

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 12/11/18

ISSUE:	Should the regulations for the Hunting Reservation System be modified to allow reservations to be made online on a first come, first serve basis?	
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):		
<p>The Hunting Reservation System currently provides hunters the opportunity to reserve hunting areas on State Wildlife Areas and Parks in the Northeast and Northwest Regions by calling in to a CPW operator to make a reservation. Since CPW has transitioned from the Total Licensing System (TLS) to the Integrated Parks and Wildlife System (IPAWS), the capability to allow hunters to make reservations online is being developed. The capability to make a hunting reservation online will be a benefit to the hunter and the agency. The hunter will be able to make the reservation from any device that has access to the internet, making it convenient and easy to use, and CPW will be able to reduce the manpower necessary to make reservations. Moving to an online system would not eliminate the opportunity to make a reservation by phone, and would continue to be a first come, first served system. Going to an online system would give CPW the option of adding a random draw (lottery type) system in the future as well as the first come first served process currently used. This option is discussed in another issue paper and may not be available at this time. The existing regulations for making a reservation would have to be modified to allow hunters to make a reservation online. On the attached page are the existing general reservation regulations, with proposed edits to this language.</p>		
<p>STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:</p>		
<p>*IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.</p>		
<p>External publics include hunters and landowners on whose property CPW owns an access easement.</p> <p>An email will go out to past users of the system before the January PWC meeting to notify them of the changes, and solicit their feedback.</p>		
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Preferred Alternative*: Allow hunting reservations to be made online by including a link in the brochure to take customers to a web page to fill out the information to make a reservation. See attached draft regulations wording. 2. Status quo - keep the current method of making a reservation through the telephone and the use of operators. 		
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Draft Wording:

A. On those properties which have reservations available or required, reservations may be made by phone or online (cpw.state.co.us). Reservations are not accepted more than 14 days in advance of the hunt date, nor after 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date. Hunters who wish to cancel a reservation must do so no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date. Failure to hunt a reserved area without prior cancellation, or follow check station procedures, may cause forfeiture of the privilege to make reservations for the remainder of the hunting season. Hunters are limited to a maximum of one reservation per hunt date. Hunters must possess a valid license for the species to be hunted in order to make a reservation. Reservations are not transferable. The individual named on the reservation must be at the property on the day of the hunt. Hunters with reservations may only hunt the hunt area specified on the reservation. Any exceptions to the above restrictions will be listed under the specific property regulations.

Existing Wording:

ARTICLE II - PROPERTY-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

#901 - PROPERTY-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

(See Appendix B for a list of properties without property-specific regulations, to which only restrictions in #900 apply)

A. Except as specified in #901.A.1 below, on those properties which have reservations available or required, reservations may be made by calling 1-800-846-9453. Reservations are not accepted more than 14 days in advance of the hunt date, nor after 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date, or Friday at 12:00 noon for Sundays and holidays falling on Monday. Hunters who wish to cancel a reservation must do so no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date. Failure to hunt a reserved area without prior cancellation, or follow check station procedures, may cause forfeiture of the privilege to make reservations for the remainder of the hunting season. Hunters are limited to a maximum of one reservation per hunt date and one reservation per phone call. Hunters must possess a valid license for the species to be hunted in order to make a reservation. Reservations are not transferable. The individual named on the reservation must be at the property on the day of the hunt and be a licensed hunter for the species to be hunted. Hunters with reservations may only hunt the hunt area specified on the reservation.

1. Reservations may be made on the following properties by calling 970-255-6161. All other restrictions listed in #901.A apply.

- a. Colorado River Island State Wildlife Area
- b. Franklin Island State Wildlife Area
- c. Highline Lake State Park
- d. Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area
- e. James M. Robb Colorado River State Park
- f. Orchard Mesa State Wildlife Area
- g. Tilman Bishop State Wildlife Area

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 12/11/18

ISSUE:	Should there be changes to Chapter W-9 of the Wildlife Regulations to add SWAs that exist, but are not listed in regulation; remove SWAs that do not exist, but are listed in regulation; and change property specific regulations to existing SWAs within the Gunnison basin to better reflect management goals and create consistency between properties?
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DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):

Some of the information in Chapter 9 for properties in the Gunnison basin is incorrect or not up to date:

- a. There is currently a property specific regulation for Viking Valley SWA:

*#901(B)(248) Viking Valley State Wildlife Area - Gunnison and Saguache counties.
a. Public access is prohibited, except when authorized by the landowner.*

There is no such SWA. There is Viking Valley State Habitat Area in the Gunnison basin, but no SWA. This conservation easement also does not require public access.

Therefore, CPW staff recommends removing regulation #901(B)(248).

- b. Appendix B(1) lists Spring Creek Reservoir SWA as a property in Gunnison County that is governed by Regulation #900. There is no such SWA. CPW owns the infrastructure for the dam at Spring Creek Reservoir and holds water storage rights for the reservoir. However, all of the land around and beneath the reservoir is owned and managed by the US Forest Service.

Therefore, CPW staff recommend removing “Spring Creek Reservoir SWA” from Appendix B(1) in Chapter 9 of CPW regulations.

- c. In 2004, CPW acquired a section of land in fee title within Gunnison County. This property was purchased primarily to protect Gunnison sage-grouse habitat and was intended to be managed as a SWA. There is no listing anywhere in Chapter 9 for this property.

CPW staff recommend listing “Chance Gulch State Wildlife Area” under #901(B) in Chapter 9 of CPW regulations with the following property specific regulations:

#901(B)(##) Chance Gulch State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. Public access is prohibited from March 1 through June 30, except for through traffic on County Road 42a and established roads connecting to designated BLM roads.**

- d. In 2011, CPW granted an easement to the City of Gunnison to accommodate their trail system crossing Gunnison River SWA. The city’s trail system crosses Gunnison River SWA in two places. The easement also allowed a portion of the city’s trail development to extend within a narrow access corridor that connects the parking area to the Gunnison River. In 2017, the city hired a contractor to improve the corridor trail and build a raised platform that crosses a long section of the corridor that gets muddy and difficult to cross.

The city's trail system is popular with Gunnison's residents and gets regular use by bicyclists, dog walkers, and joggers. With the trail improvement and associated developments, public use on the SWA and the river access corridor have increased significantly.

CPW staff would like to amend the wording of the property specific regulations to accommodate those portions of the SWA where bicycles are allowed, and restrict the remainder of the property to foot access only. Because of the increase in use and recent problems with people living on the property, staff would also like to prohibit camping and fires.

The current property specific regulations are:

#901(B)(90) Gunnison River State Wildlife Area (Van Tuyl and Redden) - Gunnison County

- a. Public access is by foot only.*
- b. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited, except for waterfowl hunting with shotguns on the Van Tuyl tract only.*

CPW staff propose the following regulations:

#901(B)(##) Gunnison River State Wildlife Area (Van Tuyl and Redden) - Gunnison County

- a. Public access to Gunnison River is by foot only from the Van Tuyl trail intersection at the Y-gate, as posted.**
- b. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited, except for waterfowl hunting with shotguns on the Van Tuyl tract only.**
- c. Camping is prohibited.**
- d. Fires are prohibited.**

e. Dome Lakes SWA currently has the following property specific regulations:

#901(B)(62). Dome Lakes State Wildlife Area - Saguache County

- a. All-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles are prohibited, except on Saguache Co Rds NN14 and 15GG.*
- b. Camping is permitted during waterfowl seasons in the designated safety zones only.*
- c. Discharge of firearms and hunting is prohibited in the designated safety zones.*
- d. Bowfishing is prohibited.*
- e. Dogs are prohibited, except as an aid in hunting or when on a leash.*
- f. Public access is prohibited, except by foot or horseback only, from established parking areas.*
- g. Vehicle parking is prohibited, except in designated parking areas.*

Due to regulation redundancy and inconsistent wording, CPW staff would like to simplify/reduce these regulations by proposing the following:

#901(B)(##). Dome Lakes State Wildlife Area - Saguache County

- a. Discharge of firearms and hunting are prohibited in the designated safety zones.**

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***IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.**

Possible stakeholders include all potential SWA users. The focus of this issue paper is to simplify regulations, making it easier on SWA users.

There have been several CPW internal meetings with all Area 16 CPW staff discussing the proposed regulation changes. The issue paper has also been reviewed by the SW region AWMs and Regional Manager.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1. ***Preferred Alternative***: Make all changes to Chapter W-9 of CPW regulations recommended by CPW staff mentioned above.
2. Do not make changes to Chapter W9 of CPW regulations.

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ISSUE:	Should there be changes to Chapter W-9 of the Wildlife Regulations to change property specific regulations to existing SWAs within the Gunnison basin to better reflect management goals and create consistency between properties?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>Within the Gunnison Basin there are eight SWAs that have public access closures for a portion of the year. Among those eight SWAs, there are seven different closure date ranges. Each property was acquired at a different time and had varying wildlife conservation purposes. The two primary reasons for the closures are to limit stress on wintering big game and/or to limit disturbance to Gunnison sage-grouse during breeding, nesting, and brood-rearing. CPW staff would like to create more consistency within the closure dates to improve public understanding of regulations and to increase enforceability and compliance. Several of the SWAs are popular areas for shed antler hunting. With the recent change in shed antler regulations in Colorado, it would be beneficial if SWA access aligned with the new shed antler season dates where possible.</p> <p>Most winter/spring closures in the Gunnison basin SWAs begin on December 1st. This is to allow for public access through the last big game hunting season and to protect wintering wildlife from disturbance.</p> <p>An opening date of May 1st would be consistent with the new public land shed hunting restrictions. This opening date also accommodates necessary protections for wintering big game from human disturbance.</p> <p>CPW staff recommend a standard SWA access closure for those critical big game winter range properties of <u>December 1 through April 30</u>.</p> <p>For SWAs that have a Gunnison sage-grouse lek on or near the property, CPW staff recommend a standard access closure of <u>March 1 through June 30</u>. This would help protect Gunnison sage-grouse from human disturbance during breeding, nesting, and initial brood-rearing season.</p> <p>For those properties that have significant habitat value for both wintering big game and Gunnison sage-grouse, CPW staff recommend an access closure of <u>December 1 through June 30</u>.</p> <p>a. Gunnison SWA is comprised of four separate parcels: Beaver Creek, Steers Gulch, McIntosh Mtn, and Blinberry Gulch. Other than Blinberry Gulch, the SWA is managed primarily for big game habitat/winter range. Blinberry Gulch was acquired to protect Gunnison sage-grouse habitat. CPW staff would like to extend the closure on Gunnison SWA from December 1st through March 31st to December 1st through April 30th, which aligns with the recent shed hunting restrictions. For Blinberry Gulch only, staff would like to extend the closure through June 30th to protect Gunnison sage-grouse habitat during nesting and brood-rearing.</p> <p>The current property specific regulations are:</p> <p><i>#901(B)(91) Gunnison State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>Public access is prohibited from December 1 through March 31.</i><i>Public access is prohibited from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise from April 1 to August 15.</i><i>Camping is restricted to designated areas and permitted August 16 to November 30 only.</i><i>Beaver Creek Trail is restricted to foot and horseback travel only.</i>	

CPW staff propose the following regulations:

#901(B)(##) Gunnison State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. Public access is prohibited from December 1 through April 30.**
- b. Public access to the Blinberry Gulch parcel only is prohibited from December 1 through June 30.**
- c. Public access is prohibited from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise from May 1 through August 15.**
- d. Camping is restricted to designated areas and permitted from August 16 through November 30 only.**
- e. Beaver Creek Trail is restricted to foot and horseback travel only.**

- b. At Dutch Gulch SWA there is a spring/early summer access closure in place that was intended to benefit Gunnison sage-grouse. The current property specific regulations are:

#901(B)(69) Dutch Gulch State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. All-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles are restricted to the improved road through the property.*
- b. Camping is prohibited.*
- c. Dogs are prohibited, except when used as an aid to hunting or when on a leash.*
- d. Fires are prohibited.*
- e. Public access is prohibited from March 1 to June 15.*
- f. Public access is restricted to foot or horseback only from designated parking areas.*
- g. Vehicle parking is restricted to designated areas.*

To align with other SWAs in the area with the same wildlife values, CPW staff recommend changing (74)(e) from “Public access is prohibited from March 1 to June 15” to “Public access is prohibited from March 1 through June 30, except for traffic on County Road 42 and on established routes connecting to designated BLM roads.”

Additionally, it would be beneficial to reduce the complexity of this property's regulations by eliminating other special regulations that mimic the intent of regulations already in place for all wildlife properties. 74(a) above, does not provide intended restrictions beyond what is already in place with #900(C)(3), which prohibits operating any vehicle except on established roads for all SWAs.

Because of similar redundancy, we would also like to remove 74(c) which mimics restrictions already in place for dogs on all SWAs.

74(f) and 74(g) also duplicate protections in place from regulation #900(c)(3).

CPW staff propose the following regulations:

#901(B)(##) Dutch Gulch State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. Public access is prohibited from March 1 through June 30, except for through traffic on County Road 42 and on established roads connecting to designated BLM roads.**
- b. Camping is prohibited.**
- c. Fires are prohibited.**

- c. Tomichi Creek SWA is a relatively new SWA and is very popular for both angling and waterfowl hunting access. It is one of the most popular public access areas for waterfowl hunting in the Gunnison basin. After CPW acquired the property and it became open to

public access, it has become an increasingly popular area for Gunnison residents to walk dogs and allow dogs to run off leash. Due to the existing and potential conflicts with anglers and waterfowl hunters, CPW staff recommend prohibiting all dogs At Tomichi Creek SWA that are not used for hunting or training for hunting. The current property specific regulations are:

#901(B)(237). Tomichi Creek State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. Camping is prohibited.*
- b. Fires are prohibited.*
- c. Dogs must be kept on a leash, except as an aid in hunting.*
- d. Public access is limited to foot only from designated access points.*
- e. From January 1 through June 30, public access south of Tomichi Creek is restricted to the area within 100 feet south of the high water line of Tomichi Creek, as posted.*

CPW staff would like to change 237(c) to: Dogs prohibited, except as an aid in hunting.

The intent of the access restriction in 237(e) is to protect wintering big game and Gunnison sage-grouse nesting and brood-rearing habitat. Staff would like these restriction dates to mirror those of the other Gunnison basin properties that have the same conservation intent while also allowing for waterfowl hunting through the end of waterfowl season.

CPW staff propose the following regulations:

#901(B)(###). Tomichi Creek State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. Public access is for fishing only from the end of waterfowl season through June 30.**
- b. Dogs prohibited, except as an aid in hunting.**
- c. Camping is prohibited.**
- d. Fires are prohibited.**

d. Miller Ranch SWA currently has the following regulations:

#901(B)(148) Miller Ranch State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. Public access is prohibited from March 1 through August 30.*
- b. North of Gunnison Co Rd 7: Public access is prohibited except for youth mentor hunting by permit only. A maximum of four free permits will be available daily on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits are available by reservation through the Gunnison Service Center at 300 W. New York Ave., Gunnison, CO, or by calling 970-641-7060. Reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance but not less than two days before the requested hunt date. Upon reservation, the youth hunter and mentor will be provided a map with access points and restrictions. Mentors are not allowed to hunt.*
- c. Access is by foot or horseback only.*
- d. Camping is prohibited.*
- e. Campfires are prohibited.*
- f. Dogs are prohibited.*
- g. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited in the designated safety zones, as posted.*

To align with the other SWA access closures that are intended to protect Gunnison sage-grouse during breeding, nesting, and brood-rearing, CPW staff would like to change the access closure to March 1 through June 30.

Regulation #901(B)(155)(b) restricts all public access except for youth mentor hunting on a portion of the SWA. CPW staff would like to allow public access for wildlife viewing on this portion of the SWA.

CPW staff recommend the following regulations:

#901(B)(###) Miller Ranch State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. Public access is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- b. North of Gunnison Co Rd 7: Public access is prohibited, except for wildlife viewing, and for youth mentor hunting by permit only. A maximum of four free permits will be available daily on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits are available by reservation through the Gunnison Service Center at 300 W. New York Ave., Gunnison, CO, or by calling 970-641-7060. Reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance but not less than two days before the requested hunt date. Upon reservation, the youth hunter and mentor will be provided a map with access points and restrictions. Mentors are not allowed to hunt.
- c. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited in the designated safety zones, as posted.
- d. Dogs are prohibited.
- e. Camping is prohibited.
- f. Fires are prohibited.

- e. Almont Triangle SWA is an important big game winter range property with the following property specific regulations:

#901(B)(3) Almont Triangle State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. *Public access is prohibited from December 1 through May 15.*

To be consistent with other SWAs in the Gunnison basin that have the similar wildlife value, CPW staff recommend the following regulation change:

#901(B)(#) Almont Triangle State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. Public access is prohibited from December 1 through April 30.

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Possible stakeholders include all potential SWA users. The focus of this issue paper is to simplify regulations, making it easier on SWA users.

There have been several CPW internal meetings with all Area 16 CPW staff discussing the proposed regulation changes. The issue paper has also been reviewed by the SW region AWMs and Regional Manager.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

- 1. ***Preferred Alternative*:** Make all changes to Chapter W-9 of CPW regulations as recommended above by CPW staff.
- 2. Do not make changes to Chapter W9 of CPW regulations.

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DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):

There are several SWAs in the Gunnison basin that provide valuable habitat for wildlife, however, they are not as critical for wintering big game or for Gunnison sage-grouse as the SWAs requiring access closures. In these cases, CPW staff would like to provide for public access during the winter months for small game hunting and for lion hunting.

Some of these SWAs currently have property specific restrictions on motor vehicles and over the snow travel. The intent of these property specific regulations is to restrict over the snow travel to the surface of established roads to lessen impact on wintering wildlife. However, the general provision listed in #900(3)(c) already provides this legal protection for all SWAs. #900(3)(c) states the following:

It is prohibited "to operate any form of vehicle (motorized or non-motorized) except on established roads or within designated camping or parking areas."

CPW staff recommends removing property specific regulations that duplicate the legal protection provided by general provisions.

- a. Sapinero SWA currently has the following property specific regulation:

#901(B)(207). Sapinero State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

- a. *Snowmobile and all other motorized, over-the-snow travel is prohibited, other than to allow through traffic restricted to the road surface of Forest Service Roads 723 (Red Creek) and 724 (Rainbow Lake).*

The management intent for this SWA is to allow for public access to the entire property for the entire year while restricting all vehicle use to established roads.

CPW staff recommends removing the property specific regulation for Sapinero SWA under #901(B) and adding a listing for Sapinero SWA in Gunnison County under Appendix B(1) in Chapter 9 of CPW regulations.

- b. Van Tuyl SWA currently has the following property specific regulation:

#901(B)(246). Van Tuyl State Wildlife Area (Cabin Creek Unit and Lost Canyon Unit) - Gunnison County

- a. *All motorized travel (including over-the-snow travel) is restricted to the primary access routes (BLM 3107 and CR 743).*

The management intent for this SWA is to allow for public access to the entire property for the entire year while restricting all vehicle use to established roads.

CPW staff recommends removing the property specific regulation for Van Tuyl SWA (Cabin Creek Unit and Lost Canyon Unit) under #901(B) and adding a listing for Van Tuyl SWA (Cabin Creek Unit and Lost Canyon Unit) in Gunnison County under Appendix B(1) in Chapter 9 of CPW regulations.

c. Cabin Creek SWA currently has the following property specific regulation:

#901(B)(34). Cabin Creek State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

a. Public access is prohibited from December 1 through April 30.

This property is surrounded by BLM and Forest Service land. Multiple federally designated roads intersect the SWA. While this SWA is valuable big game habitat, it is similar to the much larger amount of federal lands surrounding it. It is not feasible to gate the roads that currently intersect the SWA and current regulation does not align with public use/enforcement. CPW staff would like to remove the property specific regulation to align with current management intent. This would allow for access during the winter months to provide lion and small game hunting opportunity, and allow for vehicular travel on the established routes connecting to federal lands.

CPW staff recommends removing the property specific regulation for Cabin Creek SWA under #901(B) and adding a listing for Cabin Creek SWA in Gunnison County under Appendix B(1) in Chapter 9 of CPW regulations.

d. Leaps Gulch SWA, similarly to Cabin Creek SWA, has the following regulations.

#901(B)(132). Leaps Gulch State Wildlife Area - Gunnison County

a. Public access is prohibited from December 1 through April 30.

Leaps Gulch SWA is in the same general area as Cabin Creek SWA and has the exact same management situation described above.

CPW staff recommends removing the property specific regulation for Leaps Gulch SWA under #901(B) and adding a listing Leaps Gulch SWA in Gunnison County under Appendix B(1) in Chapter 9 of CPW regulations.

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There have been several CPW internal meetings with all Area 16 CPW staff discussing the proposed regulation changes. The issue paper has also been reviewed by the SW region AWMs and Regional Manager.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1. ***Preferred Alternative*:** Make all changes to Chapter W9 of CPW regulations recommended by CPW staff.
2. Do not make changes to Chapter W9 of CPW regulations.

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ISSUE:	Should there be changes to Chapter W-9 of the Wildlife Regulations to standardize public access timing restrictions on State Trust Lands in the Gunnison basin?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>There are six public access State Trust Lands (STLs) with access timing restrictions in the Gunnison basin. Among the six STLs there are three different access date ranges. Two of the STLs are open from August 15th through the end of February. Three of the STLs are open from September 1st through the end of February. One STL is open from the last Saturday in August through the end of February.</p> <p>CPW staff would like to standardize the access dates on the Gunnison basin STLs to improve public understanding of regulations, compliance, and enforceability of the regulations.</p> <p>CPW staff would like all six STLs to have public access <u>from August 15th through the end of February</u>. This access date range would allow archery pronghorn, deer, and elk hunters to access the STLs throughout their hunting season.</p> <p>a. Black Sage Pass STL has the following regulations:</p> <p><i>#903(A)(16). Black Sage Pass – Gunnison County</i></p> <p><i>a. Open for fishing year-round.</i></p> <p>CPW staff recommend the following regulations:</p> <p>#903(A)(##). Black Sage Pass – Gunnison County</p> <p>a. Open for public access from August 15 through the end of February.</p> <p>b. Open for fishing year-round.</p> <p>b. Tomichi Dome STL has the following regulations:</p> <p><i>#903(A)(164). Tomichi Dome – Gunnison County</i></p> <p><i>a. Open for hunting from September through the end of February.</i></p> <p><i>b. Open for fishing year-round.</i></p> <p><i>c. Camping is permitted only as posted.</i></p> <p>CPW staff recommend the following regulations:</p> <p>#903(A)(###). Tomichi Dome – Gunnison County</p> <p>a. Open for public access from August 15 through the end of February.</p> <p>b. Open for fishing year-round.</p> <p>c. Camping is permitted only as posted.</p> <p>c. Whetstone Mountain STL has the following regulations:</p> <p><i>#903(A)(173). Whetstone Mountain – Gunnison County</i></p> <p><i>a. Open for public access from the last Saturday in August through the end of February.</i></p> <p><i>b. Access is by foot and horseback only.</i></p> <p>CPW staff recommend the following regulations:</p> <p>#903(A)(###). Whetstone Mountain – Gunnison County</p>	

<p>a. Open for public access from August 15 through the end of February. b. Access is by foot and horseback only.</p>	
<p>STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:</p>	
<p>*IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARTY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.</p>	
<p>Possible stakeholders include all potential STL users. The focus of this issue paper is to simplify regulations, making it easier on STL users.</p>	
<p>There have been several internal CPW meetings with all Area 16 CPW staff discussing the proposed regulation changes. All proposed changes to STL regulations were discussed and approved by Kit Page with the State Land Board, and Zach Spezze, the State Trust Land Coordinator. The issue paper has also been reviewed by the SW region AWMs and Regional Manager.</p>	
<p>ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Preferred Alternative*: Make all changes to Chapter W-9 of CPW regulations as recommended by CPW staff above. 2. Do not make changes to Chapter W9 of CPW regulations. 	
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<p>Author of the issue paper (if different than person raising the issue):</p>	<p>Jeremiah Rummel</p>
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<p>ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION</p>	<p>Southwest</p>
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Date: 12/11/18

ISSUE:	Should regulations be created for the Hayden Shooting Range?		
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):			
<p>The Hayden Range is a 40-acre parcel of State Land Board property that is leased by CPW through ten-year term agreements. The range is located approximately three miles southeast of the town of Hayden in Routt County, CO. Non-regulatory signage with prohibitions and safety rules have been posted at the range for many years. However, some visitors fail to follow these rules and have created a maintenance issue for CPW staff and a safety concern for other visitors. In an effort to adequately manage the range for safety and to reduce fire danger, CPW Area 10 staff would like to create regulations for the Hayden Range which are enforceable.</p>			
<p>STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:</p>			
<p>*IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.</p>			
<p>The following stakeholders were contacted regarding this issue paper for additional comments - Routt County Sheriff's Office, Routt County Fire, Hayden Police Department, Town of Hayden, owner of local firearms store in Steamboat Springs, board members of Routt County Rifle Club.</p>			
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):			
<p>*Preferred Alternative*: Hayden Shooting Range, Routt County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open from sunrise to sunset • Use of tracer rounds, armor piercing rounds, hardened rounds, or .50 caliber BMG rounds are prohibited. • Exploding targets are prohibited. • Fully automatic weapons are prohibited • Any targets other than paper/cardboard are prohibited • All rounds must impact designated berms, except for shotguns using bird shot • Bump stocks are prohibited <p>Secondary Alternative: Status Quo</p>			
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