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## **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 99-082**

### **Comments**

**[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]**

#### **2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code**

a. Section NR 45.10 (4) (d) more properly belongs with the subject matter in s. NR 45.10 (2m). This could be accomplished by dropping the word “outdoor” from the title of s. NR 45.10 (2m) and clearly indicating the applicability of each paragraph of that subsection in the text.

b. The fiscal estimate for the rule should be updated. It includes references to several dates that have already passed. Also, “97-97 biennial budget” should be changed to “1997-99 biennial budget.”

c. The first sentence of s. NR 45.10 (4) (intro.) states that the department may establish minimum and maximum group sizes for indoor group camps. Will these be established by rule? Can a cross-reference be included?

#### **5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language**

a. The first sentence of s. NR 45.10 (2m) (a) needs to indicate what types of campsites are referred to in the paragraph. The words “in a group or backpack campsite” should be inserted after the word “remain.” Also, what is a “unit,” referred to in the second sentence of that paragraph? Finally, a comma should be inserted following the first occurrence of “unit.”

b. In s. NR 45.10 (2m) (d), it appears that the phrase “in state parks, recreation areas and other state forests offering these backpack campsites” is superfluous. Are there other types of state properties that offer backpack campsites? Also, should “in a backpack campsite” be inserted at the end of the second sentence?

c. Section NR 45.10 (2m) (e) should be rewritten in the active voice, clearly stating whose responsibility it is to pack out refuse.

d. In s. NR 45.10 (3) (title), a comma should be inserted following the word “FAMILY.”

e. The second sentence of s. NR 45.10 (3) (a) is unclear. When is the minimum three-day occupancy requirement not “applicable”? Also, parenthetical material should not be used in a rule. Could the final part of that sentence be rewritten along the following lines: “. . . for a minimum of 3 days during the Memorial Day or Labor Day weekend or during the Fourth of July weekend if July 4 falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday.”

f. Section NR 45.10 (3) (a) to (c) should use the same format to refer to the date of occupancy. The phrase “the date of occupancy” is suggested.

g. In s. NR 45.10 (3) (g), “Walk in” should be hyphenated and “shall” should replace “will.”