# Keep Colorado Wild Pass

Kris Wahlers – Park Manager, Chatfield State Park

May 17, 2022



# Background

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife is an enterprise funded agency Deferred Maintenance
- Low price allows access to outdoor recreation opportunities to more residents
- **SB21-249**







# Goals

#### Strengthening Our Existing State Park System

- **Goal 1:** Provide an affordable, multi-agency pass that ensures that all users contribute to keep Colorado wild.
- **Goal 2:** Ensure sufficient staffing and resources to manage and protect Colorado's existing state parks.

#### Protecting and Educating Outdoor Recreationists

- **Goal 3:** Provide Search and Rescue (SAR) teams and avalanche programs with the support needed to keep us and them safe.
- **Goal 4:** Develop educational campaigns to promote responsible recreation and wildfire prevention.

#### Investing in the Future of Wildlife Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

- **Goal 5:** Build new state parks in partnership with local governments, conservationists, and recreationists.
- **Goal 6:** Increase capacity to address the impacts of outdoor recreation on public lands.
- **Goal 7:** Increase funds for new trails, trail stewardship, and river recreation projects.
- **Goal 8:** Dedicate resources for the State Wildlife Action Plan to conserve vulnerable species and habitats.
- **Goal 9:** Support CPW initiatives focused on equity, diversity, and inclusion in the outdoors.
- **Goal 10:** Fund Regional Outdoor Partnerships to support community-driven planning and projects.



# Logistics

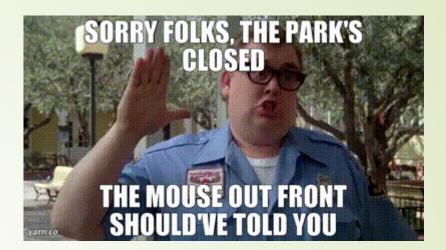
- Effective beginning January 2023
- Opt Out
- Revenue-
  - Goal is at least \$36M/year
  - 1<sup>st</sup> \$32.5M = state park maintenance
  - Next \$2.5M = Search & Rescue
  - Next \$1M = Colorado Avalanche Information Center
  - Anything above \$36M = 50/50 split between wildlife cash and parks cash funds





# Pricing & Impacts

Price point is \$29/vehicle



- Expected to generate \$30-59M & 23-28M visits
  - 2020 had 19.47M visits at all State Parks, 2.38M at Chatfield SP.
  - A 15% 30% increase would generate an <u>additional</u> 360k 710k visits/year at Chatfield
- Tied to registration, can only purchase while renewing vehicle registration





# Impact on Current Passes

- Daily Passes
- Specialty Passes
- ?Aspen Leaf Passes?
- ?Hang Tag Passes?



- Current passes will still exist for entry if choose to opt out and for out of state visitors
- Continuing to develop a mechanism for "cross over" passes
- CPW logo on paper registration

