

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

**Camping Permits and Rules
Chapter 41:03:04**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	August 7-8, 2014	– Fort Pierre
	Public Hearing	October 2, 2014	Sturgis
	Finalization	October 2-3, 2014	Sturgis

PARKS DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

Modify 41:03:04 Camping Permits and Rules

41:03:04:03. Camping permit fees. The daily fee for the use of a campground site by one camper unit is as follows:

(14) The group lodging fee at: Mina Lake State Recreation Area is \$185 and Shadehill State Recreation Area is \$185 a night for the first eight persons ~~age 12 and over~~ plus \$17 **\$10** for each additional person ~~age 12 and over~~; **with a maximum occupancy of 10 persons**. Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Palisades State Park, Sheps Canyon State Recreation Area, and Newton Hills State Park is \$240 a night for the first 12 persons ~~age 12 and over~~ plus \$17 **\$10** for each additional person ~~age 12 and over~~; **with a maximum occupancy of 15 persons**.

41:03:04:10.02. Camping cabin and rent-a-camper occupancy restricted. ~~No more than four persons~~ **Camping cabin and rent-a-camper occupancy is restricted to the number of sleeping spaces provided**, or one "family" with an extra tent. ~~may reserve a camping cabin or rent-a-camper.~~ **A single bed is one sleeping space, and a double or larger bed is two sleeping spaces.**

41:03:04:13. Park facility use fees. The fee for the use of the following state park facilities is:

(7) Palisades State Park event shelter located adjacent to the lodge, \$50.00 per day.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

41:03:04:03 – The proposed change is designed to establish a recommended number of occupants based upon the number of supporting beds in each lodge, similar to how the park camping cabins are regulated (no age restrictions). The maximum number would allow for some minor overflow in the event that groups exceed the recommended occupancy. Children under 12 years of age require a bed and the old rule did not take this into account causing facilities to be overloaded.

41:03:04:10.2 – The proposed change sets the occupancy of cabins or rent-a-campers according to the sleeping spaces available since not all cabins or rent-a-campers have the same sleeping capacity.

41:03:04:13 – The proposed change sets a fee for the use of a garage located adjacent to the Palisades lodge. The garage has been converted into an event shelter and is typically used for day-use events (i.e. weddings, family reunions, parties, etc.) in conjunction with the lodge and is equipped with folding chairs and tables for up to 65 people, and a serving buffet counter. The facility is heated for use in inclement weather. This change offers lodge users the flexibility to use the event shelter for an additional fee. The fee will cover equipment maintenance, repairs, utilities, and replacement costs.

APPROVE **MODIFY** **REJECT** **NO ACTION**