
Clarification of CPW Raptor Protections at Sweetwater Lake

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Supervisor Glaspell,

We were very encouraged to read your statement in Taylor Cramer's front-page Post Independent article that CPW's raptor protections would apply if the Record of Decision selects an alternative involving a management partnership with CPW. We have copied Mr. Cramer because my question concerns that statement.

We understand your statement to mean that CPW's *Recommended Buffer Zones and Seasonal Restrictions For Colorado Raptors (2020)* would apply to Sweetwater Lake's Peregrine Falcons and Bald Eagles during construction and long-term operation under a CPW partnership alternative. That would be welcome news and would provide consistency with CPW's application of its raptor guidelines at other state-managed parks, including Fishers Peak State Park.

Would you please confirm that, if the Record of Decision selects a CPW partnership alternative, CPW's raptor guidelines will apply at Sweetwater Lake and will be incorporated into the Record of Decision and CPW's special-use permit?

Thank you for providing this clarification and reassurance.

Sincerely,
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