

Fee Waiver Staff Report

DATE:

OCTOBER 10, 2024

TO:

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH:

DOUGLAS J. DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER

FROM:

TERENCE T. QUINN, AICP, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CC:

STEVE SHOULTZ, CPRP, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS, TRAILS AND BUILDING

GROUNDS

SUBJECT:

FEE WAIVER REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175 FOR ROCK CANYON HIGH

SCHOOL OUTDOOR EDUCATION CLASS

OWNER:

REPRESENTATIVE:

DOUGLAS COUNTY 100 THIRD STREET AARON CARPENTER

CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104

ROCK CANYON HIGH SCHOOL 5810 MACARTHUR RANCH RD HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80108

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. <u>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</u>

Rock Canyon High School (RCHS) requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$175 for the use of Rueter-Hess Reservoir (RHR) for their outdoor education class fishing expedition on October 23, 2024.

II. BACKGROUND

RCHS Outdoor Education Class would like to use Rueter-Hess Reservoir to enrich their students' lives by teaching them to fish. Each student will experience the outdoors in Colorado and learn the skills needed to fish including the parts of the equipment to the steps of set-up, casting, reeling in, and how to catch and release the fish. This is an ongoing request. RCHS has used Rueter-Hess in both spring and fall semesters and will continue to use the facilities yearly.

III. REQUEST

RCHS requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$175 for the use of the RHR for their outdoor education class for Fall 2024 classes.

IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the use fee of \$175 for RCHS.

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To the Board Members:

My class last semester was fortunate enough to take advantage of the opportunity to fish on Hess Reservoir (going through this same process). I have another class eager to get out and fish this spring. We spend a great deal of time learning about Colorado's ecosystem, wildlife, and fishing. This is a perfect place for us to put our practice into action and enjoy a beautiful outdoor space just 15-minutes away from our campus. We are asking to have a waiver on the \$175 fee. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely, Aaron Carpenter Rock Canyon High School