

## Fee Waiver Staff Report

**Date:****To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners**Through:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager**From:** Terence T. Quinn, AICP, Director of Community Development

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**CC:** Amy Knopp, Recreation Manager, Rueter-Hess Reservoir  
Steven Shoultz, CPRP, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails and Building Grounds**Subject:** **FEE WAIVER REQUEST FROM THE AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE OF DOUGLAS AND ELBERT COUNTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,560 FOR THE AMATUER RADIO FIELD DAYS 2025 AT RUETER-HESS RESERVOIR****OWNER:**  
DOUGLAS COUNTY  
100 THIRD STREET  
CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104**REPRESENTATIVE:**  
PERRY LUNDQUIST  
ARES OF DOUGLAS  
AND ELBERT COUNTIES  
P.O. BOX 441  
PARKER, CO 80134

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**Board of County Commissioners Meeting:****June 10, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.**

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**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service of Douglas and Elbert Counties (ARESDEC) requests a fee waiver of \$1,560 for their use fees for Rueter-Hess Reservoir Pavilion and 22 parking spaces per day to host their annual Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Days for approximately 30 people on June 27-29, 2025. Rueter-Hess will remain open to the public during the event.

**II. BACKGROUND**

ARRL Field Days are the single most popular on-the-air radio event across the United States and Canada. This event helps to train and prepare for emergencies or disasters. During the field days, clubs or groups practice emergency response capabilities and how they might serve their communities in an emergency situation. Approximately 170,000 FCC-licensed Amateurs participate across the country ranging in age from youngsters to grandparents.

This is a public safety partnership among Parker Water and Sanitation District, Parks, Trails & Building Grounds, Rueter-Hess Recreation, the Douglas County Emergency Management, and ARESDEC. This event helps to train and prepare for emergencies or disasters.

**III.     REQUEST**

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service of Douglas and Elbert Counties (ARESDEC) requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$1,560 for their use of Rueter-Hess Reservoir Pavilion and parking to host the annual Amateur Radio Relay League Field Days on June 27-29, 2025.

**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 \$1,560 for ARESDEC.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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## Celeste Deal

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**From:** 'wordpress-admin@webolutions.com' <wordpress-admin@webolutions.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 12:10 PM  
**To:** Celeste Deal  
**Subject:** New submission from Rueter-Hess Special Use Application

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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303-908-9533
<b>Organization Name</b>
Amateur Radio Emergency Service of Douglas & Elbert Counties
<b>Type of Organization</b>
Non-profit
<b>Address</b>
P.O. Box 441 Parker, CO 80134 <a href="#">Map It</a>
<b>Website</b>
<a href="http://aresdec.org">http://aresdec.org</a>
<b>Event name</b>
Field Day 2025
<b>Event Start Date</b>
06/27/2025
<b>Event End Date</b>
06/29/2025
<b>Event Start time</b>
08:00 am
<b>Event End time</b>
05:00 pm
<b>Event location</b>
Rueter-Hess Reservoir
<b>Please tell us about your event. Be as specific as possible.</b>

Requesting 24-hour use of the parking area at the end of the main reservoir recreation road, from 6/27 to 6/29 for the amateur radio Field Day event. This event is open to the public, visitors to the reservoir are welcome. We are requesting the use of two proximity cards for after hours front gate access. We are also requesting the reservation of the picnic pavilion during our event. We will be setting up five trailers located along the parking area's perimeter leaving the parking spaces in front of the picnic pavilion and porta-potties open for other reservoir guests. We will also be setting up antennas in the grass areas along the west and south edges of the parking area. We will be using solar panels, batteries, and generators for electrical power. Setup begins Friday morning 6/27. Tear down begins at noon Sunday 6/29, to be completed by 5:00 PM.

Note: On the attached site plan, the hashed yellow areas mean no parking for our participants.

**Expected number of attendees:**

30

**Access to public:**

Free access

**Map of Event (shows the location of the event, the route if applicable, location of aid stations, staff, volunteers etc.)**

- [ARESDEC-Field-Day-2025-Site-Plan.pdf](#)

# Invoice

Date: May 2025  
Invoice # ARESDEC2025

To: Perry Lundquist  
ARESDEC  
P.O. Box 441  
Parker, CO 80134

Description	Total
Amateur Radio Emergency Service of Douglas and Elbert Counties	
Pavilion (\$300 X 3 days = \$900)	\$900.00
Parking (22 Stalls X 3 Days = \$660)	\$660.00
Total Due Upon Receipt	\$1560.00

Make all checks payable to Douglas County Government