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PARKS, WILDLIFE MERGER UNDER DNR

Senate Bill 208 by Schwartz (D-SD5) and Sonnenberg (R-HD65): It appears that SB 208 will inevitably be adopted by both chambers of the Colorado State Legislature and will combine Colorado State Parks (Parks) and the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) under the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to be called the Division of Parks and Wildlife. The Wildlife Commission (11 members) and the Parks Board (5 members) will also be merged under a new Director. Similarly, all funds and expenditures are to continue as before and remain intact (i.e., no co-mingling and no diversion of funds) and are to be spent for the purposes for which they are intended. A second bill detailing the restructuring of the organization will be forthcoming in the 2012 legislative session.

The National Rifle Association (NRA), the Firearms Coalition of Colorado and the Colorado State Shooting Association are remaining cautiously neutral at this time, but other hunting, sportsmen's groups and retired DOW employees are mostly opposed to this merger and have made their views known in hearings at the state Capitol. The NRA has the following caveats, which were delivered in writing to the Senate Agriculture Committee hearings: That we reserve the right to bring up our concerns at a later date.

In the past, such mergers have brought up problems in other states. For instance, who is actually making up the membership of the governing Board, especially those persons not directly involved in hunting related activities, leading possibly to adverse policies for hunters and sportsmen, such as hunting land closures, lead ammunition bans, and overall negative impacts on hunters despite their massive economic contributions (at least 2 to 1 over other contributors, such as Parks revenues).

Specifically, Sportsmen pay state fees and federal excise taxes (i.e., Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funds). These are dedicated funds and are returned as matching funds to state fees on a 75%-25% basis and cannot be diverted. Any diversion to non-hunting use(s) imperils that federal funding. Such things have happened in other states.

In Michigan's case they reverted to their former separate structure. In Colorado, this merger must be watched closely, especially after it has been completed, in order to jealously guard our hunting and other sports interests. This will be an on-going project and will bear considerable scrutiny. Please contact your State Senator and Representative and politely discuss this matter with them. Their phone numbers may be found on the back of this page along with e-mail contact information.

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