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Sec. 23-193 (d)(1). Use natural areas between 11 p.m. & 5 a.m. (or dusk to dawn for regional natural areas).	Specific event; and goals of activity cannot be reached other than in natural area during closed hours; and other than flashlights or bike lights for navigation, no lights are used unless specifically required for wildlife survey.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm; or interferes with law enforcement.	Wildlife surveys; astronomy classes	Purpose of the event or project Number of participants. Why activity cannot occur elsewhere during closed hours.
(d)(2). Operate motorized boat, other than one with a wakeless, electric trolling motor.	The activity is necessary and can only be done on the natural area and activity cannot be conducted with a non-motorized boat.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm; or strictly for recreation.	Survey work, aquatic species management, Search and Rescue dog training, Dive Rescue training	Purpose of activity. Why the activity cannot occur elsewhere or from a non-motorized boat. Map of where the boat will enter and exit the water. Proof of insurance. Detailed description of any substance that will be entered into the water. Detailed description of any substance/material/creature that will be taken from the water. Who will benefit from the activity? Comply with all state boating regulations

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(d)(3). Land, launch, fly any type of aircraft lower than 500 feet above a natural area. (includes model airplanes and drones)	The activity is necessary for ecological research and can only be done on the natural area; and/or will benefit natural area protection; and the activity can only be conducted from aircraft.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm, violates FAA rules and disturbs visitor experience of natural area -	Survey work or research that can only be accomplished through aerial survey.	Purpose of activity requiring aircraft use. Why the activity cannot occur elsewhere. Map of the portion of the natural area(s) over which the aircraft will fly and where takeoff/landings are anticipated. Height of flight path Noise level information Proof of insurance. How the activity will benefit Natural Areas' mission Proof of any state and/or FAA certifications
(d)(4). Remove or disturb archaeological, geological, or paleontological materials.	Removal must be done by qualified NAD personnel; and site is returned to original condition if required by City staff. Need qualified professional (as defined by State) in addition to NAD staff.	Harms the values for which the site was conserved; or harms wildlife or vegetation, or the material removed, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Qualified educational, historic preservation or research purposes where activities' goals cannot be realized by leaving the material in situ.	Applicant's qualifications. Specific material/artifacts to be removed. Why material needs to be removed from Map of area that would be disturbed. Description of all equipment that will be used. Descriptions of how impacts will be minimized. Where materials will be archived. Any relevant State or Federal permits.
(d)(5). Remove or rearrange downed trees, logs, groupings of branches, sticks.	Benefits the entire community: and/or City staff determines the activity will benefit the site's natural values; or is an appropriate educational activity; or is required for public safety.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Removal or rearrangement that is beneficial to the site as a temporary educational feature .	How the area will benefit from removal or rearrangement. How the site's natural values will benefit. Description of all equipment/vehicles to be used. Proof of insurance for vehicles. Map of area where disturbance will occur Why goals of the removal/rearrangement cannot be met at a site other than a natural area.

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(d)(6). Collect seeds, vegetation.	Propagation of native plants for restoration or natural area enhancement; and/or provides tangible educational benefits, provided the benefits cannot be realized at an alternative location. Collection shall be conducted such that the integrity of both the site and population is unaffected.	Impacts to the integrity of the site or plant population; or harms wildlife or plant community, or rare plant; or applicant fails to demonstrate no impact; or collection/cutting is made that has ancillary to commercial gain.	Collection for native plant propagation to restore or enhance natural areas; education projects.	Description of collection and propagation method(s) to be used. Description of educational, restoration, or enhancement purposes, including why goals cannot be realized without disturbing a natural area. Map of collection area.
(d)(7). Plant vegetation	Natural Areas staff has determined that planting(s) will benefit the natural area; and species are native to the site or area (as determined by Natural Areas staff) unless Natural Areas staff approves non-native species.	Planting activities harm wildlife or native vegetation, global removal	Plantings for habitat enhancement, buffering, screening.	Planting plan and map of disturbance area (planting and access). Project objective(s). Species to be planted. Source of plant materials. Description of after care. Number of participants. Name of trained supervisor. Description of assistance required from City staff. Description of equipment/vehicles to be used. Proof of insurance for vehicles. Written approval by City Stormwater Utility or County Floodplain Manager if project is in regulatory floodplain.

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(d)(8). Build a structure.	Benefits the community, wildlife, or site visitors; and meets City Code.	Is for private use or benefit or will detract from the aesthetics and enjoyment by the public of the natural area or will not likely be maintained in good condition.	Structure for approved resource project or temporary educational feature.	How the structure benefits the proposed activity. Proof of building permit (if required) must be submitted before construction can begin. Description of vehicles/equipment to be used. Proof of insurance for vehicles. Plan for maintaining removing structure when use is complete. Written approval by City Stormwater Utility or County Floodplain Manager if project is in floodplain.
(d)(9). Build a campfire, or other fire.	Enhances vegetation or an educational event.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, or impacts visitor use unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Burning in an easement by ditch management personnel.	How fire is necessary for the enhancement of the vegetation, or for the educational or recreational activity. An approved Larimer County/Poudre Fire Authority burn permit if fire is outside of a hardened fire ring.
(d)(10). Allow livestock to graze.	Helps the City meet its management goals such as biological diversity, fire management, or agricultural production.	Incompatible with wildlife or rare species of vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Grazing by cattle, bison, or other ungulates approved by the City.	How grazing will benefit the site. Vehicles to be used and proof of insurance. Proof of ownership of, or permission to use, livestock. Type of livestock. Proof of insurance on livestock (liability). Statement releasing City from liability for injury/death of animals. Grazing on City property typically requires a lease agreement.

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(d)(11). Feed wildlife.	Permit applicant is an agency conducting special wildlife project; and/or project is beneficial to existing wildlife on the site and/or in the area.	Would introduce or attract undesirable or non-native wildlife.	Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) , Rocky Mountain Raptor Program, US Fish and Wildlife Service projects.	Description of wildlife project. How project will benefit the local wildlife. Vehicles/equipment to be used (including proof of insurance), relevant maps Any site alteration required (e.g., installation of poles, feeding stations, nest boxes, etc.). Any relevant State or Federal permits.
(d)(12). Post notices.	City sponsored events or as part of a permitted activity.	Non-city sponsored events	Community Events sponsored or endorsed by the city.	Copy of material to be posted. Site(s) on which posting is requested (list requested sites on back of posting). Example poster lists of sites where it is to be posted
(d)(13). Hold group event (15+ people) Note: Gateway Natural Area has a special policy and permit process	Should be of benefit to natural area's mission; and/or promote natural area education; and must stay within identified boundaries.	Harms wildlife or rare species of vegetation; or causes the natural area to be closed to other visitors (any number of other visitors for any length of time); or events that require support; or events that conflict with management zoning; or causes unacceptable damage to trails; or is a competitive event at Soapstone Prairie or Bobcat Ridge Natural Area.	School events; field biology courses,	Size of group. Purpose of activity. Number of participants Description of why the proposed group event cannot be held at another area. Parking requirements Specific area(s) within a site where activity is proposed. Any equipment/vehicles to be used. Description of temporary structures to be used. Police permit (if required, e.g., if traffic is impacted).

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(d)(14). Perform service for commercial gain, sell.	See Commercial Use Policy			
(d)(15). Deposit rocks, wood, dirt, (or any other material)	Enhances the natural values of the site.	Damages the site, or introduces undesirable vegetation; or degrades site's aesthetic values. (For example geocaches)	Construction projects that are removing soil containing native plants/seed that would be beneficial to the area.	Description of material to be deposited, including soil type, seeds/plants in soil, species of woody plant material; site/area from which material is taken; map of disturbance – including area over which vehicles will travel and location where material will be deposited. Written approval by City or County Stormwater Utility if project is in floodplain.
(d)(16). Release/introduce wildlife or insects.	Beneficial research; or approved recreational value (fishing); or enhances natural area wildlife communities.	Threatens native wildlife or plants; or harms the site or destroys the values for which the site was acquired; or threatens private or public property adjacent to the area on which released.	CPW stocking of fishing ponds.	Purpose of project. Species to be released. Description of how activity will enhance wildlife communities. Evidence of public review of project (if applicable). Assessment of possible impacts. Vehicles/equipment to be used. Description of any alteration of visitor activity required. Monitoring Plan Anticipated follow-up (e.g. removal of release towers). Any relevant State or Federal permits.

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(d)(17). Deposit cremated remains.	Must be scattered, not left in a pile; and scattering site must not be visible to visitors; and must be left on the surface; and no markers allowed; and specific location must be agreed upon between applicant and Natural Areas staff.	Vehicle access required (other than in parking area).	Remains may be those of humans or pets.	Name and relationship of deceased. Exact location of scattering.
(d)(18). Operate/park motor vehicle other than on roads or parking lots.	The activity is necessary and can only be done on the natural area and activity cannot be conducted without a motor vehicle; or the activity is designed by the Natural Areas Department to use maintenance roads to make certain events accessible to persons needing assistance.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm; or creates ruts or otherwise disfigures the site, unless the activity is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.	Required survey or construction work that can only be done by vehicle. Educational access at certain sites for groups having accessibility needs, when accompanied by approved interpretive personnel, and vehicle access is possible (e.g., on maintenance road).	Purpose of vehicle access. Why activity cannot occur elsewhere or without vehicle access. Detailed map of where the vehicle will be driving. Explanation of measures to minimize harm to wildlife, vegetation, and/or humans. Who will benefit from the activity? Proof of vehicle insurance.

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(d)(20). Possess any gun, bow and arrow, slingshot, or other firearm.	<p>State-issued concealed carry permit allows permittee to legally carry within a natural area.</p> <p>City-issued permit within the area identified and in a manner authorized by the subject permit</p>	Any weapon not authorized by a city permit during the time or in a location a city permit is not valid.	Hunting per City-issued permit in conjunction with a valid license issued by Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Valid hunting license issued by Colorado Parks and Wildlife
(e). Research or public safety related training involving any of the activities prohibited in Sec. 23-193.	Specific conditions to be negotiated with Natural Areas personnel with an organization (e.g., Search and Rescue's January 1999 agreement with the Department that allows dogs off leash on a natural area).	Violation of previous or current agreement.	Search and Rescue dog training, Dive Rescue training. Permits may be for up to two years.	<p>Nature of activity.</p> <p>Reason activity needs to occur on natural area.</p> <p>Organizational affiliation.</p> <p>Proof of insurance if applicable.</p> <p>Names/number of participants.</p> <p>Other information may be required depending on nature of activity.</p>