



Memo

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Doug Coutts, Director
Date: 11/9/2017
Re: Code of Conduct Review/Discussion

In late October, I received an inquiry from Matt regarding the temporary posting of signage about mushrooming in the park and the reasoning behind it. I explained that we have been posting this signage for at least the past two years as we have experienced people entering the park to harvest mushrooms for sale and that they would leave established trails to search for and gather mushrooms, tromping through the woods. Some of these people were engaged in this activity for commercial purposes.

Our code of conduct (Current version included in your board packet) addresses the behavior in question as a prohibited activity, but the larger issue is the one of leaving established trails and disturbing habitat. Here is the current version of the Code of Conduct that addresses plants:

3.01.4 Violations of Rules. The following conduct is expressly prohibited by this administrative rule.

- t) Removing, destroying, or mutilating, or any way altering lawn, shrubs, plants, flowers, sand, soil, or a habitat area without proper authorization;

This is a policy review/discussion item at this board meeting. Do we need to revise this Code of Conduct item for the parks and if so, should it be more of a directive to remain on marked/established trails?