

2008 Mount Evans Operations

NOTE: These instructions contradict the information in the Law Enforcement portion of the plan, which says that occupied stopped vehicles will not be ticketed. (see next page)

Fee Collection

Continue to collect fees under the current fee structure as we did last summer. **Visitor** claiming to drive nonstop to the top and back would not be charged. Paying visitors will receive a valid pass to display in the upper right corner of their window.

If additional information is requested the fee collector would explain **if the visitor plans on stopping and using the area, facilities, or services they would need to purchase a pass.**

2 new signs will be installed under the existing fee schedule sign
“Travel nonstop on road – No Charge”

A sign will be installed on the fee station informing all users they must Stop at the fee station.

During staffed hours:

“All Traffic Keep Right
Stop At Fee Station”

Non-staffed hours:

“All Traffic Stop At Fee Station”

Existing signs will stay in place:

“Entering Mount Evans Recreation Fee Area”

“Parked Vehicles Must Display a Valid Recreation Pass Next 15 Miles”

“Leaving Mount Evans Recreation Fee Area”

Safety and Security

Security cameras to be installed at the fee station

All vehicles have FS radios

New cell phone for the mountain

Additional training

Law Enforcement and Fee Compliance Plan

The Recreation Enhancement Act in 16 USC 6811(a) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to enforce payment of the fees in the Act. Ensuring that all users pay fees provides the broadest level of public service and guarantees fairness to all users.

The following is a list of actions to implement:

- Utilize an LEO during periods of heavy visitation (weekends, holidays)
Set up coop with County Sheriff and/or State Patrol for additional presence.
Possible detail opportunity for an LEO (weekends, holidays are key times)
- Gain compliance through education and fee payment envelopes – LEO & FPO's
- Issue warning notices for nonpayment of fees – LEO & FPO's
- Issue violation notices for nonpayment of fees –LEO & FPO's

We will continue to inform and educate the public and hand out fee compliance envelopes to visitors using the area, facilities, or services without a valid pass for nonpayment of the fees.

Violation notices may be issued in obvious cases of nonpayment at these locations;

Dos Chappell Nature Center

Upper Pesman Trailhead

Summit/Crest House

Note: Summit Lake is City and County of Denver property and the Forest Service has no authority to write violation notices for this area. In the past, Denver Mountain Parks has supported the issuing of compliance envelopes for this area and this will continue unless some other agreement is arranged.

Violation notices will not be issued to occupied vehicles or bicyclists parked at other locations along the Mount Evans road corridor.

NOTE: The Forest Service continues to issue "non-compliance" notices at Summit Lake, although they have no law enforcement jurisdiction there.

NOTE: These instructions contradict what visitors are told at the fee collection station, which is that they must pay unless they do not stop at all. (see previous page)

Communications

Send letters to our partners about our operations to inform and gain additional support

- Denver Mountain Parks
- Denver Botanic Gardens
- CDOT
- Clear Creek County Commissioners
- Chamber and Tourism Bureau of Clear Creek County
- Colorado State Tourism Office

Others

- Bicycle Colorado group

Media Release from CDOT about open road and fee structure