

STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Rule related to a Special Group Daily Vehicle Permit for Groups using MN State Parks.

An amendment to Minnesota Statutes 85.05 enacted by the 1985 legislature has granted the Commissioner of Natural Resources the authority to establish by rule, a special daily vehicle permit fee for groups using State Park facilities.

The Division of Parks and Recreation sought the enabling legislation for this rule as a marketing tool to enhance use of State Park facilities during otherwise slow periods. The \$1.50 per permit fee was selected because the Division's Senior Citizens and handicapped daily vehicle permit fees are \$1.50 and it is our desire to keep the group fee in line with these other special fees. The Division chose to define a group as a party of composed of 10 or more vehicles because this would be large enough to be called a group (about 40 people) but small enough to accommodate smaller family gatherings. We also believe that such a definition of group size will discourage attempts at abuse of the fee.

The group permit will be limited to one day's use because the Division already offers a group camping fee for overnight use, and the particular functions that we hope to attract with the permit are generally day use functions. The park manager will be given the authority to decide when to issue the permit because he/she is best able to monitor use patterns and make maximum use of the permit.

Prepared by the DNR, Division of Parks and Recreation

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Department of Finance

Fee Review

Department/Agency: Natural Resources	Budget Activity: Parks & Recreation Maintenance & Operation
Fee Name: Special Daily Vehicle Permit for Groups	
Legal Citation: M.S. 85.05	Fee Set By: <input type="checkbox"/> Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agency Rule

Purpose of Fee:
To provide a reduced vehicle permit fee for groups as a marketing tool to encourage use of State Park facilities during otherwise slow periods. (weekdays, off-season, etc.).

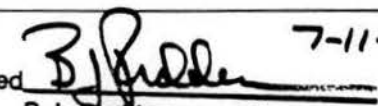
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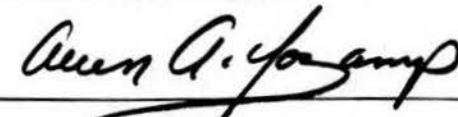

APID: 31500-80-20	Accumulated Difference Thru 1984 N/A	Dollars in Thousands (137,522 = 137.5)
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Fiscal Year	Actual F.Y. 85	Actual F.Y. 86	Estimated F.Y. 87	Requested F.Y. 88	Requested F.Y. 89
Actual/Anticipated Receipts	N/A	N/A	4,500	N/A	N/A
Less Actual/Anticipated Costs	"	"	N/A	"	"
Current Difference	"	"	N/A	"	"
Accumulated Difference	"	"	N/A	"	"
Number Paying Fee	"	"	3,000 vehicles	"	"
Present Fee	"	"	\$1.50	"	"
Date Fee Last Changed	"	"	NEW	"	"

Remarks:
 A) This is a new fee that the Division wishes to adopt by Rule. See Attached Statement of Need and Reasonableness for details and explanation.
 B) The FY88-89 fee projections will be developed as a part of the biennial budget process.
 C) The estimated Revenue was calculated according to an estimated 200 groups with an average of 15 vehicles for the first year. A more accurate estimate will be available following a year of use.
 D) This is one of several fees that the system collects. It is not possible to determine the cost of administration of any single fee. Overall 25% of the Division's Maintenance and Operations budget is generated from various fees, the balance is funded from the General Fund.

Finance Department Recommendation:

Approved  7-11-86
 B.J. Heddermann, Director
 Budget Operations & Support

Department Authorized Signature: 	Executive Budget Officer Signature: 
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