

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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STAFF DIRECTIVE 95-01

TO: Administrative staff
 Section Chiefs
 District Superintendents
 State Trails Program staff

FROM: Philip K. McKnelly, Director

SUBJECT: Trails Guidelines for State Parks and Recreation Areas

The enclosed "Trails Guidelines" are issued to address all aspects of trail policy, standards, costs and the processes of trail planning, design, construction and maintenance. Because trail construction and maintenance practices vary broadly throughout the state parks system, these guidelines are issued to provide direction as trails are maintained and renovated and as standards for new construction. We realize that existing trails cannot conform to these standards immediately. Successful implementation of these guidelines will insure that new trail construction, trail renovation, and trail maintenance impact as lightly as possible on the natural resources, be aesthetically pleasing to the park visitor, and remain a manageable function of the park staff's responsibilities.

These guidelines are effective immediately. All questions concerning these guidelines should be addressed to Darrell McBane, State Trails Coordinator, or any of the State Trails Program Staff.

The division is committed to requesting, supporting and receiving the funding and staffing needed to successfully implement the provisions of these guidelines.

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Enclosure