ten (10).
3. Possession limit:
  - a. Three (3) daily bag limits.

F. Youth seasons are restricted to hunting by youth 17 years of age and younger accompanied by a mentor. A mentor must be 18 years of age or older and hold a valid hunter education certificate or be born before January 1, 1949, and must accompany the youth while in the act of hunting. Mentors are not authorized to hunt ducks, geese, mergansers, or coots during this season.

G. Veteran and active military personnel seasons are restricted to hunting by veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than training). For the purposes of this rule, the term “veteran” means a person who served in the active military, naval or air service, and who was



discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. Acceptable forms of military identification include:

1. DD214;
  2. DD Form 2;
  3. DD Form 2765;
  4. Active, retired or veteran military identification cards;
  5. A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the word 'Veteran' printed on it as specified in 42-2-303 (5)(a), C.R.S.;
  6. VA medical card; or
  7. For members of the National Guard and Reserves, current military orders for active duty other than training.
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#### **#514 – SEPTEMBER TEAL**

A. Lake and Chaffee counties and all areas east of I-25.

1. Dates: ~~September 12 – September 20, 2020~~ ~~September 14 – 22, 2019.~~
2. Daily bag limit: Six (6).
3. Possession Limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

#### **#515 – EARLY CANADA GOOSE**

A. Pacific Flyway - All areas west of the Continental Divide.

1. Dates: September 1 - 9 annually.
2. Daily bag limit: Four (4).
3. Possession limit: Three (3) daily bag limits.

### **ARTICLE IV – CONSERVATION ORDER SEASONS, AREAS, DATES AND LIMITS**

#### **#516 – LIGHT GOOSE**

A. Central Flyway – All areas east of I-25.

1. Dates:
  - a. ~~February 15 – April 30, 2021~~ ~~February 17 – April 30, 2020.~~
2. Daily bag limit: Unlimited.
3. Possession limit: Unlimited.
4. Special Conditions and Restrictions
  - a. Recorded or electronically amplified calls may be used to take light geese during the conservation order season.
  - b. Hunting of light geese is allowed from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
  - c. A Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp is not required to take light geese during the conservation order season.
  - d. Shotguns capable of holding more than three rounds in the magazine and chamber combined may be used to take light geese during the conservation order season.
  - e. All other regulations applicable to hunting migratory waterfowl in Colorado apply to taking light geese during the conservation order season.

### **ARTICLE V - VACANT**

#### **#517 – VACANT**

### **ARTICLE VI - FALCONRY**

## **#518 – SPECIAL FALCONRY REGULATIONS**

- A. Falconry is a permitted means of taking migratory game birds during regular or extended seasons.
  - 1. Regular Seasons
    - a. General hunting regulations prescribed in this chapter, including seasons and hunting hours, apply to falconry. General season bag and possession limits do not apply to falconry.
    - b. Daily bag and possession limits for all permitted migratory game birds shall not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in the aggregate. The falconry bag limit is not in addition to gun limits.
  - 2. Extended Seasons
    - a. There are no extended seasons.

**Basis and Purpose:**

These proposed regulations reflect the upcoming 2020-2021 migratory bird seasons and are the result of an annual review of the entire chapter related to migratory birds. The established seasons are necessary to manage migratory bird populations in Colorado in accordance with federal laws regulating migratory birds. These regulations allow migratory birds to be harvested in a manner, which helps maintain the biological integrity of the migratory bird population while at the same time providing recreational opportunity for hunters and wildlife viewers. The regulations are also consistent with Federal guidelines provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. These regulatory changes make permanent the emergency rules related to waterfowl season dates and bag and possession limits adopted by the Commission on March 30, 2020.

**Necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations related to waterfowl hunting in the Grand Valley**

Waterfowl hunting regulations pertinent to the Grand Valley reside in three separate chapters of CPW regulations. As a result, waterfowl hunters need to look in several different places to find specific waterfowl hunting regulations as they pertain to the Grand Valley. Additionally, there are similar regulations in these chapters that are duplicative. Regulations related to Grand Valley waterfowl hunting, State Wildlife Areas, and parks properties have been edited, removed, and simplified where needed. Additionally, the updates to these regulations address reserving hunting blinds through the Hunter Reservation System.

**Updating the current description of the San Luis Valley goose zone to include portions of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide**

Due to a historical oversight, there are small portions of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide that were not included within this zone. The existing San Luis Valley goose zone description (#512.C.) has been modified to include areas of Archuleta and San Juan counties east of the Continental Divide. This regulatory change makes permanent the emergency rules adopted by the Commission on March 30, 2020.

**Expanding current youth waterfowl days to permit waterfowl hunting by veterans and active duty military members**

Since 1998, the federal frameworks have allowed states to have two days of waterfowl hunting for youth hunters, outside of the regular duck-hunting season. As such, Colorado has established a youth hunting weekend in each hunting zone annually. New federal regulations allow states to have up to two additional days to allocate to veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than training). These days could be the same or different for youth and veterans/active duty military. To provide this extra opportunity to veterans/active duty military while minimizing the impact on the length of the regular waterfowl seasons, the existing youth waterfowl hunting weekends have been modified to also allow hunting by veterans and active military personnel on the same days. This includes members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training. This regulatory change makes permanent the emergency rules adopted by the Commission on March 30, 2020.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing Krista Heiner at [krista.heiner@state.co.us](mailto:krista.heiner@state.co.us). The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017.

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, C.R.S.

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020 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 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

**APPROVED:  
Michelle Zimmerman  
Chair**

**ATTEST:  
James Vigil  
Secretary**

**FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-1 - PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS**

**ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS AND WATERS**

**# 100 - PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS**

**A. Definitions**

1. "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" shall mean, whenever used throughout these regulations, all parks and outdoor recreation lands and waters under the administration and jurisdiction of the Division of Parks and Wildlife.
2. "Wearable Personal Flotation Device" shall mean a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device that is intended to be worn or otherwise attached to the body. A personal flotation device labeled or marked as Type I, II, III, or V (with Type I, II, or III performance) is considered a wearable personal flotation device as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33, Parts 175 and 181(2014).

**B.** When these regulations provide that an activity is prohibited except as posted or permitted as posted, the Division will control these activities by posting signs identifying the prohibited or authorized activities, specifying the affected area and the basis for the posting. The Division will apply the following criteria in determining if an activity will be restricted or authorized pursuant to posting:

1. Public safety or welfare.
2. Potential impacts to wildlife, parks or outdoor recreation resources.
3. Remediation of prior impacts to wildlife, parks or outdoor recreation resources.
4. Whether the activity will unreasonably interfere with existing authorized activities or third party agreements.
5. Whether the activity will provide additional public benefits.

**C. It shall be prohibited:**

1. To enter, use or occupy Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands when same are posted against such entry, use or occupancy. (Access to Parks and Outdoor Recreation lands and waters is generally allowed between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily. Restricted access generally will be allowed during other hours for camping and fishing.)
2. To remove, destroy, mutilate, modify or deface any structure, water control device, poster, notice, sign or marker, tree, shrub or other plant or vegetation, including dead timber and forest litter, or any object of archaeological, geological, historical, zoological or natural/environmental value or interest on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands. (This regulation does not include removal of firewood from designated firewood areas, noxious weeds as defined by statute, or recreational gold mining within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, except where prohibited as indicated by posted signs.)

3. To remove, destroy or harass any wildlife or livestock on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands. (Hunting will be allowed in areas designated by the Division during hunting seasons.)

### **CAMPING**

4. To camp or to park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands with the intention (or for the purpose) of camping other than on areas designated for camping; or to leave a set-up camp, motor vehicle, trailer or camper unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours, unless otherwise posted.
  - a. No individual may camp or park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper on a state park for more than fourteen (14) days in any twenty-eight (28) day period on a single park, except that extensions totaling no more than a maximum of fourteen (14) additional days may be permitted by the park manager, as a one-time exception. For the purposes of this regulation, an individual is defined as any person who has occupied a site, whether or not they are formally listed on the reservation as the reserving party or primary occupant. This limit does not apply to multiple sites reserved for the same day by an individual or group pursuant to regulation # 704(2).

### **LITTERING**

5. To leave fish or fish entrails or debris in or on the ice-covered or open waters of lakes, reservoirs or streams located within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands.
6. To leave any residentially or commercially generated garbage or trash or any other litter generated outside a park or recreation area anywhere within a park or recreation area.

### **FIRES**

7. To build or tend fires within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, except in fully enclosed vehicles; or in designated sites in Division-furnished grills or fireplaces; or in hibachis, charcoal grills, stoves and other metal containers, unless otherwise prohibited by these regulations.
8. To allow a fire to burn in a careless manner; to leave any fire unattended; or to fail to completely extinguish any fire on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands.
9. To discharge or use fireworks of any kind or nature within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands (except special displays approved by the Director; subject to provisions of local political subdivision regulations).

### **COMMERCIAL USE**

10. To use Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands for a commercial purpose, except:
  - a. Special resource use which shall be authorized by the Commission on a case-by-case basis at a public meeting of the Commission (i.e., mining, timber cutting, grazing, haying, and other similar uses.)
  - b. Uses authorized pursuant to concession contracts issued in accordance with state procurement and fiscal rules; or

- c. Pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the Division. Commercial use which conflicts with area management plans will not be approved.
- d. For incidental commercial services that:
  - (1) Are provided by a commercial entity that is providing services incidental to the public use and operation of a State Park. Such services include: renting of pack animals or their services to remove harvested animals; vehicle and vessel repair; locksmith and tow services; vessel launch, retrieval or recovery services; product deliver services; and ride sharing or taxi services;
  - (2) The commercial entity does not solicit for business at, or use the name of, a State Park(s) for advertising;
  - (3) The commercial entity maintains a separate place of business; and
  - (4) The incidental commercial service is not one for which the provider is required by law to obtain a guide or outfitter license.
  - (5) Incidental commercial services does not include commercial boat launch and load services at Navajo State Park.

#### **BOAT DOCKS**

- 11. To fish from boat ramps or boat docks located within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands or to otherwise use such ramps or docks in a manner contrary to the intended use.

#### **GLASSWARE**

- 12. For any person to carry or possess any glassware within the confines of a public swimming area, bathing area or designated water skiing beach.

#### **NIGHT ACTIVITY**

- 13. To occupy a parking site with a motorized vehicle between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless such person and all other occupants arriving in such vehicle are actively engaged in fishing or boating.

#### **SWIM BEACH**

- 14. For any person:
  - a. To swim or bathe in any Parks and Outdoor Recreation waters, except in areas designated for such use.
  - b. To build or tend any kind of fire on any swim beach.
  - c. To fish from any swim beach.
  - d. To allow any child under the age of 12 years to be on a swim beach unless accompanied by an adult.
  - e. Definitions as used in this regulation, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Swim Beach" - For the purpose of this regulation, "swim beach" means a portion of a natural or impounded body of water designated for swimming, recreational bathing or wading.

## **AIRCRAFT**

15. To land or take off with any type of aircraft on any Parks and Outdoor Recreation lands and waters, except as specifically authorized by these regulations or in case of emergency. "Aircraft" means any device or equipment that is used or intended to be used for manned flight or to otherwise hold humans aloft for any period of time, including powerless flight, and specifically includes, but is not limited to, airplanes, helicopters, gliders, hot air balloons, hang gliders, parachutes, parasails, kite boards, kite tubes, zip lines and other similar devices or equipment.

## **ANIMALS/PETS**

16. To allow any dog or other pet on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, unless the same shall be under control and on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length. This requirement for dogs or other pets to be on a six-foot leash shall not apply when the animal is confined in a vehicle or vessel or within the boundaries of the designated dog off leash area at Chatfield State Park or the designated dog off leash area at Cherry Creek State Park. Further, it shall be unlawful to allow a dog or other pet within any area used as a swimming or water-ski beach. Any person having a dog or other pet creating a nuisance or disturbance or who fails to properly control a dog or other pet may be evicted from the park or recreation area. This provision shall not apply to dogs while being used in hunting, field trials, or while being trained on lands open to such use.
17. To bring horses, mules, donkeys or burros into or allow same on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, except on areas or trails designated for such use.
18. To turn livestock onto or allow grazing on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands without permission from the Commission.
19. For any handler of any dog to fail to immediately collect, remove, and properly dispose of all dog or pet feces from, or near, any developed park sites including campgrounds, picnic area, dog training areas, and designated trails.

## **DUMP STATIONS/OTHER UTILITIES**

20. To empty wastewater holding tanks, fill water holding tanks or otherwise use any parks and outdoor recreation dump station or utility without a valid park pass and valid camping permit or camping reservation.

## **BEARS**

21. Where necessary to prevent or address bear/human interactions or related issues, the park manager may designate all or a portion of any state park where: food, trash and equipment used to cook or store food must be kept sealed in a hard-sided vehicle, in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or in a food storage box provided by the park for those persons entering the park in something other than a hard-sided vehicle or appropriate camping unit. This restriction does not apply to food that is being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption. A hard-sided vehicle is defined as: the trunk of an automobile, the cab of a pickup truck, the interior of a motor home, fifth wheel, camping trailer or pickup camper. A hard-sided vehicle does not



include any type of tent, pop-up campers or pickup campers with nylon, canvas, or other pliable materials, car top carriers or camper shells on the back of pickup trucks.

#### **QUIET HOURS**

22. Quiet hours will be enforced from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.; and all generators, loud radios or other loud noises that may disturb the peace are prohibited during these hours.

#### **ABANDONED PROPERTY**

23. It shall be unlawful to leave any personal property unattended on Parks and Outdoor Recreation land or water for more than twenty-four (24) hours.
  - a. If such property is left unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours, it will be considered abandoned.
  - b. Removal and storage will be at the expense of the owner.
  - c. All abandoned personal property, other than motor vehicles, which is not claimed within six months shall be sold for cash to the highest bidder at a public auction, notice of which (including time, place, and a brief description of such property) shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county wherein said public auction is to be held at least ten days prior to such auction. All funds generated shall be deposited in the Parks Cash Fund.
  - d. Abandoned motor vehicles will be handled in accordance with Article 4, Part, 18 of Title 42, C.R.S.

#### **MODELS**

24. It shall be unlawful to operate radio-controlled and/or fuel-propelled models, except in designated areas.

#### **CLIMBING HARDWARE**

25. It shall be unlawful to place fixed or permanent rock climbing hardware, unless the climber first obtains a Special-Activities Permit from the park manager. Removal of previously placed fixed or permanent climbing hardware is prohibited.

#### **PARKING**

26. To park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper in any area other than a designated parking area.

#### **BIKING**

27. To bike in any area other than in a designated biking area or on a designated road or trail.

#### **ALCOHOL**

28. 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.

**PARK-SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS**

**D. In addition to the general land and water regulations, the following restrictions shall also apply:**

**1. Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area**

- a. Except in established campgrounds where toilet facilities are provided, all overnight campers must provide and use a portable toilet device capable of carrying human waste out of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. Contents of the portable toilet must be emptied in compliance with law and may not be deposited within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, unless at a facility specifically designated by the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.
- b. Building or tending fires is allowed pursuant to regulation # 100b.7., except at the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area fire containers must have at least a two inch rigid side. Fire containers must be elevated up off the ground.
- c. Swimming is permitted in the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas within the boundaries of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. All persons swimming within designated whitewater parks and all persons under the age of 13 swimming anywhere in the Arkansas River within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area must wear a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- d. No motorboats shall be permitted on the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas to the west end of Pueblo Reservoir.
- e. Innertubes, air mattresses, and similar devices are permitted on the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas within the boundaries of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. All occupants of these devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- f. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.
- g. Recreational gold mining within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is allowed, except where prohibited as indicated by posted signs.

**2. Barr Lake State Park**

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the wildlife refuge area.

- b. Visitors shall be required to remain on designated trails and boardwalks in the wildlife refuge area.
- c. No fishing or boating shall be permitted in the wildlife refuge area.
- d. Visitors shall be required to remain on the designated trails on Barr Lake Dam.
- e. No horses shall be permitted on the Barr Lake Dam.
- f. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 10 horsepower or less shall be permitted.
- g. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted.
- h. Shotguns loaded with birdshot may also be used for dove hunting in the areas and at the times posted.
- i. All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting, at the hunter registration area.

**3. Boyd Lake State Park**

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

**4. Cameo Shooting and Education Complex**

- a. Public access is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except as otherwise authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit.
- b. All fires may be prohibited, as posted, to comply with current burn restrictions.
- c. Camping is prohibited, except when authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated on the permit.
- d. Dogs are prohibited outside of vehicles, unless specifically authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated on the permit.
- e. Hunting is prohibited, except in the area north of, and no closer than 100 yards of, the Coal Canyon Main Canyon Divide.
- f. All persons must adhere to range safety rules, as posted.
- g. The possession of marijuana is prohibited.
- h. Biking is allowed in designated areas only, as posted.

**5. Castlewood Canyon State Park**

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the East Canyon area.
- b. No horses shall be permitted in the east canyon area.
- c. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel, on or from rock formations in the East Canyon area.
- d. Visitors shall be required to remain on the designated trails in the East Canyon area.

**6. Chatfield State Park**

- a. Entrance to and exit from the dog off leash areas are permitted only at designated access points.
- b. A handler may bring a maximum of three dogs at one time into the designated dog off leash area.
- c. Handlers must possess a leash and at least one waste bag for each dog in the designated dog off leash area.
- d. Sport dog trainers shall obtain a special use permit to access and use the designated upland and flat-water sport dog training areas.

- e. Handlers in the dog off leash area and the sport dog training areas must have a visible and valid dog off leash annual pass or dog off leash daily pass.
- f. Fishing is prohibited on the ponds within the dog off leash area.
- g. Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training area.
- h. A valid permit is required to launch or land any hot-air balloon.
- i. Only float tubes or craft propelled by hand shall be permitted on the ponds within the park, excluding the main reservoir.

**7. Cherry Creek State Park**

- a. Entrance to and exit from the dog off leash areas is permitted only at designated access points.
- b. A handler may bring a maximum of three dogs at one time into the designated dog off leash area.
- c. Handlers must possess a leash and at least one waste bag for each dog in the designated dog off leash area.
- d. Sport dog trainers shall obtain a special use permit to access and use the designated upland sport dog training area.
- e. Handlers in the dog off leash area and the sport dog training area must have a visible and valid dog off leash annual pass or dog off leash daily pass.
- f. Use of shotgun shells on the trap/skeet range with shot size larger than size 7 is prohibited.
- g. Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training area.

**8. Cheyenne Mountain State Park**

- a. Dogs and other pets shall be prohibited except leashed dogs and pets shall be permitted in the developed areas of the park and on the following select trails only: Acorn Alley, Bobcat Way, Raccoon Ridge, and that portion of Soaring Kestral west of the eastern most intersection with Bobcat Way. All visitors that have dogs or other pets on the select trails must have in their possession at least one waste bag per animal.
- b. Smoking shall be limited to developed areas only and shall not be permitted in the backcountry, or on the archery range, parking lot or trail system.
- c. Hunting shall be prohibited.
- d. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse or rappel on or from rock formations.
- e. Any person 17 years of age or older who is shooting on the field/3D portion of the archery range must obtain and maintain on one's person a proper and valid daily or annual Cheyenne Mountain Park archery range individual permit.
- f. Public access is prohibited on the archery range from sunset to sunrise.
- g. Any person 16 years of age or younger entering the archery range must be under adult supervision at all times.
- h. Broadheads, crossbows, and firearms, including, but not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles, are prohibited on the archery range.
- i. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted on the archery range.

**9. Crawford State Park**

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

**10. Eldorado Canyon State Park**

- a. The use of all portable grills and stoves (including, but not limited to, charcoal, gas, and wood) is prohibited outside of designated high-use pads.
- b. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through March 31, only hand-held bows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used

for hunting during hunting seasons in the western portion of the parks known as crescent meadows.

- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only primitive weapons (hand-held bow and muzzle-loading rifles) may be used to hunt big game animals in the western portion of Eldorado Canyon State Park known as Crescent Meadows.

**11. Eleven Mile State Recreation Area**

- a. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate or park snowmobiles on land or on the frozen water surface of the reservoir, unless otherwise posted at the park entrances.
- b. It shall be unlawful to operate or occupy boats on the surface of the reservoir from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- c. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir.
- d. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Eleven Mile State Recreation Area lying to the east of the restrictive buoy line.
- e. Water skiing is prohibited on Eleven Mile Reservoir.
- f. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

**12. Golden Gate Canyon**

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within Golden Gate Canyon State Park, except as part of an organized class in canoeing sponsored by the Division.
- b. In Jefferson County, excluding the 160-acre parcel known as the Vigil Ranch and the posted strip of land along Gilpin County Road 2: During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses. Provided further that hunters must visit the designated check station to check in prior to hunting and check out after hunting.
- c. During deer and elk seasons that are in the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting deer and elk may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in that portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park located in Gilpin County, otherwise known as the Green Ranch. Only hunters selected through a special drawing prior to the beginning of big game seasons are permitted to hunt the Green Ranch portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

**13. Harvey Gap State Recreation Area**

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 20 horsepower or less shall be permitted on Harvey Gap Reservoir.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Harvey Gap Reservoir.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

**14. Highline Canal State Trail**

- a. No swimming, tubing or rafting shall be permitted.
- b. No fires shall be permitted.

**15. Highline Lake State Park**

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on Mack Mesa Reservoir.
- b. Boats shall be prohibited on Highline Lake from the first day in October through the last day in February, except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl in the area open to hunting.
- c. Waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting. ~~during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted.~~
- d. Small game hunting ~~is also allowed at Highline Lake State Park,~~ permitted using only shotguns, in the areas and at the times posted.
- e. Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
- f. Big game hunting is prohibited.
- g.e- All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting, at the hunter registration area.

**16. Jackson Lake State Park**

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

**17. James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park**

- a. **Colorado River Wildlife Area**
  - (1) In accordance with applicable management plans, no dogs or other pets shall be permitted, except on designated trails.
  - (2) No fires shall be permitted.
  - (3) No swimming shall be permitted.
  - (4) In accordance with applicable management plans, public access is restricted to designated roads and trails from March 15 to May 30 of each year.
  - (5) No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes.
- b. **Fruita, Connected Lakes, Corn Lake and Island Acres Sections**
  - (1) Except for the swim area at Island Acres, only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted.
  - (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted. All hunters must hunt from designated blinds and hunters with reservations take priority.
  - (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
  - (4) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.
  - (5) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
  - (6)(3) Hunting is prohibited in Fruita and Connected Lakes sections.
- c. **34 Road Parcel**
  - (1) No public access except for waterfowl hunting on weekends during designated waterfowl hunting seasons.
  - (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted. Waterfowl hunters must have a valid reservation to hunt the 34 Road blind.
  - ~~(3) Hunters may hunt from designated blinds only.~~

- ~~(4) All other use of this property is prohibited.~~
- ~~(3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.~~
- ~~(4) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.~~
- ~~(5) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.~~

**d. Pear Park Section**

- (1) No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes between 30 Road and 29 Road.
- (2) ~~Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted. All hunters must hunt from designated blinds and hunters with reservations take priority.~~
- ~~(3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.~~
- ~~(4) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.~~
- ~~(5) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.~~

**18. John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area**

- a. No public access shall be permitted on the north shore area of John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area from the first day of November through March 15 of every year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.
- b. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on Lake Hasty.
- c. No unauthorized boats, rafts, or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on the waters below John Martin Dam to the Arkansas River bridge.
- d. No public access shall be permitted east of the waterfowl closure line to the dam from the first day of November through March 15 of every year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.

**19. Lake Pueblo State Park**

- a. Jumping, diving or swinging from cliffs, ledges or man-made structures is prohibited, including, but not limited to, boat docks, marina infrastructure and the railroad trestle in Turkey Creek.
- b. Innertubes, air mattresses and similar devices are permitted, below the dam on that part of the Arkansas River within the boundaries of Pueblo State Recreation Area. All occupants of these devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

**20. Lathrop State Park**

- a. Boats shall be prohibited on Horseshoe Reservoir from the first Monday in November through the last day of migratory waterfowl seasons, except as posted and except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl on the areas of such lakes open to hunting of migratory waterfowl.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Horseshoe Reservoir.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons west from a north-south line corresponding with the existing barbed-wire fence between Horseshoe Lake and Martin Lake.

**21. Lone Mesa State Park**

- a. During any authorized big game hunting season, any lawful method of hunting deer, elk, and bear may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in Lone Mesa State Park. Only hunters who possess a valid Lone Mesa State Park hunting permit are permitted to hunt.

**22. Lory State Park**

- a. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses; except that hunting is not permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.
- b. During the spring turkey hunt at Lory State Park, it shall be permitted to hunt turkey by legal methods on Mondays and Tuesdays only. All other days of the week shall be closed to spring turkey hunting.

**23. Mancos State Park**

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on Mancos Reservoir.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Mancos Reservoir.

**24. Mueller State Park**

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted outside of the developed facilities area.
- b. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles.
- c. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within Mueller State Park.
- d. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of controlled hunting may be used, during hunting seasons, in areas not prohibiting such use on Mueller State Park. Hunters may access the posted hunting area only from Trail 5 at the Visitor Center, Trail 11 at the Livery parking lot or Lost Pond Picnic Area and Trail 13 at the group campground. All weapons must be completely unloaded when the hunter is outside the posted hunting area boundary.

**25. Navajo State Park**

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

**26. North Sterling State Park**

- a. Boats shall be prohibited on North Sterling Reservoir from the first Monday in November through the last day of migratory waterfowl seasons, except as posted and except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl on the areas of such lakes open to hunting of migratory waterfowl.
- b. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting in areas not prohibiting such use on North Sterling State Park, except as follows:
  - (i) Hunting is prohibited from the dam, and
  - (ii) Hunting is prohibited from the frozen surface of the lake.



**27. Paonia State Park**

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

**28. Pearl Lake State Park**

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Pearl Lake.
- c. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.

**29. Ridgway State Park**

- a. No boats, rafts, or other floating devices shall be permitted on any waters within the Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation Site, below Ridgway Dam.
- b. On all areas of the park east of Highway 550: during deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and, during the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.
- c. During any authorized hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, any lawful method of hunting may be used on all lands at Ridgway State Park open to public access west of Ridgway Reservoir, except that the area bounded by Dallas Creek on the south and the site closure signs on the north shall be closed to all hunting.
- d. During any authorized waterfowl hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, waterfowl hunting shall be permitted within the Dallas Creek Recreation Site at Ridgway State Park; except that hunting shall be prohibited between the park road and U.S. Highway 550 and in other areas posted as prohibiting such use.
- e. During approved special seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used in the following areas (or special hunting zones) as defined:
  - (i) (Zone 1) Elk Ridge Mesa, including the closed Elk Ridge Campground, and
  - (ii) (Zone 2) That area bounded by a distance of 100 yards south of park headquarters, on the north; Ridgway Reservoir on the west; ¼ mile from Colorado Highway 550 on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east and,
  - (iii) That area bounded by Ridgway reservoir's main cove on the north; ¼ mile from the Elk Ridge road on the west; the intersection of the Elk Ridge and main park roads on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east at Ridgway State Park and,
  - (iv) The Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation site at Ridgway State Park.

**30. Rifle Falls State Park**

- a. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel on or from rock formations.

**31. Rifle Gap State Park**

- a. ~~During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of h~~unting ~~permitted~~may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

**32. Roxborough State Park**

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted.

- b. No fires shall be permitted.
- c. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse or rappel on or from rock formations.

**33. Saint Vrain State Park**

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted, except on Blue Heron Reservoir.
- b. Only hand or trailer launched vessels with electric or gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on Blue Heron Reservoir.

**34. Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area**

- a. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate or park snowmobiles on land or on the frozen water surface of the reservoir, unless otherwise posted at the park entrances.
- b. It shall be unlawful to operate or occupy boats on the surface of the reservoir from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- c. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir.
- d. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area between November 16 and April 30, unless the reservoir is ice-free and the area is otherwise posted as open for public use.
- e. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area between the hours of one hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, or as otherwise posted.
- f. Water skiing is prohibited on Spinney Mountain Reservoir.
- g. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

**35. Stagecoach State Park**

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons on the western half of the reservoir.

**36. State Forest State Park**

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within The State Forest, except that wakeless boating shall be allowed on North Michigan Reservoir.
- b. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on North Michigan Reservoir.
- c. Water skiing is prohibited on North Michigan Reservoir.
- d. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

**37. Staunton State Park**

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within the park.

**38. Steamboat Lake State Park**

- a. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and from the Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.

**39. Sweitzer Lake State Park**

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

**40. Sylvan Lake State Park**

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Sylvan Lake.
- c. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

**41. Trinidad Lake State Park, Archery Range**

- a. Dogs or other pets are prohibited.
- b. Smoking is prohibited.
- c. Broadheads, crossbows, and firearms, including, but not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles are prohibited.
- d. Any person 16 years of age or younger, must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
- e. Public access is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.
- f. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

**42. Vega State Park**

- a. ~~During the period Hunting permitted beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.~~
- b. Only bows and arrows, including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

**# 101 – SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING PERMITS**

- A. Public or nonprofit search and rescue organizations shall be permitted to conduct official, sanctioned training activities on state park lands upon completion of a search and rescue training permit application and written park manager approval of the application.
  1. The search and rescue training permit application shall include the following information.
    - a. Organization name and address;
    - b. Organization representative contact information including name and phone number;
    - c. Date, time and specific park location of proposed training activities;
    - d. Roster of participants;
    - e. Number of vehicles and associated license plate numbers;

- f. Training agenda, lesson plan, or other description of proposed activity.
- 2. The training permit application shall be submitted to the park manager at least 14 days prior to the start of the event.
- 3. Upon request from park staff, participants shall identify themselves as part of the training activity.
- 4. Upon approval of the search and rescue training permit application, the park manager may close that portion of the park or recreation area used for the training activity for the duration of the training to the public.
- 5. Participants of such training activities shall be allowed free entrance to any state park or recreation area while engaged in the training activity.

**Basis and Purpose:**

**Necessary corrections or administrative clean-ups to regulations related to waterfowl hunting in the Grand Valley**

Waterfowl hunting regulations pertinent to the Grand Valley reside in three separate chapters of CPW regulations. As a result, waterfowl hunters need to look in several different places to find specific waterfowl hunting regulations as they pertain to the Grand Valley. Additionally, there are similar regulations in these chapters that are duplicative. Regulations related to Grand Valley waterfowl hunting, State Wildlife Areas, and parks properties have been edited, removed, and simplified where needed. Additionally, the updates to these regulations address reserving hunting blinds through the Hunter Reservation System.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing Krista Heiner at [krista.heiner@state.co.us](mailto:krista.heiner@state.co.us). The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, §§ 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: § 33-10-106, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020 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 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

**APPROVED:**  
**Michelle Zimmerman**  
**Chair**

**ATTEST:**  
**James Vigil**  
**Secretary**