

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 62, “State Forest Camping,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments:

1. Update the definition of “immediate family” to also include spouses, legal guardians, and domestic partners.
2. Limit the number of persons allowed on a campsite to no more than six with two exceptions: (1) designated chaperoned, organized youth group campsites; and (2) families who exceed six persons, are all members of an immediate family, and cannot logically be split to occupy two campsites.
3. Remove the requirement that the occupants of an approved second tent on a campsite must be under the age of 18 and dependent members of the immediate family occupying the basic unit. For example, this amendment will allow individuals such as a husband and wife to sleep in two small separate tents on the same campsite and allow unrelated campers with six or fewer people, such as a school club or friends, to have an approved second tent on a campsite.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before March 30, 2010. Such written material should be directed to Sherry Arntzen, State Parks Bureau, Department of Natural Resources, 502 East Ninth Street, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-6794 or by E-mail to Sherry.Arntzen@dnr.iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact Sherry Arntzen at (515)242-6233.

There will be a public hearing on March 30, 2010, at 2 p.m. in the Fourth Floor East Conference Room in the Wallace State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Natural Resources to discuss specific needs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 461A.3, 461A.48 and 461A.57.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **571—62.2(461A)**, definition of “Immediate family,” as follows:
“*Immediate family*” means spouses, parents or legal guardians, domestic partners, dependent children and grandparents.

ITEM 2. Rescind subrule 62.6(3) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:
62.6(3) No more than six persons shall occupy a campsite except for the following:
a. Families that exceed six persons may be allowed on one campsite if all members are immediate family and cannot logically be split to occupy two campsites.
b. Campsites which are designated as chaperoned, organized youth group campsites.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** subrule 62.6(5):

62.6(5) Camping is restricted to one basic unit per site except that a small tent may be placed on a site with the basic unit. The area occupied by the small tent shall be no more than 8 feet by 10 feet and the tent shall hold no more than four people.