



lone mesa state park

FY09-10



who we are

Lone Mesa, which is undergoing management planning and development, is closed to the general public. However, limited and permitted public hunting is allowed during the big game seasons on the park's outstanding elk, deer and bear habitat. Lone Mesa State Park encompasses 11,702 incredibly scenic acres, ranging in elevation from 6,800 feet to just over 9,000 feet. The management of Lone Mesa includes administering special use permits for public hunting and grazing, involvement in volunteer programs and other service partnerships, and operating the Lone Mesa State Park Office and Visitor Center in Dolores. The Dolores office sells OHV, snowmobile and boat registrations, and items from the Rocky Mountain Nature Association bookstore.

Visitors to Lone Mesa State Park spend about \$1.2 million annually at local businesses.

Source: Corona Research, **Colorado State Parks Marketing Assessment**, "Visitor Spending Analysis 2008-2009."

top attractions

- Lone Mesa State Park is home to a number of unique plants.
- At this time Lone Mesa State Park is open under a special use permit for limited public hunting during big game season.
- The scenery at the park is outstanding.
- The park includes a number of historic and cultural sites.

our partners

- Great Outdoors Colorado
- Dolores K9 Search and Rescue Team
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise
- Town of Dolores
- San Juan Mountains Association
- Dolores School District RE 4A
- Southwest Colorado Wetlands Focus Area Committee
- McPhee Recreation Planning Committee
- Counties of Montezuma and Dolores
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- Colorado State Forest Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- City of Cortez
- Volunteer Crew
- Colorado Native Plant Society
- Colorado Natural Heritage Program

challenges we face

- Continue work on wildfire mitigation, including preparedness and ready response efforts.
- Build on past communication and planning efforts with community partners and Natural Areas staff.
- The single, permanent staff person balances the "closed" status of the park with the duties of running the park, the Lone Mesa State Park Office and Visitor Center in Dolores, continuing the park's community involvement and meeting local expectations for service levels. The public expectations for statewide programs, including boat patrol on water not owned by state parks, and OHV and snowmobile patrol on U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management Land, and responding to fires and emergencies exceed the abilities of the one year-round park staff member.
- Responding to community, constituent and partners' expectations for regular information about the planned development.

our enduring vision

Colorado State Parks offer exceptional settings for renewal of the human spirit. Residents and visitors enjoy healthy, fun-filled interaction with the natural world, creating rich traditions with family and friends that promote stewardship of our natural resources. Park employees and their partners work together to provide ongoing and outstanding customer service through recreational programs, amenities and services.

statistics and ratios

Visitation FY 09-10: **8,950**

Estimated expenditures within 50 miles of the park: **\$1,153,999 (2008-2009)**

Full-time staff: **.5**

FTE to visitor ratio: **17,900:1**

Temporary employees: **1**

Volunteers: **19 (shared with Mancos State Park)**

Volunteer hours contributed: **4,181 (shared with Mancos State Park)**

County: **Dolores**

Congressional District: **3**

State Legislative Districts
Senate: **6** House: **58**

expenses/revenue

Total operating expenses: **\$222,100**

Total construction expenses: **\$0**

Total revenue generated: **\$86,472**

Self-sufficiency ratio: **39%**
(FY 09-10 revenues/operating expenses)

park inventory

Year became a state park: **1999**
Land acres: **11,612**
Water acres: **90**
Elevation: **7,200-9,000'**

Ownership

State parks: **67%**
Other: **33%**

Miles of Roads

Paved: **0**
Unpaved: **33.8**

**This park is not developed.
There are no trails or facilities
at the park at this time.**

Major buildings/structures:

Storage compound
Portable hunter check-in station
Five historic cabins

land acquisitions FY 09-10

There were no property acquisitions in FY 09-10 at Lone Mesa State Park. However, there was an acre-for-acre land exchange, which closed in November 2009.

volunteer activities

- Lone Mesa has a very active volunteer program. Volunteers are involved in staffing the office in Dolores as well as in a variety of stewardship and community projects. We advertise volunteer opportunities through the Dolores office and the Colorado State Parks volunteer database, as well as through a partnership with the San Juan Mountains Association.
- Hunters have provided a great volunteer pool. The park largely sells itself as a great place in which to perform volunteer work.

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