

**SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
RECREATION AREAS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**001**      **General Regulations Governing the Administration and Use of District Recreational Areas**

These Rules and Regulations promulgated and adopted by the South Platte Natural Resources District pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§ 2-3229, 2-3291 to 2-32,100, permit, prohibit or otherwise govern activities on all District parks and recreation areas under the control of the District (“Recreation Area”). These rules and regulations are effective March 19, 2013 and shall apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or who are otherwise within the boundaries of any Recreation Area. The special regulations provided for herein also apply to all persons entering, using, or visiting a Recreation Area for which such special regulations are adopted. Currently three Recreation Areas are managed by the District, Goldeneye (Exhibit A), Goldenrod (Exhibit B) and Oliver Reservoir (Exhibit D) Recreation Areas. One park, (Exhibit C) located at the NRD offices in Sidney is open to the public as well.

**Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply to these Rules and Regulations.

**District** shall mean the South Platte Natural Resources District.

**Open Fire(s)** shall mean any outdoor *fire* that occurs in such a manner that combustion air is not effectively controlled and combustion products are not effectively vented through a stack or chimney.

**Law Enforcement Officer** shall mean any local, state or federal law enforcement officer that is duly commissioned and credentialed, including Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Conservation Officers.

**Recreation Area** or Area shall mean an area of land, in a largely natural state, for the enjoyment of the public, having facilities for rest and recreation, controlled by the District.

**Camping Unit** means the portable shelter used by one or more people. Examples of an "camping unit" include tent, travel trailer, pop-up camper, motor home, motor vehicle, etc.

**001.01**      **Abandoned Property**

001.01A      Leaving any vehicle or other personal property unattended for longer than seventy-two (72) hours, without prior permission of the District is prohibited and any property so left is considered abandoned and subject to being impounded by the District or any Law Enforcement Officer. In the event unattended property interferes with the safe or orderly management of the park area, it may be impounded when discovered at the expense of the owner.

**001.02 Aircraft and Powerless Flight**

- 001.02A The operation or use of aircraft in or on a Recreation Area or waters located therein other than at landing areas designated in special regulations is prohibited. Where water surface is designated as a landing area, the operation or use of aircraft on the water within five hundred (500) feet of bathing beaches, boat docks, piers, ramps, or within one (1) mile of water control structures is prohibited.
- 001.02B Except in emergencies involving the safety of human life or threat of serious property loss or damage, the air delivery of any person or thing by parachute, helicopter or other means without prior written permission of the District is prohibited.
- 001.02C The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to any aircraft on official business of the United States, State of Nebraska or the District, or used in emergency rescue, or forced to land due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator.
- 001.02D The operation of all aircraft shall at all times be governed by the current regulations of the Federal Aviation Agency.
- 001.02E The launching or landing of sailplanes, gliders, balloons, body kites, hang gliders, ultra lights, and other devices designed to carry persons or objects through the air in powerless flight is prohibited without a written permit from the District specifying the conditions under which such launching or landing is to be conducted.
- 001.02F Unmanned remote control aircraft are prohibited.

**001.03 Quiet Hours**

- 001.03A Quiet hours shall begin at 10 p.m. and end at 6 a.m. of the following day. Quiet hours apply to all vehicles, electronic devices, boats, and any other disturbing noises.

**001.04 Panhandling and Soliciting**

- 001.04A Panhandling (approaching or confronting visitors, guests, or other persons in a Recreation Area asking for money) is prohibited.
- 001.04B Hitchhiking or soliciting rides in vehicles of any kind is prohibited, except in emergencies and cases of vehicle breakdown.
- 001.04C Commercial soliciting of any kind is prohibited; Provided that this section shall not apply to transactions which are authorized by the District for the commercial solicitation through concessionaires.

**001.05 Camping and Fees**

- 001.05A Camping is defined as the temporary lodging out-of-doors for outdoor recreational purpose and presupposes occupancy of a shelter designed for such purpose including but not limited to a sleeping bag, tent, trailer, motor vehicle or other recreational vehicle.

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- 001.05B Camping is permitted in or on Goldeneye, Goldenrod and Oliver Reservoir Recreational Areas.
- 001.05C Camp sites are provided on a first come, first served basis.
- 001.05D Camping is permitted for a maximum of fourteen (14) days during any thirty (30) - day period unless such time period is limited or extended as authorized by the District. The installation of permanent camping facilities is prohibited.
- 001.05E Digging or leveling of ground at any campsite is prohibited except with permission of the District.
- 001.05F Camping equipment must be completely removed from a Recreation Area and the site cleaned prior to departure as specified in section 001.15 Sanitation.
- 001.05G There are no camping, entry or use fees for visitors at Oliver Reservoir, however donations will be accepted. Designated donation boxes are located at the main entrances and at select locations around Oliver.
- 001.05H In order to operate on roadways or to camp within Recreation Areas all motor vehicles, including camping trailers, motor homes and recreational vehicles (RVs) are required to be licensed in the State where such units are titled.
- 001.05I Any person desiring to camp at Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area shall upon entry register the motor vehicle and Camping Unit make/model, license numbers and their name and address. The camping permit must be affixed to the campsite marker, where provided, or otherwise displayed in a conspicuous location upon the Camping Unit at the time the site is occupied. Each Camping Unit must register and have the camping permit properly displayed at their campsite.

**001.06 Closures**

- 001.06A The District may establish a reasonable schedule of visiting hours for all or portions of a Recreation Area and close to public use all or any portion of a Recreation Area when necessary for the protection or safety and welfare of persons or property by the posting of appropriate signs indicating the extent and scope of such closure.
- 001.06B All persons shall observe and abide by officially posted signs designating closed areas and visiting hours.

**001.07 Dogs, Cats, Other Pets and Livestock**

- 001.07A Dogs, cats and other pets must be crated, caged, or on a leash or otherwise under physical restrictive control at all times except by special provisions as listed below.
- 001.07B In a Recreation Area where hunting is permitted, the use of hunting dogs is allowed provided the area is open to hunting and the dogs'

owners or handlers accompany and have control of such dogs and is responsible for the actions of such dogs.

- 001.07C Dogs, cats or other pets with a propensity to threaten or harm others, in the judgment of the District or any Law Enforcement Officer, may be removed from the Recreation Area.
- 001.07D Grazing or ranging domestic animals or poultry is prohibited without prior written authorization by the District.
- 001.07E Horseback riding is permitted in authorized areas only.
- 001.07F Riding or hitching horses, or other saddle or pack animals in campgrounds or picnic areas, or within the immediate vicinity of trail shelters, places where eating or sleeping is permitted or other areas of public gatherings, except where trails and facilities are provided for such use, is prohibited.
- 001.07G Riders shall slow their horses to a slow trot or walk when passing persons on foot or who are riding or walking a bicycle.
- 001.07H Pedestrians on trails shall remain quiet when horses or pack animals are passing.
- 001.07I Pet waste is the responsibility of the pet owner and shall be picked up and disposed of properly.

**001.08 Explosives and Fireworks**

- 001.08A The use or possession of explosives is prohibited.
- 001.08B The use or possession of fireworks is permitted at Goldeneye WMA and Oliver Reservoir; provided however, applicable laws of the state or county are required to be followed.
- 001.08C Organized fireworks displays open to the general public without charge and sponsored by a responsible agency or organization may be permitted by written authorization by the District and the State Fire Marshall.

**001.09 Fires**

- 001.09A Open Fires are only permitted in designated camping or picnic areas and when the fire is confined in District Established fire rings, fireplaces, fire pits, or grills. Fires of any type must be attended at all times.
- 001.09B The use of camping stoves/grills, or lanterns using gasoline, propane, butane gas or similar fuels is permitted within the Recreation Area. Fires of any type must be attended at all times.
- 001.09C Fires must be kindled in such manner that no tree, shrub, grass or other combustible matter will be set on fire or caused to be set on fire.
- 001.09D When no longer needed, the fire shall be completely extinguished. Leaving a fire unattended is prohibited.

- 001.09E Throwing or dropping a cigarette, cigar, pipe heel, match or other burning material on or in any Recreation Area is prohibited, unless such is disposed of in receptacles provided for that purpose by the user or the District.
- 001.09F The kindling of fires in or on a Recreation Area may be prohibited by the District by posted signs when a fire hazard or emergency or other condition makes such action necessary.

**001.10 Fishing, Hunting, Trapping**

- 001.10A Fishing is permitted in or on all Recreation Area waters subject to state fishing regulations and to specific local regulations. All fishing lines must be attended at all times.
- 001.10B Any area or portion of area may be closed to all or any form or method of fishing by posting of appropriate signs.
- 001.10C Unless otherwise posted, Recreation Areas or portion thereof are open to hunting subject to state hunting regulations. While engaged in lawful hunting, the use of firearms or other projectile devices are prohibited within 100 yards of public use facilities or activity area marked by appropriate signs.
- 001.10D Target shooting is allowed in areas unless posted with appropriate signs at Goldeneye and Goldenrod Recreation Areas. Target shooting at Oliver Reservoir is prohibited. Targets must be stationary. (Skeet and clay targets are not allowed) All targets and associated materials such as shell casings, shell boxes, etc. must be removed at the end of each target shooting session.
- 001.10E Trapping is permitted in or on Recreation Areas in accordance with state trapping regulations and only by written permission of the District.

**001.11 Hunting Blinds, Ice Fishing, Tree Stands, Digging and Seining**

- 001.11A Seasonal blinds may be installed in or on Recreation Areas where allowed, subject to the following provisions and regulations:
  - i. Such blinds may not be erected before September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - ii. The owner's name and address must be legibly displayed on the door of the blind.
  - iii. The door must be constructed so it can be opened from the outside whenever the blind is unoccupied.
  - iv. Blinds must remain unlocked when not in use.
  - v. Seasonal blinds may not be installed in or on areas where signs prohibit their use.
  - vi. Blinds must be removed before May 1st
- 001.11B Temporary portable ice fishing shelters may be erected in or on Recreation Area waters where allowed. These shelters must be removed daily. Persons using ice fishing shelters do so at their own risk.

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- 001.11C The District takes no responsibility for the safety of persons using ice fishing shelters or the thickness or strength of the ice at any time.
- 001.11D Temporary portable type tree stands may be placed and used in Recreation Areas only in areas open to hunting and during legal hunting season. In addition, portable type tree steps that attach to the tree with chains or ropes are permitted in these areas. Screw-in tree steps or similar devices causing damage to trees is prohibited. These tree stands must be removed within 30 days of the close of hunting season.
- 001.11E Digging or seining for any purpose in or on Recreation Areas is prohibited.

**001.12 Consumption of Alcohol**

- 001.12A Consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on Recreation Areas is permitted with the following exceptions.
  - i. Consumption is prohibited on all roadways.
  - ii. Consumption of alcohol may be prohibited in or on any Recreation Area or portions thereof with the use of appropriate signage.
- 001.12B Containers of alcoholic beverages, whose single liquid capacity is greater than one gallon, are prohibited.
- 001.12C The presence of any person in or on any Recreation Area when under the influence of alcohol, or drugs, to a degree that may endanger oneself, or another person, or property, or may cause unreasonable interference with another person's enjoyment is prohibited.

**001.13 Permits, Special Occasion**

- 001.13A Sports events, pageants, reenactments, regattas, entertainments, fishing tournaments or derbies and the like, characterized as public spectator attractions or participant activities, are prohibited unless written permission therefore has been given by the District. Such permits shall be issued only after a finding that the issuance of such permit will not be inconsistent with the purposes for which the area is established and maintained and will cause the minimum possible interference with use of the area by the general public. The permit may contain such reasonable conditions and restrictions as to duration and area occupied as are necessary for the protection of the area and public use thereof.
- 001.13B Public expression of views through meetings, assemblies, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, religious services, etc. are prohibited unless written permission therefore has been given by the District.
- 001.13C The filming of still or motion pictures of lands and facilities owned or controlled by the District for commercial purposes is prohibited unless written permission therefore has been given by the District.



- 001.13D Applications for a Special Occasion Permit shall be received by the District not later than ten (10) days prior to the requested special activity and shall set forth the following: The name of the applicant, the date, time, duration, nature and place of the proposed activity, an estimate of the number of persons expected to attend, and a statement of equipment and facilities to be used in connection therewith.
- 001.13E As a condition of the permit issuance, the District may require pre-payment to cover costs such as restoration, rehabilitation, and cleanup of the area used, and other costs resulting from the permittees' activity.

**001.14 Preservation of Public Property**

- 001.14A The possession, destruction, injury, defacement, removal or disturbance in any manner of any building, sign, equipment, monument, statue, marker or other structure, or of any animal or plant matter and direct or indirect products thereof, including but not limited to petrified wood, flower, cane or other fruit, egg, nest, or nesting site, or of any soil, rock or mineral formation, artifact, relic, historic or prehistoric feature, or of any other public property of any kind is prohibited.
- 001.14B Entering, climbing upon, or tampering with District or District Contractors' motor vehicles and motorized or power equipment is prohibited.

**001.15 Sanitation**

- 001.15A All garbage, papers, cans, plastic bottles, waste materials and rubbish of any kind must be put in trash containers, if provided. Where containers are not provided, park users must carry their trash out with them. (Pack-it-in, Pack-it-out Concept).
- 001.15B Draining or dumping refuse or wastes from any trailer, or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for such use is prohibited.
- 001.15C Cleaning food, fish, game or fowl or washing clothing, vehicles, campers, or articles of household use at campground hydrants is prohibited.
- 001.15D Polluting or contaminating in any manner any watershed, water supplies or water used for drinking purposes is prohibited.
- 001.15E Fish entrails or other inedible parts of fish may be disposed of by placing in a trash receptacle if provided. Placing into fresh waters or onto public land is prohibited.
- 001.15F Depositing any bodily waste in or on any portion of any comfort station or other public structure except into fixtures provided for that purpose is prohibited. Placing any bottle, can, cloth, rag, metal, wood or stone substances in any of the plumbing fixtures of such structure or station is prohibited.

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001.15G Urinating or defecating other than at the places provided therefore is prohibited in campground areas.

001.15H Using District refuse containers or other refuse facilities for dumping household or commercial garbage or trash brought as such from private property is prohibited.

**001.16 Glass Containers**

001.16A Glass Containers are not allowed outside of Camping Units.

**001.17 SCUBA Diving**

001.17A SCUBA Diving is defined as swimming with the aid of self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (air tanks) and shall not apply to snorkeling.

001.17B SCUBA Diving is prohibited within two hundred (200) feet of the limits of designated swimming, boat mooring and boat-docking areas.

001.17C The International Divers Flag must be displayed whenever engaged in SCUBA diving. The SCUBA diver must stay within one hundred fifty (150) feet of his flag.

001.17D SCUBA diving is permitted in all waters in Recreation Areas except in waters and at times where such activity is prohibited in the interest of public safety or health, which waters shall be designated by regulation and/or posted signs.

**001.18 Skating, Skateboards**

001.18A The use of roller skates and skateboards is prohibited except in locations designated by the District by the posting of appropriate signs.

**001.19 Traffic**

001.19A It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle, as that term is defined under Nebraska law, anywhere other than on roadways, parking areas, or designated camping sites. All motor vehicles operated on roadways must be duly licensed under the law of the state in which such vehicle is titled. The use of ATVs or UTVs is prohibited except on the frozen surface of the Lake. Management personnel of the District are authorized to use ATVs or UTVs for emergency or management purposes anywhere in the Recreation Areas.

001.19B It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within the boundaries of any Recreation Area at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the prevailing conditions, or in excess of any maximum posted speed limits.

001.19C It shall be the duty of each motor vehicle operator to obey all traffic regulatory signs as posted on each area and all traffic laws of the

State of Nebraska, including but not limited to all Rules of the Road adopted pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-102*.

**001.20 Swimming and Wading**

- 001.20A Swimming is prohibited in all waters of Recreation Areas, except where posted signs permit this activity. Where permitted, swimming shall be at the sole risk of the participant.
- 001.20B The use of flotation devices within designated swimming areas is permitted.
- 001.20C Wading for the purpose of fishing is permitted in Recreation Areas at the sole risk of the participant, except that wading shall be prohibited in those areas that are posted with appropriate signs, within 20 yards of a boat ramp, or where prohibited by special area regulations.

**001.21 Vending**

- 001.21A The vending, including mobile vendors, of various goods and services, products and commodities, is prohibited in all Recreation Areas, unless permitted under a written agreement with the District.

**001.22 Water Sports – Boating - General**

- 001.22A Boating is permitted on all waters within Recreation Areas and is subject to general state boating regulations.
- 001.22B Docks installed adjacent to boat ramps shall be used only for the following purposes: Launching and recovery of watercraft and embarking and disembarking passengers. The mooring of watercraft at such docks for any other reason or for a period of time greater than that reasonable to accomplish the permitted activities is prohibited.
- 001.22C The towing of persons on water skis, surfboards, and similar devices by boats is permitted except on those portions of water surface restricted by buoy markers or when restricted with signs, provided such activity is conducted in accordance with state boating regulations.
- 001.22D Creating a wake on Goldeneye is prohibited. Wakes are prohibited at Oliver Reservoir when posted by signs.

**001.23 Winter Sports**

- 001.23A Skiing, sledding, tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating, and similar winter sports are permitted except upon roads and parking areas when such roads and parking areas are open to motor vehicle traffic and in other places where these activities are prohibited by appropriate regulations and/or posted signs.
- 001.23B The towing of persons on skis, sleds, or other sliding devices by a motor vehicle or snowmobile is prohibited.

**001.24 Standards of Regulations**

- 001.24A The standards established in these Rules and Regulations are in furtherance of the preservation and protection of the natural scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values and provide for the enhancement of the recreation values of the District.
- 001.24B Use of all property belonging to visitors, guests, and other persons or to the District will be in conformance with applicable Federal, State and Local laws, regulations and ordinances.
- 001.24C In the event of natural disaster, state or national emergency, civil disorder, accident, or other situation wherein the conduct or activities otherwise permitted under these regulations may constitute a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare, or inhibit rescue, recovery, post-disaster or development operations, management personnel of the District area herewith specifically empowered and directed to take such measures at their disposal to preserve the public health, safety and welfare and to expedite rescue, recovery and operations, to include the temporary suspension of any or all activities contemplated in these regulations or any area or portion of any area in or on Recreation Areas and the temporary closure and/or evacuation of any such area.

**001.25 Exceptions to Regulations**

- 001.25A Nothing in these Rules and Regulations shall be construed as prohibiting the District or its duly appointed agents or employees from the conduct of their assigned duties in the administration, maintenance and development of areas within the Recreation Areas.

**001.26 Limitation on Recreational Liability**

- 001.26A The District intends to assert the limitation on liability afforded in *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 13-910(13) (a) by providing public land and water areas to the public for recreational activities.
- 001.26B The District shall not charge any person a fee in return for an invitation to enter or go upon any Recreation Area to pursue recreational activities; except as noted in 001.13E.

**001.27 Enforcement of Laws**

- 001.27A Any Law Enforcement Officer, but not limited to any Federal officer, Game and Parks Commission conservation officer, local police officer, member of the Nebraska State Patrol, or sheriff or deputy sheriff, is authorized to enforce *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§ 2-3292 to 2-32,100 and any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such sections. The District shall not employ law enforcement personnel and shall be prohibited from expending any funds for such purpose except as provided in subsection 001.27B of this section. A copy of these rules and regulations shall be provided to the appropriate law enforcement officers and agencies. Any law

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enforcement officer may arrest and detain any person committing a violation of the rules and regulations in a Recreation Area or committing any misdemeanor or felony as provided by the laws of the state.

001.27B The District may expend funds to enter into agreements pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the services of certified law enforcement personnel or to contract for the services of private security services to patrol and protect District-Owned or District Managed Recreation Areas and to assist law enforcement officers in enforcing *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§ 2-3292 to 2-32,100 and any rules adopted and promulgated pursuant to such sections.

001.27C In addition to the above authority, any law enforcement officer may order any person to leave the Recreation Area for any violation of state law, including but not limited to the violation of the Rules of the Road and violation of these Rules and Regulations.

Exhibit A

**GOLDENEYE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

**EXHIBIT A**

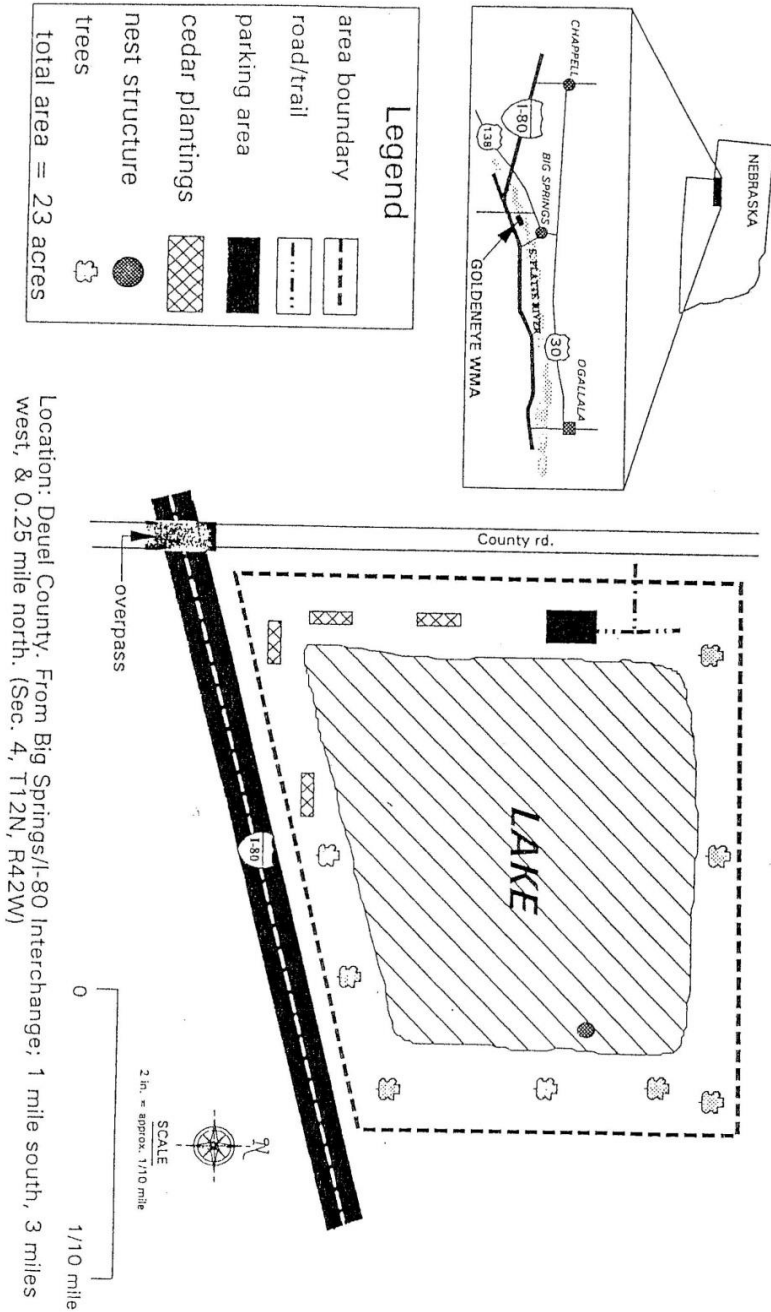


Exhibit B

# GOLDENROD WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Exhibit B

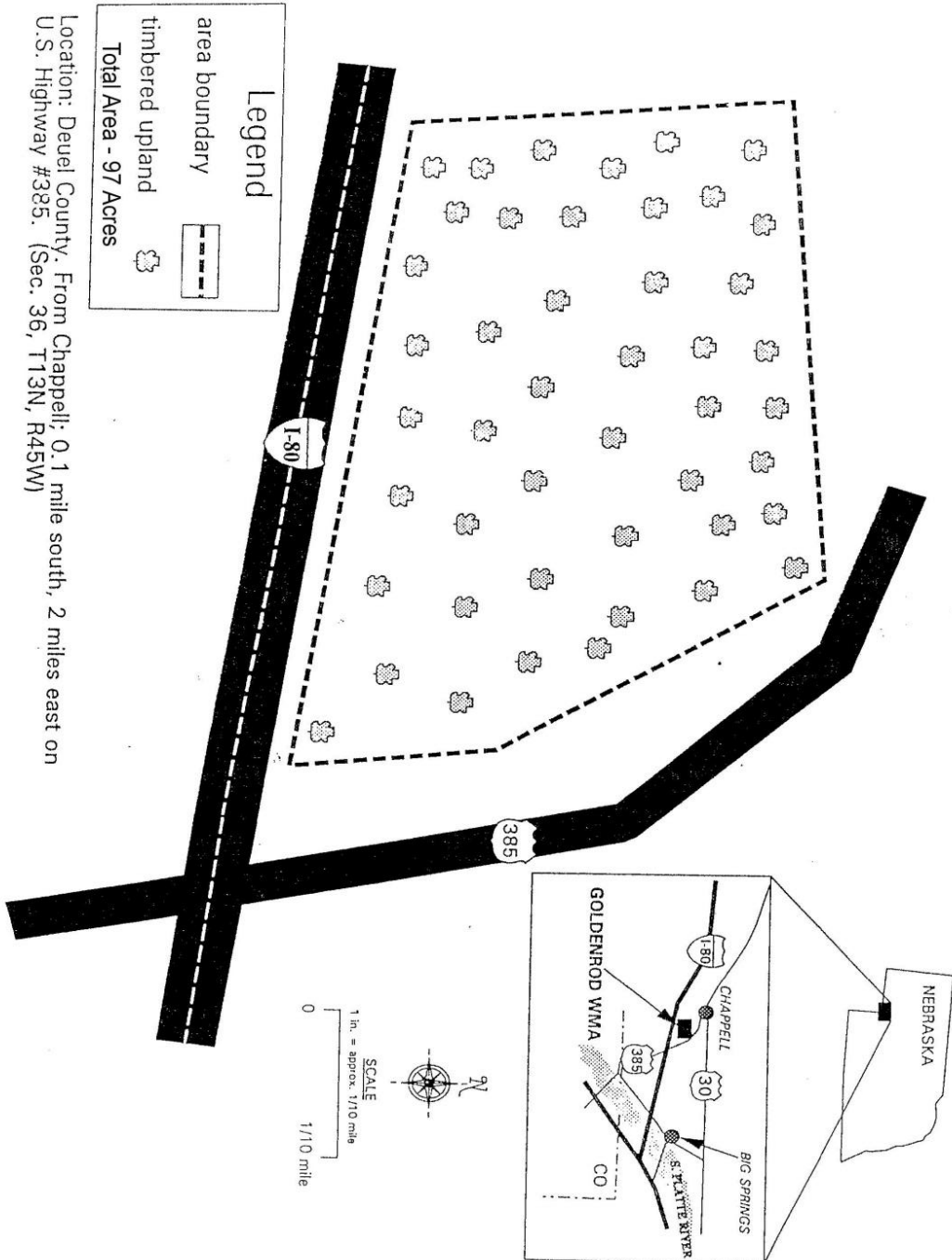


Exhibit C

**SOUTH PLATTE NRD PUBLIC PARKS**





Exhibit D

