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NEWS RELEASE

Lake Nighthorse boat decontamination schedule modified due to staff shortage

Durango, CO: Durango Parks and Recreation Department will modify the decontamination schedule for ballasted boats effective Monday, June 7. This modification is due to a shortage of seasonal staff, which has impacted the city's ability to have Aquatic Nuisance Species inspectors available to conduct decontaminations at all times when the lake is open.

The city has prioritized staffing the boat inspection and decontamination station during hours that can accommodate the greatest volume of ballasted boat launches. **Decontamination of ballasted boats will be available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays. There will be no decontamination Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

Ballasted boats with valid green seal and white receipts may launch following incoming inspection and seal removal at any time when the lake is open. All lake users with boats, including ballasted boats, are encouraged to receive exit inspections and have green seals applied when leaving a waterbody.

"The Parks and Recreation Department is working diligently to recruit more boat inspectors for this season," said Amy Schwarzbach, natural resources manager. "We hope to continue to offer inclusive enjoyment of Lake Nighthorse through this unique staffing shortage."

The boat decontaminations schedule will be expanded when additional staff are hired. Interested in being a summer boat inspector? [Apply here](#) (click on Job Postings, Lake Maintenance II - Lake Nighthorse).

For more information about the decontamination schedule modification, visit DurangoGov.org/Lakenighthorse or call (970) 375-7321.

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