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Camping World Opens New Store in Colorado March 12, 2010

Camping World RV Sales of Denver has staked its tent in Golden, Colo., with the area's first exclusive Jayco dealer, according to the Denver Business Journal.

The new store not only sells recreational vehicles and other camping goods, but will provide full RV service, installation and collision repair, RV financing and insurance and more. "We opened Camping World RV Sales of Denver in order to provide our customers with the best possible shopping experience all under one roof, including the best values, largest selection of RVs and great service," said Marcus Lemonis, Camping World chairman and CEO, in a statement. "Golden is conveniently located near Denver. Our customers will truly enjoy visiting this area because there is something for everyone, beginning with the city's rich cultural heritage, architecture and outdoor activities such as hiking at Lookout Mountain to fun at the White Ranch Park." Founded in 1966, Camping World's first location was in Bowling Green, Ky. Now there are more than 75 nationwide locations.

**ALERT**

When you go to renew your vehicle registration, **DO NOT PAY WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD!!!! WRITE A CHECK OR PAY CASH!!!**

As you all know, when you use your credit card to pay for gas, groceries, or other items, the owner (s) of the business pays the credit card company a percentage of the purchase price as a convenience to you and to enhance his business. This is considered as a part of the price of doing business. **NOT SO WITH THE STATE.** They offer you the convenience of using a credit card to pay for your registration **BUT YOU** pay the credit card charge to the state. They add up your registration fee total and add approximately 2.7 % to the total. This adds up!! Especially if you have a motorhome or large trailer or a newer car.

**Firearms now legal in some National Parks**

The long-standing prohibition on firearms in National Parks was lifted 22 Feb 10.

The new law, which went into effect in February, mirrors state law. Simply put, you can now possess firearms in a National Park under the same state laws that govern firearms in the rest of that state. Rocky Mountain National Park is included.

The actual law reads:

Protecting the Right of Individuals To Bear arms in Units of the National Park System and the National Wildlife Refuge System.--The Secretary of the Interior shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual from possessing a firearm including an assembled or functional firearm in any unit of the National Park System or the Na-

tional Wildlife Refuge System if--

- (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm; and
- (2) the possession of the firearm is in compliance with the law of the State in which the unit of the National Park System or the National Wildlife Refuge System is located.

**STATE PARKS WILL NOT CHARGE ENTRANCE FEE FOR TOWED VEHICLES BEHIND MOTOR HOMES**

Effective this year, the Colorado Parks Department (CPD) will no longer charge an additional entrance fee for a towed vehicle behind a Motor Home. The operator of the motor home will be issued a Towed Vehicle Pass so that the towed vehicle may be used for trips after the motor home is parked in the camp ground. The CPD Stated that they found the practice to be inconsistent with other states plus a lot of negative comments.

The Legislature is still busy, so here are a few more bills that may be of interest to some of you.

HB 10-1193 This little gem is an attempt to have you pay sales tax when you buy from out-of-state retailers. The language is rather convoluted so I won't attempt to explain it to you but if you are interested, go to the legislative site and check it out for yourself. It was to be effective 1 Mar 2010.

HB 10-1201 An officer who requests consent to search you, your car, or your home, he must ask for your consent to perform the search, read you a statement related to the consent to search, and get your signature. This applies only to searches for which there is otherwise no legal basis.

HB 10-1211 Effective 1 Jul 2010 The amount of the late fee required for late registration of a vehicle with out motive power that weighs 2000 pounds or less shall be \$10. The weight shall be the EMPTY weight.

SB 10-071 Creates an Aspen Leaf Life time pass for state parks and recreation areas. The age requirement for the life time pass is the same as the current Aspen Leaf Pass. You will be able to BUY this pass for a fee, to be determined by the Parks Board, not to exceed \$150.

SB10-092 This bill exempts from federal laws and regulations all firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition that are manufactured in Colorado by persons who are not federally licensed and that are sold and remain on Colorado. (It appears that we are following the fine example set by Montana.)

SB 10-103 This bill creates a special State Parks license plate. This will work similar to the Broncos License plate