

## **Department of Parks and Recreation**

### **Summit Lake and Echo Lake Access Fee:**

This request is to allow the Department to collect a \$5 fee for access to Summit Lake located on the Mt. Evans road in the Denver Mountain Park system.

### **History:**

A fee has been collected by the United States Forest Service since 1997 for access on the Mt. Evans Road. The fee has been \$10 per vehicle. Based on a collection agreement with the USFS, the fee was collected at the fee booth located at Echo Lake at the bottom of the Mt. Evans Road. The revenue collected was used by the USFS to cover operating expenses relating to Summit Lake. The remaining revenue after expenses was remitted to the City for capital projects only. Based on the outcome of a 2012 federal law suit, the USFS cannot continue to collect the fee without Denver enacting an authorized fee.

### **Fee Authority:**

If this fee is approved a service agreement with the USFS will be negotiated. The estimated revenue is \$50K per year. Revenue collected for this fee will be used to cover operational and maintenance costs at Summit Lake. This will require a slight modification of the existing Special Revenue Fund language to allow for operational expenses.