

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

A Public Hearing will be held at the RedRossa Convention Center, 808 West Sioux Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (CST), to consider amendment of the following rule pertaining to:

1. ARSD 41:03:03 – Park License and Trail Use Pass (Park entrance license exemptions)

Effect: The proposed amendments would eliminate the park entrance license (PEL) exemption for persons visiting campers assigned to the Youth Forestry Camp in Custer State Park and establish a PEL exemption for members and guests of a South Dakota veterans group, South Dakota National Guard unit, South Dakota military reserve unit, or patients currently admitted to a veterans hospital located in South Dakota and their attendants from the state PEL requirement when participating in a non-competitive event sponsored by a veterans group, National Guard or military reserve unit, or veterans hospital which has obtained an event permit from the manager of the state park where the event is to be held.

Reason: The Youth Forestry Camp in Custer State Park no longer exists which eliminates the need for a PEL exemption. The Department wishes to express its support and appreciation of our military veterans and service members by offering a PEL exemption to veterans, National Guard and reserve unit members, and patients admitted to state veteran's hospitals who participate in permitted special events in the state park system. The proposed PEL exemption would also apply to family members and guests of a veteran participating in the event.

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 either [wildinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:wildinfo@state.sd.us) or [gfpadminrules@state.sd.us](mailto:gfpadminrules@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. on the date of the 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.

The above rule proposal is available for review on the internet by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/> and copies of the proposed rule 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. Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the undersigned at 605.773.3718 or 605.223.7684 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.



Kelly R. Hepler, Secretary



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