

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

Policy No. A-225

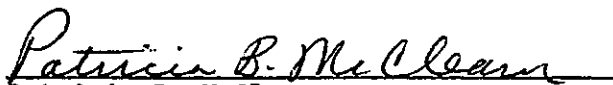
SUBJECT: EASEMENT AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS STATE OWNED OR LEASED
PROPERTY

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is periodically requested to grant rights-of-way (R.O.W.) or easements across Division-owned property or to concur in such easements or rights-of-way across leased properties for purposes such as power lines, pipe lines, roads, etc. Other State and local agencies also request sites for maintenance yards, fire and police stations, etc. In the interest of meeting reasonable requests, while insuring preservation of scenic and natural values and outdoor recreation opportunities for the people of Colorado, the following policy is adopted:

1. Utility R.O.W.'s may be granted or concurred in across Division-owned leased properties within or parallel to existing roads, utilities, corridors, or on the perimeter of the properties subject to the limitations that:
 - a. The utilities will be placed underground, and
 - b. That the natural vegetation and contour of the land are restored.
2. R.O.W. for overhead power lines will not be granted or concurred in by the Division, except:
 - a. Parallel to an existing overhead R.O.W. or easements when it is not feasible to place lines underground, or
 - b. In the case of a relocation of existing power lines to minimize visual impact on the park or recreation area.
3. R.O.W. for public or private roads will not be granted or concurred in, except:
 - a. For relocation of existing roads to less environmentally or recreationally disruptive locations, or
 - b. To provide for public access to the park or recreation area.

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Policy No. A-225 is approved this 19th day of January,

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Patricia B. McClearn
Parks Board Chairwoman

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4. Easements for building sites or maintenance yards for other governmental agencies will not be granted or concurred in, except when:
 - a. Such facilities will benefit park or recreation areas such as providing fire or police protection or road maintenance, and
 - b. When location of such facilities within or in the boundary of a park or recreation area will not adversely affect scenic and natural values or outdoor recreation opportunities.

5. Compensation for R.O.W. across or building/yard sites on Division-owned property will be in accordance with Colorado Department of Administration policies, except:
 - a. In those instances where special public benefits such as recreational trail corridors on the lands of the utility R.O.W. applicant may be negotiated in lieu of cash payment,
 - b. The Division is granted taps and discount rates, or
 - c. In the case of road R.O.W.'s compensation will be in the form of comparable acreage in size and environmental quality/recreational opportunity whenever feasible.