

# Infrastructure & Property Maintenance

## OVERVIEW OF FY 2025-26 CAPITAL REQUEST



### Overview of Funding Request

- Projects funded through this request further the goals of the Future Generations Act (Senate Bill 18-143) and Keep Colorado Wild Act (Senate Bill 21-249).
- CPW requests \$39,750,950 total funds for FY 2025-26, including:
  - \$19,952,950 in cash spending authority to rehabilitate and improve infrastructure and facilities on state wildlife areas and CPW offices;
  - \$300,000 of cash spending authority to rehabilitate and improve state highways within Colorado state parks;
  - \$19,498,000 of cash spending authority for infrastructure projects at state parks.

### Background

The CPW Capital Development Program manages construction that supports operations at more than 1,400 facilities, including about 350 state wildlife areas (SWAs) and 43 state parks, which hosted more than 18.5 million visitor days during FY 2023-24. CPW also has responsibility for more than 100 dams and manages 19 hatcheries that breed, hatch, rear, and stock 90 million fish annually. In addition to the many properties and facilities CPW manages, the division also manages hunting and fishing opportunities within Colorado. CPW sold more than 1.7 million hunting and fishing licenses in FY 2023-24. CPW's capital construction projects support every CPW program and activity, including the improvement of essential infrastructure, education, and outreach programs aimed at heightening public awareness, the training of new park managers and wildlife officers, and much more.

### Key Projects

- **Fishers Peak State Park Improvements and Trails:** The project continues the park's development and expands access by growing the parking area, managing drainage, constructing a new road, installing a vault toilet, and building new stretches of trail for hiking and mountain biking. These essential infrastructure improvements will provide a quality experience for users who visit Fishers Peak.
- **Meadow Creek Dam Rehabilitation Construction:** The deterioration of the spillway and outlet works, combined with seepage concerns, have reached the point of dam safety concern. This project involves constructing the design completed in prior phases, to restore the dam to safe operating condition and extend its life. The project scope will include replacing the concrete spillway, rehabilitating the outlet works, and controlling seepage.
- **Arkansas River Habitat Improvements - Mount Shavano SWA:** This project will continue the Arkansas River aquatic habitat improvements accomplished with the Mt. Shavano diversion removal project. Work will include design and improvements such as placing boulder clusters, root wads, and terrace/bank plantings to improve habitat and angling opportunities in the Mount Shavano SWA. This project will support numerous CPW goals by conserving habitat to ensure healthy, sustainable populations and ecosystems and providing world-class outdoor recreation.