

Lone Mesa State Park



Who we are

Lone Mesa is currently only open for limited and permitted public hunting during the big game seasons. The park features outstanding elk, deer and bear habitat across 11,600 scenic acres that range in elevation from 6,800 feet to more than 9,000 feet. The management of Lone Mesa includes administering special use permits for public hunting and grazing, involvement in volunteer programs and other service partnerships, and operating a combined Customer Service Center with Mancos State Park where we issue OHV, snowmobile and boat registrations, provide hunting and fishing licensing services, and operate a CPW retail program with firewood, maps and guides. Lone Mesa continues to undergo future management planning and development as CPW considers the future of this property.

Top attractions

- Lone Mesa State Park is home to a number of unique plants, including the extremely rare Colorado native cushion bladderpod (*Physaria pulvinata*) and the fabaceae (*Astragalus bisulcatus*).
- The park's limited-access big game hunting provides a high quality experience.
- Lone Mesa's outstanding scenery includes unique sandstone mesas and old-growth Ponderosa pine.
- The park includes a number of historic and cultural sites.

Our partners

- Great Outdoors Colorado
- Dolores School District RE 4A
- Colorado State Forest Service
- Dolores K9 Search and Rescue Team
- Southwest Colorado Wetlands
- U.S. Forest Service
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm Focus Area Committee
- City of Cortez and Ranch Enterprise
- Counties of Montezuma and Dolores
- Colorado Native Plant Society
- Town of Dolores
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Colorado Natural Heritage Program
- San Juan Mountains Association
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management

Challenges we face

- Managing for wildfires with an emphasis on preparedness and ready response efforts
- Providing stewardship of globally-unique natural and cultural resources
- Fulfilling the growing responsibilities and community need for parks and wildlife services in Montezuma and Dolores Counties
- Moving forward with public park planning effort, infrastructure development and public access



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Volunteer Activities

- Lone Mesa involves volunteers in the operation of the Dolores Office and hunter check-in, as well as a variety of stewardship and community projects.
- Along with other non-member equestrians, members of the two local chapters of Backcountry Horsemen participate in the park's Range Rider Program, helping manage the park's rotational grazing plan.
- Ongoing volunteer opportunities include fence maintenance, weed control and bluebird nest box monitoring.

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Park property is 25 miles north of Dolores (office at Mancos State Park, 42545 Road N, Mancos, CO 81328)
(970) 565-7065 • Email: lone.mesa.park@state.co.us
Park Manager: Vacant

As of July 1, 2022

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Manager's Message

Lone Mesa State Park provides a renowned big game hunting experience with low hunter density and high quality habitat. During this "caretaking" phase of the park's life, CPW staff and other partners have discovered globally-rare resources on this incredible property. Our current operation and management of the property balances financial sustainability with a unique customer experience, wise resource stewardship and cautious planning for a special future.

Geography

Region: Southwest
County: Dolores
Year Acquired: 1999
Elevation: 7,400 ft
Miles From Denver: 400

Acreege

Total Acres: 11,618

Governmental

US Cong Dist: 3rd
CO Senate: 6th
CO House: 58th

Employees

Permanent: 0.5
Temporary: 3

Annual Visitation

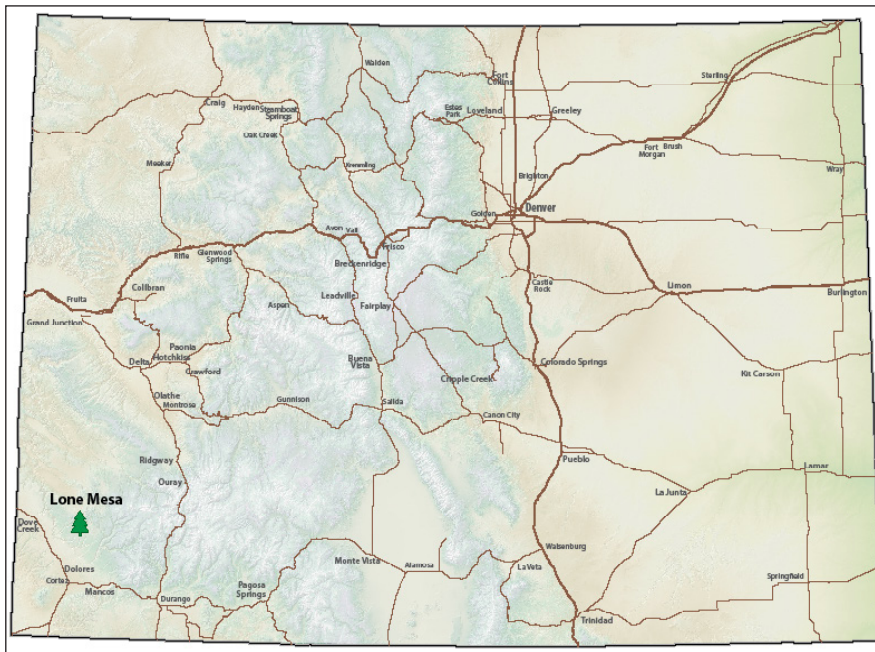
FY 22: ~800

Roads

Unpaved: 33.8 miles

Recreation

Hunting



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