EMERGENCY REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-7 - PASSES, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS

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

INDIVIDUAL PASSES

#701 - INDIVIDUAL PASSES

- 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.l.
- 2. A Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, Volunteer or Military Pass is issued to an individual person and not a specific vehicle. These shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle, when and where motor vehicle access is permitted, to all state recreation areas and state parks or for other forms of individual access, when in possession of the pass holder. Such authorization shall apply to the holder of the pass and all the passengers in, and the driver of, the motor vehicle carrying the holder of such pass. The pass must be continuously displayed in the manner described on the pass. A Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, Volunteer or Military Pass is transferable from motor vehicle to motor vehicle as long as the pass holder is present in the vehicle.
- 3. Any resident of the state who is a first responder with a permanent occupational disability as defined in state statute 33-4-104.5 (2) may obtain, free of charge, a Blue Spruce annual pass, also known as a Columbine annual pass for first responders pursuant to 33-12-103.5 (2.5), C.R.S. The pass will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-1-102 (38) (a), C.R.S.
 - a. In order to qualify for a Blue Spruce annual parks pass, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:
 - (1) The "Initial Disability Administration Decision" form from the Fire and Police Pension Association that specifies a permanent occupational disability; or
 - (2) For residents that are not members of the Fire and Police Pension Association, a fully completed Division "First Responder Affidavit" signed by the applicant attesting to the fact that their permanent disability or disease was obtained while on active-duty.
- 4. A disabled resident may obtain an Independence annual parks pass pursuant to 33-12-106 (1) (b), C.R.S. An Independence annual parks pass shall be issued following the Division's receipt of a completed application from a qualified resident of the state. The pass will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-10-102 (21), C.R.S.
 - a. In order to qualify for an Independence annual parks pass, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:
 - (1) DD 214 Form or other documentation indicating the veteran received an Honorable Discharge from a branch of the Armed Services of the United States, **AND**

- (2) A qualification letter, on official stationary/letterhead, from the Veteran's Administration, Department of Veteran's Affairs, or the branch of service from which the veteran is receiving compensation that states one of the following:
 - a. 50% or greater, service-connected permanent disability;
 - b. Loss of use of one or both feet;
 - c. Loss of use of one or both hands; or a
 - d. Loss of vision in both eyes.
- 5. 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. 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. The pass will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-10-102 (21), C.R.S.
 - a. In order to qualify for a Columbine annual parks pass, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:
 - (1) A "Final Admission of Liability" form from the Division of Workers Compensation that indicates a total and permanent disability; or
 - (2) A fully completed Division "Physician's Affidavit" signed by a licensed physician attesting that the resident meets the definition of a total and permanent disability. A "total and permanent disability" shall mean any physical or mental impairment which prevents substantial gainful employment, but only if it is reasonably certain that such a disability will continue throughout the lifetime of the disabled person.
 - b. 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 pass will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-10-102 (21), C.R.S.

The federal total annual income amounts, based on the number of dependents, cannot be greater than those listed in the poverty guidelines set forth in the *Federal Register Volume 82, Number 19* (January 31, 2017) issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 422F.5, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201 under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). This federal guideline, but not later amendments to or editions thereof, has been incorporated by reference. Information regarding how and where the incorporated materials may be examined, or copies obtained, is available from:

Regulations Manager Policy and Planning Unit Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife 1313 Sherman Street, Room 111 Denver, Colorado 80203 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.

- c. The Columbine, Centennial, Independence, and Blue Spruce 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.
- d. Individuals applying to the Division for a Columbine, Centennial, Independence, or Blue Spruce annual parks pass must provide the following information:
 - (1) Full name and address, including city, county, state and zip code; and
 - (2) Phone number, unless the phone number is unlisted or non-published; and
 - (3) Date of birth and age; and
 - (4) Physical description, including sex, height, weight, hair and eye color; and
 - (5) Applicant's signature and date of application; and
 - (6) If applying for a Columbine annual parks, information concerning the nature of the applicant's disability, together with supporting evidence of the same.
 - (7) 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.
 - (8) If applying for a Blue Spruce annual parks pass, information concerning the applicant's first responder service and disability, together with supporting evidence of the same.
 - (9) If applying for an Independence annual parks pass, required documentation supporting veteran's status and disability qualifications.
- e. The Columbine, Centennial, Independence, and Blue Spruce 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.
- f. 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.
- g. Pending the issuance of a Columbine, Centennial, Independence, or Blue Spruce annual parks pass, possession on the applicant 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.

- h. Within 15 days of the Division's receipt of a completed Columbine or Centennial annual parks pass application and the appropriate fee payment, or Blue Spruce or Independence annual parks pass application, the Division shall review and approve or deny the application.
 - (1) Completed applications shall be approved if the minimum qualifications set forth in this regulation are met.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) 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.
 - (4) The address utilized by the Division for all mailings associated with the processing of a Columbine, Centennial, Independence, or Blue Spruce annual parks pass application shall be the address indicated on the application.
- i. If a Columbine, Centennial, Independence, or Blue Spruce 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.
 - (1) 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.
- 6. The receipt for the annual affixed vehicle pass or state parks annual transferable pass shall be used as an individual annual pass for visitors entering the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, Barr Lake, Crawford, Colorado State Forest, Eldorado Canyon, Elkhead Reservoir, Fishers Peak (beginning October 10, 2020), Harvey Gap, Highline Lake, James M. Robb Colorado River, Lory, Pearl Lake, Rifle Gap, Rifle Falls, Stagecoach, Steamboat Lake, Sweitzer Lake, Sylvan Lake, Trinidad Lake, Vega and Yampa River State Parks.
- 7. Individual daily pass fees are as follows:
 - a. A fee of \$4.00 per person for any person of the age of sixteen or more years shall be charged for a daily pass for all visitors entering Barr Lake, Crawford, Colorado State Forest, Eldorado Canyon, Elkhead Reservoir, Fishers Peak (beginning October 10, 2020), Harvey Gap, Highline Lake, James M. Robb Colorado River, Lory, Pearl Lake, Rifle Gap, Rifle Falls, Stagecoach, Steamboat Lake, Sweitzer Lake, Sylvan Lake, Trinidad Lake, Vega and Yampa River State Parks, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid annual parks pass or state parks annual transferable pass.
 - b. A fee of \$4.00 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 annual parks pass or state parks annual transferable pass.

- 8. Volunteers for Colorado Parks and Wildlife 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. The volunteer park pass is valid for one year from the date of issue.
- 9. Volunteers for Colorado Parks and Wildlife 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. The senior volunteer park pass is valid for one year from the date of issue.
- A veteran is eligible for a no fee individual military pass during the month of August.
 - a. In order to qualify for the no fee individual military pass, a veteran, reserve, or active duty member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, must provide at least one form of past or present military identification to the Division in order to receive the free Military pass. Acceptable forms of military identification include:
 - (1) DD214;
 - (2) DD Form 2;
 - (3) DD Form 2765;
 - (4) Active, retired or veteran military identification cards;
 - (5) A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the word 'Veteran' printed on it as specified in 42-2-303 (5)(a), C.R.S.;
 - (6) VA medical card.
- 11. A no-fee individual "Check Out State Parks" Library Program Pass is available for check out from Colorado libraries.

#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\$70.00
b.	Annual affixed vehicle pass\$80.00
C.	State parks annual transferable pass\$120.00
d.	Each additional annual affixed vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles\$40.00
	(1) Each additional Aspen Leaf vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles\$35.00
e.	Each replacement annual affixed vehicle pass\$5.00
f.	Each replacement state parks annual transferable vehicle pass\$60.00

	g.	Each daily vehicle pass (exceptions follow)\$9.				
		(1)	At Cherry Creek, Chatfield, and Boyd Lake State Recreation A Eldorado Canyon State Parks\$10.00	reas, and		
	h.	Each o	daily vehicle pass for a passenger van or bus operated by a com	mercial 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.	Colum	bine or Centennial annual pass	\$14.00		
	b.	Each r	eplacement Columbine or Centennial annual pass	\$5.00		
	C.	Crawfo (begind River, Lake, S Headw	ual daily passes (applies to persons sixteen years of age or olderd, Colorado State Forest, Eldorado Canyon, Elkhead Reservoining October 10, 2020), Harvey Gap, Highline Lake, James M. F. Lory, Pearl Lake, Rifle Gap, Rifle Falls, Stagecoach, Steamboat Sylvan Lake, Trinidad Lake, Vega and Yampa River State Parks vaters Recreation	r, <u>Fishers Peak</u> Robb - Colorado Lake, Sweitzer and Arkansas		
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	d.	Campo	ground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds"	\$18.00/nignt	
5.	Spruce Eligibili all day	or Voluity requires of the	duced rate Aspen Leaf and senior Columbine, Centennial, Inde inteer park pass campground-use permits issued by the Division rements are stated in regulation # 701, # 705 and # 712. Reduct year when the campground is open, except weekends and holicy applicable accommodations tax.	n are as follows. ced rates are offered	
	a.	Campo	ground-use permit for "Full Hookup Campgrounds"	\$38.00/night	
	b.	Campo	ground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds"	\$33.00/night	
	C.	Campo	ground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds"	\$25.00/night	
	d.	Campo	ground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds"	\$15.00/night	
6.	The fees for types of campground-use areas are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation # 704. These fees do not include any applicable accommodations tax.				
	a.		up camp areas of "Full Hookup Campgrounds," the fee shall be mpsite assigned to such group area.	\$41.00 per night	
	b.		up camp areas of "Electrical Campgrounds," the fee shall be \$36 ite assigned to such group area.	6.00 per night per	
	C.		up camp areas of "Basic Campgrounds," the fee shall be \$28.00 ite assigned to such group area.) per night per	
	d.		up camp areas of "Primitive Campgrounds," the fee shall be \$18 ite assigned to such group area.	3.00 per night per	
7.	The fees for types of cabins and yurts are as follows. These fees do not include any a accommodations tax:		le any applicable		
	a.	For sm	nall cabins and yurts that may accommodate a maximum of six	people:	
		(1)	Standard	\$90.00/night	
		(2)	Premium	\$120.00/night	
	b.	For lar	ge cabins and yurts that may accommodate seven or more peo	ple:	
		(1)	Standard	\$120.00/night	
		(2)	Premium two bedroom	\$150.00/night	
		(3)	Premium three bedroom	\$190.00/night	
		(4)	Premium four bedroom	\$250.00/night	
		(5)	Each additional premium bedroom over four bedrooms	\$60.00/night	

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For Mueller State Park Cabins and Harmsen Ranch at Golden Gate Canyon State Park:

		(1)	Tremium two bearoom	
		(2)	Premium three bedroom\$210.00/night	
		(3)	Premium four bedroom\$270.00/night	
	d.	The m	naximum occupancy shall be posted in each cabin and yurt.	
	e.		shall be an additional fee of \$10.00/night for pets where pets are allowed. For barn orral facilities, there shall be a boarding fee of \$10.00/animal/night.	
	f.	Premi	um facilities contain showers and flush toilets.	
8. The fees associated with the reservation system for phone or internet sales are a			ciated with the reservation system for phone or internet sales are as follows:	
	a.	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 cancellation fee will be charged.	
		(2)	For cancellations made less than fourteen days prior to the beginning date of the reservation, the cancellation fee will be charged as well as the first night's camping fee.	
	b.	On-pa	ark 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.		group picnic area permit fees for the permits issued by the Division are as follows. Group ic area classes are defined in regulation # 706.		
	a.	Permi	t for "Class A - Deluxe Group Picnic Area"\$150.00	
	b.	Permi	t for "Class B - Improved Group Picnic Area"\$100.00	
	C.	Permi	t for "Class C - Basic Group Picnic Area"\$50.00	
10.	Event facility permit fees are as follows.			
	a.	Park, Golde	ridge Canyon Overlook and Pikes Peak Amphitheater at Castlewood Canyon State Prairie Falcon Amphitheater at Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Panorama Point at an Gate Canyon State Park, Soldier Canyon Shelter at Lory State Park, and Lyons book at Roxborough State Park:	
		(1)	Monday through Friday\$150.00/2 HOURS	
		(2)	Saturday and Sunday\$300.00/2 HOURS	
	b.		vent facilities numbers 1 and 3 at Castlewood Canyon State Park and Timber Event y at Lory State Park:	

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	(1)	Monda	y 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)	Monda	y 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)	Saturd	ay and Sunday		\$200.00	
e.	For Mariner Point at Boyd Lake State Park:					
	(1)	Monday through Friday\$90.00				
	(2)	Saturd	ay, Sunday, and holid	ays	\$180.00	
f.	For Prairie Skipper event facility at Cheyenne Mountain State Park:					
	(1)	Monday through Friday\$150.00/DAY				
	(2)	Saturday and Sunday\$200.00/DAY				
g.	For PA-CO-CHU-PUK event facilities at Ridgway State Park:					
	(1) Single event shelter A or B:					
		(a)	Monday through Thureservation fee/DAY		.00 plus \$10 non-refundable	
		(b)	Friday through Sund reservation fee/DAY		s\$190.00 plus \$10 non-refu	ındable
h.	For Overlook event facility at Ridgway State Park:					
	(1)	Monda HOUR		\$190 plus \$	\$10 non-refundable reservation	n fee/ 4
	(2)	•	through Sunday and I HOURS	nolidays\$240	plus \$10 non-refundable rese	rvation
i.	Confer	erence 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.			ellation		

	k.	The ma	ximum occupancy 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	f-leash annual pass\$25.00				
	b.	Dog off	og off-leash daily pass\$3.00				
12.	The fee	associated with the mandatory youth education course for motorboat operators\$15.00					
13.	The fees associated with the Cheyenne Mountain State Park Field/3D Archery Range are as follows:						
	a.	Daily in	y individual archery range permit\$3.00				
	b.	Annual	Annual individual archery range permit\$30.00				
14.	The fee	s assoc	iated with the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex are as follows:				
	a.	Individu	al passes:				
		(1)	Individual day use pass (single day)\$12.00				
		(2)	Individual day use pass (5 consecutive days)\$48.00				
		(3)	Individual day use pass (10 consecutive days)\$84.00				
		(4)	Individual annual pass\$150.00				
		(5)	Individual three-year pass\$400.00				
	b.	Youth (ages 7-17) individual passes:					
		(1)	Youth individual day use pass (single day)\$3.00				
		(2)	Youth individual day use pass (5 consecutive days) \$12.00				
		(3)	Youth individual day use pass (10 consecutive days)\$21.00				
		(4)	Youth individual annual pass\$50.00				
	C.	Two adult (Buddy) passes:					
		(1)	Two adult day use passes (single day)\$20.00				
		(2)	Two adult day use passes (5 consecutive days)\$80.00				
		(3)	Two adult day use passes (10 consecutive days)\$140.00				
		(4)	Both adult passes must be used on the same day(s).				
	d.	Family	passes (Two adults and all children (ages 7-17) that live at the same address):				

- - (1) Annual corporate pass (10 unassigned passes per day) ...\$3,000.00
- g. All annual passes for the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex are valid 365 days from the date of purchase.
- 15. It is unlawful for any person to transfer, sell, or assign any pass or permit issued by the Division, including special activity permits, campground use permits, and group picnic area permits, unless otherwise permitted by these regulations.

Basis and Purpose:

At its September 2-3, 2020 meeting, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted emergency rules affecting Chapter P-1 (Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands, 2 CCR 405-1) and related provisions of Chapter P-7 (Passes, Permits and Registrations, 2 CCR 405-7). The emergency rules temporarily allow for park-specific regulations for Fishers Peak State Park necessary to ensure public safety, to protect natural and cultural resources, and for CPW and its partners to continue collecting further cultural and biological data while allowing for some limited trail and public hunter access during the master planning process. This includes regulations requiring a \$4 daily pass per person for all visitors sixteen year of age or older entering Fishers Peak State Park, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid and applicable parks pass or those entering the park with a valid and applicable annual parks pass receipt.

The Commission adopted the foregoing rules on an emergency basis as authorized by the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act (APA), CRS § 24-4-103(6)(a). This section authorizes emergency rules where "the agency finds that immediate adoption of the rule is imperatively necessary ... for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare" where the APA's standard rulemaking requirements "would be contrary to the public interest." The Commission finds such standards are satisfied here.

The Commission is required to "[e]stablish parks and outdoor recreation uses for the areas, lakes, properties, and facilities under its control or which may be acquired or come under its control or supervision after July 1, 1972, where such areas, lakes, properties, or facilities are suitable for such uses" (CRS, § 33-10-106(1)(c)) and the duty to "promulgate rules and orders relating to parks..." (CRS, § 33-10-106(1)(a)).

The 19,200-acre Fishers Peak property is located south of the City of Trinidad in Las Animas County, Colorado. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) acquired the property on April 1, 2020 from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and The Trust for Public Land (TPL) to become Colorado's next state park. CPW is currently working with its partners (TNC, TPL and the City of Trinidad) to develop a master plan for the state park.

While the master planning process is taking place and in the interim, CPW wishes to offer some, limited day-use public access to the property beginning on October 10, 2020. The regulations adopted at the September 2-3, 2020 Commission meeting are necessary for CPW and its partners to continue collecting further cultural and biological data while allowing for some limited trail and public hunter access during the master planning process. These park-specific regulations pertain to individual passes, day-use and trail limitations, pets and livestock, raptor nest buffers and limited hunting access for the 2020 season. Adopting these emergency regulations, allows the Commission to open Fishers Peak State Park in time to allow hunters access for first rifle elk season, which starts on October 10, 2020.

Absent the emergency rules, the Division would be unable to offer this limited public access to the Fishers Peak property starting on October 10, 2020. Accordingly, the emergency rules are necessary for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state.

Notice of the proposed emergency rule-making was posted on the CPW website, and at Regional Service Centers and Area Service Centers (area offices) where possible, indicating the Commission would consider the emergency regulations at its meeting on September 2-3, 2020 and written comments would be accepted prior to that date.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us. The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, §§ 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-10-106 and 33-10-107, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATLEY UPON ADOPTION AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR NO MORE THAN 120 DAYS OR UNTIL PERMANENT REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, OR THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ARE OTHERWISE REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

APPROVED: Marvin McDaniel Chair

ATTEST: Marie Haskett Secretary