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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
FROM: Krista Heiner, Regulations Manager
RE: September 2-3, 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting, Regulatory Items
DATE: August 21, 2020

The regulatory items detailed below are scheduled to be addressed at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission's September 2-3, 2020 virtual meeting.

If there are questions about any of the agenda items below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 303-866-3203 x4609 or krista.heiner@state.co.us.

FINAL REGULATIONS (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 11 - Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1 and those related provisions of Chapter W-5 ("Small Game - Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-5) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-1

Open for annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, the following:

- Managing limited waterfowl hunting opportunities at Sweitzer Lake State Park through the Hunting Reservation System.
- Clarifying Trinidad Lake State Park regulations.
- Modifying regulations related to living aboard vessels to ensure consistency with other camping regulations.

Agenda Item 12 - Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7

Open for annual review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, the following:

- Updating the income requirements for the Centennial annual parks pass.
- Requiring a \$4 daily pass per person for all visitors sixteen years of age or older entering Castlewood, Eleven Mile, Golden Gate Canyon, Jackson Lake, John Martin Reservoir, Lathrop, Mancos, Mueller, Navajo, North Sterling, Ridgway, Roxborough, Paonia, Spinney Mountain, Staunton, and St. Vrain State Parks, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid and applicable parks pass or those entering the park with a valid and applicable annual parks pass receipt.
- Adding additional camping types to update and clarify fees.

Agenda Item 13 - Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" - 2 CCR 406-0

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

- Authorizing the use of a Temporary Authorization Number (TAN) as proof of privilege for most division products for up to 45 days.



- Authorizing the Director to grant temporary exemptions that allow hunter education to be delivered online to ensure compliance with applicable public health directives or where otherwise necessary for the protection of public health, safety and welfare.

Agenda Item 14 - Chapter W-16 - "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" - 2 CCR 406-16

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

- Revising refund and reissue regulations to provide more consistency and customer service opportunities.

Agenda Item 15 - License Reissue Working Group Recommendations

Consideration of the Division's recommendations related to the license reissue program and the release timing of reissued big game licenses.

Agenda Item 16 - Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" - 2 CCR 406-2

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

- Removing restrictions on the cutoff of license sales to allow the sale of all big game licenses after the start of the respective seasons at CPW locations, sales agents, online, and by phone.

DRAFT REGULATIONS (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 17 - 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 W-15 ("License Agents" 2 CCR 406-15), and Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0

Open for consideration of draft regulations including, but not limited to, adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index.

ISSUE IDENTIFICATION (PARKS and WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 18 - Chapter P-7 - "Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7

Open for consideration of regulations including, but not limited to, increasing daily vehicle pass fees by \$1 at select parks.

Agenda Item 19 - Chapter W-1- "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) and Chapter W-9 ("Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-1

Open for annual review 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:

- Clarifying the criteria for establishing an emergency closure of fishing waters.
- Establishing a limited harvest of mountain whitefish statewide.

- Revising the bag and possession limit and minimum size regulation for tiger trout at Meadow Creek Reservoir (Grand County) to one fish greater than 18 inches in length.
- Reducing bag and possession limits for trout at Meadow Creek Reservoir (Jackson County).
- Shortening the fishing closure dates on the Colorado River below Shadow Mountain Reservoir.
- Restricting bass fishing, and revising bag and possession limits and minimum size restrictions for crappie and redear sunfish at Berthoud Reservoir.
- Implementing a 10" minimum size limit for black and white crappie at Boedecker Reservoir.
- Adding East Fork Roaring Creek to the current Roaring Creek regulations limiting fishing to artificial fly and lure only, and requiring that cutthroat trout be returned to the water immediately.
- Eliminating the special regulation for largemouth and smallmouth bass at Lagerman Reservoir.
- Prohibiting fishing at Webster Pond in Boulder County.

Agenda Item 20b - 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

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

- Implementing the West Slope Mountain Lion Management Plan.

Agenda Item 21 - License Allocation Discussion

Reconsidering the method used to determine which hunt codes fall above or below the current six-preference point threshold that is used to determine the resident/nonresident allocation of licenses in the regular limited license draw.

Agenda Item 22 - Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3

Open for annual review of regulations regarding turkey hunting, including but not limited to, license areas, season dates, and manner of take provisions for the 2021 turkey hunting seasons. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Splitting the regular turkey season on the Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land into two seasons to reduce hunter crowding and creating a youth-only turkey license for this area.

Agenda Item 27 - Chapter W-9 - "Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9 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-9

Open for consideration of regulations related to the license requirements to access State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands leased by the Division.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS (WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 28 - Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" - 2 CCR 405-1 and those related provisions of Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permits and Registrations" - 2 CCR 405-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-1

Open for consideration of emergency, park-specific regulations for Fishers Peak State Park necessary to ensure public safety, to protect natural and cultural resources, and for CPW and its partners to continue collecting further cultural and biological data while allowing for some limited trail and public hunter access during the master planning process. This includes regulations requiring a \$4 daily pass per person for all visitors sixteen year of age or older entering Fishers Peak State Park, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid and applicable parks pass or those entering the park with a valid and applicable annual parks pass receipt.

CONSENT AGENDA (WILDLIFE):

ISSUE IDENTIFICATION (WILDLIFE):

Agenda Item 25 - Chapter W-1- "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) and Chapter W-9 ("Wildlife Properties" 2 CCR 406-9) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-1

Open for annual review of the entire chapter including but not limited to:

- Changing fishing regulations for selected streams in the Southwest region to protect Colorado River cutthroat trout and Rio Grande cutthroat trout conservation populations.
- Implementing minimum size and bag limit regulations for walleye at Horseshoe Reservoir.
- Implementing minimum size and bag limit regulations for walleye at Lake Loveland.



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RE: Chapter P-1 Final Regulations for the September 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting
DATE: August 21, 2020

Final regulatory changes for Chapter P-1 and related provisions of Chapter W-5 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 11: Chapter P-1 - "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1 and those related provisions of Chapter W-5 ("Small Game - Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-5) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter P-1 (Step 2 of 2)

Managing limited waterfowl hunting opportunities at Sweitzer Lake State Park through the Hunting Reservation System

Waterfowl hunting at Sweitzer Lake is limited to six areas or "hunt zones" on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays. These areas are very popular, and they are used every weekend and almost every Wednesday until the lake ices up in January and then continue to be used at more moderate levels through the end of waterfowl season. This has created several problems, including hunters showing up the night before to "hold" a spot for the next morning and/or camping in the parking lots in violation of park regulations; hunters leaving decoys out the night before; hunters driving into the park without a park pass to check the availability of a hunting spot or buying a parks pass without knowing there is availability for hunting; and, conflicts between hunters.

To address these issues and increase the quality of hunts, waterfowl hunting has been made available in two time slots for each available day in each zone. From 5 am to noon, hunting is by reservation only. Reservations can be made through the Hunting Reservation System. From 1 pm to sunset, hunting in each zone is first-come, first-serve. This arrangement is particularly desired because very few people hunt both the morning and the afternoon/evening at Sweitzer Lake.

Similar regulatory changes to Chapter W-5 have been made to ensure consistency. Additionally, Centennial Valley State Wildlife Area and Mitani-Tokuyasu State Wildlife Area have been added to the list of properties where waterfowl hunting reservations are available or required in Chapter W-5, as they were unintentionally omitted previously.

Clarifying Trinidad Lake State Park regulations

This change is administrative in nature to clarify which regulations apply to the archery range specifically and which regulations apply to the entire park.

Modifying regulations related to living aboard vessels to ensure consistency with other camping regulations

This change is administrative in nature to ensure consistency with regulatory changes made in September 2019 to the length of stay requirements for other types of camping in state parks. The period of time during which an individual may stay aboard a vessel has been changed from a maximum



of 14 days in a 45-day period to a maximum of 14 days in a 28-day period. Additionally, the regulation now allows a one-time, maximum of 14-day extension/exception to the consecutive stay rule as permitted by the park manager.

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-1 - PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS AND WATERS

100 - PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

A. Definitions

1. "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" shall mean, whenever used throughout these regulations, all parks and outdoor recreation lands and waters under the administration and jurisdiction of the Division of Parks and Wildlife.
2. "Wearable Personal Flotation Device" shall mean a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device that is intended to be worn or otherwise attached to the body. A personal flotation device labeled or marked as Type I, II, III, or V (with Type I, II, or III performance) is considered a wearable personal flotation device as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33, Parts 175 and 181(2014).

B. When these regulations provide that an activity is prohibited except as posted or permitted as posted, the Division will control these activities by posting signs identifying the prohibited or authorized activities, specifying the affected area and the basis for the posting. The Division will apply the following criteria in determining if an activity will be restricted or authorized pursuant to posting:

1. Public safety or welfare.
2. Potential impacts to wildlife, parks or outdoor recreation resources.
3. Remediation of prior impacts to wildlife, parks or outdoor recreation resources.
4. Whether the activity will unreasonably interfere with existing authorized activities or third party agreements.
5. Whether the activity will provide additional public benefits.

C. It shall be prohibited:

1. To enter, use or occupy Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands when same are posted against such entry, use or occupancy. (Access to Parks and Outdoor Recreation lands and waters is generally allowed between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily. Restricted access generally will be allowed during other hours for camping and fishing.)
2. To remove, destroy, mutilate, modify or deface any structure, water control device, poster, notice, sign or marker, tree, shrub or other plant or vegetation, including dead timber and forest litter, or any object of archaeological, geological, historical, zoological or natural/environmental value or interest on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands. (This regulation does not include removal of firewood from designated firewood areas, noxious weeds as defined by statute, or recreational gold mining within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, except where prohibited as indicated by posted signs.)

3. To remove, destroy or harass any wildlife or livestock on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands. (Hunting will be allowed in areas designated by the Division during hunting seasons.)

CAMPING

4. To camp or to park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands with the intention (or for the purpose) of camping other than on areas designated for camping; or to leave a set-up camp, motor vehicle, trailer or camper unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours, unless otherwise posted.
 - a. No individual may camp or park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper on a state park for more than fourteen (14) days in any twenty-eight (28) day period on a single park, except that extensions totaling no more than a maximum of fourteen (14) additional days may be permitted by the park manager, as a one-time exception. For the purposes of this regulation, an individual is defined as any person who has occupied a site, whether or not they are formally listed on the reservation as the reserving party or primary occupant. This limit does not apply to multiple sites reserved for the same day by an individual or group pursuant to regulation # 704(2).

LITTERING

5. To leave fish or fish entrails or debris in or on the ice-covered or open waters of lakes, reservoirs or streams located within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands.
6. To leave any residentially or commercially generated garbage or trash or any other litter generated outside a park or recreation area anywhere within a park or recreation area.

FIRES

7. To build or tend fires within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, except in fully enclosed vehicles; or in designated sites in Division-furnished grills or fireplaces; or in hibachis, charcoal grills, stoves and other metal containers, unless otherwise prohibited by these regulations.
8. To allow a fire to burn in a careless manner; to leave any fire unattended; or to fail to completely extinguish any fire on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands.
9. To discharge or use fireworks of any kind or nature within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands (except special displays approved by the Director; subject to provisions of local political subdivision regulations).

COMMERCIAL USE

10. To use Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands for a commercial purpose, except:
 - a. Special resource use which shall be authorized by the Commission on a case-by-case basis at a public meeting of the Commission (i.e., mining, timber cutting, grazing, haying, and other similar uses.)
 - b. Uses authorized pursuant to concession contracts issued in accordance with state procurement and fiscal rules; or

- c. Pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the Division or special activities permit issued by the Division. Commercial use which conflicts with area management plans will not be approved.
- d. For incidental commercial services that:
 - (1) Are provided by a commercial entity that is providing services incidental to the public use and operation of a State Park. Such services include: renting of pack animals or their services to remove harvested animals; vehicle and vessel repair; locksmith and tow services; vessel launch, retrieval or recovery services; product deliver services; and ride sharing or taxi services;
 - (2) The commercial entity does not solicit for business at, or use the name of, a State Park(s) for advertising;
 - (3) The commercial entity maintains a separate place of business; and
 - (4) The incidental commercial service is not one for which the provider is required by law to obtain a guide or outfitter license.
 - (5) Incidental commercial services does not include commercial boat launch and load services at Navajo State Park.

BOAT DOCKS

- 11. To fish from boat ramps or boat docks located within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands or to otherwise use such ramps or docks in a manner contrary to the intended use.

GLASSWARE

- 12. For any person to carry or possess any glassware within the confines of a public swimming area, bathing area or designated water skiing beach.

NIGHT ACTIVITY

- 13. To occupy a parking site with a motorized vehicle between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless such person and all other occupants arriving in such vehicle are actively engaged in fishing or boating.

SWIM BEACH

- 14. For any person:
 - a. To swim or bathe in any Parks and Outdoor Recreation waters, except in areas designated for such use.
 - b. To build or tend any kind of fire on any swim beach.
 - c. To fish from any swim beach.
 - d. To allow any child under the age of 12 years to be on a swim beach unless accompanied by an adult.

e. Definitions as used in this regulation, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Swim Beach" - For the purpose of this regulation, "swim beach" means a portion of a natural or impounded body of water designated for swimming, recreational bathing or wading.

AIRCRAFT

15. To land or take off with any type of aircraft on any Parks and Outdoor Recreation lands and waters, except as specifically authorized by these regulations or in case of emergency. "Aircraft" means any device or equipment that is used or intended to be used for manned flight or to otherwise hold humans aloft for any period of time, including powerless flight, and specifically includes, but is not limited to, airplanes, helicopters, gliders, hot air balloons, hang gliders, parachutes, parasails, kite boards, kite tubes, zip lines and other similar devices or equipment.

ANIMALS/PETS

16. To allow any dog or other pet on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, unless the same shall be under control and on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length. This requirement for dogs or other pets to be on a six-foot leash shall not apply when the animal is confined in a vehicle or vessel or within the boundaries of the designated dog off leash area at Chatfield State Park or the designated dog off leash area at Cherry Creek State Park. Further, it shall be unlawful to allow a dog or other pet within any area used as a swimming or water-ski beach. Any person having a dog or other pet creating a nuisance or disturbance or who fails to properly control a dog or other pet may be evicted from the park or recreation area. This provision shall not apply to dogs while being used in hunting, field trials, or while being trained on lands open to such use.
17. To bring horses, mules, donkeys or burros into or allow same on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, except on areas or trails designated for such use.
18. To turn livestock onto or allow grazing on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands without permission from the Commission.
19. For any handler of any dog to fail to immediately collect, remove, and properly dispose of all dog or pet feces from, or near, any developed park sites including campgrounds, picnic area, dog training areas, and designated trails.

DUMP STATIONS/OTHER UTILITIES

20. To empty wastewater holding tanks, fill water holding tanks or otherwise use any parks and outdoor recreation dump station or utility without a valid park pass and valid camping permit or camping reservation.

BEARS

21. Where necessary to prevent or address bear/human interactions or related issues, the park manager may designate all or a portion of any state park where: food, trash and equipment used to cook or store food must be kept sealed in a hard-sided vehicle, in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or in a food storage box provided by the park for those persons entering the park in something other than a hard-sided vehicle or appropriate camping unit. This restriction does not apply to food that is being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption. A hard-sided vehicle is

defined as: the trunk of an automobile, the cab of a pickup truck, the interior of a motor home, fifth wheel, camping trailer or pickup camper. A hard-sided vehicle does not include any type of tent, pop-up campers or pickup campers with nylon, canvas, or other pliable materials, car top carriers or camper shells on the back of pickup trucks.

QUIET HOURS

22. Quiet hours will be enforced from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.; and all generators, loud radios or other loud noises that may disturb the peace are prohibited during these hours.

ABANDONED PROPERTY

23. It shall be unlawful to leave any personal property unattended on Parks and Outdoor Recreation land or water for more than twenty-four (24) hours.
 - a. If such property is left unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours, it will be considered abandoned.
 - b. Removal and storage will be at the expense of the owner.
 - c. All abandoned personal property, other than motor vehicles, which is not claimed within six months shall be sold for cash to the highest bidder at a public auction, notice of which (including time, place, and a brief description of such property) shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county wherein said public auction is to be held at least ten days prior to such auction. All funds generated shall be deposited in the Parks Cash Fund.
 - d. Abandoned motor vehicles will be handled in accordance with Article 4, Part, 18 of Title 42, C.R.S.

MODELS

24. It shall be unlawful to operate radio-controlled and/or fuel-propelled models, except in designated areas.

CLIMBING HARDWARE

25. It shall be unlawful to place fixed or permanent rock climbing hardware, unless the climber first obtains a Special-Activities Permit from the park manager. Removal of previously placed fixed or permanent climbing hardware is prohibited.

PARKING

26. To park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper in any area other than a designated parking area.

BIKING

27. To bike in any area other than in a designated biking area or on a designated road or trail.

ALCOHOL

28. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division is permitted with the following exceptions:
- a. It shall be prohibited to consume alcoholic beverages on any archery or firearm range unless specifically authorized by a concession contract, cooperative agreement or special activities permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated by the contract, agreement, or permit.
 - b. It shall be prohibited to sell and/or dispense alcoholic beverages on any lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division unless specifically authorized by a concession contract, cooperative agreement, or special activities permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated by the contract, agreement, or permit and the applicant party has obtained all appropriate licenses and permits to sell and/or dispense alcoholic beverages.
 - c. It shall be prohibited to be present on any lands and waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division when under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance to the degree that may endanger oneself or another person, damage property or resources, or may cause unreasonable interference with another person's enjoyment of any lands or waters under the supervision, administration, and/or jurisdiction of the Division.

PARK-SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS

- D. In addition to the general land and water regulations, the following restrictions shall also apply:**

1. Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

- a. Except in established campgrounds where toilet facilities are provided, all overnight campers must provide and use a portable toilet device capable of carrying human waste out of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. Contents of the portable toilet must be emptied in compliance with law and may not be deposited within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, unless at a facility specifically designated by the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.
- b. Building or tending fires is allowed pursuant to regulation # 100b.7., except at the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area fire containers must have at least a two inch rigid side. Fire containers must be elevated up off the ground.
- c. Swimming is permitted in the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas within the boundaries of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. All persons swimming within designated whitewater parks and all persons under the age of 13 swimming anywhere in the Arkansas River within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area must wear a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- d. No motorboats shall be permitted on the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas to the west end of Pueblo Reservoir.
- e. Innertubes, air mattresses, and similar devices are permitted on the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas within the boundaries of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. All occupants of these devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- f. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

- g. Recreational gold mining within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is allowed, except where prohibited as indicated by posted signs.

2. Barr Lake State Park

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the wildlife refuge area.
- b. Visitors shall be required to remain on designated trails and boardwalks in the wildlife refuge area.
- c. No fishing or boating shall be permitted in the wildlife refuge area.
- d. Visitors shall be required to remain on the designated trails on Barr Lake Dam.
- e. No horses shall be permitted on the Barr Lake Dam.
- f. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 10 horsepower or less shall be permitted.
- g. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted.
- h. Shotguns loaded with birdshot may also be used for dove hunting in the areas and at the times posted.
- i. All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting, at the hunter registration area.

3. Boyd Lake State Park

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

4. Cameo Shooting and Education Complex

- a. Public access is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except as otherwise authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit.
- b. All fires may be prohibited, as posted, to comply with current burn restrictions.
- c. Camping is prohibited, except when authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated on the permit.
- d. Dogs are prohibited outside of vehicles, unless specifically authorized by an approved Special Activity or Commercial Use Permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated on the permit.
- e. Hunting is prohibited, except in the area north of, and no closer than 100 yards of, the Coal Canyon Main Canyon Divide.
- f. All persons must adhere to range safety rules, as posted.
- g. The possession of marijuana is prohibited.
- h. Biking is allowed in designated areas only, as posted.

5. Castlewood Canyon State Park

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the East Canyon area.
- b. No horses shall be permitted in the east canyon area.
- c. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel, on or from rock formations in the East Canyon area.
- d. Visitors shall be required to remain on the designated trails in the East Canyon area.

6. Chatfield State Park

- a. Entrance to and exit from the dog off leash areas are permitted only at designated access points.
- b. A handler may bring a maximum of three dogs at one time into the designated dog off leash area.

- c. Handlers must possess a leash and at least one waste bag for each dog in the designated dog off leash area.
- d. Sport dog trainers shall obtain a special use permit to access and use the designated upland and flat-water sport dog training areas.
- e. Handlers in the dog off leash area and the sport dog training areas must have a visible and valid dog off leash annual pass or dog off leash daily pass.
- f. Fishing is prohibited on the ponds within the dog off leash area.
- g. Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training area.
- h. A valid permit is required to launch or land any hot-air balloon.
- i. Only float tubes or craft propelled by hand shall be permitted on the ponds within the park, excluding the main reservoir.

7. Cherry Creek State Park

- a. Entrance to and exit from the dog off leash areas is permitted only at designated access points.
- b. A handler may bring a maximum of three dogs at one time into the designated dog off leash area.
- c. Handlers must possess a leash and at least one waste bag for each dog in the designated dog off leash area.
- d. Sport dog trainers shall obtain a special use permit to access and use the designated upland sport dog training area.
- e. Handlers in the dog off leash area and the sport dog training area must have a visible and valid dog off leash annual pass or dog off leash daily pass.
- f. Use of shotgun shells on the trap/skeet range with shot size larger than size 7 is prohibited.
- g. Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training area.

8. Cheyenne Mountain State Park

- a. Dogs and other pets shall be prohibited except leashed dogs and pets shall be permitted in the developed areas of the park and on the following select trails only: Acorn Alley, Bobcat Way, Raccoon Ridge, and that portion of Soaring Kestral west of the eastern most intersection with Bobcat Way. All visitors that have dogs or other pets on the select trails must have in their possession at least one waste bag per animal.
- b. Smoking shall be limited to developed areas only and shall not be permitted in the backcountry, or on the archery range, parking lot or trail system.
- c. Hunting shall be prohibited.
- d. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse or rappel on or from rock formations.
- e. Any person 17 years of age or older who is shooting on the field/3D portion of the archery range must obtain and maintain on one's person a proper and valid daily or annual Cheyenne Mountain Park archery range individual permit.
- f. Public access is prohibited on the archery range from sunset to sunrise.
- g. Any person 16 years of age or younger entering the archery range must be under adult supervision at all times.
- h. Broadheads, crossbows, and firearms, including, but not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles, are prohibited on the archery range.
- i. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted on the archery range.

9. Crawford State Park

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

10. Eldorado Canyon State Park

- a. The use of all portable grills and stoves (including, but not limited to, charcoal, gas, and wood) is prohibited outside of designated high-use pads.
- b. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through March 31, only hand-held bows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons in the western portion of the parks known as crescent meadows.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only primitive weapons (hand-held bow and muzzle-loading rifles) may be used to hunt big game animals in the western portion of Eldorado Canyon State Park known as Crescent Meadows.

11. Eleven Mile State Recreation Area

- a. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate or park snowmobiles on land or on the frozen water surface of the reservoir, unless otherwise posted at the park entrances.
- b. It shall be unlawful to operate or occupy boats on the surface of the reservoir from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- c. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir.
- d. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Eleven Mile State Recreation Area lying to the east of the restrictive buoy line.
- e. Water skiing is prohibited on Eleven Mile Reservoir.
- f. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

12. Golden Gate Canyon

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within Golden Gate Canyon State Park, except as part of an organized class in canoeing sponsored by the Division.
- b. In Jefferson County, excluding the 160-acre parcel known as the Vigil Ranch and the posted strip of land along Gilpin County Road 2: During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses. Provided further that hunters must visit the designated check station to check in prior to hunting and check out after hunting.
- c. During deer and elk seasons that are in the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting deer and elk may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in that portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park located in Gilpin County, otherwise known as the Green Ranch. Only hunters selected through a special drawing prior to the beginning of big game seasons are permitted to hunt the Green Ranch portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

13. Harvey Gap State Recreation Area

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 20 horsepower or less shall be permitted on Harvey Gap Reservoir.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Harvey Gap Reservoir.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

14. Highline Canal State Trail

- a. No swimming, tubing or rafting shall be permitted.
- b. No fires shall be permitted.

15. Highline Lake State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on Mack Mesa Reservoir.
- b. Boats shall be prohibited on Highline Lake from the first day in October through the last day in February, except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl in the area open to hunting.
- c. Waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
- d. Small game hunting permitted using only shotguns, in the areas and at the times posted.
- e. Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
- f. Big game hunting is prohibited.
- g. All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting, at the hunter registration area.

16. Jackson Lake State Park

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

17. James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park

a. Colorado River Wildlife Area

- (1) In accordance with applicable management plans, no dogs or other pets shall be permitted, except on designated trails.
- (2) No fires shall be permitted.
- (3) No swimming shall be permitted.
- (4) In accordance with applicable management plans, public access is restricted to designated roads and trails from March 15 to May 30 of each year.
- (5) No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes.

b. Fruita, Connected Lakes, Corn Lake and Island Acres Sections

- (1) Except for the swim area at Island Acres, only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted.
- (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
- (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
- (4) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.
- (5) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
- (6) Hunting is prohibited in Fruita and Connected Lakes sections.

c. 34 Road Parcel

- (1) No public access except for waterfowl hunting on weekends during designated waterfowl hunting seasons.
- (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
- (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
- (4) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
- (5) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.

d. Pear Park Section

- (1) No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes between 30 Road and 29 Road.
- (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
- (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
- (4) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
- (5) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.

18. John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area

- a. No public access shall be permitted on the north shore area of John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area from the first day of November through March 15 of every year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.
- b. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on Lake Hasty.
- c. No unauthorized boats, rafts, or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on the waters below John Martin Dam to the Arkansas River bridge.
- d. No public access shall be permitted east of the waterfowl closure line to the dam from the first day of November through March 15 of every year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.

19. Lake Pueblo State Park

- a. Jumping, diving or swinging from cliffs, ledges or man-made structures is prohibited, including, but not limited to, boat docks, marina infrastructure and the railroad trestle in Turkey Creek.
- b. Innertubes, air mattresses and similar devices are permitted, below the dam on that part of the Arkansas River within the boundaries of Pueblo State Recreation Area. All occupants of these devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

20. Lathrop State Park

- a. Boats shall be prohibited on Horseshoe Reservoir from the first Monday in November through the last day of migratory waterfowl seasons, except as posted and except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl on the areas of such lakes open to hunting of migratory waterfowl.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Horseshoe Reservoir.
- c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons west from a north-south line corresponding with the existing barbed-wire fence between Horseshoe Lake and Martin Lake.

21. Lone Mesa State Park

- a. During any authorized big game hunting season, any lawful method of hunting deer, elk, and bear may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in Lone Mesa State Park. Only hunters who possess a valid Lone Mesa State Park hunting permit are permitted to hunt.

22. Lory State Park

- a. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses; except that hunting is not permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.
- b. During the spring turkey hunt at Lory State Park, it shall be permitted to hunt turkey by legal methods on Mondays and Tuesdays only. All other days of the week shall be closed to spring turkey hunting.

23. Mancos State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on Mancos Reservoir.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Mancos Reservoir.

24. Mueller State Park

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted outside of the developed facilities area.
- b. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles.
- c. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within Mueller State Park.
- d. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of controlled hunting may be used, during hunting seasons, in areas not prohibiting such use on Mueller State Park. Hunters may access the posted hunting area only from Trail 5 at the Visitor Center, Trail 11 at the Livery parking lot or Lost Pond Picnic Area and Trail 13 at the group campground. All weapons must be completely unloaded when the hunter is outside the posted hunting area boundary.

25. Navajo State Park

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

26. North Sterling State Park

- a. Boats shall be prohibited on North Sterling Reservoir from the first Monday in November through the last day of migratory waterfowl seasons, except as posted and except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl on the areas of such lakes open to hunting of migratory waterfowl.
- b. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting in areas not prohibiting such use on North Sterling State Park, except as follows:
 - (i) Hunting is prohibited from the dam, and
 - (ii) Hunting is prohibited from the frozen surface of the lake.

27. Paonia State Park

- a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

28. Pearl Lake State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Pearl Lake.

- c. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.

29. Ridgway State Park

- a. No boats, rafts, or other floating devices shall be permitted on any waters within the Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation Site, below Ridgway Dam.
- b. On all areas of the park east of Highway 550: during deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and, during the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.
- c. During any authorized hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, any lawful method of hunting may be used on all lands at Ridgway State Park open to public access west of Ridgway Reservoir, except that the area bounded by Dallas Creek on the south and the site closure signs on the north shall be closed to all hunting.
- d. During any authorized waterfowl hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, waterfowl hunting shall be permitted within the Dallas Creek Recreation Site at Ridgway State Park; except that hunting shall be prohibited between the park road and U.S. Highway 550 and in other areas posted as prohibiting such use.
- e. During approved special seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used in the following areas (or special hunting zones) as defined:
 - (i) (Zone 1) Elk Ridge Mesa, including the closed Elk Ridge Campground, and
 - (ii) (Zone 2) That area bounded by a distance of 100 yards south of park headquarters, on the north; Ridgway Reservoir on the west; ¼ mile from Colorado Highway 550 on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east and,
 - (iii) That area bounded by Ridgway reservoir's main cove on the north; ¼ mile from the Elk Ridge road on the west; the intersection of the Elk Ridge and main park roads on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east at Ridgway State Park and,
 - (iv) The Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation site at Ridgway State Park.

30. Rifle Falls State Park

- a. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel on or from rock formations.

31. Rifle Gap State Park

- a. Hunting permitted in areas not prohibiting such use.

32. Roxborough State Park

- a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted.
- b. No fires shall be permitted.
- c. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse or rappel on or from rock formations.

33. Saint Vrain State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted, except on Blue Heron Reservoir.
- b. Only hand or trailer launched vessels with electric or gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on Blue Heron Reservoir.

34. Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area

- a. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate or park snowmobiles on land or on the frozen water surface of the reservoir, unless otherwise posted at the park entrances.
- b. It shall be unlawful to operate or occupy boats on the surface of the reservoir from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- c. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir.
- d. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area between November 16 and April 30, unless the reservoir is ice-free and the area is otherwise posted as open for public use.
- e. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area between the hours of one hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, or as otherwise posted.
- f. Water skiing is prohibited on Spinney Mountain Reservoir.
- g. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

35. Stagecoach State Park

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons on the western half of the reservoir.

36. State Forest State Park

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within The State Forest, except that wakeless boating shall be allowed on North Michigan Reservoir.
- b. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on North Michigan Reservoir.
- c. Water skiing is prohibited on North Michigan Reservoir.
- d. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

37. Staunton State Park

- a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within the park.

38. Steamboat Lake State Park

- a. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and from the Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.

39. Sweitzer Lake State Park

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.
- b. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited, except in the six (6) designated hunt zones.
- c. From 5:00 am until 12:00 pm, reservations are required to hunt waterfowl in accordance with #504.I. Reserved zones which are unoccupied by 7:00 am will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, any hunt zone must be

yielded at any time upon request of a hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that zone.

- d. Reservations are not required to hunt waterfowl from 1:00 pm until sunset, and hunting is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- e. Leaving decoys overnight is prohibited.

40. Sylvan Lake State Park

- a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted.
- b. Water skiing is prohibited on Sylvan Lake.
- c. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

41. Trinidad Lake State Park, Archery Range

- a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.
- b. Dogs or other pets are prohibited on the archery range.
- ~~c.b.~~ Smoking is prohibited on the archery range.
- ~~d.e.~~ Broadheads, crossbows, and firearms, including, but not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles are prohibited on the archery range.
- ~~e.d.~~ Any person 16 years of age or younger entering the archery range, must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
- ~~f.e.~~ Public access is prohibited on the archery range between sunset and sunrise.
- ~~f.~~ During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

42. Vega State Park

- a. Hunting permitted beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day.
- b. Only bows and arrows, including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

101 – SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING PERMITS

- A. Public or nonprofit search and rescue organizations shall be permitted to conduct official, sanctioned training activities on state park lands upon completion of a search and rescue training permit application and written park manager approval of the application.
 - 1. The search and rescue training permit application shall include the following information.
 - a. Organization name and address;
 - b. Organization representative contact information including name and phone number;
 - c. Date, time and specific park location of proposed training activities;

- d. Roster of participants;
 - e. Number of vehicles and associated license plate numbers;
 - f. Training agenda, lesson plan, or other description of proposed activity.
2. The training permit application shall be submitted to the park manager at least 14 days prior to the start of the event.
 3. Upon request from park staff, participants shall identify themselves as part of the training activity.
 4. Upon approval of the search and rescue training permit application, the park manager may close that portion of the park or recreation area used for the training activity for the duration of the training to the public.
 5. Participants of such training activities shall be allowed free entrance to any state park or recreation area while engaged in the training activity.

102 - AUTHORITY TO CLOSE PARKS LANDS AND WATERS

CLOSURES

- A. Any Parks and Outdoor Recreation officer shall have the authority to close any waters on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands to any or all users or to limit the number of boats on any such body of water when he deems it necessary for the safety, protection and welfare of the public. Further, it shall be unlawful for any person to violate such closure.

CAPACITY

- B. The Director may establish for each area under the control of the Division, according to facilities, design and/or staffing levels, the number of individuals and/or vehicles or boats allowed in any area or structure at any given time or period. No person shall enter into any area or facility or bring in, or cause to be brought in, any vehicle or boat and/or persons which exceed the capacity established by the Director or when the individual is informed either by signs or by Park staff that such capacity has been met.

#103 – UTILITY AND ROAD EASEMENTS

- A. The Director may grant easements for a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years on properties owned in fee title by the Division, after consideration of the following:
 1. financial consideration for the easement represents fair market value and is no more than \$100,000;
 2. the easement is customary or minor in nature, or is a replacement, modification or confirmation of an existing easement; and
 3. the easement is not detrimental to recreational opportunities, the operation of a state park or park administrative facility, or water resources and is in the public interest.

#104 – LEASES

- A.** The Director may execute documents related to existing leases wherein the Division is either the lessor or lessee, after consideration of the following:
1. the document is a renewal, extension or amendment of an existing lease;
 2. the renewal or extension is for a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years;
 3. total consideration for the entire potential term of the renewal, extension or amendment represents fair market value and is no more than \$100,000; and
 4. the renewal, extension or amendment supports, protects or enhances outdoor recreation, the operation of an administrative facility or related building, or water resources and is in the public interest.
- B.** The Director may execute a new lease for staff housing for a term not to exceed twelve months.

ARTICLE II – GENERAL WATER RESTRICTIONS: USE OF BOATS AND OTHER FLOATING DEVICES AND OTHER USES ON PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION WATERS

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- A.** All Parks and Outdoor recreation waters are open to boating during migratory waterfowl seasons, except as specified in park-specific restriction regulations 100.C.

VESSELS

- B.** It shall be unlawful:

UNATTENDED

1. To anchor or beach boats and leave them unattended overnight within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands in areas other than those designated or posted.

LAUNCHING

2. To launch or load within Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands any boat from a trailer, car, truck or other conveyance, except at an established launch area if the same is provided.

TAKE-OFF/DROP OFF

- C.** No person, while operating any vessel, shall park, moor, anchor, stop or operate said vessel so as to be considered a hazard in any area marked as a water ski take-off or drop zone.
- D.** Use of air-inflated floating devices:
1. It shall be unlawful to use any air-inflated floating device on waters located on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, except as follows:
 - a. Innertubes, air mattresses and similar devices may be used in designated swimming areas only, except as follows:
 - (1) When authorized by park-specific regulations in 100.C.
 - (2) Inflatable fishing waders may be used as an aid to fishing.

- b. All other air-inflated devices capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water shall be of separate multi-compartment construction so as to prohibit air from escaping from one compartment to another. Such devices with a motor attached shall have a rigid motor mount.

LIVING ABOARD VESSELS

- E. It shall be unlawful to live aboard any vessel on Parks and Outdoor Recreation lands or waters. For the purpose of this regulation, a "live aboard" is defined as any vessel located within State Parks boundaries used for overnight accommodations between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. for more than fourteen (14) days in any twenty-eight (28) day period on a single park, except that extensions totaling no more than a maximum of fourteen (14) additional days may be permitted by the park manager, as a one-time exception within a forty-five day (45) period. Upon written request from any marina concessionaire, the Director may allow one, or more, "live aboard(s)" occupied by the marina's managerial or supervisory staff, if the Director determines it would be advantageous for the safety and security of the marina's operations.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)

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 - 1. All vessels and other floating devices of any kind, including their contents, motors, trailers and other associated equipment are subject to inspection in accordance with inspection procedures established by the Division prior to launch onto, operation on or departure from any Parks and Outdoor Recreation waters or vessel staging areas.
 - 2. Any nonnative or exotic plant material and any aquatic wildlife species listed in wildlife regulation # W012-C, 2 CCR 406-0, (collectively referred to herein as "aquatic nuisance species") found during an inspection shall be removed and properly disposed of in accordance with removal and disposal procedures established by the Division before said vessel or other floating device will be allowed to launch onto, operate on or depart from any Parks and Outdoor Recreation waters or vessel staging areas.
 - 3. Compliance with the above aquatic nuisance species inspection and removal and disposal requirements is an express condition of operation of any vessel or other floating device on Parks and Outdoor Recreation waters. Any person who refuses to permit inspection of their vessel or other floating device, including their contents, motor, trailer, and other associated equipment or to complete any required removal and disposal of aquatic nuisance species shall be prohibited from launching onto or operating the vessel or other floating device on any Parks and Outdoor Recreation water. Further, the vessel or other floating device of any person that refuses to allow inspection or to complete any required removal and disposal of aquatic nuisance species prior to departure from any Parks and Outdoor Recreation water or vessel staging area is subject to quarantine until compliance with said aquatic nuisance species inspection and removal and disposal requirements is completed.
 - 4. Any person operating a vessel or other floating device may be ordered to remove the vessel or device from any Parks and Outdoor recreation water by any authorized agent of the Division if the agent reasonably believes the vessel or other floating device was not properly inspected prior to launch or may otherwise contain aquatic nuisance species. Once removed from the water, the vessel or other floating device, including its contents, motor, trailer and associated equipment shall be subject to inspection for, and the removal and disposal of aquatic nuisance species.

5. It is unlawful for any person to, or to attempt to, launch onto, operate on or remove from any Parks and Outdoor Recreation water or vessel staging area any vessel or other floating device without first submitting the same, including their contents, motors, trailers and other associated equipment to an inspection for aquatic nuisance species, and completing said inspection, if such an inspection is requested by any authorized agent of the Division or required by any sign posted by the Division. Further, it is unlawful for any person to fail to complete the removal and disposal of aquatic nuisance species if such removal and disposal is requested by an authorized agent of the division or required by any sign posted by the Division.
6. It is unlawful for any person to, or to attempt to, launch onto, operate on or remove from any Parks and Outdoor Recreation water or vessel staging area any vessel or other floating device if they know the vessel or other floating device, including their contents, motors, trailers, or other associated equipment contain any aquatic nuisance species.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO HUNTING, TRAPPING AND THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS ON PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

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A. It shall be unlawful:

WEAPONS, FIREARMS, AND FIREWORKS

1. To possess, carry, or discharge explosives, firearms and/or other weapons on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands or Waters in any manner that violates Title 18, C.R.S., or any other applicable law. The lawful carry of concealed handguns by persons in possession of a valid concealed handgun permit, together with valid photo identification, is permitted. The possession or discharge of fireworks is prohibited. The lawful possession and/or discharge of firearms on designated shooting ranges is permitted. Other exceptions pertaining to the possession and/or discharge of firearms on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands or Waters are as follows:

HUNTING/DOG TRAINING

- a. Shotguns loaded with birdshot or pistols loaded with blank charges may be used during authorized regattas and field trials or during the training of dogs on designated dog-training areas, except as restricted by park-specific regulations in 100.C.
 - (i) The use of live birds during the training of dogs is prohibited unless approved by the Division through a Special-Activities Permit.

BOW FISHING (Archery) and Spearfishing:

- b. Bows and arrows may be used on designated archery ranges or as a method of fishing in accordance with fishing regulations. Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing in accordance with fishing regulations. Underwater spearfishing is prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam infrastructure.

HUNT AREAS

- c. Park Managers may post an area on a park or recreation area as being closed to hunting due to public safety considerations or sound park management practices.
- d. To discharge explosives, firearms, and/or other weapons within 100 yards of any designated campground, picnic area, boat ramp, swimming or water skiing beach or nature trail and study area, except as may be otherwise posted.
- e. To discharge explosives, firearms, and/or other weapons from any location so that projectiles are caused to cross over or fall upon Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands.

TRAPPING

- f. To place or set traps on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands and Waters, except as authorized by wildlife regulations and with a valid Special-Activities Permit.

RAPTOR HUNTING

- g. To hunt by the use of raptors on Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands and Waters, except as authorized by wildlife regulations and with a valid Special-Activities Permit.

Basis and Purpose:

Managing limited waterfowl hunting opportunities at Sweitzer Lake State Park through the Hunting Reservation System

Waterfowl hunting at Sweitzer Lake is limited to six areas or “hunt zones” on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays. These areas are very popular, and they are used every weekend and almost every Wednesday until the lake ices up in January and then continue to be used at more moderate levels through the end of waterfowl season. This has created several problems, including hunters showing up the night before to “hold” a spot for the next morning and/or camping in the parking lots in violation of park regulations; hunters leaving decoys out the night before; hunters driving into the park without a park pass to check the availability of a hunting spot or buying a parks pass without knowing there is availability for hunting; and, conflicts between hunters.

To address these issues and increase the quality of hunts, waterfowl hunting has been made available in two time slots for each available day in each zone. From 5 am to noon, hunting is by reservation only. Reservations can be made through the Hunting Reservation System. From 1 pm to sunset, hunting in each zone is first-come, first-serve. This arrangement is particularly desired because very few people hunt both the morning and the afternoon/evening at Sweitzer Lake.

Clarifying Trinidad Lake State Park regulations

This change is administrative in nature to clarify which regulations apply to the archery range specifically and which regulations apply to the entire park.

Modifying regulations related to living aboard vessels to ensure consistency with other camping regulations

This change is administrative in nature to ensure consistency with regulatory changes made in September 2019 to the length of stay requirements for other types of camping in state parks. The period of time during which an individual may stay aboard a vessel has been changed from a maximum of 14 days in a 45-day period to a maximum of 14 days in a 28-day period. Additionally, the regulation now allows a one-time, maximum of 14-day extension/exception to the consecutive stay rule as permitted by the park manager.

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, C.R.S.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

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FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-5 - MIGRATORY BIRDS

ARTICLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

#504 - SPECIAL CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS

A. General

The State of Colorado is divided into two migratory waterfowl flyways consisting of the Pacific Flyway which includes all lands west of the Continental Divide, and the Central Flyway which includes all lands east of the Continental Divide.

1. A person may take in any one day, during the open season prescribed, not to exceed the number of migratory game birds and waterfowl permitted in this chapter. When so taken such birds may be possessed in the numbers specified in this chapter, except that no person on the opening day of the season may possess any migratory game birds or waterfowl in excess of the applicable daily limits and no person may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds or waterfowl during the closed season for such birds.
2. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to permit the taking of migratory game birds or waterfowl on any Federal reservation or sanctuary, or any area of the United States set aside under any law, proclamation, or executive order for use as a bird, game, or other wildlife reservation, breeding ground, or refuge, or on any area designated as a closed area under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act except as may be permitted by these regulations.
3. No migratory game bird or waterfowl may be taken at any time, or by any means, from, on or across any highway, road, designated trail, or other right-of-way, whether public or private, within the exterior boundaries of any established national wildlife refuge.
4. Open seasons are established only on such migratory game birds and waterfowl as are herein designated. Exceptions to daily bag and possession limits and to the hours of hunting stated in Federal Migratory Bird regulations shall be as prescribed in this chapter.
5. Descriptions of all closures, specific areas, and areas with special restrictions in this chapter begin with the northern boundary and are described in clockwise rotation, with all roads or designations listed connecting to the next in the progression. The following standard abbreviations are used throughout this chapter:
Colorado State highways: Colo
County: Co
County roads: Co Rd
Interstate highways: I-
Road: Rd
U.S. (Federal) highways: US

Note: Migratory bird hunting closures and special provisions and restrictions for Division properties are found in Chapter 9.

B. Possession of Live Birds

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit. No person shall at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live migratory game birds taken under the provisions of this chapter.

C. Possession of Plumage and Skin of Migratory Birds and Waterfowl.

1. No permit is necessary to possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds and waterfowl.
 2. Personal use of feathers or skins - any person for his own use may possess, transport, ship, import, and export without a permit the feathers and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.
- D. Commercial Use of Feathers
- Any person may possess, purchase, sell, barter, or transport for the making of fishing flies, bed pillows, and mattresses, and for similar commercial uses the feathers of migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans) killed by hunting pursuant to these regulations, or seized and condemned by Federal or State game authorities except that:
1. No person shall purchase, sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell, or barter for millinery or ornamental use the feathers of migratory game birds taken under authority of this chapter, and;
 2. No person shall purchase, sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell or barter mounted specimens of migratory game birds taken under authority of this chapter.
- E. Most Restrictive Federal or State Law Shall Apply -
- Federal and State laws and regulations govern the taking of all migratory birds, in all cases, the most restrictive State or Federal regulation shall apply by species.
- F. Processing, Storage and Tagging Required
- No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds or package or container of such birds has a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating the hunter's address, the total number and species of birds, the date such birds were killed, and the hunter's hunting license number.
- G. Custody of Birds of Another Person
- No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required in item F.
- H. Migratory Bird Preservation Facilities
- No preservation facility shall:
1. Receive, possess or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment, unless accurate records are maintained showing (1) the number of each species, (2) the date such birds were received, (3) the date such birds were disposed of, and (4) the name and address of the person to whom such birds were delivered, or
 2. Destroy any records required to be maintained under this section for a period of one (1) year following the last entry on the record, or
 3. Prevent any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this regulation from entering such facilities at all reasonable hours and inspecting the records and the premises where such operations are being carried on.
- I. Closures
1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited within the area bounded on the north by the Colorado-Wyoming state line; on the east and south by I-76, Colo 71, US 36, and I-70; and on the

west by the Continental Divide and the Larimer-Jackson county line and in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Mesa, Otero, and Prowers counties.

- a. Within fifty (50) yards on each side of the center line of any public road.
 - b. Within one-hundred-fifty (150) yards of any dwelling including the air space directly above this closure, without first obtaining permission from the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the dwelling.
2. Hunting is restricted as specified below:
- a. Barr Lake State Park, Adams County
 1. A reservation is required to hunt and hunters must check-in and out at the check station. Reservations must be made in accordance with #504.I of these regulations.
 2. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited, except on opening day and Saturdays and Wednesdays. Hunters may only hunt the area reserved, and only from designated blinds with a maximum of three (3) hunters per blind.
 3. Dove hunting prohibited, except on opening day and Sundays and Mondays during the month of September. Dove hunters may only hunt from designated stations with a maximum of three (3) hunters per station.
 4. Hunting areas not reserved will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis after 5 am. Reserved hunting areas not occupied by 7:00 am are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
 - b. Boyd Lake State Park, Larimer County
 1. A reservation is required to hunt waterfowl. Reservations must be made in accordance with #504.I, except that reservations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis starting 14 days in advance of the hunt date and may be made or canceled up to the starting time of the reserved time slot. Hunters may only hunt in the designated zone and time slot reserved.
 2. Leaving decoys set overnight is prohibited.
 - c. Colorado River, Grand County
 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited after November 14, from Shadow Mountain Dam downstream to Twin Creek.
 - d. Colorado River, Mesa County
 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on and within 200 yards of the Colorado River from the Grand Avenue Bridge in Grand Junction to the west end of Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area (SWA) Wednesday through Friday of each week, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
 2. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on and within 200 yards of the river from Appleton Drain to the west end of the Walker SWA.
 3. A reservation is required to hunt waterfowl from designated blinds along the Riverfront Trail between Fruita and Loma. Reservations must be made in accordance with #504.I.
 - e. Grand Lake and Windy Gap Reservoir, Grand County
 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the lakes and within 100 yards of the high water line.
 - f. Highline Lake State Park, Mesa County
 1. Waterfowl and small game hunting on Highline Lake is prohibited on Saturdays and Sundays except for youth hunting waterfowl during the youth waterfowl season weekend.
 2. Small game hunting is limited to that portion of Highline Lake State Park bounded on the north and the east by the park property boundaries; on the south by the no wake buoy line; and on the west by Mack Mesa Reservoir.
 3. A reservation is required to hunt waterfowl. Reservations must be made in accordance with #504.I of these regulations.
 4. Hunters may only hunt the area reserved and only from designated blinds with a maximum of four (4) hunters per blind.
 - g. James M. Robb Colorado River State Park, Mesa County
 1. Waterfowl hunting on the 34 Road Parcel is prohibited, except on Saturdays and

- Sundays. A reservation is required to hunt. Reservations must be made in accordance with #504.I of these regulations.
2. Hunters may only hunt the areas reserved and must park in designated areas. Hunters may only hunt from designated blinds, with a maximum of two (2) hunters per blind on the 34 Road Parcel and four (4) hunters per blind on the remainder of the state park.
- h. Pueblo County - No person shall discharge a firearm or release an arrow for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 150 yards of any dwelling, including the airspace directly above this closure, without first obtaining permission from the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the dwelling.
 - i. Prewitt Reservoir, Logan and Washington counties
 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited as posted.
 - j. Stagecoach State Park, Routt County
 1. Waterfowl hunting is limited to designated waterfowl hunting zones only, with a maximum of six (6) hunters per zone.
 2. Waterfowl hunting on this property is by reservation only. Reservations must be made in accordance with #504.I of these regulations. Hunters with reservations may only hunt the hunt zone specified on the reservation. Hunters must follow check-in and out procedures as posted at the property.
 3. Hunting zones not reserved are available on a first-come, first-serve basis after 5:00 am. Reserved hunting zones unoccupied by 7:00 am will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, any hunting zone must be yielded at any time upon request of a hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that zone.
 - k. Sweitzer Lake, Delta County
 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited, except on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and legal holidays after Labor Day.
 2. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited, except in the six (6) designated hunt zones.
 3. From 5:00 am until 12:00 pm, reservations are required to hunt waterfowl in accordance with #504.I. Reserved zones which are unoccupied by 7:00 am will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, any hunt zone must be yielded at any time upon request of a hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that zone.
 4. Reservations are not required to hunt waterfowl from 1:00 pm until sunset, and hunting is on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - 4.5. Leaving decoys overnight is prohibited.
 - l. Trinidad State Recreation Area, Las Animas County
 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited as posted.
 - m. Turk's Ponds Area, Baca County
 1. All human activity is prohibited within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the high water line around Turk's Pond including the administrative buildings, from the opening day of the regular duck season through the last day of the regular dark goose season as posted. Hunters are allowed inside the closure only to retrieve downed waterfowl. Hunters must leave firearms outside of closure.
 2. No person shall discharge a firearm or release an arrow from, upon or across an area 50 yards on each side of the centerline of any public road.
 - n. Vancil Reservoir, Morgan County
 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited as posted.
3. Hunting is prohibited in the areas listed below, as posted by the Division.
 - a. Crawford State Recreation Area, Delta County
 1. Hunting is prohibited, except after Labor Day.
 - b. Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County
 - c. Meredith Reservoir, Crowley County
 4. Hunting geese is prohibited as specified in the areas listed below:
 - a. Dillon Reservoir, Summit County
 1. Hunting geese is prohibited Saturday through Monday of Labor Day weekend.

- b. Empire Reservoir, Weld and Morgan Counties
 - 1. Hunting geese is prohibited below the high water line and from any portion of the dam and inlet structures.
 - c. Fossil Creek Reservoir, Larimer County
 - 1. Hunting geese is prohibited as posted.
 - d. Jumbo Reservoir, Logan and Sedgwick Counties
 - 1. Hunting geese is prohibited in the area bounded on the north by Logan Co Rd 70/Sedgwick Co Rd 28; on the east by Sedgwick Co Rd 3; on the south by Sedgwick Co Rd 24.8/Logan Co Rd 970; and on the west by Logan Co Rd 95.
 - e. Ovid-Julesburg Corridor, Sedgwick County
 - 1. Hunting geese through the dark geese season is prohibited in the area bounded on the north by US 138; on the east by US 385; on the south by I-76; and on the west by Sedgwick Co Rd 29.
5. On properties specified in #504(I)(6), which have reservations available or required, those reservations may be made by phone or online (cpw.state.co.us). Reservations for waterfowl hunting may not be made more than 14 days in advance of the hunt date, nor after 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date. Hunters who wish to cancel a reservation must do so no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date. Failure to hunt a reserved area without prior cancellation, or follow check station procedures, may cause forfeiture of the privilege to make reservations for the remainder of the hunting season. Hunters are limited to a maximum of one reservation per hunt date. Hunters must possess a valid license for the species to be hunted in order to make a reservation. Reservations are not transferable. The individual named on the reservation must be at the property on the day of the hunt. Hunters with reservations may only hunt the hunt area specified on the reservation. Any exceptions to the above restrictions will be listed under property specific regulations in #504.I and #901.B.
6. Reservations for waterfowl hunting are available or required on the following properties:
- a. Andrick Ponds State Wildlife Area
 - b. Banner Lakes State Wildlife Area
 - c. Barr Lake State Park
 - d. Boyd Lake State Park
 - e. Brush Prairie Ponds State Wildlife Area
 - f. Colorado River Island State Wildlife Area
 - ~~f.g.~~ Centennial Valley State Wildlife Area
 - ~~g.h.~~ Elliott State Wildlife Area
 - ~~h.i.~~ Flanders Ranch State Wildlife Area
 - ~~i.j.~~ Franklin Island State Wildlife Area
 - ~~j.k.~~ Highline Lake State Park
 - ~~k.l.~~ Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area
 - ~~l.m.~~ Jackson Lake State Wildlife Area
 - ~~n.~~ James M. Robb Colorado River State Park
 - ~~m.~~ Mitani-Tokuyasu State Wildlife Area
 - ~~o.~~
 - ~~n.p.~~ Orchard Mesa Wildlife Area
 - ~~o.q.~~ Tamarack Ranch State Wildlife Area
 - ~~p.r.~~ Tilman Bishop State Wildlife Area
 - ~~s.~~ Stagecoach State Park
 - ~~q.t.~~ Sweitzer Lake State Park
 - ~~r.u.~~ Whitehorse State Wildlife Area

Basis and Purpose:

Managing limited waterfowl hunting opportunities at Sweitzer Lake State Park through the Hunting Reservation System

Waterfowl hunting at Sweitzer Lake is limited to six areas or “hunt zones” on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays. These areas are very popular, and they are used every weekend and almost every Wednesday until the lake ices up in January and then continue to be used at more moderate levels through the end of waterfowl season. This has created several problems, including hunters showing up the night before to “hold” a spot for the next morning and/or camping in the parking lots in violation of park regulations; hunters leaving decoys out the night before; hunters driving into the park without a park pass to check the availability of a hunting spot or buying a parks pass without knowing there is availability for hunting; and, conflicts between hunters.

To address these issues and increase the quality of hunts, waterfowl hunting has been made available in two time slots for each available day in each zone. From 5 am to noon, hunting is by reservation only. Reservations can be made through the Hunting Reservation System. From 1 pm to sunset, hunting in each zone is first-come, first-serve. This arrangement is particularly desired because very few people hunt both the morning and the afternoon/evening at Sweitzer Lake.

Additionally, Centennial Valley State Wildlife Area and Mitani-Tokuyasu State Wildlife Area, which were unintentionally omitted previously, have been added to the list of properties where waterfowl hunting reservations are available or required.

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