

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the McCrory Gardens, 631 22nd Avenue, Brookings, South Dakota, on November 2, 2017, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CDT), to consider adoption, amendment and repeal of Rules pertaining to:

1. Amend ARSD 41:03:03:06 – Park Entrance License Fees.

Effect: The proposed amendment would simplify the park entrance fee structure by eliminating the ability to pay for individual entrances and would instead charge by vehicle only.

Reason: The Department believes simplifying the fee structure to one payment option will increase efficiency of entrance to the park while also raising additional revenue.

2. Amend ARSD 41:03:04:01 – Definitions (Parks).

Effect: The proposed amendment would alter three definitions regarding “preferred,” “prime,” and “primitive” campgrounds. “Preferred” campgrounds would consist of campsites with weekend occupancy rates of 80 to 89 percent from the Friday before Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive, on non-equestrian and electrical campsites. “Prime” campgrounds would consist of campsites with occupancy rates of 90 percent or greater from the Friday before Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive, on non-equestrian and electrical campsites. “Primitive” campsites would be removed from the definitions section.

Reason: The alteration of definitions provides a delineation of campgrounds based on use and allowing fees to be applied accordingly.

3. Amend ARSD 41:03:04:03 – Camping Permit Fees.

Effect: The proposed amendment would remove Fort Sisseton, Union Grove, Pease Creek and Buryanek campsites from the category of a “modern campground.” Camping cabin fees for all State Parks would increase from \$40 to \$45 except at Custer State Park

where the cabin fee would remain \$50. Fisher Grove and Buryanek campsites would be added to the category of "preferred campground" which has a 15\$ fee per day. Oakwood Lakes; Angostura; including Shep's Canyon; Lake Vermillion; Lewis and Clark; Newton Hills; Snake Creek; Palisades; Roy Lake; Lake Herman; Lake Poinsett; Walker's Point; Pickerel; Shadehill-Ketterlings Point; Sandy Shore; Lake Cochrane; Farm Island; Lake Louise; Lake Thompson; Mina Lake; Chief White Crane; Pierson Ranch; North Point; Big Sioux; Hartford Beach; Richmond; Rocky Point and South Pelican campsites would be removed from the "preferred campground" category.

Angostura including Sheps Canyon; Palisades; Big Sioux; Lake Vermillion; Rocky Point; Mina Lake; Lake Herman; North Point; Walker's Point; Lake Poinsett; Oakwood Lakes; South Pelican; Newton Hills; Shadehill Ketterlings Point; Pickerel Lake; Lake Cochrane; Sandy Shore; Pierson Ranch; Union Grove; Richmond Lake; Pease Creek; Lake Thompson; Roy Lake; Farm Island; Snake Creek; Lake Louise; Hartford Beach; and Fort Sisseton, except during the Fort Sisseton Festival would be added to the "prime campsite" category and would cost \$17 per night. The specific identification of campsite numbers at Lewis and Clark and Chief White Crane campgrounds would be removed from rule so that all of Lewis and Clark and all of Chief White Crane Campgrounds would be included as "prime campsites." Fort Sisseton State Park is removed from "primitive lodging campsite" category.

The group lodging fee at Mina Lake State Recreation Area and Shadehill State Recreation Area will increase from \$185 to \$205 per night. Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, and Newton Hills State Park will increase from \$240 to \$280 per night for group lodging.

French Creek Horse Camp will increase from \$26 to \$31 per night.

Reason: Camping fees are set based on demand. Prices are higher for parks that

have higher campground occupancy. In order to generate needed revenue, the rule change would move more campgrounds into the “prime” price category.

4. Amend ARSD 41:03:04:13 – Park Facility Use Fees

Effect: The use of the Fort Sisseton’s south barracks would increase from \$300 to \$500 for a weekend. The catamaran dry slip storage at Lewis and Clark would increase from \$300 to \$325 per seasonal occupancy period. The catamaran dry slip storage at Angostura would increase from \$150 to \$175 per seasonal occupancy period.

Reason: Rental fees are being incrementally increased in recognition of demand and the need for new revenue to support the state park system.

5. (New Rule) ARSD 41:04:06:02 – Marking of Nonmeandered Water Closures

Effect: The proposed rule would establish standards for marking closed areas of nonmeandered waters by landowners. The standards include a system of conspicuous signs and buoys with specifications to ensure uniformity.

Reason: HB 1001 requires the GFP Commission to establish specific standards for markers to indicate closure of nonmeandered waters to recreational use.

6. (New Rule) ARSD 41:06:04:21 – Mandatory Submission of Sample for CWD Testing.

Effect: The proposed rule would require mandatory submission of elk harvested in Custer State Park to be tested for chronic waste disease (CWD).

Reason: Mandatory inspections of elk will provide a reliable estimate of the CWD rate of infection in Custer State Park.

7. Amend ARSD 41:06:47:01 – Custer State Park Antlerless Elk.

Effect: The proposed rule would increase the number of antlerless elk licenses from no more than 20 to no more than 60. Furthermore, the proposed rule would establish four separate hunting seasons in four separate hunting units.