

COLORADO WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY

Title: Occupancy and Use of Division Owned Living Quarters
Effective Date: December 10, 2009

Statutory Authority

24-30-202 (22), C.R.S. - State Controller Authority – to develop and enforce Fiscal Rules

24-2-103, C.R.S. - Compensation for State Employees – “the head of each principal department shall determine the compensation for officers and employees of the department.”

33-1-105(1)(b) C.R.S. – “The commission has the power to lease, exchange, or sell any property, water, land, or interest in land or water...which now are or may become surplus or which, in proper management of the division, the commission desires to lease, exchange, or sell in accordance with joint rule number 34 of the senate and house of representatives...”

33-1-105(1)(c) C.R.S. - Construct or otherwise establish...conveniences at any site or on any land in which the commission holds an interest and operate and maintain all such lands, facilities, and conveniences and provide services with respect thereto, and, when appropriate, make reasonable fees or charges for their use or enter into contracts for their maintenance or operation;

33-1-107(1) C.R.S. - The commission shall adopt such rules or regulations as may be reasonably necessary for the administration, protection, and maintenance of all land and water, or interests in land and water, acquired by the commission.

State of Colorado Fiscal Rules 1 CCR 101-1

Rule 2-8 Miscellaneous Compensation and Other Benefits - “A state agency or institution of higher education may provide housing for a state employee where state-owned facilities are available and it is in the best interest of the state.”

Policy Statement

The Wildlife Commission recognizes the value to the State and the Division of owning and maintaining living quarters for Division Employees in certain positions and circumstances. Providing Division staff housing in remote areas or areas of security concern allow staff to monitor Division property and assets as well as provide law enforcement and protect fish and wildlife in ways that wouldn't be possible if staff did not live on site or have temporary access to living quarters. However, with the limited resources to construct and maintain employee residences with Capital Construction funds, it is imperative that the Division make sound and wise decisions regarding the construction, maintenance, and use of these structures.

Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Colorado Wildlife Commission that the ultimate responsibility for procurement of additional housing or disposal of currently owned housing, maintenance of these facilities, and the subsequent leasing of these facilities shall be at the discretion of the Director or his designee.. This responsibility is delegated with the expectation that the Director will adhere to all relevant Colorado State Fiscal Rules, in particular 1 CCR 101-1 Rule 2-8, and Title 33 Article 1 C.R.S. in regards to Employee Housing.