

To: Jeff Thompson
Colorado Parks and Wildlife's resource stewardship coordinator

Hello Mr. Thompson,

I am writing you this email on behalf of the Colorado Native Plant Society (CoNPS) to comment on the Eldorado Canyon State Park Visitor Use Management plan which I understand you are collecting data on for inclusion in the plan to be proposed in the spring of 2020.

Our GIS data which was collected from Herbaria across the US indicates that collections have been made of the rare plant *Carex sprengei* within the boundaries of the park. *Carex sprengei* is currently ranked as S2 (imperiled) in Colorado with fewer than 20 populations found in the state. Three of these populations are located in Eldorado Canyon.

I have attached a map sketch of their location based upon what I think are the boundaries of the park (I had a difficult time finding the park's GIS coordinates). In addition here are the locations and description of their locations from the herbaria records:

39.930794 -105.295058 Eldorado Canyon State Park: along S Boulder Creek.

39.930256 -105.286238 Eldorado Canyon State Park; banks along S Boulder Creek.

39.9313331 -105.284019 Eldorado Springs State Park, South Boulder Creek at emergence from the canyon; sunny hill side above north side of the creek by Red Garden Wall.

I should point out that the GPS locations are often inaccurate in herbaria records because they are often generated from the descriptions after the fact. However, you may know where this sedge is anyway.

In formulating your plans for recreation in the park we hope that you will assure that no recreation is conducted in the areas where these plants are located.

Thank you.

Mo Ewing
Colorado Native Plant Society
Conservation Committee Chairman