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TO: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission

FROM: Jacob Brey, Northwest Deputy Region Manager

DATE: March 4, 2022

RE: Commission Policy- Naming of State Parks, State Recreation Areas, and State Wildlife Areas and Facilities and Features within such Properties

As requested from the January Commission meeting, staff has made some additions to the approved naming policy for your consideration on the Consent Agenda. Attached is a redline version of the formerly approved policy, along with a "clean" version of what is ready for your approval. In summary, the following changes were made to address the comments and requests made by Commissioners:

1) Clearly define what naming falls under the Commission's authority versus what naming is delegated to CPW staff.

2) Clarify that this policy also governs the renaming of properties as well.

3) Ensure that indigenous heritage is part of the criteria considered for naming of not only properties themselves, but also facilities and features within those properties.

4) Add "significant contributions to the State of Colorado" as additional acceptable criteria to be considered for naming facilities/features within properties.

Additionally, staff is working to update some internal Administrative Directives to include best practices related to naming considerations. This will be a place to better outline the consultations and considerations staff should utilize when naming facilities and features within properties, as allowed by this policy.

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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY

TITLE: NAMING OF STATE PARKS, STATE RECREATION AREAS, AND STATE WILDLIFE AREAS AND FACILITIES AND FEATURES WITHIN SUCH ~~AREAS~~PROPERTIES
Effective Date:

I. PURPOSE

To establish a policy ~~for~~ governing the naming and renaming of State Park~~s~~, State Recreation Area~~s~~, and State Wildlife Area~~s~~ properties, and the naming and renaming of facilities or features within such properties. ~~and naming facilities or features within specific park and wildlife areas.~~

II. AUTHORITY

A. C.R.S. § 33-10-106 establishes the Duties of the Commission, including promulgating rules and orders relating to parks.
B. C.R.S. § 33-10-107 establishes definitions to guide the duties of the Commission.
C. C.R.S §33-1-107 allows the Commission to adopt rules for wildlife areas under Commission control.
D. C.R.S. § 43-2-149 establishes guidelines for the authorization of Roadside Memorials.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

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The Commission grants Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) staff the authority to name or rename ~~park or wildlife area~~ facilities and features within such properties, such as trails, without Commission approval, as long as the naming or renaming is based upon some environmental, historical, geographical, geological, indigenous heritage, or culturally significant aspect of the ~~park or wildlife area~~property.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Criteria and guidelines used when establishing names include the following:

A. Preference should be for emphasis on the natural qualities that influence acquisition.

B. Consideration should be given to historic developments in the area and to names already in common usage.

C. The names should be site specific to the area included within the park or wildlife area and not to nearby features.

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E. Commemorative recognition should be in the form of a useful feature such as a trail, picnic shelter, or overlook shelter, as opposed to bronzed plaques, statues or other memorials.

F. Contributions to the State for memorials should cover the cost of the feature/facility and the memorial signage. The feature should cost significantly more than the memorial (e.g. a park picnic table or bench and a plaque). The intention of a control on memorials is to prevent stone memorials with bronze plaques springing up all over various parks and wildlife areas.

G. When naming an existing structure such as a homestead house or when considering establishing a new structure, consideration should be given to: 1) the master plan for the property (does the proposed location make sense for long-term infrastructure needs) and 2) long-term (20 years or more) maintenance of the structure both from the perspective of budget and the donor's expectations that the structure be maintained long-term. For example, if a homestead house is in poor condition and will be expensive to repair/maintain, it may not be a good candidate for naming as CPW may need to eventually remove/raze the structure.

H. In the event of a public request for a memorial road sign, requests will be handled similarly to the process outlined in C.R.S. § 43-2-149 (with the exception of section 2.a.II.C - fees shall remain within CPW). CPW shall be exclusively responsible for the type, location and design of the memorial and the memorial cannot interfere with the management of CPW properties.

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