

OPERATING PLAN FOR CPW SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Western Slope Pursuit Outfitters – Sylvan Lake Ice Fishing Guiding

1. Business Information

Business Name: Western Slope Pursuit Outfitters

Owners/Guides: 2 owners serving as the only guides

Contact Information: _____

Outfitter License: _____ (when issued)

Insurance: Commercial liability insurance meeting CPW requirements; State of Colorado listed as additional insured.

2. Purpose & Description of Activity

Western Slope Pursuit Outfitters provides guided ice fishing trips on Sylvan Lake during the winter season.

Trips focus on safe, educational, family-friendly fishing experiences.

Catch-and-release is encouraged unless legal harvest is desired and allowed by CPW regulations.

3. Operating Location – Sylvan Lake

Primary Lake: Sylvan Lake State Park

Access Method: Foot access ONLY

Motorized Access: None requested or used

Access Points: Park-approved parking areas with walk-on access from the shoreline

All operations comply with Sylvan Lake State Park rules and CPW management directions.

4. Operating Schedule

Season: December–March (ice and weather dependent)

Hours: Sunrise to sunset, within park rules

Trip Frequency: 1–2 guided trips per day

Estimated Annual User Days: _____

5. Staffing & Guide Qualifications

Guides: Two owners serving as certified guides

Certifications:

- CPR/First Aid
- Ice safety training
- Knowledge of CPW fishing regulations

Guide-to-Client Ratio: Safe small-group model

6. Safety & Emergency Plan

Ice Safety:

- Minimum 4" of clear ice for foot travel
- Test holes drilled throughout the day
- Monitoring weather and ice conditions continuously
- Immediate trip cancellation for unsafe ice conditions

Emergency Response:

- First aid kits carried at all times
- Throw rope and ice picks provided
- Communication via cell phone and backup battery
- Emergency coordination with Sylvan Lake State Park staff or local sheriff

7. Environmental & Wildlife Protection

- Full pack-in/pack-out policy
- Avoid wildlife disturbance in shoreline and forested areas
- No fuel spills (electric auger preferred)
- Holes clearly marked and closed after use
- Use of legal bait only; no prohibited substances

8. Equipment Used

- Portable ice shelters
- Ice rods, reels, tackle, bait
- Electric auger
- Safety equipment (ice picks, rope, spud bar)

- Sleds for manual transport (no wheeled or motorized vehicles)

9. Client Management

- Booking through website or phone
- Liability waivers required before participation
- Safety briefing provided before stepping onto the ice
- Clients instructed on Sylvan Lake regulations

10. Fishing Compliance Procedures

- Bag and size limits enforced
- Legal bait use only
- Ethical fish handling and release techniques taught
- Monitoring client compliance at all times

11. Waste & Cleanliness Practices

- All trash and gear removed at end of day
- No waste left on ice or shoreline
- Restroom facilities used per park guidelines

12. Risk Assessment & Mitigation

Risks: Thin ice, severe weather, cold exposure, equipment hazards

Mitigation: Ice checks, weather monitoring, proper gear, trained guides, client education

13. Reporting & Record Keeping

- Incident reports filed as required
- Annual summary of activity provided to CPW if requested

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