

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the Creekside Lodge located next to the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park, 13389 US Highway 16A, Custer, South Dakota, on May 2, 2013, 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 rule amendment would eliminate the \$2.00 differential in camping fees during cold weather periods when restroom and shower facilities are closed.

Reason: Currently, state park camping fees are reduced by \$2.00 during the winter when cold weather requires closure of restroom and shower facilities. Even though winter campground use is very limited, the department plows snow from campground roads to keep a sufficient number of campsites available. Campsite electricity is also available throughout the winter. Winter programming is also provided in many parks (groomed ski trails, snowshoe hikes, ice-fishing derbies, birding walks). The department incurs costs to offer winter camping opportunities. The proposed elimination of the \$2.00 reduction during the winter will affect a minimal number of park users while helping the department recover some of the added cost of winter snow removal and maintaining a winter recreation opportunity.

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 Wildinfo@state.sd.us. 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.

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. Persons with disabilities may contact the undersigned for assistance.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2013.

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Jeffrey R. Vonk, Department Secretary

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