

STATE OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

Board Policy A-227

**SUBJECT: NAMING OF STATE PARKS, STATE RECREATION AREAS
AND PARK FACILITIES AND FEATURES**

AUTHORITY: Colorado State Statutes 33-10-106, 33-10-107, 43-2-149

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I. PURPOSE

To establish a policy for the naming of State Parks and State Recreation Areas, and naming features within specific park areas and facilities.

II. POLICY

A. 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 Board grants Division staff the authority to name park facilities and features, so long as the naming is based upon some environmental, historical, geographical, geological, or culturally significant aspect of the park or region.

B. Criteria and guidelines used when establishing names include the following:

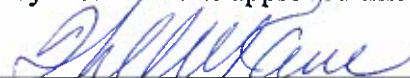
1. Preference at State Parks should be for emphasis on the natural qualities that influence acquisition.
2. Consideration should be given to historic developments in the area and to names already in common usage.
3. The names should be site specific to the area included within the park and not to nearby features.
4. Naming an area after a person should be done only in cases where an individual has made a significant contribution to the specific park area, or state park system, not to the neighboring community.
5. When appropriate, a feature or facility within a park may be named after an individual, rather than the park itself.

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6. Commemorative recognition should be in the form of a useful feature such as a trail, picnic shelter, overlook shelter or tree planting, as opposed to bronzed plaques, statues, or other memorials.
7. Contributions to the State for memorials should bear some reasonable proportion between the cost of a useful feature and the memorial itself. (A \$100 memorial to recognize an individual with a bronze plaque will not leave enough, if any, for a useful public feature.) The intention of a control on memorials is to prevent stone memorials with bronze plaques springing up all over various parks.
8. In the event of a public request for a memorial road sign within a State Park, requests will be handled in accordance with statutes 43-2-149. State Parks shall be exclusively responsible for the type, location and design of the memorial, and the memorial cannot interfere with management of the park system.

Policy No. A-227 is approved this 20th day of NOV 2009,

By 
Parks Board Chairperson