



## COLORADO

### Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

Policy and Planning  
6060 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80216

TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager  
RE: November 13-14, 2025 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulatory Items  
DATE: October 31, 2025

The regulatory items detailed below are scheduled to be addressed at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission's November 13-14, 2025 meeting. If there are questions about any of the agenda items below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact Hilary Hernandez at [hilary.hernandez@state.co.us](mailto:hilary.hernandez@state.co.us).

### FINAL REGULATIONS

#### **Agenda Item 14: Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7 (Step 2 of 2)**

Open for final consideration of regulations increasing the daily vehicle pass fees for Elkhead Reservoir, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, and Steamboat Lake State Parks, pursuant to SB 23-059 Local Access Funding.

#### **Agenda Item 15: Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0, and those related provisions of Chapter W-2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2), Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3), Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permits and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7), and Chapter W-16 ("Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16), necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 (Step 2 of 2)**

Open for final consideration of regulations including, but not limited to:

- Adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index.
- Increasing the backcountry search and rescue fee.

#### **Agenda Item 16: Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 1 of 1)**

Open for final consideration of regulations regarding turkey hunting, including but not limited to, license areas, season dates, and manner of take provisions for the 2026 turkey hunting seasons.



Jeff Davis, Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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**Agenda Item 17: Chapter W-11 - “Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-11, and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 (“General Provisions” 2 CCR 406-0), Chapter W-2 (“Big Game” 2 CCR 406-2), and Chapter W-17 (“Damage Caused by Wildlife” 2 CCR 406-17) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-11 (Step 2 of 2)**

Open for final review of regulatory changes to implement SB 25-053, including rules differentiating between wild bison as big game and domestic bison, the future regulated hunting of wild bison, and the payment of compensation for damage caused by wild bison.

## **ISSUES IDENTIFICATION**

**Agenda Item 19: Chapter W-2 - “Big Game” 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 (“General Provisions” 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2 (Step 1 of 2)**

Open for annual review of the entire chapter, including but not limited to, game management unit boundary modifications, regulations relating to fish management, health, importation, prohibited species, and other annual changes. Specific changes include:

- Modifying the culpable mental state for luring or attracting wildlife.

### **Deer**

- Creating a first rifle season buck hunt code in data analysis unit D-30.
- Creating a private-land-only deer hunt code in game management unit 682.

### **Elk**

- Modifying second and third rifle season bull elk licenses from unlimited over-the-counter to limited in game management units 54, 55, and 551.
- Removing antler point restrictions in game management unit 82.
- Modifying hunt codes for the first and fourth rifle seasons in data analysis unit E-2.
- Creating a private-land-only hunt code in data analysis unit E-13.
- Creating private-land-only archery hunt codes in data analysis units E-20 and E-35.

### **Pronghorn**

- Creating pronghorn licenses in data analysis unit A-22.
- Creating a second antlerless season in data analysis unit A-3.

### **Bighorn Sheep**

- Removing hunt code SMS7901R.
- Closing hunting in game management unit S-35 due to low population size.
- Combining sheep hunt codes in game management units S1 and S18.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

## **FINAL REGULATIONS**

### **Agenda Item 27.2: Chapter W-1- “Fishing” 2 CCR 406-1 (Step 2 of 2)**

Open for final consideration of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, consideration of regulations regarding season dates, bag and possession limits, licensing requirements, manner of take provisions and special conditions or restrictions applicable to waters of the state. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Prohibiting fishing around the George Creek Fish Barrier.
- Modifying the take regulations for tiger muskie at Lake Granby, Grand Lake and the Colorado River downstream of Shadow Mountain Reservoir.
- Modifying take regulations on Herman Gulch and Dry Gulch to protect declining populations of native Greenback Cutthroat Trout.
- Modifying take regulations at Sloan Lake in Hinsdale County.
- Modifying the closure date on Tenmile Creek and Blue River upstream of Dillon Reservoir from September 1 to September 15.
- Cleanup to Rito Hondo Reservoir and Creek, and Yampa River.

## **ISSUE IDENTIFICATION**

**Agenda Item 27.3: Chapter W-2 - “Big Game” 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 (“General Provisions” 2 CCR 406-0) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2 (Step 1 of 2)**

Open for annual review of the entire chapter, including but not limited to, Game Management Unit boundary modifications, regulations relating to fish management, health, importation, prohibited species, and other annual changes. Specific changes include:

### **Statewide**

- Expanding lifetime bag limits to include reward program licenses.
- Realigning the boundaries of game management units 97 and 99.

### **Deer**

- Removing deer hunt codes DM004P5A and DF004P5A.
- Creating a private-land-only urban deer management hunt code in game management unit 84.
- Creating a limited fourth rifle season antlered hunt code in data analysis unit D-19.
- Creating a private-land-only doe hunt code in data analysis unit D-24.

### **Elk**

- Modifying the antler point restrictions for Ranching for Wildlife enrolled ranches.
- Adding a cow late season to data analysis unit E-19.
- Converting antlerless hunt codes in data analysis unit E-16 to be list B.

- Converting bull rifle licenses to be either-sex licenses in data analysis unit E-10.
- Creating archery licenses in data analysis unit E-23 and converting antlerless licenses to be list B licenses.
- Creating new season dates for hunt code EF060P5R.

#### Pronghorn

- Creating muzzleloader private-land-only licenses in data analysis unit A-37.

#### Moose

- Creating a female-only moose hunt code in data analysis unit M-12.
- Creating a moose hunt code for game management unit 551 and splitting game management unit 55 into east and west subunits.
- Creating a bull-moose hunt code in game management unit 79.
- Adding wilderness only hunt codes to data analysis unit M-4.

#### Bear

- Creating a private-land-only bear hunt code in game management unit 211.

#### Bighorn Sheep

- Removing the second season ram hunt in Waterton Canyon.
- Adding a late season archery hunt to game management unit S23 and S27.
- Adding archery licenses in game management unit S-3.
- Adding game management unit 67 to hunt codes SMS5901R and removing hunt code SMS6701R.
- Modifying the season dates for game management unit S-34.

#### Mountain Lion

- Updating the harvest limit groups to implement the East Slope Mountain Lion plan.
- Reorganizing the harvest limit groups for LE6001R and LE06201R.

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-7 - PASSES, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS

**Note:** Amendments to the Rules are added in red text and deletions are in red text with strikethrough.

ARTICLE I - General Provisions and Fees Relating to Passes, Permits and Registrations

Vehicle Passes

#700 - Vehicle Pass

4. Daily vehicle passes are as follows:
- a. A fee of \$10.00 per vehicle for any vehicle except for:
    - 1. Passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business.
    - 2. A \$2.00 per vehicle Chatfield Water Basin Fee will be added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Chatfield State Park.
    - 3. A \$2.00 per vehicle Local Access Fee will be added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Elkhead Reservoir, Golden Gate Canyon, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, and State Forest State, and Steamboat Lake State Parks.
  - b. School buses on official school outings, passenger vans and buses operated by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses operated by any government agency are eligible to purchase a daily vehicle pass.
  - c. For passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business, the daily vehicle pass fee will be based upon the number of passengers on-board. The fee shall be \$10.00 for up to fifteen passengers on-board, \$40.00 for sixteen to thirty passengers on-board, and \$50.00 for more than thirty passengers on-board.

#708 - Pass and Permit Fee Schedule

1. The fees for the types of vehicle passes issued by the Division are as follows.
- a. Aspen leaf annual pass.....\$70.00
  - b. Annual affixed vehicle pass.....\$80.00
  - c. State parks annual transferable pass .....\$120.00
  - d. Each additional annual affixed vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles.....\$40.00
    - (1) Each additional Aspen Leaf vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles.....\$35.00
  - e. Each replacement annual affixed vehicle pass, without proof of necessary replacement .....\$40.00
    - (1) Each replacement additional annual affixed vehicle pass, without proof of

- necessary replacement .....\$20.00
- (2) Each replacement Aspen Leaf vehicle pass, without proof of necessary replacement .....\$35.00
- (3) Each replacement additional Aspen Leaf vehicle pass, without proof of necessary replacement .....\$17.50
- (4) Customers with proof of necessary replacement shall be issued a replacement annual affixed vehicle pass, additional annual affixed vehicle pass, or Aspen Leaf vehicle pass at no cost. Circumstances for necessary replacement include vehicle stolen, destroyed, traded, or sold; windshield replaced; pass damaged or faded; new legal name or address; or Division error. Other circumstances will be considered by the Division on a case-by-case basis.
- f. Each replacement state parks annual transferable vehicle pass .....\$60.00
- g. Each daily vehicle pass (exceptions follow) .....\$10.00
  - (1) At Chatfield, ~~Elkhead Reservoir~~, Golden Gate Canyon, ~~Pearl Lake~~, ~~Stagecoach~~, ~~and State Forest~~ ~~State Parks~~, and ~~Steamboat Lake State Parks~~ .....\$12.00
- h. Each daily vehicle pass for a passenger van or bus operated by a commercial business:
  - (1) carrying up to fifteen passengers.....\$10.00
  - (2) carrying sixteen to thirty passengers.....\$40.00
  - (3) carrying more than thirty passengers.....\$50.00
- i. Keep Colorado Wild annual pass, as provided for in section § 33-12-108, C.R.S., available for purchase through the Colorado Department of Revenue vehicle registration process starting with January 2023 vehicle registrations .....\$29.00
- j. Keep Colorado Wild Collector's Plate pass, for applicable vehicles only and valid for the length of the vehicle registration. Available for purchase only through the Colorado Department of Revenue vehicle registration process starting with January 2023 vehicle registrations.....\$145.00
- 2. The fees for the types of individual passes issued by the Division are as follows. Eligibility requirements are stated in regulation # 701.
  - a. Columbine or Centennial annual pass.....\$14.00
  - b. Each replacement Columbine or Centennial annual pass shall be provided at no cost.
  - c. Non-motor vehicle individual daily passes (applies to persons sixteen years of age or older) for all state recreation areas and state parks except as otherwise provided in these regulations.....\$4.00
  - d. Non-motor vehicle individual annual passes (applies to persons sixteen years of age or older) for all state recreation areas and state parks except as otherwise provided in these regulations.....\$29.00

3. The fees for the type of campground-use permits issued by the Division are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation # 704. These fees do not include any applicable accommodations tax.
  - a. Campground-use permit for "Full Hookup Campgrounds" .....\$41.00/night
  - b. Campground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds" .....\$36.00/night
  - c. Campground-use permit for "Tent-Only Campgrounds".....\$36.00/night
  - d. Campground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds" .....\$28.00/night
  - e. Campground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds" .....\$18.00/night
4. The fees for the reduced rate campground-use permit for individuals age 64 and older who hold certain parks passes as outlined in #712 are as follows:
  - a. Campground-use permit for "Full Hookup Campgrounds" .....\$38.00/night
  - b. Campground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds" .....\$33.00/night
  - c. Campground-use permit for "Tent-Only Campgrounds".....\$36.00/night
  - d. Campground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds" .....\$25.00/night
  - e. Campground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds" .....\$15.00/night
5. The fees for types of campground-use areas are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation # 704. These fees do not include any applicable accommodations tax.
  - a. In group camp areas of "Full Hookup Campgrounds," the fee shall be \$41.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
  - b. In group camp areas of "Electrical Campgrounds," the fee shall be \$36.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
  - c. In group camp areas of "Tent-Only Campgrounds," the fee shall be \$36.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
  - d. In group camp areas of "Basic Campgrounds," the fee shall be \$28.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
  - e. In group camp areas of "Primitive Campgrounds," the fee shall be \$18.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
6. The fees for types of tipis, cabins and yurts are as follows. These fees do not include any applicable accommodations tax:
  - a. For tipis.....\$50.00/night
  - b. For small cabins and yurts that may accommodate a maximum of six people:
    1. Standard.....\$90.00/night

2. Premium.....\$120.00/night
- c. For large cabins and yurts that may accommodate seven or more people:
  - (1) Standard.....\$120.00/night
  - (2) Premium two bedroom.....\$150.00/night
  - (3) Premium three bedroom.....\$190.00/night
  - (4) Premium four bedroom.....\$250.00/night
  - (5) Each additional premium bedroom over four bedrooms.....\$60.00/night
- d. For Mueller State Park Cabins:
  - (1) Premium two bedroom.....\$150.00/night
  - (2) Premium three bedroom.....\$210.00/night
  - (3) Premium four bedroom.....\$270.00/night
- e. The maximum occupancy shall be posted in each cabin and yurt.
- f. There shall be an additional fee of \$10.00/night for pets where pets are allowed. For barn and corral facilities, there shall be a boarding fee of \$10.00/animal/night.
- g. Premium facilities contain showers and flush toilets.
7. The group picnic area permit fees for the permits issued by the Division are as follows. Group picnic area classes are defined in regulation # 706.
  - a. Permit for "Class A - Deluxe Group Picnic Area" .....\$150.00
  - b. Permit for "Class B - Improved Group Picnic Area" .....\$100.00
  - c. Permit for "Class C - Basic Group Picnic Area" .....\$50.00
8. Event facility permit fees are as follows.
  - a. For Bridge Canyon Overlook and Pikes Peak Amphitheater at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Prairie Falcon Amphitheater at Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Soldier Canyon Shelter at Lory State Park, and Lyons Overlook at Roxborough State Park:
    - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$150.00/2 HOURS
    - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$300.00/2 HOURS
  - b. For event facilities numbers 1 and 3 at Castlewood Canyon State Park and Timber Event Facility at Lory State Park:
    - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$100.00
    - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$150.00

- c. For event facility number 2 at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Fountain Valley Overlook at Roxborough State Park and South Eltuck Event Facility at Lory State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$75.00
  - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$125.00
- b. For the Red Barn at Golden Gate Canyon State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$150.00
  - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$200.00
- c. For Mariner Point at Boyd Lake State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$90.00
  - (2) Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.....\$180.00
- d. For Prairie Skipper event facility at Cheyenne Mountain State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Friday .....\$150.00/DAY
  - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$200.00/DAY
- e. For PA-CO-CHU-PUK event facilities at Ridgway State Park:
  - (1) Single event shelter A or B:
    - (a) Monday through Thursday.....\$125.00 plus \$10 non-refundable reservation fee/DAY
    - (b) Friday through Sunday and holidays ....\$190.00 plus \$10 non-refundable reservation fee/DAY
- f. For Overlook event facility at Ridgway State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Thursday.....\$190 plus \$10 non-refundable reservation fee/ 4 HOURS
  - (2) Friday through Sunday and holidays....\$240 plus \$10 non-refundable reservation fee/ 4 HOURS
- g. Conference and/or meeting rooms.....\$100.00/DAY
- h. The maximum occupancy and hours of operation shall be posted at each event facility.
- 9. The fees associated with dog off leash areas at Chatfield State Park and Cherry Creek State Park, as provided for in regulation # 100 are:
  - a. Dog off-leash annual pass.....\$25.00
  - b. Dog off-leash daily pass.....\$3.00

10. The fee associated with the mandatory youth education course for motorboat operators...\$15.00
11. The fees associated with the Cheyenne Mountain State Park Field/3D Archery Range are as follows:
  - a. Daily individual archery range permit.....\$3.00
  - b. Annual individual archery range permit.....\$30.00
12. The fees associated with the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex are as follows:
  - a. Individual passes:
    - (1) Individual day use pass (single day) .....\$12.00
    - (2) Individual day use pass (5 consecutive days) .....\$48.00
    - (3) Individual day use pass (10 consecutive days) .....\$84.00
    - (4) Individual annual pass .....\$150.00
    - (5) Individual three-year pass .....\$400.00
  - b. Youth (ages 7-17) individual passes:
    - (1) Youth individual day use pass (single day) .....\$3.00
    - (2) Youth individual day use pass (5 consecutive days) ..... \$12.00
    - (3) Youth individual day use pass (10 consecutive days).....\$21.00
    - (4) Youth individual annual pass ..... \$50.00
  - c. Two adult (Buddy) passes:
    - (1) Two adult day use passes (single day) .....\$20.00
    - (2) Two adult day use passes (5 consecutive days) .....\$80.00
    - (3) Two adult day use passes (10 consecutive days) .....\$140.00
    - (4) Both adult passes must be used on the same day(s).
  - d. Family passes (Two adults and all children (ages 7-17) that live at the same address):
    - (1) Family annual pass .....\$300.00
    - (2) Family three-year pass .....\$600.00
  - e. Group day use passes:
    - (1) Day use passes for 10 to 19 individuals .....\$9.00/person
    - (2) Day use passes for 20 to 29 individuals .....\$7.00/person

- (3) Day use passes for 30 or more individuals .....\$3.00/person
  - f. Corporate passes:
    - (1) Annual corporate pass (10 unassigned passes per day) ...\$3,000.00
  - g. All annual passes for the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex are valid 365 days from the date of purchase.
- 13. Colorado Search and Rescue (CORSAR) Cards
  - a. 1 year CORSAR Card.....\$5.00
  - b. 5 year CORSAR Card.....\$20.00
- 14. It is unlawful for any person to transfer, sell, or assign any pass or permit issued by the Division, including campground use permits, and group picnic area permits, unless otherwise permitted by these regulations.

**MAILING 10/31/2025**  
**Basis and Purpose**  
**Chapter P-7 - Passes, Permits and Registrations**

**Basis and Purpose:**

**Increasing the daily vehicle pass price**

The addition of a \$2.00 fee on top of the regular daily vehicle pass price is a change in response to a rulemaking petition from Routt County. In 2023, Senate Bill 23-059 State Parks and Wildlife Area Local Access Funding became law. The bill provided a way for a local governments to request that the commission charge an additional per vehicle fee not to exceed \$2.00 for each daily vehicle pass issued for a state park in the local government's geographic boundary.

In order for the fee to be increased Routt County submitted a rulemaking petition to the Parks and Wildlife Commission. The petition was presented to the Commission at the August 2025 commission meeting. If the commission approves the changes at the November 2025 meeting, the price for the vehicle daily pass at Elkhead Reservoir, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach and Steamboat Lake State Parks will be increased to \$12.00 from \$10.00 beginning January 1, 2026.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing [dnr\\_cpw\\_planning@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us) or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

**The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, §§ 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-10-106 and 33-10-107, C.R.S.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.**

**APPROVED:**  
**Richard Reading**  
**Chair**

**ATTEST:**  
**Eden Vardy**  
**Secretary**