

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 9, 2015

John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman
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Regulation No. 7B-7 (#3072)
Department of Conservation and
Natural Resources
State Forest Picnic Areas

On August 21, 2014, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Department). This rulemaking amends 17 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the September 6, 2014 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 5, 2015.

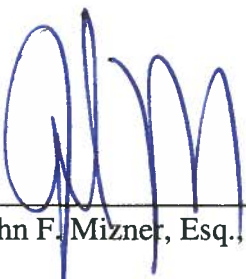
This regulation consolidates 17 Pa. Code, Chapter 21 (General Provisions) and Chapter 23 (State Forest Picnic Areas) to eliminate several redundancies and inconsistencies that exist between the two sets of regulations. In addition to merging the two chapters, the regulation reorganizes, updates, and clarifies certain State forest provisions.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (71 P.S. §§ 1340.302, 1340.313 and 1340.502) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.





John F. Mizner, Esq., Chairman