

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 12/08/2021

ISSUE: Should the opening date of newly enrolled State Trust Land (STL) properties in Moffat County be changed to August 15th?

DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):

The current State Recreational Lands Brochure is not consistent with Wildlife Commission regulations for the opening of newly acquired STL properties. Standard rate STL properties (west of I-25) allow an earlier opening access for hunting seasons on August 15th to accommodate archery pronghorn hunting. Newly enrolled properties in Moffat County qualify for this earlier opening date. Current regulations list these new properties as open from September 1st to end of February under regulation #902(B). Regulations need to be modified by adding wording to each specific property below that states "Open from Aug 15 to end of February."

Historic STL properties previously enrolled in Moffat County also have an August 15th opener by specific wording. The following newly enrolled properties qualify for earlier access:

- Baking Powder Ridge
- Big Hole Butte
- Buckwater Draw
- Bull Canyon
- Coal Creek
- Coal Ridge
- Dobbins Spring
- Douglas Mountain
- East Boone Draw
- Foster Gulch
- Hiawatha
- Hightower
- Horse Gulch
- Jack Springs
- Lone Tree Gulch
- Maverick Flats
- Middle Wolf Creek
- North Scandinavian Gulch
- Powder Wash
- Red Wash
- Reservoir Draw
- Robinson Draw
- Scandinavian Gulch
- Sevenmile Ridge
- Sheephead Basin
- Sheepherder Springs
- South 80
- Spencer Draw
- The Sloughs
- Thompson Draw
- Trowel
- Turner's Creek
- Vaughn Draw
- Vermillion Creek
- Winter Valley Gulch

- Youghal

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***IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.**

Stakeholders include:

- Archery Pronghorn Hunters
- Grazing Lessees

No impact

The STL recreational program manager, Abe Medina, is aware of and supports the change to be consistent across properties in the area and allow earlier access for pronghorn archery hunting.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

A: Preferred Alternative: Add property specific wording to regulations on all above properties “Open from Aug 15 to the end of Feb”

B: Status Quo – Maintain the current regulation where properties fall under #902(B) (Sept 1 to end of Feb.) that contradicts State Recreational Lands brochure

Issue Raised by:	Mike Swaro, AAWM Zach Spezze STL program coordinator, Abe Medina, Recreation Program Manager
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CC:	
APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:	Garett Watson, NW Region
REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	NW Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Date: 11/16/21

ISSUE: Should Colorado Parks and Wildlife clarify regulations on John Martin SWA (CCR 406-9 #123) and Queens SWA (CCR 406-9 #184) under W-9 Wildlife Properties?

DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):

Current regulation wording for John Martin Reservoir and Queens State Wildlife Areas (SWA) is confusing and redundant, particularly regarding boating. CPW staff receive questions regularly asking for clarification on these, indicating the general public struggles to understand what is permitted on the properties. For example on Queens SWA, Wildlife Commission Regulation #184 b. 2. states that “public access is prohibited, except to retrieve down waterfowl from November 1 through the last day of waterfowl season as posted, to provide for waterfowl resting as necessary depending on water levels, weather, and presence of birds.” This implies the property cannot be accessed except to retrieve downed waterfowl even though property is open for several purposes during the fall hunting seasons. The intent of that regulation was to regulate boating and disturbance to resting waterfowl. This wording is also used in Regulation #123. John Martin SWA.

The intent of this proposal is to simplify the wording and make regulations more consistent on these SWA properties in southeastern Colorado. Specifically, we propose removing “public access is prohibited” in regulations #123.b, #184.b2, #184.c.3, and #184.d. We also propose changing the wording to state “vessel access is allowed only to retrieve downed waterfowl to provide for waterfowl resting as posted and necessary depending on water levels, weather and presence of birds” John Martin Reservoir and NeeNoshe Reservoir on Queens SWA.

Recreational boating is allowed on Queens SWA during the fall/winter. Boating opportunities would only be limited on NeeNoshe reservoir as it holds water longest and therefore is most critical to waterfowl as a resting site.

While the wording is redundant and confusing we have also seen that water levels in these bodies of water can fluctuate greatly in the matter of a few years. Proposed changes would be more consistent despite changing water levels over time and still serve the same purpose.

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ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1. **Preferred Alternative:** Change Wildlife Commission Regulation #123 and #184 as follows:

123. John Martin Reservoir State Wildlife Area - Bent County

- a. Field trials may be authorized during February, March, August, and September only.
- b. From November 1 through the last day of the migratory waterfowl season as posted on US Army Corp of Engineer property under lease by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, vessel use is only allowed to retrieve downed waterfowl in order to provide for waterfowl resting.
- c. ATVs and dirt bikes are prohibited.

184. Queens State Wildlife Area (Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, Nee Gronda, Upper Queens and Lower Queens (Neeskah))-Kiowa County to read:

- a. Wakeless boating only in the channel between Upper Queens and Lower Queens

(Neeska).

b. Upper Queens and Lower Queens (Neeskah)(including channel), Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, and Nee Gronda.

1. Hunters must check-in and out at the check station when open.
2. ATVs and dirt bikes are prohibited.
3. Recreational boating is allowed.

c. NeeNoshe

1. December 1 through the last day of migratory waterfowl season as posted, vessel use is allowed only to retrieve downed waterfowl to provide for waterfowl resting as necessary depending on water levels, weather, and presence of birds.

2. Status Quo: Continue with no changes.

Issue Raised by:	
Author of the issue paper (if different than person raising the issue):	
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ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	SE Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

ISSUE SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 09/02/2021

ISSUE:	Should regulations be updated for San Luis Lake SWA?		
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):			
The regulations for San Luis Lake SWA needed to be updated to better reflect allowed uses.			
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Uses essentially remain the same as before this effort.			
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):			
<u>San Luis Lakes – Alamosa County</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Boating is prohibited north of the buoy line. b. Public access north of the buoy line and east-west fence line is prohibited from February 15 through July 15. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to this area is by foot or horseback only. 2. Bicycles are prohibited. 3. Game carts are allowed. c. Camping is prohibited outside of designated areas. d. Dogs must be kept on a leash, which must be held and controlled by the handler. 			
Issue Raised by:	Area 17		
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CC:	Cory Chick, Adrian Archuleta, Matt Thorpe		
APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:			
REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION			Area 17, SW Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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	Date: 9/23/2021
ISSUE:	Should regulations be updated for Creede SWA?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>Creede State Wildlife Area (SWA) in Mineral County, Colorado is composed of three different tracts: Hatchet Tract, Mountain Views RV Park Fishing Easement, and the Deep Creek Bridge Tract. These are small tracts of land that are in close proximity to residences and businesses. The SWA is situated along the Rio Grande River and is specifically managed for cold water trout fishing opportunities.</p> <p>Current regulations at Creede SWA are in need of updating and clarification.</p>	
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<p>Stakeholders include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hunters and anglers • adjoining landowners • the general public <p>No stakeholders have been notified up to this point since the regulations are mostly just being reorganized.</p>	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<p>Suggestions to change/update the regulations for Creede SWA are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preferred alternative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creede SWA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Public access is prohibited unless fishing. 2. Status quo. 	
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ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	SW Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO