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Re: Fishers Peak State Park 10-Year Management Plan

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Fishers Peak State Park 10-Year Management Plan.

Fishers Peak State Park is a relatively new park, having come into the park system in 2019 as the 42nd Colorado State Park. While the current management regime does allow some hunting through a limited access draw system, SCI would encourage the expansion of future hunting opportunities, particularly given that Habitat Stamp funds were used in part to purchase the property and that the property is a little over 19,000 acres in size.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Fishers Peak State Park 10 Year Management Plan. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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