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Please Vote YES on SB23-059

Sponsors: Sen. Baisley & Roberts, Rep. Catlin & McLachlan

Issue:

SB23-059 will aid the state in helping Coloradoans access over 43 state parks.

The bill creates an optional fee for local governments to help them meet growing visitation demands. It will also lead to a study that will help to inform the scale and magnitude of the challenge facing local governments.

In the absence of investing in local roads, bicycle lanes, shuttle operations and other transportation methods local governments support, Coloradoans and visitors alike will be deterred from enjoying the state's treasured resources.

Background:

Colorado faces **rapid growth in demand** for outdoor recreation which challenges the state and local community's ability to support and expand access to parks and wildlife areas. **As of 2020, annual visitation to Colorado Parks reached a record high of over 17 million**, compared to 14.7 million in 2019 and 12.3 million in 2011.ⁱ This amounts to a 300,000 increase in annual visitation over an 8 year period versus a 2.3 million increase in 1 year.

While COVID and a growing awareness of the mental health benefits of being outdoors has contributed to the uptick in visitation, the new Keep Colorado Wild (KCW) Pass is also anticipated to increase visitation and fuel future recreation. Colorado Parks and Wildlife expects **visitation increases between 6 million to 11 million visits per year**, or between 31% and 57% from FY 2020-21 visitation counts.ⁱⁱ

Solution:

SB23-059 does two things to help local governments support the current and projected increase in visitation.

1.) Local Government Fee Option on Daily Vehicle Passes

Modeled after an existing statuteⁱⁱⁱ, local governments, in coordination with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission, may request an additional \$2 per daily vehicle pass. Funding will be remitted directly to the local government to help them support access routes serving state parks.

2.) Commission a Study to Further Inform Local Transportation Infrastructure and Services Needs

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources, in collaboration with local governments, will identify deficits in local government infrastructure and services used by visitors to access state parks, sources of funding to address the deficits, guidance on how to determine which local access routes could be eligible for identified funding, and much more. The study will be complete by November 2024.

ⁱ Colorado Parks and Wildlife. *Keep Colorado Wild Pass Pricing Study Technical Report*, p. 3. RPC Associates & Economic & Planning Systems, 2022. https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Commission/2022/March/Item.17-KCW_Tech_Report_FINAL.pdf

ⁱⁱ Colorado Department of Natural Resources. *Department Priority: R-06 Keep Colorado Wild Pass Implementation Support*, p. 3. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14Fuqbn3Rj2vo-krewL3Br-NDULTyX6aB>

ⁱⁱⁱ Colorado Revised Statute. Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority. CRS 25-8.5-111 (1)(O)

Please SUPPORT SB23-059

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Below are stories from both Park County and out of County folks who have suffered negative experiences traveling access roads to Eleven Mile and Spinney Reservoirs. Each experience is unique and stresses the personal impact of the heavily traveled roads.

1. From a Park County resident living in the Lake George vicinity: My Boat trailer suffered two major frame failures this year due to the CR90 and CR23. Fortunately, the failures did not occur at highway speed and I was able to get home without injuries. My boat trailer is scrap and I am having a custom designed heavy-duty trailer built to withstand the punishment of CR 90 and CR23. The cost is over 4k. Feel free to share. I am at our lakes dozens of days per year.
2. Lake George Fire Protection District, Chief Susan Bernstetter: Lake George Fire was responding to a possible structure in Eleven Mile Lake Sites off County Road 92 the summer of 2022. The Water Tender truck struck a pothole and the front-end shock was sheered-off, rendering the vehicle inoperable. Fortunately, the fire was contained without the use of the damaged Water Tender, the best possible outcome for a potential catastrophe.
3. Hello Amy, Last night I was returning to our home in 11 Mile Lake sites from fire training. It was raining hard with poor visibility. In the area of the worst potholes a vehicle was sitting in the road. The family, 2 adults 7 children, had hit one of the potholes which blew out the sidewall of their vehicle. This group came from Kansas City to vacation here in Park County. I doubt they will return after this incident. I assisted them with the repair and helped them make it a safe location with lodging for the night. This was necessary as they were just around a curve in the road. That position could have led to them being hit. What date will the repairs to CR 92 begin?
4. Colorado Springs resident (retired military) and his buddies love to trailer their 5th wheels/campers to Eleven Mile Reservoir and camp and fish as a group in the Park. They routinely have to bring spare parts with them and spend the first few days performing repairs on their campers due to road damage on CR90 and CR92 which lead from highway 24 in Lake George to the Park.
5. July 2021. Anything new on long term funding for CR 90/92 makeover with county, state, federal grants/funds? I have been offered the rare opportunity to lead one of only a handful of rally tours for a Porsche Club of America national level event at the Broadmoor in July 2022. Nabil has offered up the Black Tree resort as a rally point, but that won't happen if the roads are unsafe. I have been scouting various routes throughout the state, but would love to have Park Co/Elevenmile highlighted in the PCA National magazine. The opportunity was lost for Park County and the State of Colorado to receive national attention, we could not provide due to budget constraints the repairs needed.

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Total Fees:	\$87.46 (excludes \$29 KCW Pass)			
Find out more about the Keep Colorado Wild Pass: cpw.info/keepcoloradowildpass				

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A \$25 FEE WAS ADDED TO YOUR TOTAL FEE IF MESSAGE "PASSED ROADSIDE" APPEARS ABOVE. Emissions questions? Visit AirCareColorado.com or call 303-456-7090.

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What is the Keep Colorado Wild Pass?

The \$29 Keep Colorado Wild Pass is a more than 60% savings on a regular annual parks pass, and is included as part of this vehicle's registration unless you decline. This discounted pass is only available here during the registration process.

The Keep Colorado Wild Pass:

- Provides entry for this vehicle to all Colorado State Parks
- Protects wildlife, lands, and water
- Supports search and rescue programs
- Funds trails and local community projects
- Helps make the outdoors safe and available to all



More information and terms and conditions on the Keep Colorado Wild Pass is available [here](#).

Selecting yes keeps the discounted \$29 pass included in this vehicle's annual registration, supporting Colorado's parks and wildlife.

Selecting no removes the pass from this vehicle's registration unless I opt into the pass at the next renewal period.

Yes

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