

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Pet Prohibitions Chapter 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6, 2022	Rapid City
	Public Hearing	December 8, 2022	Pierre
	Finalization	December 8, 2022	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes:

1. Current administrative rule does not allow for pets in department camping facilities except under certain circumstances.
2. The proposed rule change would establish a pet accommodation fee for pets that stay at cabins, lodges, or suites.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Pet ownership continues to increase. Accommodations for pets in the travel industry has become a standard practice. This rule change would allow those people staying in a cabin, lodge, or suite within a state park to have their pet inside that facility during their stay and establish a fee. A pet accommodation exemption is provided for in a separate proposal.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:03:04:03.02. Camping permit fees -- Cabins -- Lodges -- Suites. Fees for the following are:

- (1) Camping cabin fee, \$55;
- (2) Modern cabin and suite fees, \$85 to \$205 subject to size, amenities, and occupancy rates provided:
 - (a) The commission shall annually approve the schedule of fees; and
 - (b) Discounts to increase occupancy during periods of lower demand, may not exceed 25 percent of the approved fee;
- (3) The group lodging fee at Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, Newton Hills State Park, and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$280 per night for the first 12 persons plus \$10 for each additional person with a maximum occupancy of 15 persons; and
- (4) Oahe Downstream Group Lodge use fee is \$40 per night for nonprofit youth groups year-round and for nonprofit groups and government agencies from November 1 through March

31 and \$125 per night for all other groups year-round. The use fee for all groups except nonprofit youth groups is \$125 from April 1 through October 31.

(5) Pet accommodation fee for pets kept inside cabins, lodges, or suits, \$10 per reservation, per facility.

FISCAL IMPACT

This fee is intended to be in line with industry standards and to offset some of the additional cleaning fees expected with allowing pets in lodging facilities. The percentage of users that will utilize this service is unknown. The revenue generated nor additional expense is expected to have any significant impact on the Department's budget.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____