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**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF STATE PARKS**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Temporary
Regulations of the Nevada Division of State Parks

LCB File Number T005-20

The Nevada Division of State Parks (NDSP) will hold a public hearing to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to Chapter 407 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

Friday, January 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

* This meeting will be held virtually only. *

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's March 22, 2020, Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 and Directive 029 (7/31/20), the requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings for bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended in order to mitigate the possible exposure of transmission of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Accordingly, anybody planning to participate in the meeting must do so by using the virtual meeting number or link.

Virtual Meeting Access Information:
Join the meeting via video: <https://call/lifesizecloud.com/5734042>
Call via telephone: (877) 422-8614, 5734042#

Pursuant to NRS 233B.608 and 233B.609, NDSP is providing the following statements pertaining to the public hearing on proposed changes to Chapter 407 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The need and purpose of the proposed regulation: These regulation changes are needed in order to offset potential revenue reductions that are anticipated with the latest economic forecasts. These revenues are critical to agency operations in order to maintain an acceptable minimal level of cleanliness, security, and overall services for visitors to our State Parks / Recreation Areas.

The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulations on (a) regulated businesses and (b) the public, including, stated separately: (i) adverse and beneficial effects; and (ii) immediate and long-term effects:

- (a) Regulated businesses: There is no estimated economic effect either adverse or beneficial nor immediate or long term to businesses. The fee increase is minimal and should not impact visitation and will not impact businesses that operate near State Park property.
- (b) The public: the proposed fee increase is minimal and is primarily directed at non-residents. It is unlikely that the increase will impact visitor's ability to afford to enter any park, nor is it expected that the increase would have any impact on visitors' expenditures at area businesses during their visit.
 - (i) Adverse and beneficial effects: The adverse effect is that out of state visitors will be required to pay an extra fee to enter NV State Park properties. Any visitor wanting to purchase an annual permit to enter NV State Parks will have to pay an increased fee as well. These fee increases are not significant and will be consistent with fees charged in neighboring states. The beneficial effect is that NV State Parks will be able to continue to offer the level of service that our visitors have come to expect when visiting one our state park properties.
 - (ii) Immediate and long-term effects: The immediate impact may be that more people decide not to buy annual permits until they can determine whether it is cost effective to purchase the annual permit (this could be either adverse or beneficial depending on if it turned out to be a net savings or a net increase in cost). The long-term effects will be that NV State Parks can become a little less dependent on General Fund dollars, increasing the visitor's assurance that services will be less impacted by ebbs and flows in the state's available budget.

The estimated cost to the Division for enforcement of the proposed regulation: There will be no increased cost to the Division as fees collection is actively enforced and even the cost of sign replacement to update the fee signs at teach park are routine costs due to normal wear and tear associated with being exposed to the weather.

The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate any existing regulation.

The proposed regulation is not required by federal law and there is no equivalent federal law.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of Nevada Division of State Parks may appear via virtual meeting or by telephone at the scheduled public hearing time or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form to Nevada Division of State Parks. 901 S. Stewart Street #5005, Carson City, NV 89701. Written submissions must be received by Nevada Division of State Parks on or before 10:00 a.m., January 15, 2021. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, Division of State Parks may proceed immediately to act upon any written submission.

A copy of the notice and regulation to be adopted are available at the Nevada State Parks website at <https://parks.nv.gov> and the Nevada Public Notice website at <http://notice.nv.gov>. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available at the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://leg.state.nv.us/>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation can also be mailed to members of the public at no charge upon request.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted in the following locations:

Nevada State Parks website <https://parks.nv.gov>

Nevada State Legislature website www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/

Nevada Public Notice website <http://notice.nv.gov>

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