

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 6/7/2021	
ISSUE:	Should Fishers Peak State Park regulations be changed for consistency with CPW's recommended seasonal restrictions for Colorado raptors?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>The 19,200-acre Fishers Peak State Park (FPSP) is located south of the City of Trinidad in Las Animas County, Colorado, and is CPW's newest state park. Initial park-specific regulations were established in 2020, prior to the park's limited public opening in October of 2020. Since that time, the need for a regulation edit has come to our attention.</p> <p>The peregrine falcon nest buffer closure for FPSP is currently March 15 - July 15 in regulations. However, in Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Recommended Buffer Zones and Seasonal Restrictions for Colorado Raptors, the recommended dates for peregrine falcon nest buffer closures are March 15 - July 31. For consistency with the CPW's recommended raptor guidelines, we are asking the Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) to extend the closure date for the peregrine falcon nest buffer to July 31st annually.</p>	
STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:	
IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.	
<p>Fishers Peak State Park users will be affected.</p> <p>Public outreach is not likely appropriate at this time, prior to the structured public process that will come from the on-going master planning efforts.</p>	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<p>1. *Preferred Alternative* Change Fishers Peak State Park-Specific Restrictions under Chapter P- 1, #100.D.12. to read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Raptor nest buffers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2) From March 15-July 31, all visitors must remain outside of a ½ mile buffer established for peregrine falcon nests as posted. <p>2. Status quo.</p>	
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	SE
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO