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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
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RE: Chapter W-9 Final Regulations for the November 2021 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting
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Final regulatory changes for Chapter W-9 are summarized below. If there are questions about the agenda item below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at jonathan.boydston@state.co.us or Krista Heiner at krista.heiner@state.co.us.

Agenda Item 14: Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9

Adding properties to Chapter W-9 with applicable general provisions and property-specific regulations

Several properties owned or leased by the Division were added to Chapter W-9. Applicable regulations were added for new property additions. Several State Wildlife Areas (SWA) and other wildlife properties were added to Appendix B of these regulations (wildlife properties governed by general provisions contained in regulation #900) including Blanca SWA, Frying Pan River SWA, Jackson SWA, Masonic Park Fishing Easement, and Saguache Park SWA. Additional State Wildlife Areas and other wildlife properties were added to section #901.B of these regulations, with applicable property-specific regulations based on such factors as land management agreement stipulations and consistency with regulations for other State Wildlife Areas in the vicinity. Properties added to section #901.B of these regulations include Bill Patterson SWA, Cottonwood Creek State Wildlife Area, Cross Canyon SWA, Eagle Rock SWA, Hereford Haven SWA, Orient Mine SWA, and Willow Creek Reservoir SWA.

Exempting properties from public access license requirements

Several wildlife properties or portions of wildlife properties have been exempted from requirements set forth in section #900(C)1 of these regulations based on site-specific factors such as enforcement and public accessibility. Properties, or portions of properties, which have been exempted from section #900(C)1 include Bayfield Lion's Club Shooting Range, Bellaire Lake State Wildlife Area, Buena Vista State Wildlife Area, Chesmore State Wildlife Area, Cottonwood Creek State Wildlife Area, Dowdy Lake State Wildlife Area, Granby Ranch Conservation Easement, Grand Junction West Lake State Wildlife Area, Groundhog Reservoir State Wildlife Area, Home Lake State Wildlife Area, Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area, Lake Beckwith State Wildlife Area, Love Meadow Watchable Wildlife Area, Narraguinnep Reservoir State Wildlife Area, North Fork State Wildlife Area, Orient Mine State Wildlife Area, Poudre River State Wildlife Area, portions of Russell Lakes State Wildlife Area, Sawhill State Wildlife Area, Sharptail Ridge State Wildlife Area, Shriver and Wright State Wildlife Area, Storm Mountain Access Road, Totten Reservoir State Wildlife Area, West Lake State Wildlife Area, Windy Gap Watchable Wildlife Area.

Clarifying Seasonal Closures at Perins Peak State Wildlife Area



Previously, seasonal closure regulations for Perins Peak State Wildlife Area referenced US Highway 160. The reference to highway 160 was unnecessary, as all of Perins Peak is north of highway 160. Seasonal closure regulations were therefore updated to only reference county road 208. Additionally, the seasonal closure regulations were updated to clarify the closure east of county road 208 related to raptor nesting. The intent of the previous regulation was to prohibit access to the entire property from December 1 through April 15, except for licensed turkey hunting west of county road 208, while also prohibiting access east of county road 208 from the end of the property wide closure through July 31. Extending the seasonal closure until July 31 for the section of the property east of county road 208 is consistent with CPW's Raptor Guidelines. These changes clarify the seasonal closures but do not alter the original intent of the regulation.

Expanding the Division's ability to issue permits to commercial users

On April 30, 2020, the Commission adopted changes to Chapter P-7 authorizing the Division to issue "permits" for commercial activities on state parks and recreation areas. Prior to the change, the Division could only authorize such activities via "contract." These changes amend W-9 #900.G. & H to similarly authorize the Division to issue "permits" for commercial activities on State Wildlife Areas.