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Recreation Area Rules & Regulations

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE

District Recreation Areas

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GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCEMENT

01 General regulations governing the administration and use of District recreation areas.

Under the provisions of sections 2-3290 through 2-32,100, R.R.S. 1943, the following rules and regulations are adopted and promulgated by the Lower Loup Natural Resources District to govern the administration, use, maintenance, and protection of District recreation areas under the ownership or control of said District.

The rules and regulations contained in this section shall apply to all persons entering, using, residing in, visiting, or who are otherwise within the boundaries of any District recreation area administered by the District. The special regulations contained in this section also apply to all persons entering, using, residing in, or visiting the areas for which such special regulations are adopted.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to all regulations contained in this section.

- (a) **District** shall mean the Lower Loup Natural Resources District.
- (b) **Manager** shall mean the General Manager of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District or their designee.
- (c) **Law Enforcement Officer** shall mean any duly constituted and credentialed law enforcement officer, local, state, or federal, including but not limited to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission conservation officers.
- (d) **Recreation Area** shall mean all recreation areas administered by the District.

001.01 Abandoned Property

001.01A Abandonment of any vehicle or other personal property is prohibited and such property may be impounded by a law enforcement officer.

001.01B Leaving any vehicle or other personal property unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission of the Manager is prohibited and any property so left may be impounded by a law enforcement officer. In the event unattended property interferes with the safe or orderly management of the recreation area, it may be impounded by a

law enforcement officer at any time, and such property shall be impounded at the expense of the owner.

001.02 Aircraft and Powerless Flight

001.02A The operation or use of aircraft on lands or waters 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 500 feet of bathing beaches, boat docks, piers, ramps, or within 1 mile of water control structures is prohibited.

001.02B Except in extreme emergencies involving the safety of human life or threat of serious property loss, the air delivery of any person or thing by parachute, helicopter, or other means without prior written permission of the Manager is prohibited.

001.02C The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to aircraft engaged on official business of the state government, or used in emergency rescue in accordance with the directions of the Manager, or forced to land due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator.

001.02D The operation of aircraft shall be in accordance with current applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Agency.

001.02E The launching or landing of sailplanes, gliders, balloons, body kites, hang gliders, and other devices designed to carry persons or objects through the air in powerless flight is prohibited without a written permit from the Manager specifying the conditions under which such launching or landing is to be conducted.

001.03 Audio Devices and Noise

001.03A The operation or use of any audio device including a radio, television set, musical instrument, or a device producing noise such as an electric generating plant, a motor vehicle, a motorized toy, or other equipment driven by a motor or engine in such manner or at such time so as to unreasonably annoy or endanger persons in campgrounds, picnic areas, or at other public places or gatherings is prohibited.

001.03B The operation or use of a public address speaker system, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted, on lands, waters or highways, is prohibited, except when such use or operation is in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued.

001.04 Begging and Soliciting

001.04A Begging is prohibited.

001.04B Hitchhiking or the soliciting of transportation is prohibited, except in emergencies and cases of vehicle breakdown.

001.04C Commercial soliciting of any kind without a permit is prohibited. This section shall not apply to transactions with authorized concessionaires.

001.04D Any Person who sells, trades, or vends any goods, products, or commodities of any type in a recreation area when not permitted by the District shall be guilty of a class V misdemeanor.

001.05 Camping

001.05A Camping is defined as the temporary lodging out-of-doors for outdoor recreational purposes and presupposes occupancy of a shelter designed for such purpose (i.e., sleeping bag, tent, trailer, or other recreational vehicle).

001.05B Camping and the use of trailers or other camping unit is permitted only at designated locations. Within designated locations, the pitching of tents or parking of trailers or other camping units is permitted only at designated sites.

001.05C Camping is permitted for a maximum of 14 consecutive days on any single recreation area during any 30-day period. The installation of permanent camping facilities is prohibited.

001.05D The digging or leveling of ground at any campsite is prohibited.

001.05F The reservation of campsites by leaving a vehicle or other property unattended is prohibited and such property is subject to impoundment by a law enforcement officer in accordance with Section 001.01.

001.05G Any person who camps, picnics, hikes, backpacks, or engages in any other unauthorized activity in a recreation area on land not designated as a camping, picnicking, hiking, backpacking, or similar area by the District or fails to observe the posted conditions governing use of such area shall be guilty of a class V misdemeanor.

001.06 Closures

001.06A The Manager 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 an area when such is in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare, or is for the protection or preservation of property by the posting or 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 & Livestock

001.07A Dogs, cats, and other pets are prohibited unless they are crated, caged, or on a leash or otherwise under physical restrictive control at all times. Leashes may not exceed six (6) feet in length. Pets which become a nuisance shall be removed from the area.

001.07B Pets are prohibited in public eating places and public buildings. This paragraph shall not apply to guide dogs.

001.07C Dogs, cats, or other pets running at large and observed by an authorized person in the act of killing, injuring, or molesting humans or wildlife may be disposed of in the interest of public safety and protection of the wildlife.

001.07D Grazing or ranging domestic animals or poultry is prohibited.

001.07E Horseback riding and the use of pack animals is permitted. Riding or hitching horses, or other saddle or pack animals in campgrounds or picnic areas, or within the immediate vicinity of trail shelters, eating, or sleeping establishments or other areas of public gatherings, except where trails and facilities are provided for such use, is prohibited. Riders shall slow their horses to a slow trot or walk when passing persons on foot or bicycle.

001.08 Explosives and Fireworks

001.08A The use or possession of explosives is prohibited except upon written permission of the Manager.

001.08B The use or possession of fireworks is permitted. Such possession and use shall conform to applicable laws of the State of Nebraska.

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 Manager and the State Fire Marshal.

001.09 Fires

001.09A The kindling of any fire is permitted only: In designated camping and picnic grounds when the fire is confined or in a fireplace provided for the use of visitors, or in grills, or in locations specified by the Manager; or in stoves or lanterns using gasoline, propane, butane gas, or similar fuels.

001.09B 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.

001.09C When no longer needed, the fire shall be completely extinguished. Leaving a fire unattended is prohibited.

001.09D Throwing or dropping a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe heel, match, or other burning material is prohibited, and must be disposed of in accordance with Section 001.15A of these regulations.

001.09E The kindling of fires or the smoking of tobacco in any form in recreation areas, including roads and trails controlled by the District may be prohibited by the Manager by posted signs when the fire hazard makes such action necessary.

001.10 Fishing, Hunting, Trapping

001.10A Fishing is permitted on all District-controlled recreation areas subject to general fishing regulations and to specific local regulations.

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 Fishing from or within 20 yards of any public boat ramp, boat dock, or mooring area is prohibited.

001.10D Hunting or the use of firearms, bow and arrow, or other projectile devices is prohibited on District-controlled recreation areas. This paragraph does not apply to firearms used by law enforcement officers in performance of their duties. The use of firearms or other projectile devices used in exhibitions as identified in Section 001.12 of these regulations may be permitted by written authorization by the Manager.

001.10E Trapping of furbearers, including unprotected species, is prohibited on District recreation areas except upon written permission of the Manager.

001.10F Use of live bait fish shall be prohibited on waters controlled by the district when posted.

001.10G Any person who hunts, fishes, traps, harvests fur, or uses firearms, bow and arrow, or any other projectile weapon or device in a recreation area when not permitted by the District shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

001.11 Intoxication: Consumption of Alcohol

001.11A Presence in a park area when under the influence of alcohol, to a degree that may endanger oneself, or another person, or property, or may cause unreasonable interference with another person's enjoyment of a park area is prohibited.

001.12 Special Occasion, Permission

001.12A Sports events, pageants, reenactments, regattas, entertainment events and the like, characterized as public spectator attractions or participant activities, are prohibited unless written permission has been given by the Manager. 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 restriction as to duration and area occupied as are necessary for the protection of the area and public use.

001.12B Public meetings, assemblies, gatherings, demonstration, parades, religious services, and other expressions of views are prohibited unless written permission has been given by the Manager.

001.12C The filming of still or motion pictures of lands and facilities controlled by the District for commercial purposes is prohibited unless written permission has been given by the Manager.

001.12D Applications for a Special Occasion Permit shall be received by the District not later than fourteen (14) 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.

001.12E As a condition of the permit issuance, the District may require the filing of a bond with satisfactory surety payable to the District, to cover costs such as restoration, rehabilitation, and cleanup of the area used, and other costs resulting from the permittees' activity. In lieu of a bond, a permittee may elect to deposit cash equal to the amount of the required bond.

001.13 Property, Preservation of Public

001.13A 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 without prior permission of the Manager is prohibited.

001.13B The gathering or possession for personal consumption of use of only such fruits and berries as the Manager may designate is permitted. All such fruits and berries shall be picked only by hand. The gathering or collecting of such objects for the purpose of sale is prohibited.

001.13C The destroying, digging, removing, or possession of any tree, shrub, or plant is prohibited.

001.13D Entering, climbing upon, or tampering with District-owned motor vehicles and motorized or power equipment is prohibited.

001.14 Property, Authorized Installation

001.14A No structure, including ice fishing shelters or waterfowl hunting blinds, shall be permanently or semi-permanently installed on recreation areas controlled by the District. This paragraph does not apply to adjacent areas controlled by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

001.14B The above regulations do not apply to the temporary, portable shelters that are erected and removed from frozen surfaces daily.

001.14C Hole size made for ice fishing on any area under jurisdiction of the District shall not exceed 10 inches in diameter.

001.14D Digging or seining for any purpose on District-controlled areas is prohibited.

001.14E No publicly owned personal property may be removed from any area or be moved from its general location without specific permission from the Manager.

001.14F Management personnel are specifically authorized to remove structures and facilities in accordance with applicable regulations.

001.15 Sanitation

001.15A All garbage, papers, cans, bottles, waste materials, and rubbish of any kind must be deposited in places or containers designated for the disposal thereof, or removed from the area.

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 or fowl, or washing clothes, 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 can receptacle provided. Placing into fresh waters or onto public land is prohibited.

001.15F Depositing body 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.

001.15G Urinating or defecating other than at the places provided is prohibited.

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

001.15I Placing a hose or method to convey water from a District water hydrant to supply water to a personal camper or campsite for personal use is prohibited.

001.16 SCUBA Diving

001.16A SCUBA diving is defined as swimming with the aid of a self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (air tanks) and shall not apply to snorkeling.

001.16B SCUBA diving is prohibited within 200 feet of the limits of designated boat mooring and boat docking areas.

001.16C The International Divers Flag must be displayed whenever engaged in SCUBA diving. The SCUBA diver must stay within 150 feet of his flag.

001.16D SCUBA diving is permitted in all waters controlled by the District except in waters and at times where such activity is prohibited in the interest of public safety or health, which excepted waters shall be designated by regulation and/or posted signs.

001.17 Skating, Skateboards

001.17A The use of roller skates and skateboards is prohibited.

001.18 Snowmobiles

001.18A No person shall operate any snowmobile in recreation areas controlled by the District except they may be operated on the frozen surfaces of the lake.

001.19 Swimming and Wading

001.19A Swimming and wading are permitted in designated areas only. Designated areas are identified by the posting of appropriate signs.

001.19B The use of flotation devices within designated swimming areas is prohibited, except such devices as are approved by the United States Coast Guard.

001.19C Swimming from vessels underway is prohibited.

001.19D Swimming or wading within 20 yards of a boat ramp, boat dock, or mooring facility is prohibited.

001.19E Shallow water or surface diving within designated swimming areas is prohibited.

001.19F Possession of glass, ~~food, or beverage~~ containers within designated swimming areas is prohibited.

001.20 Traffic

001.20A It shall be unlawful to park, tow, or otherwise operate any motor vehicle, trailer, or cabin trailer within the confines of a recreation area which does not bear valid license plates and is not registered in accordance with applicable state laws. All such vehicles not properly licensed and registered shall be in violation and may be impounded by a law enforcement officer.

001.20B It shall be unlawful for any person not possessing a valid motor vehicle operator's license to operate a motor vehicle of any type within the confines of a recreation area.

001.20C It shall be unlawful to park, tow, or otherwise operate any motor vehicle, trailer, or cabin trailer on other than those areas or portions of areas, roadways, campgrounds, beaches and parking areas as may be designated by the District for such operation.

001.20D All traffic laws and state park regulations governing operation of motor vehicles on roadways of the state park system shall further apply to motor vehicle operation on those off-road portions of park areas, including but not limited to campgrounds, beaches, and parking areas, as may be designated by the District for motor vehicle operation.

001.20E Motor vehicles are prohibited on the beaches and shorelines of a recreation area.

001.20F The District may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing vehicle traffic in a recreation area provided in the Nebraska Rules of the Road. Any person who violates any such rule or regulation shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

001.21 Vending

001.21A The vending, including mobile vendors, of various goods and services, products and commodities, on recreation areas is prohibited.

001.22 Water Skiing

001.22A The towing of persons on water skis, surfboards, and similar devices by vessels is permitted on areas posted as open to such, provided such activity is conducted in accordance with appropriate regulations. Such activities are prohibited on those portions of water surface restricted by buoy markers or signs, and areas marked no-wake zones.

001.23 Water Sports – General

001.23A Areas on which water related recreational activities are permitted may be zoned to separate or define activities. Such zoning may prescribe the area in which the public may engage in any such activities, or may limit the hours during which the public may engage in any such activities. Such zoning shall be clearly indicated by such signs, markers, buoys, or other appropriate devices in widespread and common use for such purposes.

001.23B The number of participants engaging in any of the above-mentioned water related recreation activities on any area controlled by the District may be limited by management personnel of the District when conditions warrant such limitations in the interests of public health, safety, or welfare.

001.23C Management personnel of the District are herewith specifically authorized and empowered to declare emergencies and to require the participants in any or all of the water related activities mentioned in the foregoing on any such areas, to cease such activity and to temporarily vacate the water area, or a portion of the water area, in the event of a water accident, severe weather, or similar emergency. No person shall have permission to engage in any such activity in any such area or portion thereof during such declared emergency.

001.23D Appropriate fees may be established and collected by the District for participation in any or all of the various water related activities mentioned in the foregoing at any area controlled by the District. In such event, the fee shall be made known to the public by signs or such other means as appropriate, and participation in any such activity shall be conditional upon payment of the fee.

001.23E Watercraft shall not be left unattended in or near waters controlled by the District except as designated mooring, anchoring, or beaching locations.

001.23F 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.

001.23G Watercraft shall be subject to posted speed limits on water bodies controlled by the District.

001.23H Watercraft shall be subject to motor restrictions when posted.

001.23I The District may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing vehicle traffic in a recreation area provided in the Nebraska Rules of the Road. Any person who violates any such rule or regulation shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

001.24 Winter Sports

001.24A 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.

001.24B The towing of persons on skis, sleds, or other sliding devices by a motor vehicle or snowmobile is prohibited.

001.24C The operation and use of snowmobiles shall be in accordance with appropriate regulations and state laws and shall be subject to 001.18A of these rules and regulations.

001.25 Standards

001.25A The standards established in these 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 values of the recreation area.

001.26 Disorderly Conduct

001.26A Disorderly conduct is prohibited.

001.26B Disorderly conduct is committed when a person causes public alarm, nuisance, jeopardy or violence, or recklessly creates a risk thereof, by:

001.26B1 Engaging in fighting or threatening, or in violent behavior; or

001.26B2 Using language, an utterance, or gesture, or engaging in a display or act which is obscene, physically threatening or menacing, or done in a manner which is likely to inflict injury or incite an immediate breach of the peace; or

001.26B3 Making noise which is unreasonable, considering the nature and purpose of the actor's conduct, location, time of day or night, and other factors which would govern the conduct of a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances; or

001.26B Creating or maintaining a hazardous or physically offensive condition.

001.26C Persons committing disorderly conduct may be evicted from the area.

001.27 All-Terrain Vehicles

001.27B Operation of All-terrain vehicles defined in Nebraska Statute 60-6,355 shall be prohibited in a recreation area controlled by the District except may be operated on the frozen surfaces of the lake.

001.28 Exceptions to Regulations

001.28A Nothing in the foregoing 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 or development of areas controlled by the District.

001.28B In the event of natural disaster, state or national emergency, civil disorder, accident, or other situation wherein the conduct of 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 are 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 operation, to include the temporary suspension or any or all activities contemplated in these regulations or any area or portion of any area controlled by the District and the temporary closure and/or evacuation of any such area.