

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS**

A Public Hearing will be held at Cadillac Jack's located at 360 Main Street, Deadwood, SD 57732 at 2:00pm (Mountain Time) on October 7, 2021. Individuals wishing to participate may attend in person or by teleconference. Teleconference information can be found at <https://gfp.sd.gov/commission/information/>. The public hearing is to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:03:03:06.01. Annual park entrance license and annual trail use pass validity and expiration.

Effect: The proposed change would allow greater flexibility to the department as to when we offer a park entrance license for sale.

Reason: The current rule allows for the sale of an annual park entrance license exactly three months prior to January 1st of the year for which it is designated, which is October 1st. Allowing for some flexibility with the sale date will help meet customer expectations in those years when it makes sense to issue licenses prior to October 1st.

2. ARSD 41:03:04:03. Camping permit fees.

Effect: The proposed change will designate some lakeside use areas as basic campgrounds and establish a fee for those campsites. In addition, the proposed change will designate Randall Creek as a prime campground and establish a fee for those campsites. Finally, the proposed change will correct an administrative error by increasing the French Creek Horse Camp fee to a price that was already passed by the Commission.

Reason: The lakeside use areas designation as basic campgrounds comes as a result of increased use. Increased users require additional amenities and designating the lakeside use areas as basic campgrounds will facilitate the Department in establishing those amenities. In relation to Randall Creek, a prime campground means a modern

campground with weekend occupancy of and greater than 90 percent from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day on non-equestrian and electrical campsites. The campground at Randall Creek has exceeded the 90% occupancy rate which would necessitate reclassifying it from a preferred to a prime campground. Finally, the camping fee for the Custer State Park French Creek Horse Camp was approved for an increase from \$31 to \$36 by the Commission in October of 2019. The increase was inadvertently omitted from the package that went to the Interim Legislative Rules Committee in November 2019 and is being corrected now.

3. ARSD 41:03:04:12. Checkout times enforced.

Effect: The proposed change will align check out times of camping cabins with other structural camping facilities throughout the state. In addition, the proposed change would incorporate cabin suites into the check out times.

Reason: This proposed change will make check out times for all lodging (camping cabins, lodges, suites and modern cabins) consistent with each other. This will hopefully reduce confusion with customers and provide adequate time for cleaning services between stays.

Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments, and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or by going to the GFP website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions>. All persons who desire to submit written data, opinions, arguments, and their views by mail or email are encouraged to mail or transmit the same in sufficient time so that it is received by and in the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks 72 hours prior to the date of the hearing. Interested persons will be

given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) to the Commission for their consideration. All written and email comments must include the name, home town/city, and state of the person submitting the comments.

The above rule proposals are available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and copies of the proposed rules may be requested from the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605.773.3718 or 605.223.7684 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 13th day of September, 2021.





Kevin Robling, Secretary

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