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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
FROM: Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager
RE: Chapter P-7 Final Regulations for the November 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting
DATE: November 6, 2020

Final regulatory changes for Chapter P-7 are summarized below. If there are questions about the agenda item below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 303-866-3203 x4609 or krista.heiner@state.co.us.

Agenda Item 15: Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" 2 CCR 405-7 (Step 2 of 2)

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

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS AND FEES RELATING TO PASSES, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS

VEHICLE PASSES

700 - VEHICLE PASS

1. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations or by Colorado Revised Statutes, no motor vehicle shall be brought onto any state recreation area or state park unless a valid parks pass issued by the Division is properly attached or displayed in the vehicle. Passes that are designed to be affixed to the windshield shall be attached to the extreme lower right-hand corner of the vehicle's windshield in a position so that the pass may be observed and identified. For an annual affixed vehicle pass, including an aspen leaf annual pass to be properly attached to a windshield it must be permanently affixed. A state parks annual transferable pass must be hung from the rear-view mirror so that the pass may be observed and identified. Any vehicle whereby a pass cannot be secured inside the passenger compartment or hung from a rear-view mirror shall be treated as a special case, but evidence of a pass shall be required on the person or in the vehicle.
 - (A) As referenced in this chapter, "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.
2. No vehicle pass shall be required for:
 - a. Any snowmobile as defined in section 33-14-101, C.R.S.;
 - b. Any off-highway vehicle as defined in section 33-14.5-101(3), C.R.S.;
 - c. Any government-owned vehicle, emergency vehicle, or law enforcement vehicle on official business;
 - d. Any commercial delivery vehicle delivering goods to the park or a park concessionaire when the goods are directly related to the operation of the park or concession;
 - e. Any resident's vehicle displaying a Colorado disabled veteran's license plate pursuant to section 42-3-213(5)(a), C.R.S., and as provided for in section 33-12-106(1), C.R.S.;
 - f. Any vehicle bringing a holder of a Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, Volunteer or Military Pass issued pursuant to # 701 into a state recreation area or state park;
 - g. Any vehicle that is not required to have a vehicle pass pursuant to the special activity regulation # 703;
 - h. Any vehicle entering a state recreation area or state park pursuant to # 712-4;
 - i. Any vehicle that is exclusively towed;

- j. Any vehicle occupied by a veteran or current or reserve member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, on the State observance of Veteran's Day. At least one form of past or present military identification shall be presented at the Park entrance. Acceptable forms of military identification include:
 - (1) DD214;
 - (2) DD Form 2;
 - (3) DD Form 2765;
 - (4) Active, retired or veteran military identification cards;
 - (5) A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the word 'Veteran' printed on it as specified in 42-2-303 (5)(a), C.R.S.;
 - (6) VA medical card;
 - (7) The display of military license plates.
 - k. Any Division employee, volunteer or hired contractor vehicle when such vehicle is used for the purposes of accomplishing work duties;
 - l. Any vehicle owned by a concession owner or employee or any contractor working for a concession when such vehicle is used for the purposes of accomplishing work duties;
 - m. Any vehicle entering the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex.
3. The types of annual vehicle passes available from the Division are as follows:
- a. An Aspen Leaf annual vehicle pass as provided for in section 33-12-103, C.R.S.; and
 - b. An annual affixed vehicle pass, which is available for any vehicle except passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business, and
 - c. A state parks annual transferable pass, which can be used for any vehicle except passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business. State parks annual transferable passes are issued to individuals, not vehicles. Only one vehicle at a time can use an annual transferable pass.
 - (1) Commercial passenger vans and buses are eligible to purchase daily, but not annual, vehicle passes.
 - (2) 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 for either daily or annual affixed vehicle passes.
 - (3) An annual transferable pass may be shared with the original pass holder's household. For the purpose of this regulation, "household" is defined as persons living at the same address.
4. Daily vehicle passes are as follows:
- a. A fee of \$9.00 per vehicle for any vehicle except for:

- (1) Passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business;
 - (2) A \$1.00 per vehicle ~~high-use~~capacity fee will be added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Cherry Creek, Chatfield, and Boyd Lake State Recreation Areas, and Castlewood Canyon, Eldorado Canyon, Golden Gate Canyon, Highline Lake, Lake Pueblo, Roxborough and Staunton 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.
5. An annual affixed vehicle pass or state parks annual transferable pass shall be issued and, by appropriate language, authorize entrance by motor vehicle to all state recreation areas and state parks during the period beginning on the date of purchase through the last day of the same month in the following year. Such authorization shall apply to the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is affixed or displayed. One pass shall cover all state recreation areas and state parks.
 6. Additional affixed annual vehicle passes may be issued to an owner or to the owner's household. Additional annual affixed vehicle passes authorize entrance by motor vehicle to all state recreation areas and state parks during the period beginning on the date of purchase of the additional pass through the expiration date of the associated original full-priced annual affixed pass or state parks annual transferable pass. Owners of school buses, passenger vans and buses owned by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses owned by any government agency are limited to purchasing no more than two additional annual affixed vehicle passes at a reduced fee per each annual affixed vehicle pass purchased at the full fee. For the purpose of this regulation, "household" is defined as persons living at the same address. "Owner" is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration of both the original vehicle for which an annual affixed pass was purchased and the additional vehicle, or a person who can provide proof of ownership of the original and the additional vehicle at a designated Division office.
 7. If the motor vehicle for which an annual affixed vehicle pass or additional affixed vehicle pass was issued is sold or traded, or if the pass is lost or destroyed during the period in which it is valid, the person to whom the pass was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof, upon signing an affidavit reciting where and by whom it was issued and the circumstances under which it was lost or traded. Upon payment of a fee of \$5.00, a new affixed pass effective for the remainder of the period that the lost or destroyed pass would have been valid may be issued only by the Division to the original owner of such pass.
 8. If a state parks annual transferable pass is lost or destroyed during the period for which it is valid, the person whom the pass was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof, upon signing an affidavit where and by whom it was issued and the circumstances under which it was lost or destroyed. Upon payment of a fee of \$60.00, a new pass effective for the remainder of the period the lost or destroyed pass would have been valid may be issued only by the Division to the original owner of such pass. Only one duplicate state parks annual transferable pass will be issued per period for which the original pass was valid.

9. A daily park pass, valid for one day only, shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle to the state recreation areas and state parks by the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is affixed during the day used and until 12:00 P.M. (noon) the following day.
10. A no fee pass shall be issued to any vehicle towed or carried in by a motor home if a camping permit or proof of a campsite reservation is presented at an attended visitor center, office or entrance station. The no fee pass, valid for the same time period as the camping permit or camping reservation, shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle to the state recreation areas and state parks by the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is affixed. For the purpose of this regulation, motor home means a vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters and which is built into, as an integral part of or a permanent attachment to, a motor vehicle chassis or van.

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.....\$5.00
 - f. Each replacement state parks annual transferable vehicle pass\$60.00
 - g. Each daily vehicle pass (exceptions follow).....\$9.00
 - (1) At Cherry Creek, Chatfield, and Boyd Lake State Recreation Areas, and Castlewood Canyon, Eldorado Canyon, Golden Gate Canyon, Highline Lake, Lake Pueblo, Roxborough and Staunton State Parks.....\$10.00
 - 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
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.....\$5.00

- c. Individual daily passes (applies to persons sixteen years of age or older) for Barr Lake, Castlewood Canyon, Crawford, Colorado State Forest, Eldorado Canyon, Eleven Mile, Elkhead Reservoir, Fishers Peak (beginning October 10, 2020), Golden Gate Canyon, Harvey Gap, Highline Lake, Jackson Lake, James M. Robb - Colorado River, John Martin Reservoir, Lathrop, Lory, Mancos, Mueller, Navajo, North Sterling, Paonia, Pearl Lake, Rifle Gap, Rifle Falls, Roxborough, Spinney Mountain, St Vrain, Stagecoach, Staunton, Steamboat Lake, Sweitzer Lake, Sylvan Lake, Trinidad Lake, Vega and Yampa River State Parks and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.....\$4.00
3. The fees associated with special activities, as provided for in regulation # 703 are:
- a. Special activity alternate individual fee (applies to groups of twenty or more people in size).....\$4.00
 - b. Special activity application filing fee.....\$30.00
 - c. Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area special activity application filing fees:
 - 1. Standard.....\$30.00
 - 2. Commercial boating.....\$400.00
 - 3. Other commercial activities, such as walk and wade fishing, shuttle services, imaging, vendor services, hiking, mountain biking and rock climbing.....\$250.00
4. 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
5. The fees for reduced rate Aspen Leaf and senior Columbine, Centennial, Independence, Blue Spruce or Volunteer park pass campground-use permits issued by the Division are as follows. Eligibility requirements are stated in regulation # 701, # 705 and # 712. Reduced rates are offered all days of the year when the campground is open, except weekends and holidays. These fees do not include any applicable accommodations tax.
- 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
6. 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.
7. 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 and Harmsen Ranch at Golden Gate Canyon State Park:
 - (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.
8. The fees associated with the reservation system for phone or internet sales are as follows:
- a. Each reservation change or cancellation.....\$6.00/each
 - (1) For cancellations made fourteen days or more prior to the beginning date of the reservation, the cancellation fee will be charged.
 - (2) For cancellations made less than fourteen days prior to the beginning date of the reservation, the cancellation fee will be charged as well as the first night's camping fee.
 - b. On-park facility reservation fee.....\$10.00/facility
 - (1) For group camping areas, group picnic areas, and event facilities, the cancellation fees shall be as described in regulations # 704, # 706, and # 708, respectively.
9. 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
10. 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, Panorama Point at Golden Gate Canyon 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
- d. For the Red Barn at Golden Gate Canyon State Park:
 - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$150.00
 - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$200.00
- e. For Mariner Point at Boyd Lake State Park:
 - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$90.00
 - (2) Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.....\$180.00
- f. For Prairie Skipper event facility at Cheyenne Mountain State Park:
 - (1) Monday through Friday\$150.00/DAY
 - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$200.00/DAY
- g. 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
- h. 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
- i. Conference and/or meeting rooms.....\$100.00/DAY
- j. Cancellation fees for event facility reservations are equal to 25% of the base fee if the cancellation is made more than fourteen days prior to the reserved date. If a cancellation is made within fourteen days prior to the event, the cancellation fee shall be 100% of the total event permit fee.
- k. The maximum occupancy and hours of operation shall be posted at each event facility.
- 11. 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

12. The fee associated with the mandatory youth education course for motorboat operators...\$15.00
13. 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
14. 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.
15. It is unlawful for any person to transfer, sell, or assign any pass or permit issued by the Division, including special activity permits, campground use permits, and group picnic area permits, unless otherwise permitted by these regulations.

712 – FEE WAIVERS, SPONSORSHIPS, MARKETING DISCOUNTS AND REDUCED RATE CAMPING

1. As referenced in this chapter, “Park Product” means any entry pass, permit, facility, event or other user fee as defined in regulation # 700 through # 701, # 703 through # 708 and #710 through #711.
2. Park product fees may be waived for errors committed by the Division.
3. Park product fees may be waived by the Division for Division sponsored education, outreach, volunteer or safety activities (events); for supporting partner activities (events) and research activities that directly support the Division; for official business by other governmental agencies conducted on a state recreation area or state park or for Division administrative purposes.
4. The Division may waive entry fees as described in regulation # 700 through # 701 up to four days annually to market and increase awareness of state recreation areas and state parks.
5. Park Managers may provide any combination of park product(s) up to \$500 in value per fiscal year, per park, to be used as a sponsorship as a part of a fundraiser, promotion or marketing effort for local community supporting partners.
6. Region Offices and the Creative Services and Marketing Office may provide up to twenty annual affixed vehicle passes and twenty state parks annual transferable passes as defined in regulation # 700-3.b and #700-3.c. per fiscal year, per office, to be used as part of a regional or statewide fundraiser, promotion or marketing effort. In addition, Region Offices and the Creative Services and Marketing Office may provide daily vehicle passes as defined in regulation # No. 700-4 up to \$500 in value per fiscal year, per office, to be used as part of a regional or statewide fundraiser, promotion or marketing effort.
7. The Division may offer discounts up to 50 percent off established fees for annual affixed vehicle and daily vehicle passes as defined in regulation # 700-3 through # 700-4 as part of a consistent statewide effort to market state recreation areas and state parks.
8. Annual affixed vehicle passes or state parks annual transferable passes purchased in large quantities during a single sale, transaction will be discounted as follows.
 - (a) Twenty or more passes, but less than fifty.....20% discount
 - (b) Fifty or more passes, but less than one hundred.....25% discount
 - (c) One hundred passes or more.....30% discount
9. Notwithstanding the established campground fees, the Region Manager may lower a campground’s classification by one class, and consequently lower the campground fee, when the

Region Manager determines that it is necessary to do so based upon one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) A significant increase in the vacancy rate for the campground exists.
- (b) A significant need to rehabilitate the campground facilities exists.
- (c) A temporary closure of campground facilities is necessary in order to implement repairs.

Upon a determination by the Region Manager that the cause for lowering the campground classification has been abated, the original campground classification will be reinstated.

10. Notwithstanding the established campground, cabin and yurt fees, the Regional Manager may reduce the fees for use of all campsites, cabins and yurts when determined necessary to encourage occupancy and otherwise increase use, ~~subject to the following limitations:~~

~~(a) Fees may be reduced~~ up to 50 percent.

~~(b) Reduced fees, if any, and the time periods for such reductions will be established by March 1 annually for the next reservation year and be posted at the park and on the Division website. Reservations made prior to the March 1st posting shall not be subject to any such fee reduction.~~

11. Notwithstanding the established event facility permit fees, the Regional Manager may offer half-day facility rentals and reduce the fees for use of event facilities when determined necessary to encourage occupancy and otherwise increase use, ~~subject to the following limitations:~~

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12. Individuals possessing a valid Aspen Leaf annual pass per regulation # 705 or a Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, or Volunteer individual pass holder per regulation # 701 who is 64 years of age or older, shall receive campground use permits at a reduced rate equal to the current Aspen Leaf pass holder camping permit rate. This reduced rate applies to all nights of the year when such areas are open, except weekend nights and the night before a legal holiday. For the purpose of determining reduced rate campground permit eligibility, "weekend" night means the time period beginning at 12 noon on Friday through 12 noon on Sunday, and the night before a legal "Holiday" shall mean the time period beginning at 12 noon on the day prior to the legal holiday through 12 noon of the legal holiday. The discount is only valid for a single campsite per day, per pass holder. The pass holder must hold a pass that qualifies them for the reduced rate at both the time of reservation and at the time of occupancy. The pass holder must also be the one to make the reservation and be an occupant of the campsite for the entirety of the reservation.

The camping permit reduced fees associated with the Aspen Leaf annual pass are identified in regulation # 708.

Basis and Purpose:

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Previously the term “capacity fee” was used to describe an additional \$1 fee added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Cherry Creek, Chatfield and Boyd Lake State Recreation areas, and Eldorado Canyon State Park based on the high amount of public use on these parks. Because the term “high-use” fee is a better descriptor for why the fee exists and is needed at highly visited parks in the system, the term “capacity” has been changed to “high-use.” Additionally, Lake Pueblo, Golden Gate Canyon, Staunton, Castlewood Canyon, Roxborough and Highline State Parks have been added to the list of parks authorized to charge the additional fee due to the high level of visitation they have experienced over the past several years. This additional \$1.00 high-use fee will generate additional revenue that will help to mitigate the extra expenses and resource strain associated with a high level of use by visitors, such as increased trash collection, increased resource damage, additional temporary staffing, additional wear and tear on facilities, etc., which were not offset by normal vehicle pass fees.

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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. The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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, 2021 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 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

**APPROVED:
Marvin McDaniel
Chair**

**ATTEST:
Marie Haskett
Secretary**