

IV. B. 16. State Parks and Recreation Areas

- a) Background. The Colorado Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for managing an outdoor park and recreation system comprising about forty State Parks, some adjacent to State Wildlife Areas.



Arkansas Headwaters
State Park

Proposed Rural Development actions in or near such areas should recognize their State prominence and be developed compatibly.

- b) Governing Regulations.
 - (1) Federal.
 - (a) U.S. Executive Order 11514, Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality.
 - (b) National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321.
 - (c) Title 7, Part 1b and 1c, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Environmental Policy Act.
 - (2) State.
 - (a) Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 33, Article 1.
- c) Policy. Rural Development should not authorize, fund, or carry out any proposal or project which would adversely affect the unique values and benefits of designated State Parks. Whenever a proposed action is determined to have the potential for impacting a State Park, the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation should be consulted as early in the environmental impact analysis process as possible to evaluate the possible consequences and protection requirements concerning the action.



- d) Classification.
 - (1) Designated State Park.
- e) Agency Jurisdiction: Colorado State Parks are administered by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation. The central office contact is:

Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Recreation
1313 Sherman Street
Room 618
Denver, Colorado 80203

(303) 866-3437

<http://parks.state.co.us/>

- f) Location of Resource. State Parks simply ownership by the State of Colorado and may coincide with certain federal designations, such as National Natural Landmarks. Information about each State Park may be found a the following Colorado Department of Natural Resources web-site which contains a clickable locator map:

<http://parks.state.co.us/parksmmap.html>

Following is a listing of State Parks:

- (1) Arkansas Headwaters
- (2) Barbour Ponds
- (3) Barr Lake
- (4) Bonny SRA
- (5) Boyd Lake SRA
- (6) Castlewood Canyon
- (7) Chatfield
- (8) Cherry Creek
- (9) Colorado River
- (10) Colorado



- (11) Crawford
- (12) Eldorado
- (13) Eleven-Mile
- (14) Golden Gate
- (15) Harvey Gap
- (16) Highline
- (17) Jackson Lake
- (18) Lake Pueblo
- (19) Lathrop
- (20) Lory
- (21) Mancos
- (22) Mueller
- (23) Navajo
- (24) North Sterling
- (25) Paonia
- (26) Pearl Lake
- (27) Picnic Rock
- (28) Ridgway
- (29) Rifle Falls
- (30) Rifle Gap
- (31) Roxborough
- (32) San Luis Lakes
- (33) Spinney Mountain



- (34) Stagecoach
- (35) Steamboat Lake
- (36) Sweitzer Lake
- (37) Sylvan Lake
- (38) Trinidad Lake
- (39) Vega

g) Other References.

1) Wildernet

“Colorado State Parks”

(Alternative information web-site)

<http://www.wildernet.com/colorado/stateparks.htm>