

**DNR REGULATORY AGENDA FOR SFY 2008  
FORM FOR REGULATORY ACTION DESCRIPTION**

**Rule Making Authority**     Director   
   Environmental Protection Commission (EPC)   
   Natural Resource Commission (NRC)   
   Energy & Geological Resource Division

**Title of Regulatory Action**     State Parks and Recreation Areas

**Rule Chapter(s) that may be involved**     571 IAC chapter 61

**Description of Contemplated Regulatory Action**  
(Including, to the extent reasonable and practicable, alternatives to be considered and preliminary estimate of costs and benefits of the Action)

Amend and improve rules for special events at state parks and recreation areas by clarifying the requirements to obtain a special event permit, distinguishing it from other events and providing some preferences or additional consideration to friends groups who seek special events. Amend the rates for Honey Creek Resort State Park to be set by hotel management groups, with approval from the Department. The reservation system has been in operation for two seasons. Several updates of the administrative rules will be needed to clarify procedures and policies and to provide better service to park users.

**Legal Basis**  
(Include whether action is required by statute or court order)

Authorized by 461A and 455A.

**Need for Regulatory Action**  
(Include if applicable how the action will reduce risk to public health, safety, or the environment)

Additional money has come to the Department to distribute money to water trails programs through these rules, and due to increased interest in the program, the Department wants to clarify when grants will be made available and by what criteria grant applications will be evaluated.

**Other Affected/Interested Rule Making Authorities**

DED, Alcoholic Beverage Division, Corrections Department – as related to Reservations systems.

**Potential Public Groups Impacted**

State park visitors using campgrounds, cabins, shelters, and lodges; bond holders, related to Honey Creek Resort State Park; state parks friends groups; any group that would seek a special event permit.

**Schedule:**  
(Actions & month/year)

Notice of Intended Action to NRC December 2007  
Public hearings January 2008  
Final rule to NRC March 2008

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