

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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STAFF DIRECTIVE 97-5

TO:           Administrative Staff  
              Section Chiefs  
              District Superintendents  
              Park Superintendents  
              Program Managers

FROM:       Philip K. McKnelly

SUBJECT:    Revised Scientific Research Policy and Permit

This staff directive replaces directive 86-8 and is issued to update the Division's guidelines and permits for scientific research. Much of the text is taken from that used in the old Research Activity Permit and should be familiar to field staff. The revisions reflect changes in the approval process, and include a description of staff responsibilities. The actual permit has been redesigned for easier reading and does not include all of the text used in the previous version. Instructions to the applicant have been revised and included on the inside cover of the permit. Please note that the updated application specifically requires a project synopsis and clearly marked and readable maps.

Park superintendents will continue to exercise approval authority for permits at the park level. The decision to require a permit for school classes using the parks as outdoor classrooms will remain at

the park superintendent's discretion and should be based on the location, type, and frequency of activity. Questions or concerns about research proposals should be directed to Resource Management Program staff. Each park will be receiving copies of the new permit for distribution; please use the current permit until the new ones are delivered.

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Attachment