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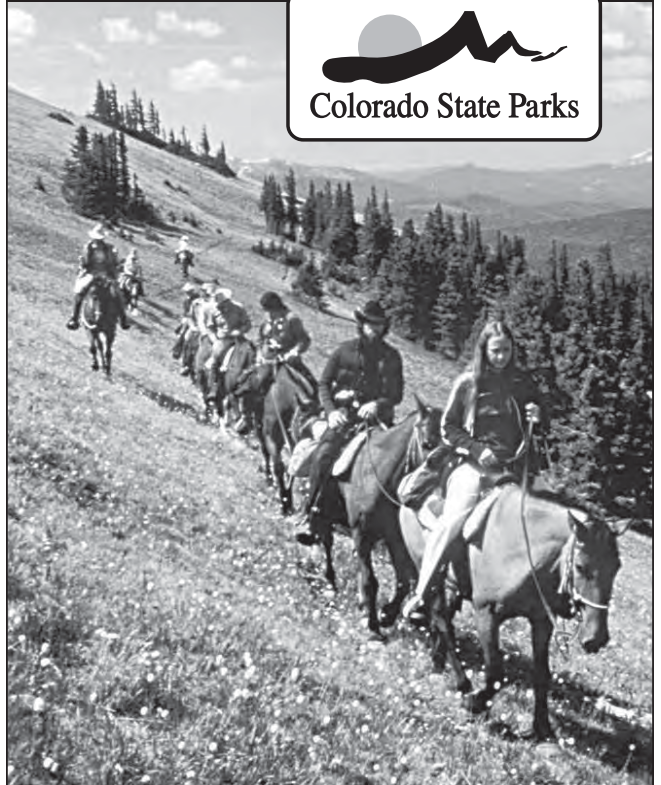
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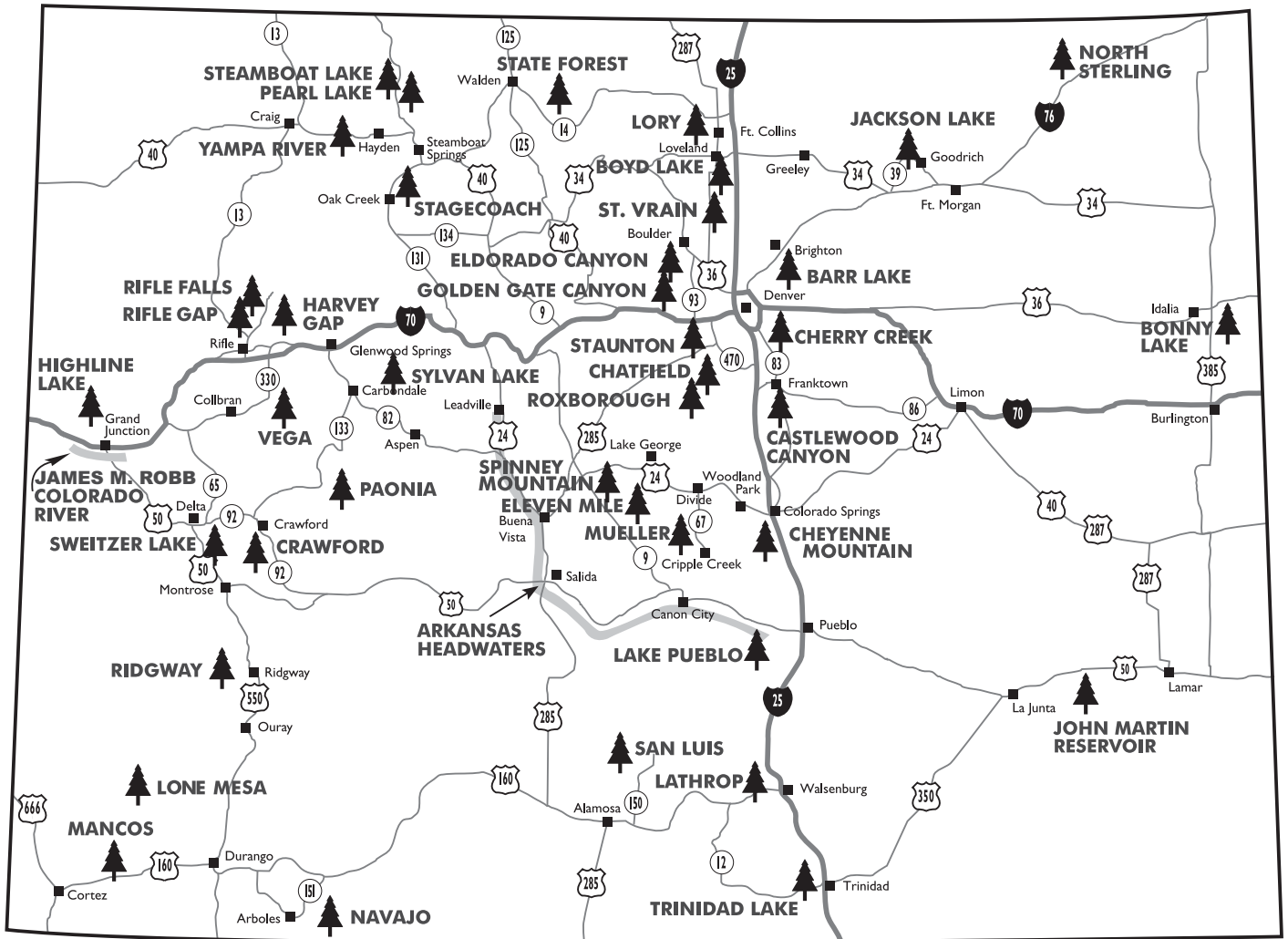
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# Regulations

**BASIS AND PURPOSE** - The purpose of these regulations is to provide maximum recreational opportunity on the state's natural, scenic and recreation areas while also protecting, preserving and managing these areas for the benefit and enjoyment of the citizens and visitors of this state.

**VIOLATION - PENALTY** - Any person who violates any provisions of these regulations shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Title 33, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended.

**EFFECTIVE DATE** - These regulations shall become effective after publication, as provided by law, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended, repealed, or superseded by the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

## **CHAPTER 1 - PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS**

### **ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS AND WATERS #100**

- A. "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" shall mean, whenever used through out these regulations, all lands and waters under the administration and jurisdiction of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.
- B. 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 Division of 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 Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands. (Hunting will be allowed in areas designated by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation during hunting seasons as established by the Division of Wildlife.)

#### **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 person may camp or park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper on a state park for more than fourteen (14) days in any forty-five (45) day period, except that extensions totaling no more than a maximum of fourteen (14) additional days may be permitted.

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#### **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 Division of 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 Board on a case-by-case basis at a public meeting of the Board (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 in connection with a special activity as provided for in Regulation No. 101.

Commercial use which conflicts with area management plans will not be approved.

#### **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 waters under the control of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, 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:

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- (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 lands and waters under the control of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, 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 Board.
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.
- C. The following water and land-use restrictions are in consideration of the Division's leases with the Denver Water Department and the City of Aurora and shall apply to Eleven Mile State Recreation Area and Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area, located in Park County:
1. 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. (Eleven Mile S.R.A. and Spinney Mountain S.R.A.)
  2. 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. (Eleven Mile S.R.A. and Spinney Mountain S.R.A.)
  3. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir. (Eleven Mile S.R.A. and Spinney Mountain S.R.A.)

4. 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. (Eleven Mile S.R.A.)
5. 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. (Spinney Mountain S.R.A.)
6. 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. (Spinney Mountain S.R.A.)

#### **PARK SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS**

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

1. 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.
2. Highline Canal State Trail
  - a. No swimming, tubing or rafting shall be permitted.
  - b. No fires shall be permitted.
3. 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.
4. Chatfield State Recreation Area
  - a. A valid permit is required to launch or land any hot-air balloon.
5. Harvey Gap State Recreation Area
  - a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted except when used for hunting during the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day.
6. Bonny State Recreation Area
  - a. No public access, hunting, fishing or boating shall be permitted in the North Cove Waterfowl Refuge Area from the first day in November through the last day in January.
7. Mueller State Park and Wildlife Area
  - 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.
  - c. The park manager may designate all or a portion of a park area 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 an 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 material, car top carriers or camper shells on the back of pickup trucks.

8. James M. Robb – Colorado River State Park - Colorado River Wildlife Area
  - a. In accordance with applicable management plans, no dogs or other pets shall be permitted, except on designated trails.
  - b. No fires shall be permitted.
  - c. No swimming shall be permitted.
  - d. In accordance with applicable management plans, public access is restricted to designated roads and trails from March 15 to May 30 of each year.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Cheyenne Mountain State Park
  - a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted outside of the developed facilities area.
  - b. Smoking shall be limited to developed areas only and shall not be permitted in the backcountry or on the trail system.
  - c. The park manager may designate all or a portion of a park area 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.
  - d. Hunting shall be prohibited.

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

13. 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.
14. Rifle Falls State Park
  - a. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel on or from rock formations.
15. 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.
16. Cherry Creek 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 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.

#### **QUIET HOURS**

- E. 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**

- F. It shall be unlawful to leave any personal property unattended on land or water under the control of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for more than twenty-four (24) hours.
  1. If such property is left unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours, it will be considered abandoned.
  2. Removal and storage will be at the expense of the owner.
  3. 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.
  4. Abandoned motor vehicles will be handled in accordance with Article 4, Part, 18 of Title 42, C.R.S.

## MODELS

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

## CLIMBING HARDWARE

- H. 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.

## #101 - SPECIAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PERMITS

- A. "Special activities" means those events which have the potential for a significant adverse impact on park values or the health, safety or welfare of park visitors or which may otherwise require special planning/scheduling for proper management. Special activities shall require prior approval in the form of a special-activities permit. The application process for a special-activities permit is described in regulation #703.
- B. 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 of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, 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.

## ARTICLE II - WATER RESTRICTIONS: USE OF BOATS AND OTHER FLOATING DEVICES AND OTHER USES ON DIVISION-CONTROLLED WATERS

### #103

- A. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within:
1. Golden Gate Canyon State Park, except as part of an organized class in canoeing sponsored by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.
  2. The State Forest, except that wakeless boating shall be allowed on North Michigan Reservoir.
  3. Mueller State Park and Wildlife Area.
  4. James M. Robb – Colorado River State Park – Pear Park Section between 30 Road and 29 Road
  5. James M. Robb – Colorado River State Park - Colorado River Wildlife Area.
- B. 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.
- C. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on the following lakes and reservoirs:
1. All waters within James M. Robb – Colorado River State Park – Island Acres section except Swimmin' Hole
  2. Mack Mesa Reservoir – Highline Lake State Recreation Area
  3. St. Vrain State Recreation Area
  4. Sylvan Lake State Recreation Area
  5. All waters within James M. Robb – Colorado River State Park – Connected Lakes section
  6. All waters within James M. Robb – Colorado River State Park – Fruita section
  7. Lake Hasty at John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area
  8. James M. Robb – Colorado River State Park – Corn Lake section.
- D. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 10 horsepower or less shall be permitted on Barr Lake.
- E. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on the following lakes and reservoirs:
1. North Michigan Reservoir
  2. Mancos Reservoir
  3. Pearl Lake
- F. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 20 horsepower or less shall be permitted on the following lakes and reservoirs:
1. Harvey Gap Reservoir
- G. No unauthorized boats, rafts, or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on any waters:
1. Within the Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation Site at Ridgway State Park
  2. On the waters below John Martin Dam to the Arkansas River bridge at John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area
- H. All Division-controlled waters are open to boating during migratory waterfowl seasons, except as follows:
1. Boating closures during migratory waterfowl season -

Specific exceptions:

Boats shall be prohibited on the following lakes, reservoirs and ponds 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:

- (a) Horseshoe Reservoir within Lathrop State Park
- (b) Jackson Reservoir
- (c) North Sterling Reservoir

2. 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.
3. No public access shall be permitted at John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area 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.

#### **VESSELS**

I. 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.

##### **WATER SKIING RESTRICTIONS**

J. Water skiing shall not be permitted on the following lakes or reservoirs:

1. Eleven Mile Reservoir
2. Spinney Mountain Reservoir
3. Pearl Lake
4. Horseshoe Lake within Lathrop State Park
5. Harvey Gap Reservoir
6. Mancos Reservoir
7. Sylvan Lake
8. North Michigan Reservoir

##### **TAKE-OFF/DROP OFF**

K. 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.

L. 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) 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 Type I, II, or III personal flotation device.
    - (2) Inflatable fishing waders may be used as an aid to fishing.

(3) 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 type I, III, or V personal flotation device.

- 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**

M. It shall be unlawful to live aboard any vessel on lands or waters under the control of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. For the purpose of this regulation, a "live aboard" is defined as any vessel located within State Parks boundaries used for over-night accommodations between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. for more than fourteen (14) days within a forty-five day (45) period. Upon written request from any marina concessionaire, the Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation 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)**

- N. 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 division controlled waters or vessel staging areas.
2. Any nonnative or exotic plant material and any aquatic wildlife species listed in division of wildlife regulation #012-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 division controlled 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 division controlled 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 division controlled 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 division controlled 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 division controlled 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 division controlled 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 division controlled 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 - RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO HUNTING, TRAPPING AND THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS ON PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS**

##### **#106**

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 follows:
  - (1) Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training areas at Chatfield State Park and at Cherry Creek State Park.
  - (2) The use of live birds during the training of dogs is prohibited unless approved by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation through the Special-Activities Permit.

#### **BOW FISHING**

- b. Bows and arrows may be used on designated archery ranges or as a method of fishing in accordance with regulations issued by the Division of Wildlife.

#### **HUNT AREAS**

- c. The following designated methods of hunting may be used in the following areas during hunting seasons that are authorized by the Wildlife Commission:

- (1) 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, on:
  - (i) Boyd Lake State Recreation Area
  - (ii) Jackson State Recreation Area
  - (iii) Lathrop State Park west from a north-south line corresponding with the existing barbed-wire fence between Horseshoe Lake and Martin Lake.
  - (iv) Pueblo State Recreation Area
  - (v) Stagecoach Reservoir State Recreation Area, western half of the reservoir
  - (vi) Sweitzer State Recreation Area
  - (vii) Highline Lake State Recreation Area
  - (viii) Trinidad State Recreation Area
  - (ix) Harvey Gap State Recreation Area
  - (x) Eldorado Canyon State Park, western portion known as crescent meadows from the Tuesday after Labor Day through March 31, using a hand-held bow and shotguns loaded with birdshot.
  - (xi) North Sterling Reservoir State Park
  - (xii) Vega State Recreation Area
- (2) 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, at Barr Lake State Park
  - (i) All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting, at the hunter registration area.
- (3) During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and, during the period stated in section #106a.1. (c) (l), above any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses, on:
  - (i) Only in that portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park located in Jefferson County
  - (ii) Lory State Park; except that hunting is not permitted on Saturdays and Sundays
  - (iii) Steamboat Lake State Park (including Pearl Lake)
  - (iv) Ridgway State Park, all lands open to the public access east of Highway 550.
  - (v) Bonny State Recreation Area.
- (4) During deer and elk seasons that are in the period described in 106-a.1. (c)(l), 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. Only hunters selected through a special drawing prior to the beginning of big game seasons are permitted to hunt.
- (5) During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use on:
  - (i) Crawford State Recreation Area
  - (ii) Eleven Mile State Recreation Area
  - (iii) Navajo State Recreation Area
  - (iv) Paonia State Recreation Area

- (v) Rifle Gap State Recreation Area
  - (vi) State Forest State Park
  - (vii) Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area
  - (viii) Sylvan Lake State Recreation Area
  - (ix) Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
  - (x) Mueller State Park
  - (xi) San Luis State Park
- (6) During the period described in 106-a.1.(c)(1)(X), only primitive weapons (hand-held bow and muzzle-loading rifles) may be used to hunt big game animals, as defined by the Division of Wildlife, in the western portion of Eldorado Canyon State Park known as Crescent Meadows.
  - (7) 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 unloaded when the hunter is outside the posted hunting area boundary.
  - (8) 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 in the following areas:
    - (i) 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.
  - (9) 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.
  - (10) 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.
  - (11) 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.

- (12) 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.
  - (13) During the period described in 106.a.1.(c)(1) 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.
- d. 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.
1. 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.
  2. 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

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

#### RAPTOR HUNTING

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

### CHAPTER 7 - PASSES, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS

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

##### VEHICLE PASSES

##### #700 - VEHICLE PASS

1. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations or by Colorado Revised Statutes, no motor vehicle shall be brought onto any Parks and Outdoor Recreation lands unless a valid pass issued by the Division is properly attached. Passes that are designed to be affixed to the windshield shall be attached to the extreme lower right-hand corner of the vehicle's windshield in a position so that the pass may be observed and identified. For an annual vehicle pass, including an aspen leaf annual pass to be properly attached to a windshield it must be permanently affixed. Any vehicle without a windshield shall be treated as a special case, but evidence of a pass shall be required. Other types of passes, such as hang tag passes, shall be continuously displayed in the motor vehicle in the manner described on the pass while the motor vehicle is operated or parked on Division properties.
2. No vehicle pass shall be required for:
  - a. Any snowmobile as defined in section 33-14-101, C.R.S.;
  - b. Any off-highway vehicle as defined in section 33-14.5-101(3), C.R.S.;
  - c. Any government-owned vehicle, emergency vehicle, or law enforcement vehicle on official business;

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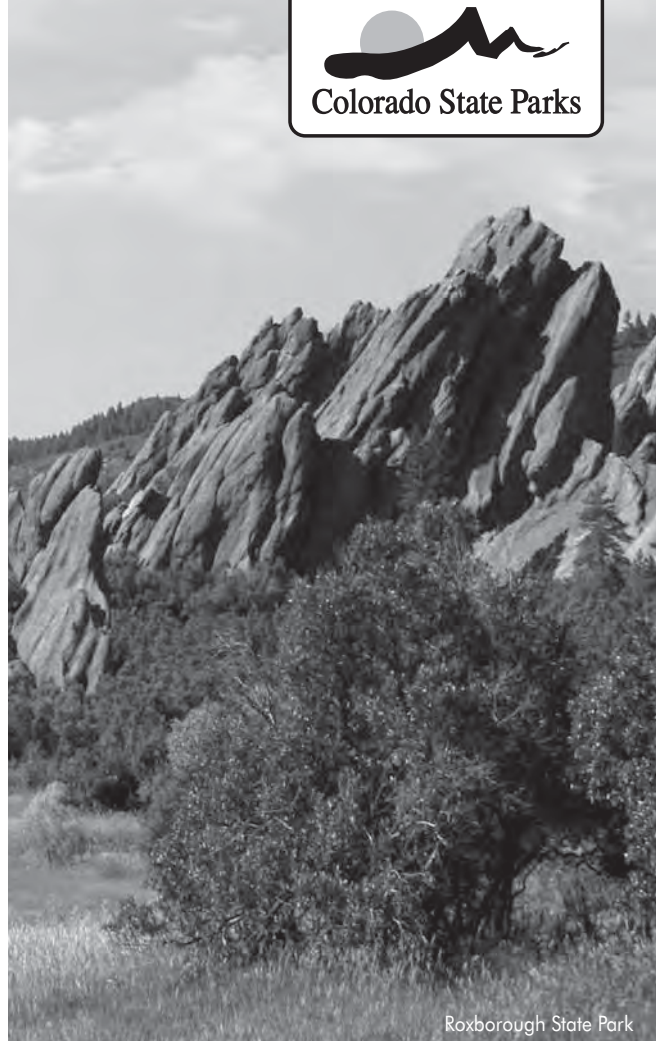
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- d. Any commercial delivery vehicle delivering goods to the park or a park concessionaire when the goods are directly related to the operation of the park or concession;
  - e. Any resident's vehicle displaying a Colorado disabled veteran's license plate pursuant to section 42-3-134(3)(a), C.R.S., and as provided for in section 33-12-106(1), C.R.S.;
  - f. Any vehicle bringing a qualified holder of a transferable Columbine or a Centennial annual pass into a park;
  - g. Any vehicle that is not required to have a vehicle pass pursuant to the special activity regulation #703;
  - h. Any vehicle entering a park on Colorado day; or
  - i. Any vehicle that is exclusively towed.
3. The types of annual vehicle passes available from the Division are as follows:
- a. An Aspen Leaf annual pass as provided for in section 33-12-103, C.R.S.; and
  - b. An annual vehicle pass, which is available for any vehicle except passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business.
    - (1) Commercial passenger vans and buses are eligible to purchase daily, but not annual, vehicle passes.
    - (2) School buses on official school outings, passenger vans and buses operated by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses operated by any government agency are eligible for either daily or annual vehicle passes.
4. Daily vehicle passes are as follows:
- a. A fee of \$7.00 per vehicle for any vehicle except for:
    - (1) Passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business;
    - (2) A \$1.00 per vehicle capacity fee will be added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Cherry Creek, Chatfield, and Boyd Lake State Recreation Areas, and Eldorado Canyon State Park.
  - b. School buses on official school outings, passenger vans and buses operated by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses operated by any government agency are eligible to purchase a daily vehicle pass.
  - c. For passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business, the daily vehicle pass fee will be based upon the number of passengers on-board. The fee shall be \$10.00 for up to fifteen passengers on-board, \$40.00 for sixteen to thirty passengers on-board, and \$50.00 for more than thirty passengers on-board.
5. An annual vehicle pass shall be issued and, by appropriate language, authorize entrance by motor vehicle to all state recreation areas and state parks during the period beginning on the date of purchase through the last day of the same month in the following year. Such authorization shall apply to the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is affixed. One pass shall cover all state recreation areas and state parks.
6. Additional annual vehicle passes may be issued to an owner or to the owner's immediate family members. Additional annual vehicle passes authorize entrance by motor vehicle to all state recreation areas and state parks during the period beginning on the date of purchase of the additional pass through the expiration date of the associated original full-priced annual pass. Owners of school buses, passenger vans

and buses owned by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses owned by any government agency are limited to purchasing no more than two additional annual vehicle passes at a reduced fee per each annual vehicle pass purchased at the full fee. For the purpose of this regulation, "immediate family members" are defined as spouses and children with valid driver's licenses living at the same address. "Owner" is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration of both the original vehicle for which an annual pass was purchased and the additional vehicle, or a person who can provide proof of ownership of the original and the additional vehicle at a designated Division office.

- 7. If the motor vehicle for which an annual vehicle pass or additional vehicle pass was issued is sold or traded, or if the pass is lost or destroyed during the period in which it is valid, the person to whom the pass was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof, upon signing an affidavit reciting where and by whom it was issued and the circumstances under which it was lost or traded. Upon payment of a fee of \$5.00, a new pass effective for the remainder of the period that the lost or destroyed pass would have been valid may be issued only by the Division to the original owner of such pass.
- 8. A daily park pass, valid for one day only, shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle to the state recreation areas and state parks by the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is affixed during the day used and until 12:00 P.M. (noon) the following day.
- 9. A no fee pass shall be issued to any vehicle towed or carried in by a motor home if a camping permit or proof of a campsite reservation is presented at an attended visitor center, office or entrance station. The no fee pass, valid for the same time period as the camping permit or camping reservation, shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle to the state recreation areas and state parks by the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is affixed. For the purpose of this regulation, motor home means a vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters and which is built into, as an integral part of or a permanent attachment to, a motor vehicle chassis or van.

## INDIVIDUAL PASSES

### #701 - INDIVIDUAL PASSES

- 1. Individuals entering state recreation areas and state parks by means other than a motor vehicle, such as on foot, bicycle, horseback, etc., may enter without purchasing a parks pass, except as otherwise required by these regulations. No individual pass shall be required under the circumstances identified in regulation #700-2.a. through #700-2.e. and #700-2.g. through #700-2.i.
- 2. A disabled resident may obtain a Columbine annual pass pursuant to 33-12-103.5, C.R.S. A resident who qualifies for a Centennial annual pass may obtain such pass as provided for in this regulation. The Columbine and the Centennial annual passes are transferable and are valid whenever temporarily affixed to any vehicle used to bring the pass holder into a park.
- 3. A Columbine or a Centennial annual pass shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle, when and where motor vehicle access is permitted, to all state recreation areas and state parks. Such authorization shall apply to the holder of the Columbine or the Centennial annual pass and all the passengers in, and the driver of, the motor vehicle carrying the holder of such annual pass. Such annual parks pass

must be continuously displayed in the manner described on the pass while the motor vehicle transporting the holder of the pass is operated or parked on division properties. Additional fees may be required at some facilities such as campgrounds, group picnic areas and swim beaches.

4. A Columbine or a Centennial annual parks pass shall be issued following the Division's receipt of a completed application from a qualified resident of the state and the payment of the necessary fee.
5. In order to qualify for a Columbine annual parks pass, a resident must provide written proof to the Division:
  - a. That he or she has been determined to be totally and permanently disabled by the Social Security Administration; or
  - b. That he or she has been determined to be totally and permanently disabled by the Division of Workers' Compensation; or
  - c. That he or she has been determined by a physician to have a physical or mental impairment which prevents gainful employment and is reasonably certain to continue throughout the person's lifetime.
6. In order to qualify for a Centennial annual parks pass, a resident must show a photo identification card and provide written proof, in the form of a federal income tax return from the immediately preceding calendar year, that the federal total annual income of such individual is at or below the threshold amount, based on the number of dependents, for a state parks Centennial annual pass. The federal total annual income amounts, based on the number of dependents, cannot be greater than:

1	\$10,000
2	\$13,500
3	\$17,500
4	\$20,500
5	\$24,000
6	\$27,500
7	\$31,000
8	\$34,000
each additional dependent	add an additional \$275

If the individual's income is at a level where he or she was not required to file a federal income tax return for the immediately preceding calendar year, such individual shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury in the second degree to such effect. No such affidavit shall be required to be notarized.

7. The Columbine and the Centennial annual parks pass application shall be on a form provided by the Division. Blank applications shall be available, during regular business hours, at the Divisions' regional offices, Denver offices, and service centers.
8. Individuals applying to the Division for a Columbine or a Centennial annual parks pass must provide the following information:
  - a. Full name and address, including city, county, state and zip code; and
  - b. Phone number, unless the phone number is unlisted or non-published; and

- c. Date of birth and age; and
  - d. Physical description, including sex, height, weight, hair and eye color; and
  - e. Applicant's signature and date of application; and
  - f. If applying for a Columbine annual parks, information concerning the nature of the applicant's disability, together with supporting evidence of the same.
  - g. If applying for a Centennial annual parks pass, information concerning the applicant's total annual income and number of dependents together with supporting evidence of the same.
9. The Columbine and the Centennial annual parks pass application form shall contain language explaining that the completed and signed application, once submitted to the Division, will be treated in all respects as a sworn statement. The form shall also contain an oath that includes an affirmation attesting to the truth of that which is stated, the applicant is aware that statements made are intended to be represented as true and correct statements, and that false statements are punishable by law.
  10. At the time that an application for a Columbine or a Centennial annual parks pass is submitted to the Division, the appropriate fee shall also be paid.
  11. Pending the issuance of a Columbine or a Centennial annual parks pass, possession of a bona fide copy of the application permits the applicant and others in the motor vehicle carrying the applicant entrance by motor vehicle to all state parks and state recreation areas, when and where motor vehicle access is permitted, for a period of thirty days following the date of filing the application with the Division or until receipt of notice from the Division either granting or denying the application request, whichever period of time is shorter.
  12. Within 15 days of the Division's receipt of a completed Columbine or Centennial annual parks pass application and the appropriate fee payment, the Division shall review and approve or deny the application.
    - a. Completed applications shall be approved if the minimum qualifications set forth in this regulation are met.
    - b. Conversely, if the minimum qualifications are not met, then the application shall be denied. The applicant shall be notified in writing within five working days upon denial of a request. Such written notification shall include an explanation of the basis for denial and a refund of any fee paid.
    - c. The applicant may appeal this decision to the Division Director by notifying the Director in writing within sixty days of the Division's mailing of the denial notice. A faster appeal will be necessary when the calendar year will end prior to the expiration of the sixty-day appeal period.
    - d. The address utilized by the Division for all mailings associated with the processing of a Columbine or Centennial annual parks pass application shall be the address indicated on the application.
  13. If a Columbine or a Centennial annual pass is lost or destroyed during the period of time that it would otherwise would have been valid, the person to whom the pass was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof, upon signing an affidavit reciting where and by whom it was issued and circumstances under which it was lost. Upon payment of a fee of \$5.00, a new pass may be issued only by the Division to the original owner of such Columbine or Centennial annual pass.

14. The receipt for the annual vehicle pass shall be used as an annual walk-in pass for visitors entering Eldorado Canyon State Park, Lory State Park, Colorado State Forest State Park, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.
15. Individual daily pass fees are as follows:
  - a. A fee of \$3.00 per person for any person of the age of sixteen or more years shall be charged for a daily pass for all visitors entering Eldorado Canyon, Colorado State Forest, and Lory State Parks, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid parks pass.
  - b. A fee of \$3.00 per person for any person of the age of sixteen or more years shall be charged for a daily pass for all visitors entering the developed and posted fee sites of Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid parks pass.
16. Volunteers for the division of parks and outdoor recreation are eligible for a volunteer park pass while serving in accordance with a signed individual volunteer agreement and after donating a minimum of 48 hours of approved volunteer service within a previous consecutive 12-month period.
  - a. A valid volunteer pass shall be accepted in lieu of a fee assessed for a park pass.
  - b. The volunteer park pass is valid for one year from the date of issue.
  - c. The volunteer park pass is transferable and valid whenever temporarily affixed to any vehicle used to bring the pass holder into a park, or for walk-in use, when in possession of the eligible pass holder.
17. Volunteers for the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation who are 64 years of age or older, regardless of their state of residence, are eligible for the senior volunteer park pass while serving in accordance with a signed individual volunteer agreement and after donating a minimum of 48 hours of approved volunteer service within a previous consecutive 12 month period.
  - a. A valid senior volunteer pass shall be accepted in lieu of a fee assessed for a park pass.
  - b. The senior volunteer park pass is valid for one year from the date of issue.
  - c. The senior volunteer park pass is transferable and valid whenever temporarily affixed to any vehicle used to bring the pass holder into a park, or for walk-in use, when in the possession of the eligible pass holder.
  - d. Senior volunteer pass holders shall receive campground use permits at a reduced rate equal to the current aspen leaf pass holder camping permit rate, as specified in regulation #705. This reduced rate applies to all days of the year when such areas are open, except weekends and holiday. For the purpose of determining reduced rate campground permit eligibility, "weekend" means the time period beginning at noon on Friday through 12 noon on Sunday, and "holiday" shall mean the time period beginning at noon on the day prior to the legal holiday through 12 midnight on the legal holiday. The camping permit reduced fees associated with the senior volunteer pass are identified in regulation #708.

**#702 - BOARD AUTHORITY**

1. The Board may waive the requirement for a park pass, or it may close any state park or state recreation area, or portions thereof, whenever it finds the action necessary to protect and

promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this state.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**#703 - SPECIAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PERMITS**

1. "Special activities" means those events which have the potential for a significant adverse impact on park values or health, safety or welfare of park visitors or which may otherwise require special planning/scheduling for proper management. Special activities shall require prior approval in the form of a special-activities permit. Applications thereof generally shall be made to the Park Manager at least ninety (90) days prior to the event. Such application must be accompanied by the appropriate application filing fee. This requirement for an application to be filed ninety days prior to an event will be waived in rare circumstances where arrangements can be made in a shorter time without putting undue administrative burden on the Park Manager or when no special arrangements are necessary.
2. The decision of whether to approve special activity permits will be made by the Park Manager when it is determined that the special activities will not involve the use of a park or recreation area by a group of persons totaling more than the park or recreation area's established carrying capacity. Otherwise, the Regional Manager shall make the decision of whether to approve the permits. The decision of whether to approve special activities permits will be based on the impact on park values and/or the health, safety and welfare of park visitors and other affected persons, and also will be based on:
  - a. The nature of the park or recreation area and the types of recreational opportunities/resources it is intended to provide the public
  - b. The carrying capacity of the facility or facilities to be utilized during the special activity compared to:
    - (1) The total number of park visitors (including participants and spectators in the special activity) expected to utilize such facilities; and
    - (2) The total number of vehicles, vessels or persons expected to participate in or be attracted to such activities.
  - c. The extent to which the special activity will contribute to the variety of outdoor recreational opportunities available to the people of this state and its visitors.
  - d. The extent to which the activity places an administrative burden on the staff of the park area.
3. Permits will be denied when a proposed special activity would have significant adverse impact on park values, pose significant threats to the health, safety or welfare of park visitors or other person, be inconsistent with area management plans or intended facility use, or place an unreasonable administrative burden on park staff.
4. Whenever it is determined that any special activity will involve the use of a park or recreation area by a group of persons totaling more than the park's or recreation area's established carrying capacity a thirty day written public comment period and a public meeting shall be required prior to the granting of a permit. The Park Manager shall publish notice of both the written comment period and the meeting at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties wherein said park or recreation area is located. The meeting shall be conducted by the Division representative responsible for the permit issuance decision and shall be held either at the park or recreation area, or within a county in which the

park or recreation area is located. Such public meeting is not intended to be an adjudicatory licensing hearing under the provisions of the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act, but only as an opportunity for public comment.

5. An application for a permit shall be acted upon promptly, and the applicant shall be notified immediately after the taking of action on the application. If the application is denied, the applicant shall be notified in writing within five working days of such action. Such written notification shall include the basis for the denial. The applicant may submit a written appeal of a denial to the Division Director within sixty days of receipt of the denial, requesting a hearing pursuant to section 24-2-104(9), C.R.S., if the date of the proposed special activity is to occur within the sixty day appeal period, then the applicant shall submit any written appeal as soon as practicable so as to allow a reasonable time for the Director to act upon the appeal. Absent special circumstances justifying a later submittal and depending upon the nature of the proposed special activity and the amount of preparation required on the part of the Division for such activity, generally an appeal submitted less than twenty-five days prior to the proposed special activity will be deemed untimely.
6. Upon written request, the Division shall waive the requirement for a parks pass for those vehicles when all the occupants are entering parks and outdoor recreation areas for the purpose of administering permitted special activities and not for the purpose of their own recreation.
7. For special activities where the Division representative responsible for the permit issuance decision determines it will be a greater administrative ease for the Division to administer the activity, an alternative fee of \$2.00 per person per day may be charged for admission of persons attending or participating in the special activity. This permission shall apply only to groups of twenty or more persons.

#### **CAMPGROUND USE PERMITS**

##### **#704 - CAMPGROUND USE PERMITS AND GROUP CAMPGROUND USE PERMITS**

1. No person shall camp in designated campgrounds or use any campground facilities of any park or recreation area unless such use is by authority of a valid campground-use permit issued by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.
2. In order to obtain a campground-use permit, a member of the camping party must be present with the camping unit, ready to make immediate occupancy of the campsite, or a reservation must be made through the approved campsite reservation system. No person may reserve or hold a campsite for another party by purchasing a campground-use permit for an additional site.
3. Possession of a valid campground-use permit visibly displayed at a place provided at each campsite shall authorize a single camping unit (tent, camper, etc.) occupied by a single family unit, or a maximum of six (6) persons to camp in a campsite until 12:00 P.M. (noon) the following day. No person shall remove a valid campground-use permit or reservation card from the place provided for display prior to the expiration of such permit or card and/or occupy any campsite displaying such a permit or card or otherwise posted as already occupied by another party in accordance with these regulations.
4. A valid vehicle or individual pass, as required by regulations #700 and #701 respectively, shall be required for each motor vehicle for each night of camping.

5. Definitions as used in these regulations, unless the context requires otherwise:

- a. "Full-Hookup Campground" means those with highly developed facilities. Individual campsites will be designated and include a high-use pad with table, grill and/or fire ring and individual pressurized water, sewer and/or electrical connections. Flush toilets, lavatory and shower facilities, and trash receptacles will be available. Grocery store, food-service facilities, sanitary dump station, laundry facilities, or other developed amenities may be available.
- b. "Electrical Campground" means those with fairly developed facilities. Individual campsites will be designated and include a high-use pad, picnic table, grill and/or fire ring and individual electrical connections.
- c. "Basic Campground" includes those campgrounds providing basic facilities and improvements. Individual campsites shall be designated and include a table, grill and/or fire ring.
- d. "Primitive Campground" includes those campgrounds where only limited facilities or improvements are provided. Individual campsites may not be designated and may not include individual tables, grills or fire rings. Centrally located vault toilets and trash receptacles may be provided; however, drinking water generally will not be available.
- e. Notwithstanding the established campground fees, the Board delegates to the Division Director the authority to lower a campground's classification by one class, and consequently lower the campground fee, when the Division Director determines that it is necessary to do so based upon one or more of the following criteria:
  - (1) A significant increase in the vacancy rate for the campground exists.
  - (2) A significant need to rehabilitate the campground facilities exists.
  - (3) A temporary closure of campground facilities is necessary in order to implement repairs.

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

6. For the purpose of making a reservation, from May first through November thirtieth, the camping minimum night stay for the yurts at Pearl Lake State park shall be two nights. The minimum night stay for the cabins at Mueller State Park, large cabin #1 at Sylvan Lake State Park and Harmsen Ranch at Golden Gate Canyon State Park shall be two nights; this applies year round.
7. The cancellation fee for group camping reservations at all group camping sites in the system shall be equal to the amount of the first night's fee if the cancellation is made within fourteen days of the first reserved date.

##### **#705 - ASPEN LEAF ANNUAL PASSHOLDERS**

1. A resident of this state who is sixty-four years of age or older may obtain an Aspen Leaf annual pass. The fee for an Aspen Leaf annual pass is identified in regulation #708.
2. Individuals possessing a valid Aspen Leaf annual pass shall receive campground use permits at a reduced rate all days of the year when such areas are open, except weekends and holidays. For the purpose of determining reduced rate campground permit eligibility, "weekend" means the time

period beginning at 12 noon on Friday through 12 noon on Sunday, and "Holiday" shall mean the time period beginning at 12 noon on the day prior to the legal holiday through 12 midnight of the legal holiday. The camping permit reduced fees associated with the Aspen Leaf annual pass are identified in regulation # 708.

3. The aspen Leaf Annual pass holder must own in whole or in part any vehicle to which the Aspen Leaf annual pass is affixed and used to enter a park area.
4. A resident of this state who is sixty-four years of age or older may obtain an Aspen Leaf Lifetime Pass, valid from the date the pass is purchased through the lifetime of the pass holder. An Aspen Leaf Lifetime Passholder may obtain a free Aspen Leaf annual pass for a single vehicle the holder owns in whole or in part. The free Aspen Leaf annual pass shall be affixed to such vehicle owned by the passholder. Additional passes shall be purchased pursuant to no. 708(1)(e)(2).

**#706 - GROUP PICNIC AREA PERMITS**

1. No person shall use any facility of any group picnic area unless such use is by authority of a valid permit issued by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.
2. All permits and reservations must be received in advance. The group picnic area cancellation fee for all group picnic sites within the system shall be equal to 25% of the base fee if the cancellation is made more than fourteen days prior to the reserved date. If the cancellation is made within fourteen days of the reserved date, then the cancellation fee shall be 100% of the base fee.
3. Definitions as used in these regulations, unless the context requires otherwise:
  - a. "Class A – Deluxe Group Picnic Area" means those with highly developed facilities. The picnic area will be designated and include a covered shelter, picnic tables, a grill, and electrical connections. Restroom facilities, trash receptacles, water and lighting will be available.
  - b. "Class B – Improved Group Picnic Area" means those with fairly developed facilities. The picnic area will be designated and include picnic tables and a grill. Trash receptacles and water will be available.
  - c. "Class C – Basic Group Picnic Area" means those providing basic facilities. The picnic area will be designated and include picnic tables and a grill. Sanitary facilities shall generally consist of vault-type toilets.

**#707 - SWIMBEACH PASSES - "Reserved"**

**#708 - PASS AND PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

1. The fees for the types of vehicle passes issued by the Division are as follows.
  - a. Aspen leaf annual pass.....\$35.00
  - b. Aspen leaf lifetime pass .....\$175.00
  - c. Annual vehicle pass .....\$70.00
  - d. Annual vehicle passes purchased in large quantities during a single sale, transaction will be discounted as follows.
    - (1) Twenty or more passes, but less than fifty 20% discount
    - (2) Fifty or more passes, but less than one hundred 25% discount
    - (3) One hundred passes or more 30% discount
  - e. (1) Each additional annual vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles.....\$35.00
  - (2) Each additional Aspen Leaf vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles.....\$18.00
  - f. Each replacement annual vehicle pass.....\$5.00

- g. Each daily vehicle pass (exceptions follow) .....\$7.00
  - (1) At Cherry Creek, Chatfield, and Boyd Lake State Recreation Areas, and Eldorado Canyon State Park.....\$8.00
- h. Each daily vehicle pass for a passenger van or bus operated by a commercial business:
  - (1) carrying up to fifteen passengers .....\$10.00
  - (2) carrying sixteen to thirty passengers.....\$40.00
  - (3) carrying more than thirty passengers .....\$50.00
2. The fees for the types of individual passes issued by the Division are as follows. Eligibility requirements are stated in regulation #701.
  - a. Columbine or Centennial annual pass .....\$14.00
  - b. Each replacement Columbine or Centennial annual pass .....\$5.00
  - c. Individual daily passes (applies to persons sixteen years of age or older) for Eldorado Canyon, Colorado State Forest, Lory State Parks and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. \$3.00
3. The fees associated with special activities, as provided for in regulation # 703 are:
  - a. Special activity alternate individual fee (applies to groups of twenty or more people in size) .....\$2.00
  - b. Special activity application filing fee.....\$20.00
4. The fees for the types of campground-use permits issued by the Division are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation #704.
  - a. Campground-use permit for "Full-Hookup Campgrounds" .....\$24.00/night
  - b. Campground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds" .....\$20.00/night
  - c. Campground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds" .....\$16.00/night
  - d. Campground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds" .....\$10.00/night
  - e. From May 1 through September 30 at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Cheyenne Mountain, Golden Gate, Highline, Mueller, Pearl Lake, Rifle Falls, Ridgway, St. Vrain, Steamboat and Sylvan Lake the camping fees shall be:
    - (1) Campground-use permit for "full hookup campgrounds" .....\$26.00/night
    - (2) Campground-use permit for "electrical campgrounds" .....\$22.00/night
    - (3) Campground-use permit for "basic campgrounds" .....\$18.00/night
    - (4) Campground-use permit for "primitive campgrounds" .....\$12.00/night
5. The fees for reduced rate Aspen Leaf and senior volunteer park pass campground-use permits issued by the Division are as follows. Eligibility requirements are stated in regulation #701 and regulation #705. Reduced rates are offered all days of the year when the campground is open, except weekends and holidays.
  - a. Campground-use permit for "full-hookup campgrounds" .....\$13.00/night
  - b. Campground-use permit for "electrical campgrounds" .....\$11.00/night
  - c. Campground-use permit for "basic campgrounds" .....\$9.00/night



- d. Campground-use permit for "primitive campgrounds" ..... \$6.00/night
- e. From May 1 through September 30 at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Cheyenne Mountain, Golden Gate, Highline, Mueller, Pearl Lake, Rifle Falls, Ridgway, St. Vrain, Steamboat and Sylvan Lake the camping fees for reduced rate Aspen Leaf and senior volunteer pass campground-use permits shall be:
  - (1) Campground-use permit for "full hookup campgrounds" ..... \$15.00/night
  - (2) Campground-use permit for "electrical campgrounds" ..... \$13.00/night
  - (3) Campground-use permit for "basic campgrounds" ..... \$11.00/night
  - (4) Campground-use permit for "primitive campgrounds" ..... \$8.00/night
- 6. The fees for types of group campground-use areas are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation #704.
  - a. In group camp areas of "Full-Hookup Campgrounds", the fee shall be \$24.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
  - b. In group camp areas of "Electrical Campgrounds", the fee shall be \$20.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
  - c. In group camp areas of "Basic Campgrounds", the fee shall be \$16.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
  - d. In group camp areas of "Primitive Campgrounds", the fee shall be \$10.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.
  - e. From May 1 through September 30 at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Cheyenne Mountain, Golden Gate, Highline, Mueller, Pearl Lake, Rifle Falls, Ridgway, St. Vrain, Steamboat and Sylvan Lake the camping fees for group camp areas shall be:
    - (1) Campground-use permit for "Full Hookup Campgrounds" ..... \$26.00/night
    - (2) Campground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds" ..... \$22.00/night
    - (3) Campground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds" ..... \$18.00/night
    - (4) Campground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds" ..... \$12.00/night
- 7. The fees for types of cabins and yurts are as follows:
  - a. For small cabins and yurts that may accommodate a maximum of six people:
    - (1) Standard ..... \$70.00/night
    - (2) Premium ..... \$100.00/night
  - b. For large cabins and yurts that may accommodate seven or more people:
    - (1) Standard ..... \$100.00/night
    - (2) Premium two bedroom ..... \$130.00/night
    - (3) Premium three bedroom ..... \$170.00/night
    - (4) Premium four bedroom ..... \$230.00/night
    - (5) Each additional premium bedroom over four bedrooms ..... \$60.00/night
  - c. For Mueller State Park Cabins and Harmsen Ranch at Golden Gate Canyon State Park:
    - (1) Premium two bedroom ..... \$140.00/night

- (2) Premium three bedroom ..... \$200.00/night
- (3) Premium four bedroom ..... \$260.00/night
- d. The maximum persons capacity shall be posted in each cabin and yurt.
- e. There shall be an additional fee of \$10.00/night for pets where pets are allowed. For barn and corral facilities, there shall be a boarding fee of \$10.00/animal/night.
- f. Premium facilities contain showers and flush toilets.
- g. Notwithstanding the established cabin and yurt fees, the board delegates to the division director the authority to lower a cabin or yurt fee by twenty-five percent when the division director determines that it is necessary to do so based upon one or more of the following criteria:
  - (1) A significant increase in the vacancy rate for the cabin or yurt exists.
  - (2) A significant need to rehabilitate the cabin or yurt facilities exists.
  - (3) A temporary closure of facilities is necessary in order to implement repairs.
 Upon a determination by the division director that the cause for lowering the cabin or yurt fee has been abated, the original fee will be reinstated.
- 8. The fees associated with the reservation system are as follows:
  - a. Campsite, cabin, and yurt reservation fee ..... \$10.00/campsite, cabin or yurt
  - b. Each reservation change or cancellation ..... \$6.00/each
    - (1) For cancellations made fourteen days or more prior to the beginning date of the reservation, the campsite reservation fee will be retained and the cancellation fee will be charged
    - (2) For cancellations made less than fourteen days prior to the beginning date of the reservation, the campsite reservation fee will be retained and the first night's camping fee will be charged.
  - c. On-park facility reservation fee ..... \$10.00/facility
    - (1) For group camping areas, group picnic areas, and event facilities, the cancellation fees shall be as described in regulations #704, #706, and #708, respectively.
- 9. The group picnic area permit fees for the permits issued by the Division are as follows. Group picnic area classes are defined in regulation #706.
  - a. Permit for "Class A – Deluxe Group Picnic Area" ..... \$90.00
  - b. Permit for "Class B – Improved Group Picnic Area" ..... \$60.00
  - c. Permit for "Class C – Basic Group Picnic Area" ..... \$30.00
- 10. Event facility permit fees are as follows.
  - a. For Bridge Canyon Overlook and Pikes Peak Amphitheater at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Panorama Point and Golden Gate Canyon State Park, and Soldier Canyon Shelter at Lory State Park:
    - (1) Monday through Friday ..... \$150.00/2 hours
    - (2) Saturday and Sunday ..... \$300.00/2 hours
  - b. For event facilities numbers 1 and 3 at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Lyons Overlook at Roxborough State Park and Timber Event Facility at Lory State Park:
    - (1) Monday through Friday ..... \$100.00

- (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$150.00
- c. For event facility number 2 at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Fountain Valley Overlook at Roxborough State Park and South Eltuck Event Facility at Lory State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$75.00
  - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$125.00
- d. For the Red Barn at Golden Gate Canyon State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$150.00
  - (2) Saturday and Sunday.....\$200.00
- e. For Mariner Point at Boyd Lake State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$90.00
  - (2) Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.....\$180.00
- f. For Prairie Skipper event facility at Cheyenne Mountain State Park:
  - (1) Monday through Friday.....\$150.00/day
  - (2) Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.....\$200.00/day
- g. For Prairie Falcon event facility at Cheyenne Mountain State Park:
  - (1) Fridays and Saturdays from the first weekend in May through the last weekend in September:.....\$300.00/2 hours
  - (2) Fridays and Saturdays October through April:.....\$150.00/2 hours
  - (3) Sunday through Thursday year round:.....\$150.00/2 hours
- h. For PA-CO-CHU-PUK event facilities at Ridgway State Park:
  - (1) Single event shelter A or B:
    - (a) Monday through Thursday.....\$125.00/day
    - (b) Friday through Sunday and holidays.....\$150.00/day
  - (2) Shelters A and B combined:
    - (a) Monday through Thursday.....\$235.00/day
    - (b) Friday through Sunday and holidays.....\$275.00/day
- i. Conference and/or meeting rooms.....\$100.00/day
- j. Cancellation fees for event facility reservations are equal to 25% of the base fee if the cancellation is made more than fourteen days prior to the reserved date. If a cancellation is made within fourteen days prior to the event, the cancellation fee shall be 100% of the total event permit fee.
- k. The maximum persons capacity and hours of operation shall be posted at each event facility.
- 11. The fees associated with dog off leash areas at Chatfield State Park and Cherry Creek State Park, as provided for in regulation #100 are:
  - a. Dog off leash annual pass.....\$20.00
  - b. Dog off leash daily pass.....\$2.00
- 12. The fee associated with the mandatory youth education course for motorboat operators.....\$15.00
- 13. The fees associated with the Lone Mesa State Park Hunting Special Use Permits are as follows:
  - a. Resident archery.....\$100.00
  - b. Non-resident archery.....\$200.00
  - c. Resident antlerless muzzleloading.....\$100.00
  - d. Resident antlered muzzleloading.....\$200.00
  - e. Non-resident antlerless muzzleloading.....\$200.00
  - f. Non-resident antlered muzzleloading.....\$300.00

- g. Resident either sex elk only first season.....\$150.00
- h. Non-resident either sex elk only first season.....\$250.00
- i. Resident antlerless second, third, or fourth season.....\$100.00
- j. Resident antlered second, third, or fourth season.....\$200.00
- k. Non-resident antlerless second, third, or fourth season.....\$200.00
- l. Non-resident antlered second, third, or fourth season.....\$300.00
- 14. It is unlawful for any person to transfer, sell, or assign any permit issued by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, including special activity permits, campground use permits, and group picnic area permits.
- 15. The fees associated with the Golden Gate Canyon State Park hunting special use permit are as follows:
  - a. Application filing fee.....\$10.00 per application
  - b. Resident and non-resident archery, muzzleloading, antlered, antlerless, or either sex, for first, second, third or fourth season permit.....\$100.00.

**#709 - REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE**

- 1. The fees for types of vessel registrations issued by the Division are as follows:
  - a. Vessel registration (including annual resident registration and each rental vessel registration):
    - (1) For vessels less than twenty feet in length.....\$35.00
    - (2) For vessels twenty feet to less than thirty feet in length.....\$45.00
    - (3) For vessels thirty feet or more in length.....\$75.00
      - (a) Dealer registration for all vessels owned by dealer which are operated for research, testing, experimentation, or demonstration purposes only:
        - (i) When the dealer sells twenty-five or fewer vessels within the preceding year.....\$45.00
        - (ii) When the dealer sells more than twenty-five vessels within the preceding year.....\$75.00
      - (b) Manufacturer registration for all vessels owned by a manufacturer which are operated for demonstration or testing purposes only.....\$25.00
      - (c) Nonresident annual vessel registration for a person from a state or country where registration is not permitted.....\$50.00
- 2. The fees for the types of snowmobile registrations issued by the Division are as follows:
  - a. Snowmobile registration (including annual resident registration and each rental snowmobile).....\$30.00
  - b. Dealer registration for all snowmobiles owned by a snowmobile dealer which are operated for demonstration or testing purposes only:
    - (1) When the dealer sells twenty-five or fewer snowmobiles within the preceding year.....\$35.00
    - (2) When the dealer sells more than twenty-five snowmobiles within the preceding year.....\$60.00
  - c. Manufacturer registration for all snowmobiles owned by a manufacturer which are operated for research, testing, experimentation or demonstration purposes only...\$35.00
  - d. Nonresident annual snowmobile permit.....\$30.00
- 3. The fees for the types of off-highway vehicle registrations issued by the Division are as follows:

- a. Off-highway vehicle registration and nonresident off-highway vehicle permit .....\$25.00
- b. Dealer registration for all off-highway vehicles owned by an off-highway vehicle dealer and operated for demonstration or testing purposes only:
  - (1) When the dealer sells twenty-five or less off-highway vehicles within the preceding year .....\$35.00
  - (2) When the dealer sells more than twenty-five off-highway vehicles within the preceding year .....\$60.00
- c. Manufacturer registration for off-highway vehicles owned by a manufacturer which are operated solely for research, testing, experimentation, or demonstration purposes .....\$35.00
- d. Registration for off-highway vehicles owned by a lessor for rental purposes only:
  - (1) When the lessor owns ten or less off-highway vehicles within the preceding year .....\$35.00
  - (2) When the lessor owns more than ten off-highway vehicles within the preceding year .....\$60.00
- 4. A duplicate vessel, snowmobile, or off-highway vehicle registration.....\$5.00

**CHAPTER 8 – AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)  
ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS  
#800 - DEFINITIONS**

Also see 33-10.5-102, C.R.S, for other applicable definitions.

**A. Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS)**

- 1. Aquatic nuisance species means exotic or nonnative aquatic wildlife or any plant species that have been determined by the board to pose a significant threat to the aquatic resources or water infrastructure of the state, including, but not limited to, the following:

**Animals:**

Common Name	Scientific Name
Crayfish, rusty	Orconectes rusticus
Mussel, quagga	Dreissena bugensis
Mussel, zebra	Dreissena polymorpha
New Zealand mudsnail	Potamopyrgus antipodarum
Waterflea	Daphnia lumholtzii
Waterflea, fishhook	Cercopagis pengoi
Waterflea, spiny	Bythotrephes longimanus (also known as Bythotrephes cederstroemi)

**Plants:**

Common Name	Scientific Name
African elodea	Lagarosiphon major
Brazilian elodea	Egeria densa
Eurasian watermilfoil	Myriophyllum spicatum
Giant salvinia	Salvinia molesta
Hyacinth, water	Eichornia crassipes
Hydrilla	Hydrilla verticillata
Parrotfeather	Myriophyllum aquaticum
Yellow floating heart	Nymphoides peltata

- 2. In addition to these species, the Directors may jointly and temporarily designate a species as an aquatic nuisance species for a period not to exceed nine months when they determine that a species not listed herein poses a significant threat to Colorado’s aquatic resources. Whenever such species are so designated, public notice shall be given, including posting at all watercraft inspection and decontamination facilities and the posting of any lands or waters where the designated species is known by the Divisions to be present.
- B. “Authorized location” means a location or an address where watercraft inspection and decontamination (WID) procedures are authorized and certified by the Divisions including, but not limited to, Division offices, government field stations, or non-governmental facilities as designated by the Divisions.
- C. “Directors” means the Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and the Director of the Division of Wildlife.
- D. “Private inspector and/or decontaminator” means a person employed by a business who is certified by the Divisions to provide services in the form of inspections only or both inspections and decontaminations.
- E. “Vessels or other floating device” means watercraft of any and all kinds including their motors, trailers, compartments, and any other associated equipment or containers that routinely or reasonably could be expected to contain or have come into contact with water. The term does not include hand-launched rafts, kayaks, belly boats, float tubes, canoes, windsurfer boards, sail boards or inner tubes.
- F. “WID procedures” means Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination procedures, as set forth in these chapter 8 regulations.
- G. “WID seals” means Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination devices or markers that are intended to verify that vessels or other floating devices have successfully passed inspections and, when required, decontaminations.

**#801 – POSSESSION OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES**

- A. Except as provided in these regulations or authorized by the Divisions or under Title 33 or Title 35 C.R.S., it shall be unlawful for any person to possess, import, export, ship, transport, release, place, plant, or cause to be released, placed, or planted into the waters of the state any aquatic nuisance species.
- B. The Divisions’ authorized personnel, authorized agents, qualified peace officers, private inspectors, and private decontaminators are permitted to possess and transport live or dead aquatic nuisance species samples for the purposes set forth in Article 10.5 of Title 33, C.R.S. and in these regulations.
- C. It is unlawful for any person to, or to attempt to, launch onto, operate on or remove from any water of the state or vessel staging area any vessel or other floating device without first submitting the same to an inspection for aquatic nuisance species, and completing said inspection, if such an inspection is requested by any qualified peace officer or authorized agent. 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 any qualified peace officer.
- D. It is unlawful for any person to, or to attempt to, launch onto, operate on or remove from any water of the state or vessel staging area any vessel or other floating device if they know the vessel or other floating device contains any aquatic nuisance species.

## **#802 – PRIVATE INSPECTORS, AUTHORIZED AGENTS, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, AND QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. The Divisions may certify private inspectors and/or decontaminators. Such persons shall not be authorized to stop, detain, impound a vessel or other floating device, or order a vessel or other floating device decontaminated or quarantined. Such persons, once certified, are only authorized to provide inspections and/or decontaminations in accordance with WID procedures to persons transporting vessel or other floating device who voluntarily request their services.
- B. Authorized agents shall be certified by the Divisions prior to providing any inspection or decontamination services. A description of training stages and certification requirements is available from the Divisions. After receiving proper training and certification from the Divisions, authorized agents may stop, detain and inspect vessel or other floating device. Authorized agents do not have any authority to order vessel or other floating device decontaminated, nor do they have the authority to impound or order the quarantine of any vessel or other floating device. Authorized agents shall be authorized to perform decontaminations at the direction of a qualified peace officer or at the voluntary request of any person transporting a vessel or other floating device.
- C. Prior to providing any inspection and/or decontamination services, authorized agents and private inspectors and/or decontaminators must successfully complete the Divisions' training course, must maintain active certification and must comply with all quality assurance requirements as listed herein.
- D. Any authorized agent or private inspector and/or decontaminator may be certified by the Divisions to perform inspections and/or decontaminations based on the person's training and the equipment available at the authorized location.
- E. The Divisions shall conduct quality assurance checks at all authorized locations, including but not limited to, inspection of facilities and records, and interviewing authorized location personnel to verify proper procedures are being utilized.
1. If the Divisions document quality assurance violations, including, but not limited to, improper facilities, maintenance, equipment, records or failures to use proper WID procedures, then the Divisions may, at their discretion, issue a written warning notice, disallow aquatic nuisance species inspections, decontaminations, and/or training at the specific location or by the applicable agent or private inspector/decontaminator until the Divisions have documented compliance with all quality assurance checks, or decertify the applicable agent(s), private inspector(s)/decontaminator(s), location(s) or trainer(s) until they have been recertified in accordance with these regulations.

## **#803 – INSPECTIONS**

- A. Inspections may be conducted by
1. Any qualified peace officer;
  2. Any authorized agent or private inspector and/or decontaminator who has been properly trained as required by the Divisions, who holds a valid, active certification and who is in good standing with the Divisions' quality assurance checks.
- B. All persons transporting a vessel or other floating device from a water of the state known to be infested, as determined in regulation #806 D, must be inspected prior to leaving the infested water, or if state authorized inspection facilities are not open or otherwise available, must be inspected prior to launch in any other water of the state. All waters determined to be infested shall be posted and a list of infested waters will also be available from the Divisions.
- C. All persons transporting a vessel or other floating device must go to a state authorized inspection location and submit to and receive documentation of an inspection prior to launching in any water of the state if the vessel or other floating device has been in another state's waters in the last 30 days, or if they are not registered in Colorado.

- D. Inspectors will determine if there is a reasonable belief that aquatic nuisance species are present by interviewing the person transporting the vessel or other floating device and using visual and/or tactile inspection methods and using appropriate forms supplied by the Divisions.
- E. All vessels or other floating devices of any kind, are subject to inspection in accordance with WID procedures prior to launch onto, operation on or departure from any waters of the state or vessel staging areas.
- All compartments, equipment and containers that may hold water, including, but not limited to, live wells and ballast and bilge areas shall be drained as part of all inspections.
- F. Any vessel or other floating device found or reasonably believed to contain aquatic nuisance species shall be decontaminated using WID procedures before said vessel or other floating device will be allowed to launch onto, operate on or depart from any waters of the state or vessel staging areas.
- G. 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 waters of the state. Any person who refuses to permit inspection of their vessel or other floating device 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 water of the state. 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 water of the state or vessel staging area where any aquatic nuisance species is known to be present is subject to impoundment until said aquatic nuisance species inspection and/or decontamination is completed.
- H. Any person operating a vessel or other floating device may be ordered to remove the vessel or device from any water of the state by any qualified peace officer or authorized agent if they reasonably believe 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 shall be subject to inspection for, and the removal and disposal of aquatic nuisance species.
- I. Any authorized agent or private inspector or private decontaminator who, through the course of an inspection, determines there is a reasonable belief that aquatic nuisance species are present shall document the inspection, including but not limited to, type and number of aquatic nuisance species suspected and/or detected and identification of the vessel or other floating device, including license plate numbers and hull and/or vehicle identification numbers, if available. Further, the authorized agent or private inspector/decontaminator shall advise the operator that the vessel or other floating device is suspected of possessing aquatic nuisance species and that it must be decontaminated according to WID procedures as soon as possible. Only qualified peace officers have the authority to order decontamination, impound or quarantine of a vessel or other floating device.
- J. Once a vessel or other floating device is inspected and/or decontaminated, a WID seal may be attached to the vessel or other floating device by a qualified peace officer, authorized agent, or private inspector/decontaminator. A receipt using the Divisions' form shall accompany all WID seals. WID seals shall be attached to a vessel or other floating device as specified by the Divisions. A WID seal, once properly attached to a vessel or other floating device by a qualified peace officer, authorized agent, or a private inspector/decontaminator, and when accompanied by the proper receipt, documents a proper inspection or decontamination procedure.
- K. If a vessel or other floating device contains bait in water, then the owner or operator will be required to produce a receipt for the bait from a Colorado bait dealer with a date clearly printed on the receipt and the date is no more than 7 days previous. If the owner

or operator does not have such a receipt, then they will be required to transfer such bait into a temporary holding container. The bait will be removed from the vessel's or other floating device's live well or container and placed into the holding container using a net while attempting to minimize as much as possible any transference of water from the live well. The live well or container will then be drained and decontaminated using proper WID procedures before restocking with the bait can occur. Whenever possible, water from the water body that the vessel is going to be launched into should be used for restocking the bait.

**#804 – DECONTAMINATION**

- A. The Divisions will only recognize the decontamination methods listed herein that are recognized as proper WID procedures. All treatments will be employed following all applicable laws, disposal methods, recommended safety precautions, and safety equipment and procedures.
- B. To decontaminate water compartments, equipment or containers in a vessel or other floating device to address potential presence of larvae or waterborne aquatic nuisance species, the only acceptable methods will be rinsing and flushing with water of 140 degrees F or hotter.
- C. To decontaminate the exterior of a vessel or other floating device, remove or destroy attached aquatic nuisance species, all visible mud, plants, and organisms. The entire exterior of the vessel or other floating device and all intakes will be thoroughly washed with hot water (140 degrees F or hotter) and as necessary use scrubbing or high pressure water (a minimum of 250 psi). All compartments, equipment and containers that may hold water including, but not limited to live wells, ballast and bilge areas, will be flushed with hot water (140 degrees F or hotter) but not at high pressure. If a bilge pump is present, then it will be run until the bilge appears to be empty. The lower unit of the engine will be thoroughly flushed with hot water (140 degrees F or hotter).
- D. After decontamination, authorized agents, private decontaminators, or qualified peace officers must re-inspect the vessel or other floating device to ensure complete decontamination prior to the release of the vessel or other floating device.
- E. Proof of decontamination will consist of a receipt using the form "ANS Documentation and Vessel Decontamination Form" provided by the Divisions. Such forms shall document the reasons for the decontamination, any aquatic nuisance species found, the date and location of the decontamination, and the method(s) of decontamination used. Authorized agents, private decontaminators, or qualified peace officers may also apply a WID seal to document the decontamination procedure.

**#805 – IMPOUNDMENT**

- A. All vessels or other floating devices are subject to impoundment if the person in charge of the vessel or other floating device:
  - 1. Refuses to allow an inspection of the vessel or other floating device to be conducted by an authorized agent or qualified peace officer.
  - 2. Refusals to allow a decontamination of the vessel or other floating device when decontamination is ordered by a qualified peace officer.
- B. If the person in charge of the vessel or other floating device is not the registered owner then the registered owner shall be notified by mail, return receipt requested, within ten days of the location of the impounded vessel or other floating device. Such notification must also include contact information for the qualified peace officer ordering the impoundment. If the registered owner is present when the vessel or other floating device is ordered impounded, then the same information shall be provided to the registered owner at the time the order is issued.
- C. All vessels or other floating devices will be held in impound at the

risk and expense of the owner. A vessel or other floating device under impound for non-compliance with aquatic nuisance species laws may be released only after a qualified peace officer is satisfied by inspection or quarantine that the vessel or other floating device is no longer a threat to the aquatic resources and water infrastructure of the state. Only a qualified peace officer may authorize the release of the vessel or other floating device.

- D. No vessel or other floating device impounded may be moved or released until an impound release form is signed and executed by a qualified peace officer. The Divisions will provide impound release forms.

**#806 – MONITORING AND IDENTIFICATION**

- A. All aquatic nuisance species sampling and monitoring will be coordinated with the Divisions.
- B. Aquatic nuisance species sampling equipment, vessels or other floating devices, and gear will be decontaminated at the conclusion of sampling in compliance with WID procedures.
- C. Aquatic nuisance species sampling and specimen collection for plankton tows, substrate sampling, or shoreline surveys will be conducted using standards and procedures approved in writing by the Divisions.
- D. To initially identify waters infested with aquatic nuisance species, the following standards will be applied before notifying the public of the existence of these aquatic nuisance species:
  - 1. Zebra and quagga mussel veligers. A multi-phase testing process involving both visual and molecular identification methods will be completed in accordance with the procedural checklist "Multi-Phase Identification of Zebra/Quagga Veligers" available from the Divisions.
  - 2. Zebra and quagga mussel adults or New Zealand mudsnails. Concurring identification by two or more mollusk identification experts.
  - 3. Rusty crayfish. Concurring identification by two or more crustacean identification experts.
  - 4. Waterfleas. Concurring identification by two or more plankton identification experts.
  - 5. Aquatic nuisance species plants. Concurring identification by two or more aquatic botanical experts.

**#807 – REPORTING ANS FINDINGS**

- A. Identification of an aquatic nuisance species through sampling and monitoring procedures at a location where that species has not been known to exist will be reported immediately to the Divisions.
- B. If an aquatic nuisance species is suspected, but the identity is not known, for example a plant of unknown identity or organic material resembling juvenile mollusks, then the Divisions shall be contacted within 48 hours and collected samples will be submitted as stated in regulation #806C.
- C. Any person that becomes aware that an aquatic nuisance species is present at a specific location shall report the aquatic nuisance species presence to an authorized agent or a qualified peace officer of the Divisions, or to the Division of Wildlife Invasive Species Program, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216. Aquatic nuisance species reports should include the date and time of the detection of the aquatic nuisance species, the exact location of sighting (water body and specific location on the water body), the suspected species, and the name and contact information of the reporter.
- D. Aquatic nuisance species or suspected aquatic nuisance species may be reported by:
  - 1. Telephone: 1-877-STOP-ANS or 1-303-293-6531
  - 2. Email: ReportANS@state.co.us
  - 3. Website: <http://www.colorado.gov/wildlife/>

Rules and regulations subject to change.