Colorado Parks & Wildlife Established 1897



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The Need for Protection

1861 - First wildlife law is passed: "it is unlawful to take

trout by seine, net, basket or trap"

1876 - First Fish Commissioner appointed

1881 - First fish hatchery built in Colorado





1897: An Agency is Born

The Department of Forestry, Game and Fish



First Licenses

1903 - First hunting license is required

1909 - Non-residents fishing license is implemented

1913 - Resident fishing license first implemented

1948 - Fishing licenses required for women



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| DEER COUPON. Resident General Hunting License. SEPTEMBER, 1904. |
| This Coupon, when signed by and dated by punching or cutting from the margin the date at which the deer to which it is |
| attached was lawfully killed, authorizes the possession by him and transportation of the carcass within this State during the open season for deer of 1904 and five |
| days thereafter only; also, when so signed, dated and attached to either the hide, head, feet or horns authorizes taxidermy, possession and transportation within |
| this State so long as this coupon is attached thereto. |
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| COMMISSIONER. |

A Sampling of Wildlife Management Success...

The Elk Story

1910: An estimated 500-1000 elk remain in CO

1912-1928: 350 elk are relocated from Jackson Hole to Colorado

Today: Elk population is estimated at ~280,000







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The Bighorn Sheep Story



Recreation Management Takes Off

1937 - First Parks board created

1953 - Sweitzer Lake property was acquired by Game & Fish

and was the first lake in Colorado to be developed solely for

water recreation



Sweitzer Lake State Park today

The Start to Colorado State Parks

1959 - Cherry Creek State Recreation Area is open to the public, managed by Colorado State Parks

1962 - Lathrop is opened with the first Park designation within State Parks

1962 - Visitation to State Parks hits the 1 million mark



Cherry Creek State Park



Lathrop State Park

A Look at Agency Logos Over Time

Colorado Department of Forestry, Game and Fish 1897 - 1899

Colorado Department of Game and Fish 1899 - 1963















A Sampling of Wildlife Management Success... The Lynx Story



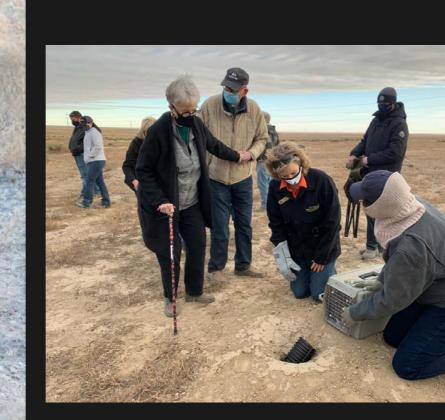






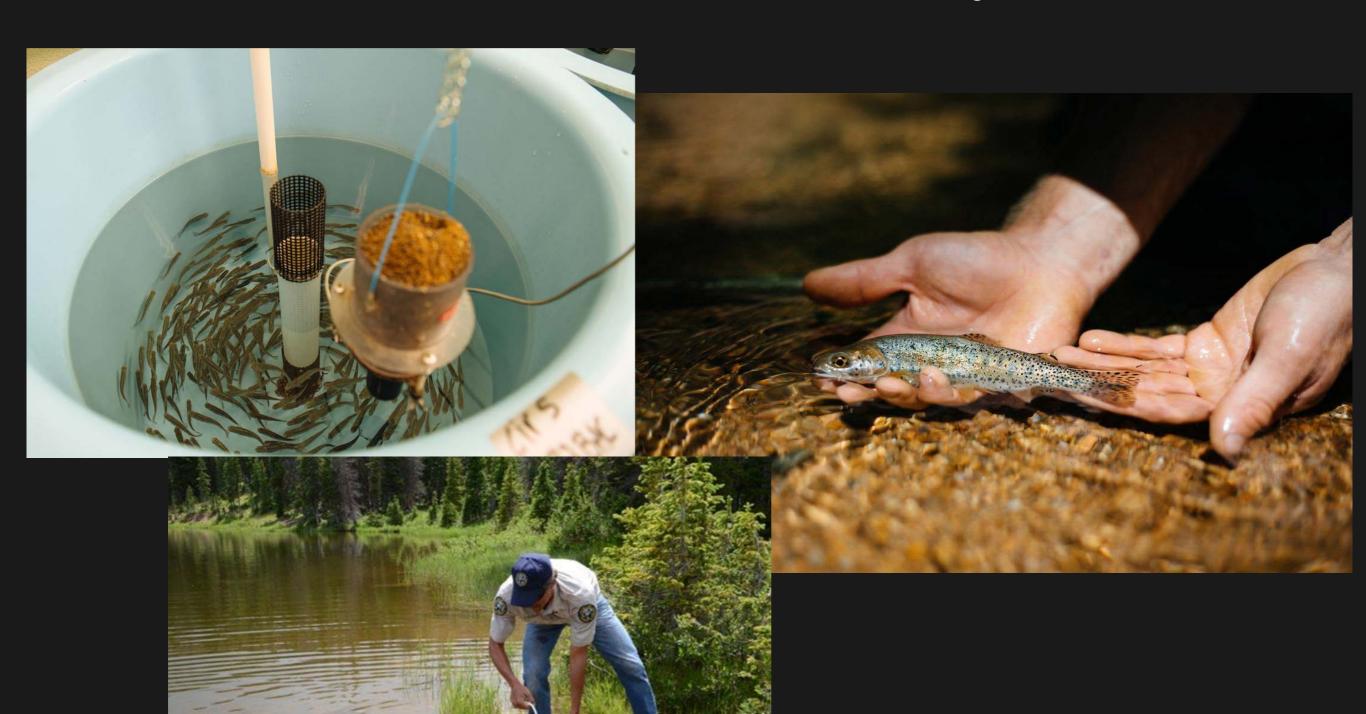
A Sampling of Wildlife Management Success... The Black-footed Ferret Story



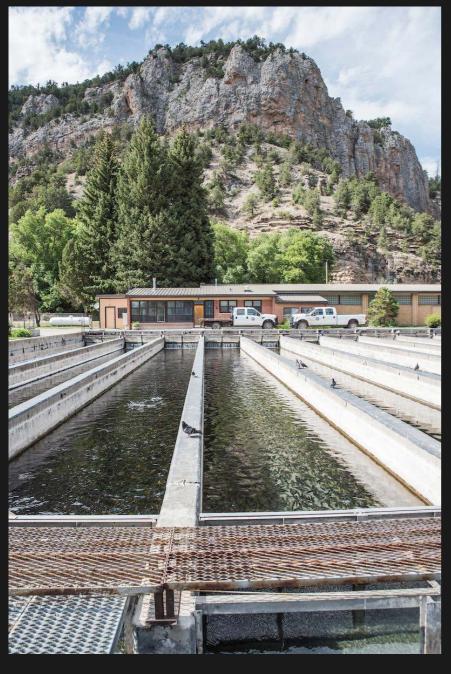




A Sampling of Wildlife Management Success... The Greenback Cutthroat Trout Story



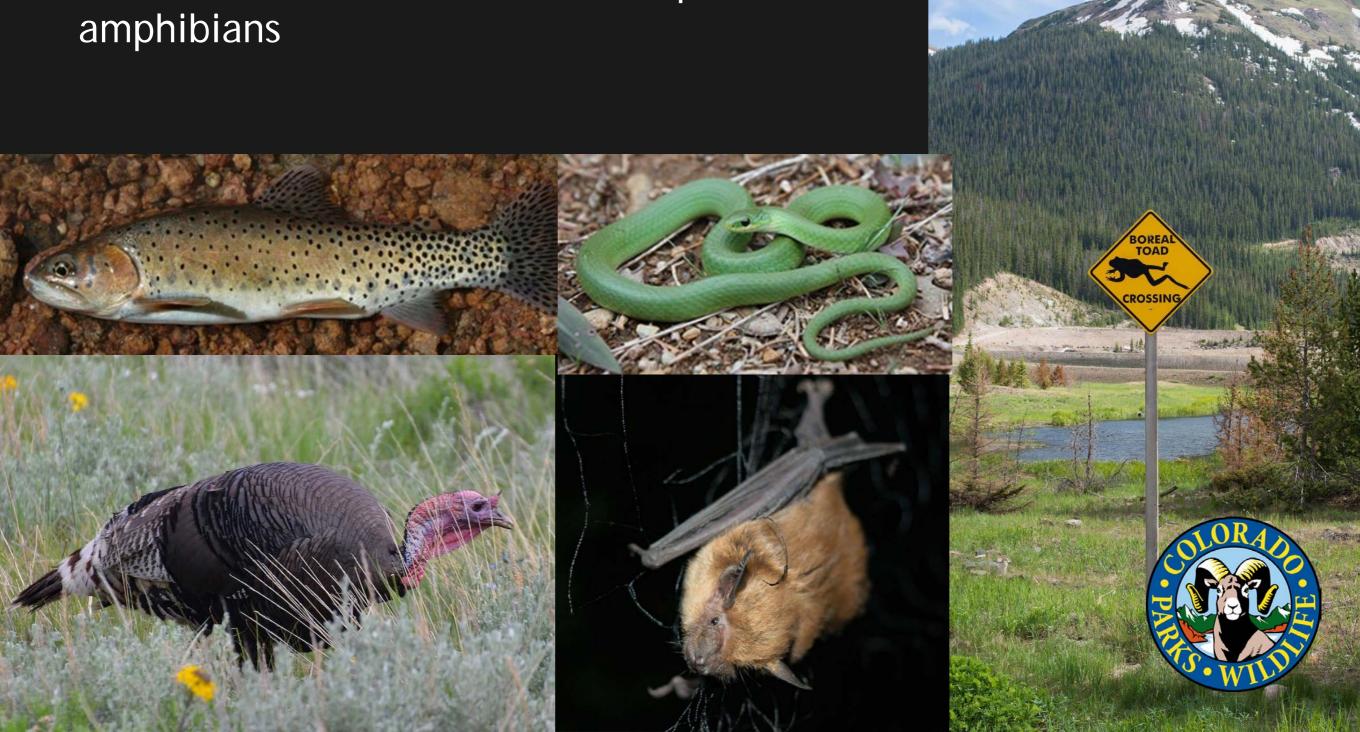
 Currently manages and provides access to 43 state parks, with more on the horizon, over 300 state wildlife areas and 19 fish hatcheries across the state



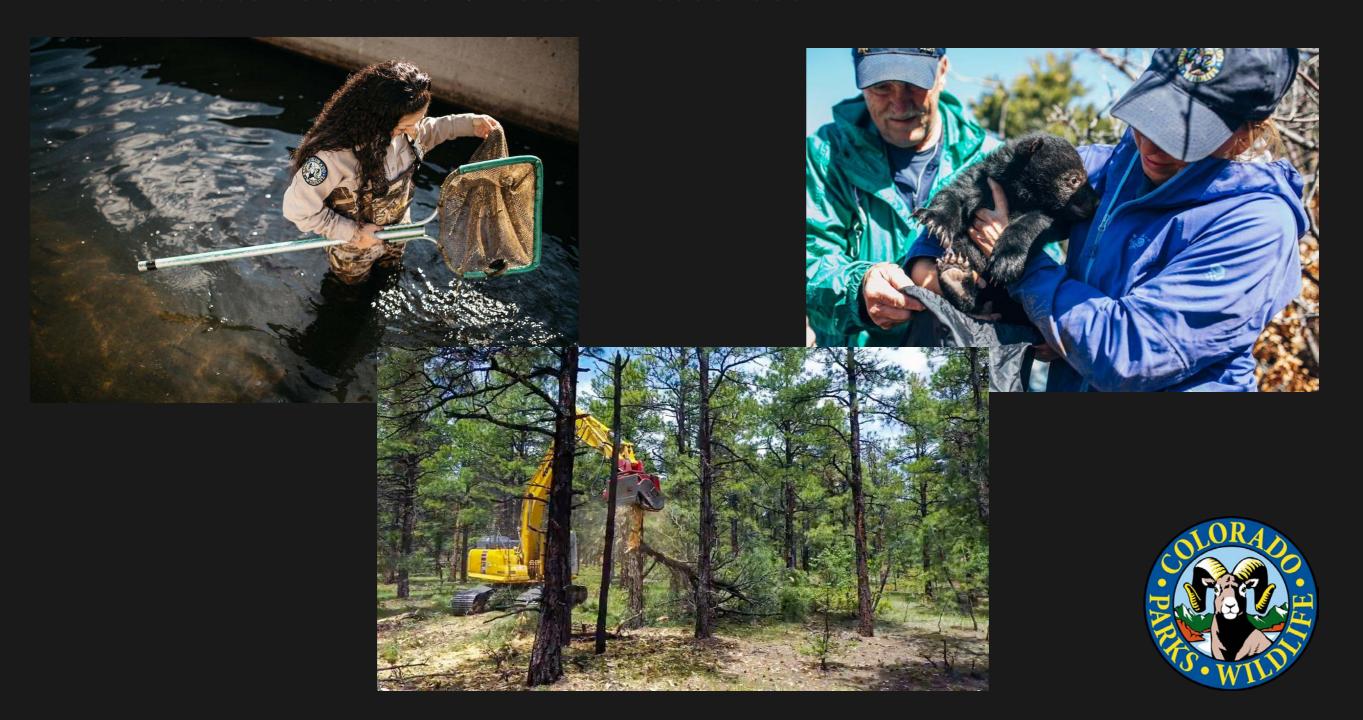




 Manages over 900 species of wildlife which includes mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians

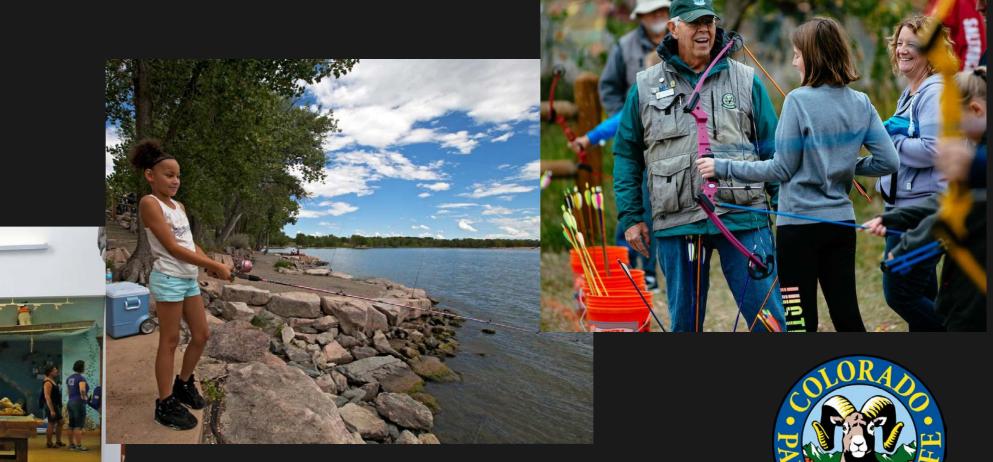


- Conducts research to improve wildlife management
- Protects habitat and natural resources



- State parks provide and manage world-class recreation opportunities
- Fisher's Peak State Park opened Fall 2020

Sweetwater Lake was recently announced as the 43rd state park



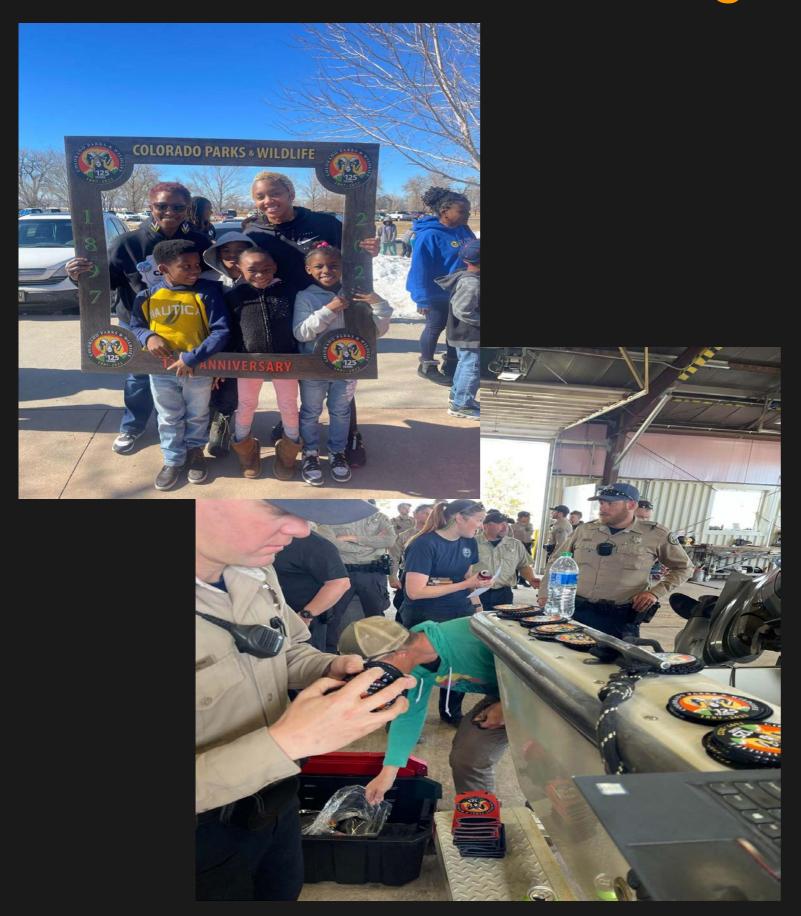
- Outstanding hunting and fishing opportunities
- Engaging education programs and resources







The Celebration begins!









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