

CITIZEN PETITION FORM

Date: **July 22, 2026**

Issue:	Renaming of Roxborough State Park to the Richard D. Lamm State Park at Roxborough
Which rule are you seeking to create or revise? Please include a copy of the rule you are proposing to create or change, preferably with the change made in redline format.	
We, the undersigned petitioners, urge the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission, for the reasons set forth below, to rename Roxborough State Park as the <u>Richard D. Lamm State Park at Roxborough.</u> Specifically, we propose amendments to the following Parks & Wildlife Regulations: Rule P-1, Section 34: Richard D. Lamm State Park at Roxborough: Roxborough State Park Rule P-7, Section 8 (a): For Bridge Canyon Overlook and Pikes Peak Amphitheater at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Prairie Falcon Amphitheater at Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Soldier Canyon Shelter at Lory State Park, and Lyons Overlook at Richard D. Lamm State Park at Roxborough: Roxborough State Park: Rule P-7, Section 8 (c): or event facility number 2 at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Fountain Valley Overlook at the Richard D. Lamm State Park at Roxborough Roxborough State Park and South Eltuck Event Facility at Lory State Park:	
Why are you seeking to create or revise this rule? Please include a general statement of the reasons for the requested rule or revision and any relevant information related to the request.	
I. This renaming of Roxborough will be a fitting tribute to Governor Richard Lamm, for his profound contribution to the Colorado's magnificent environment and quality of life to which Governor Lamm devoted so much of his energy before, during, and after his tenure as Colorado's 38th governor. a. Why Roxborough: The land that eventually became Roxborough State Park was initially acquired during the early part of Governor Lamm's administration in 1975. Governor Lamm gave this acquisition a high priority because of its exceptional beauty and geologic significance. Once purchased, Governor Lamm directed his Department of Natural Resources and Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation to develop a park plan for Roxborough. In 1979, his Administration designated Roxborough as a Colorado Natural Area; and in 1980, the Department of Interior officially designated it as a National Natural Landmark. The park officially opened to the public on May 15, 1987 at the beginning of Governor Romer's Administration. b. Governor Lamm was particularly proud of this park. He visited it many times, worked with the Legislature to fund the Park's acquisition, and pushed for its inclusion into the State Park system. II. Above and beyond Roxborough, Governor Lamm brought Colorado into a new era of protection for Colorado's natural lands, parks and environment during his three terms as governor. These achievements were unique and extraordinary, affecting the very quality and character of our state. See attached Denver Post Opinion: <u>Dick Lamm's true legacy is in Colorado's vast wilderness, Attachment A.</u> The following gives a <u>partial glimpse</u> of these achievements that now characterize the very essence of Colorado: a. Major acquisitions/expansion of the Colorado's park system —Roxborough —Barr Lake	

- Mueller
- Eldorado Canyon
- Pueblo
- Chatfield
- Pearl Lake
- Sweitzer
- Harvey
- Steamboat.

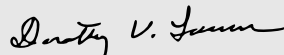
- b. Working with Colorado's Congressional delegation, the largest expansion in history of Colorado's federally protected wilderness areas.
 - Weminuche
 - Flat Tops
 - Holy Cross
 - Eagles Nest
 - Indian Peaks
 - Lost Creek
 - Big Blue (Uncompahgre)
 - Mount Evans
 - Comanche Peak
 - Collegiate Peaks
- c. Development of the nation's first minimum stream flow program to benefit fish and wildlife. Now considered the premier Instream program in the United States.
- d. Development of Colorado's first water quality classification and standards system to protect Colorado's streams and rivers.
- e. Development of Colorado's first regulatory program to insure the reclamation of mined lands.
- f. Development of a comprehensive program to allow local governments to regulate land development (1041).
- g. Initiation of the Colorado Natural Areas program.
- h. Initiation of the Colorado non-game program.

III. Governor Lamm passed away five years ago July 29, 2021. It is now fitting to create a special state memorial to him for his exceptional achievements in enhancing Colorado's quality of life. Nothing would be more fitting than to expand the name of Roxborough State Park, a park that he loved, as the **Richard D. Lamm State Park at Roxborough**. Former First Lady of Colorado, Dottie Lamm, now 89 years old, believes the renaming of this wonderful park, would be a well-deserved tribute to her husband.

IV. **Support for this petition.** We are gratified that Governor Polis is in support of this initiative. In addition, all the other four living former Governors: Roy Romer, Bill Owens, Bill Ritter, and John Hickenlooper wholeheartedly support the renaming of Roxborough in honor of Dick Lamm. Each is aware of Dick Lamm's exceptional contribution to Colorado's environment and quality of life. The renaming of Roxborough would be a fitting honor in Governor Lamm's memory. See Attachment B.

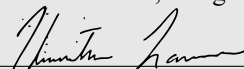
Petitioners' names:

Dottie Lamm First Lady of Colorado, 1975-1987:



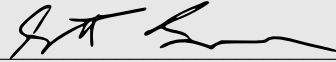
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Heather Lamm, Daughter of Governor Lamm:



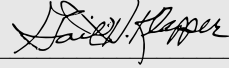
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Scott Lamm, Son of Governor Lamm:



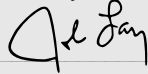
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Gail Klapper, Director of Regulatory Agencies; Director of Personnel, 1976-82:



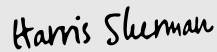
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John Lay, Director of Department of Labor; Chief of Staff; 1975-86:



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Harris Sherman, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, 1975-80:



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Lee White, Director of Planning & Budget; Director of Administration, 1976-82:



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