

BASIS AND PURPOSE – Fee Increases

Colorado Revised Statutes allow Parks to charge user fees at our parks and recreation areas and state that these areas “*should be financed as much as reasonably possible through revenues derived from the users of such system.*” Given this legislative direction, Parks and the Board have aggressively established and periodically increased a variety of user fees to help support the parks system. Such increases have been pursued to balance the need for maximizing fee revenue with the desire to ensure state parks are affordable to the average Coloradoan.

The Division has analyzed its current fees and has identified the fees to generate revenue to assist with the \$1.5 million funding shortfall for FY 10-11.

The fee increase at the Harmsen Ranch at Golden Gate Canyon State Park was approved by the Parks Board on September 16, 2010. Due to an administrative oversight, this fee increase was not published in the Colorado Registry.

Additionally, fee changes/increases were to be made to Rifle Falls, not Rifle Gap. This was an administrative oversight and will be voted on at the January 20, 2011 Parks Board meeting.