



# Capital Development Committee

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### FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION REQUEST

**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Property Acquisition and Improvements**

**2020-041**

#### Project Status

This is an ongoing request. From FY 2010-11 to FY 2017-18, cash funds spending authority was granted separately for wildlife and state park maintenance projects. Cash funds spending authority was not approved by the committee for FY 2018-19. Beginning with FY 2019-20, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) in the Department of Natural Resources has been requesting cash funds spending authority for both wildlife and state park projects as a single line item. Because CPW merged its wildlife and state parks divisions in 2011, it says combining the requests better reflects the integrated nature of CPW. Also beginning with its FY 2019-20 request, and in accordance with the recommendations from a 2017 state audit, CPW no longer seeks cash funds spending authority for capital construction projects funded through Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) or lottery funds. Instead, CPW submits an annual memorandum summarizing projects funded through these sources. This year's memorandum is attached.

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CCF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CF	\$106,100,000	\$12,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$118,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$106,100,000</b>	<b>\$12,100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$118,200,000</b>

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Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$106,100,000	\$12,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$118,200,000
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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## Program Plan Status

Approved Program Plan: N/A

FCI: N/A

## Project Description/Scope of Work

CPW, within the Department of Natural Resources, is requesting cash funds spending authority to acquire interests in real property through a competitive bidding process. The purpose of the ongoing request is to protect, preserve, enhance, and manage wildlife and the environment for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of Colorado and its visitors. In addition to protecting critical wildlife habitat for game species, CPW's efforts include protecting the habitat of species of concern, preserving wildlife diversity, and acquiring public access for wildlife-related recreation. The request also allows CPW to option land and water in order to hold property until it can be acquired through the statutorily authorized process or through a separate bill. In addition to acquiring water real estate, CPW acquires water resources in non-real property transactions to maintain water supplies, such as purchasing water, trading and leasing water or storage space, developing water agreements, and adjudicating water rights.

Under the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Protection Program, CPW invites property owners to submit proposals through a request for proposals (RFP) process to convey property to CPW. CPW identifies the locations and types of habitat land in which it is interested. Proposals are then reviewed and evaluated by CPW. Proposals are also reviewed by the Habitat Stamp Committee if these proposals involve the use of Habitat Stamp funds. The Parks and Wildlife Commission reviews the proposals, decides which proposals should be pursued, and authorizes CPW to proceed to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement. Before entering into a contract for purchases costing more than \$100,000 or exceeding 25 years in duration, the Parks and Wildlife Commission is statutorily required to present the proposal to the Capital Development

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Committee (CDC) for its review and comment. The Parks and Wildlife Commission may not complete the transaction without considering the recommendations of the CDC, as long as the CDC comments within 30 days of receiving the proposal. Third-party easements are not reviewed by the CDC.

**Request to waive six-month encumbrance deadline.** This project includes a request to waive the November 1 encumbrance deadline. CPW explains that the RFP process and prioritization take several months to generate a project list that is presented to the Parks and Wildlife Commission in November of each year. Subsequently, the due diligence and negotiations with landowners can take six months to over a year. This waiver is required for fee title acquisitions only.

**Cost assumption.** The cost assumption is partly based on available fund balance in the Wildlife Cash Fund that is directly attributable to the Habitat Stamp Program. The department says that the complexity and unpredictability of real estate transactions mean it cannot precisely predict the quantity, size, or cost of FY 2026-27 projects. The project is not required to meet the Art in Public Places Program or High Performance Certification Program requirements.

## Project Justification

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CPW says changes in Colorado's demographics and population growth, with associated impacts caused by development, have and will continue to present the division with challenges in managing wildlife and wildlife habitats. Energy exploration and production have added to these challenges. Protecting, preserving, enhancing, and managing wildlife and their environment is state policy. CPW says land and water acquisitions play an important role in protecting and maintaining the habitat and population of a variety of Colorado's game and non-game species. It also says that wildlife-related recreation is an important part of Colorado's tourism economy. Specific goals associated with this request include:

- minimizing listings under the federal Endangered Species Act;
- ensuring that game species meet specific population targets; and
- ensuring Colorado hunting and fishing opportunities remain attractive to both resident and non-resident hunters and anglers.

CPW acquires water resources to support wildlife populations, wildlife recreation, and wildlife-related water uses, such as habitat irrigation, fish production at hatcheries, and enabling fishing opportunities in reservoirs.

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## Program Information

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CPW manages over 350 state wildlife areas (SWA) and 43 state parks. Acquisitions are prioritized based on habitat needs and available funding. During FY 2024-25, the CDC recommended support for the following CPW property transactions:

- Salida Service Center Office Lease Renewal;
- Lowe Ranch State Habitat Area-Grassland Service Lease;
- State Land Board Consolidated Interests Multiuse Lease Renewal;
- Lake Pueblo State Park Fee Title Acquisition;
- Russell Lakes SWA Davey Road Easement; and
- Buena Vista State Fishing Unit Fee Title Exchange.

## Source of Cash Funds

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The source of cash funds for the project is the Wildlife Cash Fund, created in Section 33-1-112 (1)(a), C.R.S. Revenues are generated for the fund from wildlife hunting and fishing license fees and various other sources. Habitat stamp sales revenue is also deposited in the fund and is the primary source of funding for land and water acquisitions. Anyone ages 18 to 64 must buy a habitat stamp in order to purchase a hunting or fishing license.

## Operating Budget

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Because the specific property acquisitions and habitat restoration projects supported by this line item are identified after the appropriation is approved, the department says it is impossible to quantify the operating impact. DNR notes that minor operating expenses are generally absorbed by CPW's base budget.

## Staff Questions and Issues

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None.



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### Colorado Parks and Wildlife FY 2026-27 Property Acquisition and Improvements, Non-appropriated

This memo contains information about the portion of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) FY 2026-27 Property Acquisition and Improvements program that is supported with non-appropriated funds, including the Colorado Lottery. Because land acquisitions are opportunistic in nature, CPW does not have details about additional opportunities that may arise for FY 2026-27 and will utilize the Capital Development Committee (CDC) process to request approval for any acquisitions not covered here. For information about projects that are funded with appropriated cash and therefore require legislative spending authority, please see the *Colorado Parks and Wildlife FY 2025-26 CC/CR-N Property Acquisition and Improvements* submission.

#### Property Acquisition and Improvements (Non-appropriated), State Parks

CPW is planning an FY 2026-27 Property Acquisition and Improvement program totaling \$1,500,000 for state park land and water acquisitions. This includes an estimated \$750,000 to acquire water rights to supplement water-based recreation at several state parks and an estimated \$750,000 to acquire buffer properties adjacent to state parks and in-holding properties with state parks.

#### *State Park Water Resources:*

The Water Resource program is an ongoing effort by CPW to secure water for state parks that experience inadequate water levels related to recreational needs. Because of the wide array of water needs within CPW, the division acquires water through several mechanisms, including conventional water purchases, water options and leases, cooperative agreements with water users, and leasing or purchase of storage space in reservoirs. If water issues are not addressed, water levels in state-managed reservoirs and streams can drop significantly, water quality is often degraded, and the natural environment can suffer. These issues can have a negative impact on water-based recreation in state parks, park visitation, and revenue. Goals of this funding include: (1) developing new water supplies including the acquisition of water to meet the long-term water demand for various parks; (2) acquiring or leasing water to meet immediate recreational needs, especially during average and dry years; (3) developing and maintaining relationships with the water using community and water user organizations, including negotiating cooperative contractual agreements to meet common goals; and (4) assisting the Attorney General's Office in legal protection of existing water rights as well as adjudication of new water rights.

To annually identify and prioritize projects for acquisition or lease, CPW applies three main criteria:



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- Water demand of a particular state park: Each park has unique hydrological needs. Some parks need to maintain reservoir elevations for boat ramps, marinas, and swim beaches. Others need augmentation water for out-of-priority well pumping to provide water to the park's recreational facilities (visitor centers and campgrounds, for example).
- Cost Effectiveness: The cost of meeting a water-related need is considered to determine relative value. For example, if two state parks require additional water supplies to maintain target levels, CPW staff consider the costs of each and may choose to augment the reservoir with the most cost-effective supply, given current budget conditions and expected return on investment.
- Revenue Impact: CPW strives to receive the most return on each dollar spent on water.

### *State Park Property Acquisition:*

CPW has maintained an active buffer and in-holdings acquisitions program since the 1980s. Park buffers and in-holdings serve several purposes, including protecting resources important to the maintenance of plant and animal habitats and providing additional recreation opportunities for visitors. Colorado's significant and ongoing population growth makes buffer and in-holding acquisitions critical to maintaining the outdoor recreation infrastructure.

Many state parks were purchased as circumstances allowed at the time, resulting in an incomplete land base that presents challenges in serving visitor needs and providing resource protection. Other parks are experiencing growth pressures, with development right up to the park borders. CPW is prioritizing purchases for buffer lands and private in-holdings for parks statewide. Where possible, CPW acquires conservation easements in order to minimize costs and to allow for productive uses of adjacent lands consistent with park purposes, such as agricultural use and limited residential or commercial development. In other cases, a fee title acquisition may make more sense, especially in instances where the intent is to open buffer lands or in-holdings to recreational use. CPW often leverages state resources for these purchases through partnerships with local government agencies and private non-profit organizations with common interests in protecting open lands.

### Property Acquisition and Improvements (Non-appropriated), Wildlife Areas

At this time, CPW does not plan to expend non-appropriated cash for the Property Acquisitions and Improvements program in FY 2026-27 to acquire land and water (or interest in land and water) for wildlife purposes as statutorily authorized under Section 33-1-105, C.R.S. In FY 2026-27, CPW's appropriated wildlife-related property acquisitions request (CC-01) includes all planned projects. Please see the *Colorado Parks and Wildlife FY 2024-25 CC/CR-N Property Acquisition and Improvements* submission forms for more information about program activities.



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HUTF	\$1,500,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$151,122,590</b>	<b>\$11,293,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$162,416,390</b>

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Land Acquisition	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000
Professional Services	\$14,241,517	\$3,525,000	\$0	\$0	\$17,766,517
Construction	\$127,598,673	\$7,105,000	\$0	\$0	\$134,703,673
Equipment	\$3,952,000	\$193,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,145,000
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contingency	\$5,270,400	\$470,800	\$0	\$0	\$5,741,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$151,122,590</b>	<b>\$11,293,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$162,416,390</b>

## Program Plan Status

Approved Program Plan: N/A

FCI: N/A

## Project Description/Scope of Work

CPW is requesting cash funds spending authority to rehabilitate and improve infrastructure and facilities at several state wildlife areas (SWAs), CPW offices, and state parks; and rehabilitate and improve state highways in state parks. This project includes maintenance, enhancement, or replacement of a variety of existing physical assets, including:

- constructing a permanent office for the Brush Service Center State Administrative Area in Morgan County, which is being operated out of a modular leased building (\$3,425,000);
- designing and planning a new facility for CPW's Wildlife Health Program, which is currently leasing land from Colorado State University (\$1,500,000);
- designing and starting preconstruction of a critical rehabilitation project on Spring Creek Dam in Jackson County (\$1,500,000);
- replacing four UV disinfection systems and single drum filter at the Bellvue State Fishing Unit's hatchery (\$430,000);
- repairing the foundation at the Meeker office in Rio Blanco County, which is currently experiencing structural issues (\$315,000);
- replacing the deteriorating steel trough in the Monte Vista State Fishing Unit (\$285,000);
- purchasing a new 150+ horsepower tractor to serve SWAs and land leased by CPW in Prowers and Kiowa counties (\$193,000); and

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- replacing the water treatment system at the Durango State Fishing Unit (\$175,000).

The project also includes funding for the following statewide initiatives:

- constructing, maintaining, or planning projects at shooting ranges in state parks, state recreation areas, and SWAs (\$1,000,000);
- dam safety maintenance at wildlife dams around the state (\$1,000,000);
- developing rehabilitation plans for as many dams as possible, with a focus on the structures in the most critical condition (\$700,000);
- miscellaneous road projects (\$300,000 HUTF); and
- contingency funding for CPW's wildlife-related projects (\$470,800).

**Cost assumption.** The cost assumption is based on CPW staff estimates and previous maintenance project costs. The project is exempt from Art in Public Places and High Performance Certification Program requirements. The department says it participates in the High Performance Certification Program for projects that qualify.

## Project Justification

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According to CPW, this year's requests furthers the goals of the Future Generations Act and Keep Colorado Wild Act, including increasing the number of fish stocked and maintaining dams, parks, and wildlife areas. CPW also emphasizes that delays in funding these projects could result in further deterioration of assets and increased safety hazards.

Most dams owned by CPW are at least 50 years old and several are over 100 years old. Failure to repair or improve dams may require lowering water storage levels, impacting fisheries and recreational opportunities at reservoirs. Dangerous dams may need to be breached to reduce public safety hazards, resulting in a loss of fisheries, as well as wildlife and aquatic habitat.

## Program Information

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CPW manages more than 1,400 facilities, over 350 SWAs, and 43 state parks. The division is also responsible for over 100 dams, and operates 19 fish hatcheries that breed, hatch, and stock over 90 million fish per year. The projects included in this request are selected based on mission priorities, the nature of the work, and the impact of delaying or not repairing infrastructure. In FY 2022-23, CPW sold more than 1.3 million hunting and fishing licenses and state park visitation exceeded 18.5 million visitor days.

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## Source of Cash Funds

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The sources of cash funds for the project are the:

- Wildlife Cash Fund (\$10,993,800), created in Section 33-1-112 (1)(a), C.R.S.; and
- Highway Users Tax Fund (\$300,000), created in Section 43-4-201 (1)(a), C.R.S. and appropriated to CPW per Section 33-10-111 (4), C.R.S.

The Wildlife Cash Fund generates revenue from hunting and fishing license fees and various other sources, including funds from lottery ticket sales revenue.

## Operating Budget

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Any future changes in operating costs as a result of these projects will be submitted during future budget cycles after needs are identified.

## Staff Questions and Issues

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None.



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### Colorado Parks and Wildlife FY 2026-27 Infrastructure and Property Maintenance, Non-appropriated

This memo contains information about the portion of CPW's FY 2026-27 Infrastructure and Property Maintenance program that is funded with non-appropriated funding sources. For information about projects that are funded with appropriated cash and therefore require legislative spending authority, please see the *Colorado Parks and Wildlife FY 2026-27 CC/CR-N Infrastructure and Property Maintenance* submission.

#### Infrastructure and Property Maintenance (Non-appropriated)

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is planning an FY 2026-27 Infrastructure and Property Maintenance program totaling \$14,516,000 for dam maintenance, facility and infrastructure rehabilitation/improvements, and various construction projects on Colorado's 43 state parks.

The CPW Capital Development Program manages construction that supports operations at more than 1,400 facilities division-wide. The division also has responsibility for more than 100 dams. Taken as a whole, CPW's capital construction projects support every program and activity managed by the division, including:

- division supervision and management, including licensing, engineering, accounting, purchasing, contracts, human resources, and education and training of new park managers and wildlife officers;
- ongoing operations and administration at all state parks and central offices. CPW hosted more than 19.2 million visitor days at state parks in FY 2024-25;
- managing hunting and fishing opportunities within Colorado. CPW sold more than 1.7 million hunting and fishing licenses in FY 2024-25. CPW also manages 19 hatcheries that breed, hatch, rear, and stock 90 million fish per year;
- maintaining healthy wildlife populations and ecosystems;
- preserving and enhancing Colorado's wildlife habitat; and
- heightening public awareness of CPW's wildlife management role and efforts through educational and outreach programs.

Colorado's state parks system is over 65 years old and requires continuous maintenance, restoration, and improvement of facilities and infrastructure. Maintaining and improving basic park



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facilities is an important part of sustaining a solid visitation base and generating the revenue necessary to cover most day-to-day operating costs for the state park system. Infrastructure on state parks is designed to enhance visitors' outdoor recreation experience.

Non-appropriated funding sources available for state park purposes are used to support maintenance, enhancement, or replacement for a wide variety of existing physical assets, including dam safety projects for the 10 jurisdictional dams (dams that exceed a certain height or surpass certain regulatory thresholds for the quantity of water stored by the dam) located on state parks, primitive and improved roads, bridges, irrigation conveyance infrastructure, and maintenance on other division property infrastructure. Each year, projects are selected and prioritized based on risk assessments, mission priorities, the nature of the work, and the impact of delaying or not repairing the structure.

These projects will be supported with funds from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Lottery, and federal sources. The exact breakdown of project funding is yet to be determined and depends on several variables, including actual revenue earned from each funding source. CPW's FY 2026-27 GOCO investment proposal (the mechanism through which GOCO funding is awarded to CPW) will not be approved by the GOCO Board until spring 2026, and other changes to CPW's finances could also affect the funding and project mix.

Proposed FY 2026-27 non-appropriated capital projects include the following:

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) Salida East Turn Lane, \$1,855,000: This project will fund a dedicated deceleration lane measuring 600 feet in length with a 25-foot storage capacity, to accommodate left-turning traffic and improve the safety and flow of traffic on US Highway 50. A professional traffic engineering study conducted in January 2024 identified a safety concern regarding left-turning vehicles entering the Salida East Campground from eastbound US Highway 50. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) brought this requirement following the recent completion of Phase Two upgrades at the Salida East Campground. CDOT determined that these improvements necessitated a traffic impact study to ensure the continued safety of vehicles accessing and exiting the site on US Highway 50, which currently lacks auxiliary turn lanes. Recognizing the critical nature of this infrastructure improvement for visitor safety and regulatory compliance, the project has been prioritized for CPW funding.

Fishers Peak State Park Construction, \$5,170,000: This project focuses on developing key visitor infrastructure and enhancing access at the park, including the construction of the Overlook trailhead parking lot, complete with a vault restroom, picnic sites, and waste disposal facilities. The project also includes the development of approximately five miles of new trails, a backcountry tent camping area, and a group picnic area featuring a vault restroom and a scenic overlook situated atop a prominent knoll. Furthermore, approximately 3,000 linear feet of existing road will be improved to ensure reliable park staff access to the overlook area. Depending on available resources, the project may also incorporate equestrian and hunter access points and associated basic infrastructure upgrades at the Exit 2 area. Upon completion, this initiative will provide new opportunities for hiking, camping, and day use activities for visitors.

Golden Gate Canyon State Park Reverend's Ridge Campground Water System, \$475,000: This project



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entails the replacement of the existing water system infrastructure at Reverend's Ridge Campground. The scope of work includes the construction of a new 32' x 32' water treatment building to house modern treatment equipment along with necessary water line extensions and electrical service connections. It is anticipated that the design phase will be executed by in-house engineering staff, and construction will be managed by regional project managers. The existing water distribution system serving the campground is approximately 50 years old and has reached a state of significant disrepair, leading to increased costs to maintain. A complete system replacement is essential to ensure reliable and high-quality potable water for the campground's year-round guests. Reverend's Ridge is the most popular campground within the park, utilizing water drawn from three on-site wells to service four flush restroom facilities, a shower house, and a wastewater dump station.

Highline Lake State Park Westside Asphalt Paving, \$1,100,000: This project includes the application of asphalt pavement and associated paint striping to approximately 7,500 linear feet of existing gravel roads, specifically the entrance road, campground spur road, and the campground loop road. Additionally, the project includes the installation of asphalt pavement and associated paint striping on approximately 105,000 square feet of the beach day-use parking area currently in development. Implementing asphalt surfaces will provide a more durable, dust-free environment and reduce the frequency and impact of road maintenance activities. Furthermore, the ongoing maintenance requirements for these gravel roads would cause periodic closures of campground and day-use facilities, impacting visitors and increasing operational costs.

Lake Pueblo State Park Juniper Road Chip Seal, \$275,000: This project will thoroughly clean and fill all existing cracks in Juniper Road, the primary roadway within the busy park, to prevent further water infiltration and subsequent structural deterioration. Following crack repair, a chip seal will be applied to protect approximately 7,660 linear feet of the 28-foot-wide asphalt paving surface. Finally, road markings will be reapplied to ensure clear lane delineation to promote safety for park visitors and vehicles. Constructed 12 years ago, the roadway has developed significant cracking over the past several years. Crack sealing and other routine maintenance efforts are no longer providing an adequate solution to address the increasing severity of the damage. The progressive expansion of the cracks is beginning to compromise the underlying road base structure. Without prompt and comprehensive repairs, the condition of Juniper Road will continue to decline, potentially necessitating a higher cost complete reconstruction.

Ridgway State Park Dutch Charlie Sewage Pond Renovation, Maintenance, and Upgrades, \$210,000: This project will replace the aged liner, which is situated above the main sewage line and requires excavation for replacement, and evaluation of the associated piping infrastructure. The project will also address and manage operational challenges arising from the improper disposal of items such as non-flushable wipes within the sewage system. Investing in this necessary infrastructure will ensure the long-term integrity and stability of sewage management operations, safeguard vital water resources, and uphold safety and environmental standards for the community. The Dutch Charlie sewage system's primary aeration pond is currently operating with a liner that has reached its end-of-service life, exhibiting significant degradation in the form of extensive cracking. A replacement is necessary to mitigate health and safety risks associated with the compromised liner.



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St. Vrain State Park South Campground Paving \$1,000,000: This project addresses a key component of the 2007 approved park master plan by completing the paving of the south campground at the park. The scope of work includes paving approximately 7,350 linear feet of 24-foot-wide roads and 4,600 linear feet of 15-foot-wide campsite driveways, along with necessary subgrade preparation and the installation of 23,900 linear feet of 3-foot-wide gravel road shoulders. This investment will provide a durable, dust-free infrastructure, improve visitor satisfaction, and reduce ongoing maintenance requirements for this high-demand area of the park. The south campground, featuring 46 full-service campsites that maintain a high occupancy rate with over 100,000 vehicle trips between March and October, currently has unpaved gravel roads that are bumpy and create dust in the park for visitors. Paving the campground roads will reduce dust, improve air quality and visitor comfort, and decrease long-term operational costs associated with road grading, dust abatement, and wear and tear on maintenance equipment.

Stagecoach State Park Wastewater Lift Station Upgrade, \$1,585,000: This project will modernize the park's wastewater system by replacing the outdated lift stations with above-ground units. This upgrade will enhance operational efficiency, improve maintenance safety and accessibility, and proactively address the risk of future wastewater spills, thereby ensuring the continuity of park operations for the foreseeable future. The project scope includes the complete replacement of the three existing wastewater lift stations and the associated force main piping. The park's wastewater management infrastructure relies on three lift stations installed in 1988 when park visitation and wastewater needs were much lower than they currently are. These aging wet well grinder pump systems have reached the end of their operational life and have experienced multiple failures, resulting in sewage spills.

Statewide Parks Dam Maintenance, \$950,000: Funding will be used for dam safety efforts, including design, regular maintenance, and repair activities on CPW's parks dams. Deferred maintenance, aging infrastructure, required upkeep of water-impounding structures, and emergency work will involve costs that cannot always be quantified and identified in advance.

Sweitzer Lake State Park Visitor Center and Associated Amenities Design, \$500,000: This project will fund a consultant contract to develop a comprehensive design for a new visitor center and associated amenities, including a day-use area, trails, a fishing pier, and educational spaces, as outlined in the park's master plan. The scope of work will include geotechnical investigations, archaeological and paleontological surveys, utility infrastructure planning, roadway and trail design, architectural and structural engineering, landscape, and other specialized expertise necessary to finalize the design process.

Sylvan Lake State Park Resurface West Brush Creek Road, \$480,000: This project will apply five miles of new road base on West Brush Creek Road. The poor condition of the road poses a significant challenge to visitors and to the operation of the park. Recognizing the importance of this access route, this project represents a collaborative partnership to undertake necessary resurfacing on this U.S. Forest Service (USFS) owned road with Eagle County. This cooperative effort will ensure



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the sustained accessibility essential for park operations and visitor access. With CPW contributing the funding, Eagle County will contribute in-kind support through the use of necessary equipment and staff time to complete the resurfacing project. This partnership maximizes resources and ensures an efficient and cost-effective solution to address the critical infrastructure needs of Sylvan Lake State Park.

Project Contingency, \$916,000: CPW calculates contingency on a per-project basis, based on factors such as project scope, complexity, location, and potential for delays.



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