



Division of State Parks

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REFERENCES: Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board memo, dated November 11, 2009

PURPOSE: It is the policy of the Division of State Parks to help promote bicycle touring within Nevada. This policy should guarantee that touring bicyclists would not be turned away from a park should they be full, especially since campgrounds are sometimes the only option these riders have after a long day.

ORGANIZATION: This policy provides guidelines for employees to follow when touring bicyclists are looking to camp in our parks.

PRIOR POLICY: New policy.

PROCEDURES:

- I. Park supervisors should make every attempt to accommodate touring cyclists who are seeking camping facilities in parks that allow camping even if the campground or the overflow campground are full. Park staff will recommend alternative locations for overnight use if the campgrounds and overflow areas are at maximum capacity. These bicyclists travel long distances, typically carrying their gear with no vehicular support. It would guarantee touring bicyclist a campsite in areas where they might not typically be able to check into a hotel and find other accommodations especially during periods of peak visitation. All applicable park fees and regulations would apply.
- II. This would not have a significant impact upon State Parks, but it would be useful to promote Nevada as a bicycle touring destination and positively impact the small towns and shops along the state's rural highways. Bicycle tourists tend to spend significantly more money than other cross-country tourists because they spend more time enjoying the areas they visit and require more services.