**Check Out Colo. State Parks at [library]**

**[CITYALLCAPS, Colo. or DENVER]** - The Check Out Colorado State Parks Program is going strong at [**insert library name**] [**city**], Colo. The program, the result of a partnership between Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado Department of Education State Library, provides the library with two hang-tag park passes and adventure backpacks filled with information and education activities, including field guides, state park information, and binoculars.

“[**Insert quote from library director, staff, or patron, and/or use other available quote listed below**]”

**[library]** patrons can check out the backpack, which includes a hang-tag park pass for entrance into any of Colorado’s 41 state parks, can be checked out with a library card for up to seven days.

After a successful pilot of Check Out Colorado State Parks Program, 297 libraries across the state are participating in the program today. In 2017, there were approximately 6,980 backpack checkouts statewide--134 checkouts per week.

For more information go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/Pages/LibraryBackpack.aspx>. Users are also encouraged to post pictures to Instagram and Twitter: #CheckOutColorado.

**Other available quotes:**

“An adventure backpack, filled with park information and educational activities goes with the pass,” said CPW Director Bob Broscheid. “It’s everything you need to explore and enjoy Colorado’s parks on your own or with friends and family.”

“We encourage all Coloradans to explore and learn through their libraries,” said Colorado State Library Development Director, Sharon Morris. “This pass and backpack program gives residents the opportunity to literally “check out Colorado State Parks” and discover the wildlife and beauty of our state.”