

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-4 - SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I - Pursuant to the authority vested in the Parks and Wildlife Commission by Article 14 of Title 33, C.R.S., the following regulations concerning required equipment and the registration of snowmobiles are hereby adopted.

402 - Display of Snowmobile Permits

a. When owners or operators of snowmobiles identified in C.R.S. 33-14-121 are required to obtain and display snowmobile permits, such permits shall be displayed as follows:

- 1. The permit shall be affixed on the left upper half of the cowling of the machine.
- 2. Printed non-sticker permits must be carried on the machine or on the operator's person and shall, upon demand of any peace officer authorized to enforce this law, produce the snowmobile permit for inspection.

403 - Safety Equipment

- a. Except as provided in section 33-14-114 C.R.S., no person shall operate a snowmobile in this state, unless:
 - 1. The snowmobile is equipped with a muffler that is properly maintained and in good working order.
 - 2. The muffler must conform to noise abatement standards set forth in 25-12-110, C.R.S., as amended.
- b. No snowmobile shall be operated between the hours of sunset and sunrise unless it is equipped with at least one head lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and objects at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead under normal atmospheric conditions. Such head lamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of operators in oncoming vehicles.
- c. No snowmobile shall be operated between the hours of sunset and sunrise unless it is equipped with at least one red tail lamp, having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear under normal atmospheric conditions.
- d. No snowmobile shall be operated unless it is equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of, to stop, and to hold the snowmobile under any conditions of operations.

Basis and Purpose:

Per Senate Bill 24-056, Colorado Parks and Wildlife shall establish by rule the out-of-state snowmobile permit program. As part of that program, it is now required for out-of-state permit holders to attach the permit to their machine on the left upper half of the cowling of the machine or have the permit with them while operating if the permit is not printed as a sticker.

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 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: §§ 33-14-121, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 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 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

**APPROVED:
Dallas May
Chair**

**ATTEST:
Karen Bailey
Secretary**