



State of Colorado
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Lone Mesa State Park



Adapted from Regulation #601 - Lone Mesa Hunting Special Use Permit

Special Use Permit Procedure

a. Permit Numbers

- (1) The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR), in consultation with the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW), deems hunting activities on Lone Mesa State Park as those which currently require “special planning and/or scheduling for proper management.” Therefore, the DPOR necessitates the issuance of a special use permit to visitors wishing to engage in hunting use of the park.
- (2) The maximum number of approved Lone Mesa Hunting Special Use Permits (HUPs) on the park at any one time during six of the big game seasons is as follows:
 - Archery: Twenty (20) permits
 - Muzzleloading: Twelve (12)
 - 1st Separate Elk Rifle: Fifteen (15)
 - 2nd Combined Deer/Elk Rifle: Twenty-five (25)
 - 3rd Combined Deer/Elk Rifle: Twenty-five (25)
 - 4th Combined Deer/Elk Rifle: Twenty-five (25)
- (3) The number of HUPs allocated in each of subsequent years, if applicable, will be determined jointly by the DPOR and the DOW after evaluating harvest and other data at the close of each year’s hunting.

b. Permit Fees

- (1) Successful permit applicants shall pay the fee associated with their Special Use Permit (see Fee Schedule section b.5) at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of their selected season. Hunters who are notified of their success in drawing a Permit less than thirty (30) calendar days plus seven (7) business days in advance of their season (due to hunter withdrawal or other reason) shall have seven (7) business days to pay their Permit fee.
- (2) Upon payment of the fee and attendance of the mandatory orientation session, a Special Use Permit shall be issued to the applicant.
- (3) If an applicant who is successful in the drawing (see section c.7.) fails to pay the Special Use Permit fee, a permit will not be issued them. The next qualified applicant on the Drawing Log (see section c. 8.), or the next first-come, first-served applicant will be offered a HUP.
- (4) If, at a later date, an applicant’s payment of the HUP fee is found to be insufficient due to payment stops, insufficient funds or any other reason, a hunting Special Use Permit will not be issued to them. And, if an HUP had been issued prior to DPOR discovering the insufficient payment, that permit will be voided.
- (5) The Schedule of Fees associated with the HUP is as follows:
 - (a) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt during archery season, \$100.

- (b) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado non-residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt during archery season, \$200.
- (c) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt antlerless elk and/or antlerless deer during muzzleloading season, \$100.
- (d) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt antlered elk and/or antlered deer during muzzleloading season, \$200.
- (e) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado non-residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt antlerless elk and/or antlerless deer during muzzleloading season, \$200.
- (f) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado non-residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt antlered elk and/or antlered deer during muzzleloading season, \$300.
- (g) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt elk during the first elk-only rifle season, \$150.
- (h) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado non-residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt elk during the first elk-only rifle season, \$250.
- (i) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt antlerless elk and/or antlerless deer during the second, third, or fourth combined elk/deer rifle season, \$100.
- (j) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado non-residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt antlerless elk and/or antlerless deer during the second, third, or fourth combined elk/deer rifle season, \$200.
- (k) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt antlered elk and/or antlered deer during the second, third, or fourth combined elk/deer rifle season, \$200.
- (l) The fee for the HUP allowing Colorado non-residents access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt antlered elk and/or antlered deer during the second, third, or fourth combined elk/deer rifle season, \$300.
- (m) The fee for the HUP allowing hunters access to Lone Mesa State Park to hunt with an either-sex license issued for any season other than archery or the first elk-only rifle seasons is equal to the fee quoted for access to hunt with an antlered license issued for that same season.

c. Allocation of Permits

- (1) Advertising: it shall be the responsibility of the Park Manager or his/her designee to advertise the availability of Lone Mesa Hunting Special Use Permits through normal media.
- (2) Application requests: requests for the application for the Lone Mesa State Park Hunting Special Use Permit can be made by contacting the Lone Mesa State Park office: 1321 Railroad Ave, PO Box 1047, Dolores, Colorado

81323, Phone 970-882-2213, FAX 970-882-4640 e-mail:

lone.mesa.park@state.co.us

- (3) Requests for permit applications shall be acted upon promptly, and an application for permit shall be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the prospective permittee within five days of receiving the request.
 - (4) Permit applications must be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the Lone Mesa State Park office at the above address prior to the application deadline.
 - (5) Permit applications will be secured by the Park Manager or his/her designee until the scheduled public drawing to be held at the Lone Mesa State Park office at least 60 days prior to the opening of the archery season. The public opening of applications will be advertised locally and to the applicants.
 - (6) Once opened, the HUP applications will be checked for completeness, logged by applicant name, season desired, and application number, and a drawing "chip"- reflecting the application number- will be created for each complete and legible qualifying application.
 - (7) Drawing: after applications are opened and logged in the Application Log, the drawing for successful applicants will take place. There will be drawings for each of the six big game seasons for which hunting will be permitted on Lone Mesa: archery, muzzleloading, 1st separate limited elk, 2nd combined deer and elk, 3rd combined deer and elk, and 4th combined deer and elk. Permits will be issued in the numbers outlined in this regulation, section 2.a.
 - (8) The drawing will continue until all "chips" are drawn, and a Drawing Log will be completed which will list the applicants in the order drawn. The Drawing Log will be used to facilitate fair re-allocation of permits per the re-allocation of unused permits protocol (see section 3.c.).
 - (9) Successful applicants will be notified of their success by mail via a Letter of Successful Application, which shall include a summary of rules associated with the HUP (a complete list to be provided with the Permit during the required Orientation) and information for remittance of the Special Use Permit fee.
- d. Reporting and Filing
- (1) All files pertaining to the Lone Mesa Hunting Special Use Permit will be stored at the Lone Mesa State Park office.
 - (2) The Park Manager or designee will include a summary of hunting activity under permit on the Park Manager Monthly Report.
 - (3) Revenues derived from the HUP fee will be deposited in the Parks Cash Fund and reflected on the Consignment Usage/Revenue Report for the month such fees are deposited.

Field Enforcement

a. Possession of Permit

- (1) Copies of the Permittee Log will be made available to commissioned DPOR officers and the officers of other cooperating agencies in the interest of maintaining compliance with this plan.
- (2) It shall be the permittee's responsibility to adequately identify himself or herself as a permit holder when contacted while hunting in Lone Mesa State Park.

b. Statute and Regulation Compliance

- (1) Permit holders will be supplied a list of rules associated with the Hunting Special Use Permit upon issuance of the permit. Failure to comply with the rules of the permit may result in permit revocation.
 - (2) Nothing in this Hunting Management Plan or in the rules of the Special Use Permit shall imply or be construed to imply that HUP holders are exempt from any statute or regulation governing hunting, motor vehicle operation, conduct on a state park, or other activity in which the permit holder may engage while performing the activities allowed under the permit. These statutes and regulations include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Permit holders must possess a valid license issued by the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) for the Game Management Unit, species, and season hunted.
 - (b) Vehicles involved in hunting use of the park are required to display a valid Colorado State Parks pass, unless the vehicle displays a Disabled Veteran license plate.
- c. Reallocation of Permits
- (1) Permit re-allocations may take place in the event a permittee is unable to engage in the activities of the permit for any reason, including sickness, death, hunting license revocation, permit revocation, park eviction, or simple changes in plans.
 - (2) Re-allocations of hunting Special Use Permits will be conducted following this procedure:
 - (a) The Park Manager or designee will attempt to contact the next individual on the drawing log by phone.
 - (b) If the next individual is unable to be contacted upon the first call, the Park Manager or designee will continue down the Drawing Log until an individual can be contacted and notified of the availability of a Lone Mesa Hunting Special Use Permit.
 - (c) If no hunter on the Drawing Log can be contacted, no applicant is qualified, or none is available to hunt the remainder of the season, the availability of the Special Use Permit will be advertised by the Park Manager or designee and the permit may be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - (d) Hunters who are contacted via the Drawing Log and who obtain or decline a Lone Mesa HUP will have their name removed from the Drawing Log.
 - (3) Re-allocated permits shall not be valid until payment of the Hunting Special Use Permit fee and attendance of the hunter orientation by the new permittee.

The following is an **excerpt** of permit rules:

- i. *This permit is issued for the purpose of providing the PERMITTEE with the right to utilize Lone Mesa State Park for the purpose of big game hunting during the term indicated below.*
- ii. *The Special Use Permit fee is due and payable by check, cash or money order to Colorado State Parks at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the permitted period of access.*
- iii. *The PERMITTEE'S actions under this permit are subject to the Conditions set forth herein, and further are subject to the State laws and regulations governing hunting,*

motor vehicle operation, and other conduct on public property in which the PERMITTEE may engage while hunting Lone Mesa State Park.

- iv. The PERMITTEE'S failure to abide by the conditions set forth herein or failure to comply with State laws and regulations while hunting Lone Mesa constitute grounds for revocation of this Permit; such lack of compliance further constitutes grounds for denial of the PERMITTEE'S future application(s) for Lone Mesa State Park Hunting Special Use Permit(s) for up to two (2) years following the expiration or revocation of this Permit.

Subject to State Laws

1. This Permit and the actions permitted hereunder are subject to the laws of the State of Colorado and applicable orders, rules, and regulations of the State, whether they now exist or may hereafter be enacted during the Permit's term.

2. Term:

This permit begins _____ **VOID** _____ a.m/p.m on _____ the STATE, or terminated due to successful harvest (see Conditions).

Conditions:

- You must possess a valid hunting license for the GMU, species, and season hunted.
- Motorized vehicles, including OHV's, must remain on designated roads.
- OHV's must be currently registered.
- One unarmed, non-hunting companion may accompany each Permitted hunter. Unarmed, non-hunting companions must comply with the DOW's regulations governing blaze orange worn by hunters.
- No fires will be permitted in the park.
- No camping will be allowed in the park. However, park staff can assist you in finding nearby camping on USFS lands.
- The park will be closed 10pm-5am; hunters must be off the property; adjustments may be made to park hours when Daylight Savings Time ends.
- All vehicles must display a valid Colorado State Parks pass (unless displaying a Disabled Veteran's license plate)..
- Bear hunting will be permitted, assuming possession of a valid license and current season, during the big game season for which your Permit is valid. No Permits are issued specifically for the Limited Rifle Bear season.
- All Permitted hunters must comply with all applicable state statutes and regulations governing hunting, motor vehicle operation, and any other activity in which they engage while hunting Lone Mesa.
- Failure to comply with the rules of the Permit may result in Permit revocation.

Refunds

1. Special Use Permit fee refunds must be received in writing via Refund Request Form.

2. Refund Request Forms may be obtained by contacting the Lone Mesa State Park office (contact information above.)
3. Refund requests will be considered on a per-case basis.