

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the Best Western Sturgis Inn located at 2431 Junction Avenue, Sturgis, South Dakota, on October 2, 2014, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (MDT), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:03:04 – Camping Permits and Rules.

Effect: The proposed amendments would (a) adjust the group lodging fee at Mina Lake State Recreation Area and Shadehill State Recreation Area to \$185 a night for the first eight persons regardless of age plus \$10 for each additional person regardless of age, with a maximum occupancy of 10 persons, and also adjust the group lodging fee at Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, and Newton Hills State Park to \$240 a night for the first 12 persons regardless of age plus \$10 for each additional person regardless of age, with a maximum occupancy of 15 persons; (b) restrict camping cabin and rent-a-camper occupancy to the number of sleeping spaces provided, or one family with an extra tent, and define a single bed as one sleeping space, and a double or larger bed as two sleeping spaces; and (c) establish a facility use fee of \$50 for the Palisades State Park event shelter located adjacent to the lodge.

Reason: (a) The proposed change is designed to establish a recommended number of occupants based upon the number of supporting beds in each lodge, similar to how the park camping cabins are regulated (no age restrictions). The maximum number would allow for some minor overflow in the event that groups exceed the recommended occupancy. Children under 12 years of age require a bed and the old rule did not take this into account causing facilities to be overloaded. (b) The proposed change sets the occupancy of cabins or rent-a-campers according to the sleeping spaces available since not

all cabins or rent-a-campers have the same sleeping capacity. (c) The proposal sets a fee for the use of a garage located adjacent to the Palisades lodge which has been converted into an event shelter typically used for day-use events (e.g., weddings, family reunions, parties, etc.) held in conjunction with the lodge. The event shelter is equipped with folding chairs and tables for up to 65 people, a serving buffet counter, and is heated for use in inclement weather. The fee will cover equipment maintenance, repairs, utilities, and replacement costs.

The above rule proposals may be modified or amended following receipt of public comment at the hearing to include or exclude matters that are described in this Notice of Hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time until its business has been completed and may be rescheduled.

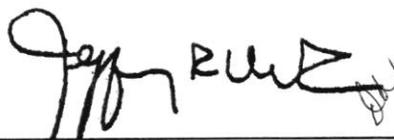
Interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions, arguments and their views, either orally or in writing (or both) at the hearing. Persons unable to attend the hearing may mail data, opinions, arguments, and their views to the office of the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, or transmit by email to <http://rules.sd.gov/>. 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 on or before 12:00 o'clock P.M. three (3) days prior to the date of 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

<http://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 27th day of August, 2014.

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Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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