

Highline Lake State Park Capacity Issues

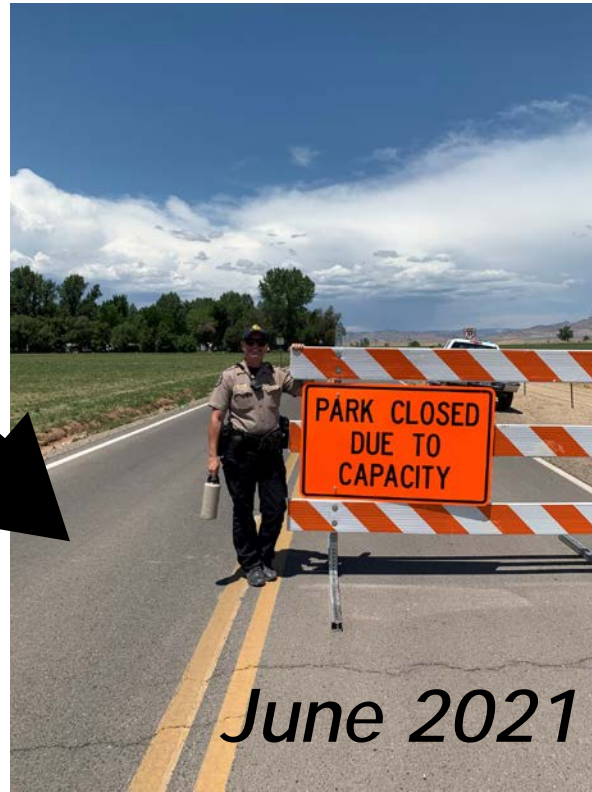
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History of Capacity

September 1977



- Capacity issues have plagued the park since its formation in 1967
- Expanded parking capacity in the 1970s to accommodate more visitors
- Visitor Center and new parking layout in 2010 added more parking to the east side of the park but left little for expansion



Law Enforcement /Customer Service Impacts



- Prior to 2021, when park reached capacity, FTE Rangers would turn traffic around at the intersection prior to park entrance
- In 2021, park purchased barricades to shut down park for 1-4 hours until enough vehicles exited to reduce natural resource impacts
- Criminal offenses and alcohol offenses have increased annually
 - In 2021, Highline had three Use of Force incidents, leading to two felony counts of Assault on a Peace Officer and two Taser deployments.



New Acquisition - Long Family Property

- Highline Lake purchased 178 acres in September 2021
- Early phases of planning in progress
 - Full Hook-up Campground
 - Day Use Area / Swim Beach
 - Cabins or Yurts
 - Group Picnic Area
 - Wildlife Habitat
 - Possible Pheasant/Quail Reintroduction in future phases



Keep Colorado Wild (KCW) Benefits

- Additional revenue generated from KCW will:
 - Provide additional funding for field staff providing both customer service and public safety
 - Fund the replacement of aging park facilities, for example the Group Picnic Area built in the 1970s
 - Fund increasing operating costs, such as annually-increasing utilities

Highline Lake has been awarded through the years for exceptional customer service. Funds from KCW will continue to support our high-caliber customer service.



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