

CHAPTER W-6 - RAPTORS

ARTICLE VI - USE OF RAPTORS

#615 - FALCONRY FIELD MEETS

- A. A permit is required for any falconry field meet sponsored by a state or national organization in which any non-resident of Colorado participates.
- B. An application furnished by the Division shall be completed and returned to the Division accompanied by a fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) at least 30 days prior to the proposed meet.
- C. For the period three days prior to, during, and five days following any properly-licensed falconry field meet, those participants and raptors listed on a registration form for that field meet provided to the Special Licensing Unit of the Division at least five days prior to the scheduled event may submit that registration in lieu of an importation permit to satisfy the importation requirements of these regulations and § 33-6-114(2), C.R.S., provided further that registered participants in a field meet sponsored by any national falconry organization may submit that registration prior to or on the first day of the scheduled event. A veterinary certificate certifying that each bird is disease free is required.
- D. Banding requirements of these regulations are waived for the period three days prior to, during, and five days following any properly-licensed falconry field meet for any non-resident of Colorado whose birds are not required by their home state to be banded, and who are registered participants of a permitted falconry field meet.
- E. Each resident participant in such meet shall have a valid falconry license. Nonresident participants shall be required to purchase an annual nonresident possession/hunting raptor license.
- F. Migratory game birds used in a falconry field meet shall be marked or banded in accordance with federal law.
- F.G. A Commercial Use Permit pursuant to Chapter W-16 is required prior to holding any falconry field meet on any Division property.

Basis and Purpose:

Commercial use is prohibited on all CPW property without written permission from CPW as permitted by Commission rule. §33-6-113.5, §33-15-114, C.R.S. The current regulations establish varying authorizations for commercial use on CPW properties with a variety of restrictions, fees, and processes to allow the commercial use. In 2023, the Division began working to move all the regulations that address commercial use on any CPW properties from multiple locations in the regulations to a single place in Chapter W-16. These changes reflect the changes to commercial use authorization and the new regulation in Chapter W-16 and clean up inconsistencies between the chapters and within this regulation.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be viewed and copies obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager, Policy and Planning Unit, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

**APPROVED:
Dallas May
Chair**

**ATTEST:
Karen Bailey
Secretary**