Denver Parks & Recreation: Operation of Electric Vehicles within Park F...

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Subject: Denver Parks & Recreation: Operation of Electric Vehicles within Park Facilities - Temporary Rule Directive

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Effective April 15 – October 15, 2019: Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) is **implementing a 180-day Rule Directive that will allow electronic vehicles (e-vehicles) on Denver trails and park facilities.** During this pilot period, DPR will evaluate how e-vehicle use can safely interact with other park activities. <u>Read the full Directive</u>.

E-vehicles have become increasingly popular in the past few years, prompting city agencies and officials to take a closer look at public right-of-way rules and how they impact mobility options for people traveling throughout Denver. DPR is aware that e-vehicles are being used in parks and on trails and must evaluate how to best manage this activity. To accommodate the growing number of e-bike and scooter users, DPR has decided to formally evaluate how these devices impact park and trail visitors via the <u>180-day Rule Directive</u>.

<u>Please report any incidents related to the use of e-vehicles via the online evaluation tool</u> which will be used to track potential problem-areas and challenges related to e-vehicles in parks and on trails. (Full URL: <u>https://app.maptionnaire.com/en/5968/</u>). At the end of the 180-day pilot period, DPR will evaluate issues reported via the <u>online tool</u>, 311 and <u>pocketgov reports</u>, along with incidents logged by Park Rangers. DPR recognizes the popularity of e-vehicles as a convenient method of transportation and may implement rule modifications to help make them a successful transportation option while maximizing the safety of other park and trail users.

***E-vehicles** include electric and/or battery-powered bicycles, scooters, skateboards, "Segways", unicycles and similar standing or sitting low-powered mobility devices.

Note: This rule impacts Denver Parks and Trails ONLY.

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