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Parks and Wildlife Commission
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Members of the Commission:

I respectfully request your approval to officially name the recently acquired Fishers Peak property near Trinidad, Colorado as “Fishers Peak State Park.”

This request is per [Board Policy A-227.II.A.](#), which states, “It shall be the policy of the Colorado Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation that the naming of State Parks and State Recreation Areas and the naming of park facilities and features after individuals shall be approved by the Board”.

The name, Fishers Peak State Park, is consistent with the naming criteria and guidelines as set forth in the Policy. Rising up at 9,633-feet, Fishers Peak is the centerpiece of the property and is of geologic, geographical, historical and cultural significance both locally and regionally. Many features, organizations, and businesses in the vicinity include this title.

Kearny’s Army of the West, utilized Raton Pass and the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe trail in 1846 on its way to Santa Fe in present day New Mexico during the Mexican-American War. According to historians, Fishers Peak probably takes its name from Captain Waldemar Fisher of Kearny’s army, who presumably climbed the peak for reconnaissance.

The City of Trinidad, The Nature Conservancy, the Trust for Public Land, and Great Outdoors Colorado (CPW partners in the acquisition and master planning of the property) have reviewed and approved the name of Fishers Peak State Park. Additionally, the Governor’s Office has reviewed and approved the name Fishers Peak State Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brett Ackerman
Southeast Regional Manager

