

# Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program 2021 RFP



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# Program Overview

Opportunities for landowners to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat, provide wildlife-related recreational access to the public, and, if appropriate, sell their property to CPW.

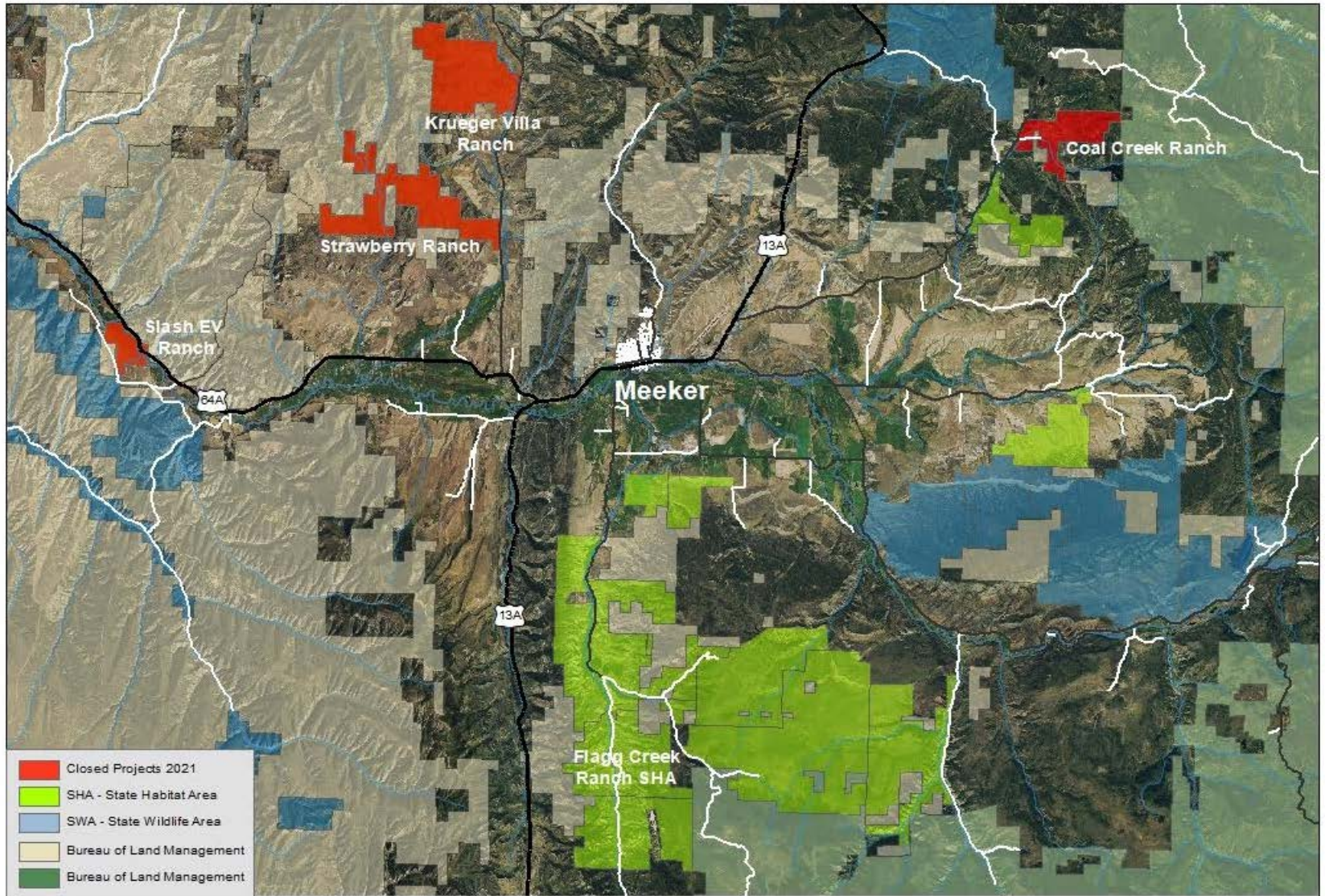
Landowners (or third party sponsors) may apply for funding through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process per Title 33-1-105 CRS.

## Real Estate Transactions:

- \*Conservation Easements
- \*Public Access Easements
- \*Fee Title Purchases



# Program Success



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Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program  
2021 Closed Projects Surrounding Meeker





# Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp



Colorado Revised Statutes Title 33  
Parks and Wildlife § 33-4-102.7

(1) The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that:

(a) Protecting wildlife habitat and obtaining public access are important elements to preserving wildlife and wildlife-related recreational opportunities in Colorado;

(b) The general assembly specifically recognizes that hunting of big game species is an activity that hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors to Colorado enjoy, which contributes significantly to state and local economies; and

(c) Priorities for the expenditure of funds generated from the sale of habitat stamps shall include protecting big game winter range and migration corridors, acquiring public access to wildlife-related recreation, including fishing, hunting, and wildlife viewing, protecting habitat for species of concern, and preserving the diversity of wildlife enjoyed by Coloradans.

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## 2021 Recommended Funding Priorities

- \*Public access for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing
  - \*Big game winter range and migration corridors
- \*Protecting habitat for species of concern (specifically those Species of Greatest Conservation Need, as identified in the SWAP)
  - \*Riparian areas and wetlands
    - \*Landscape-scale parcels
  - \*Parcels that provide connectivity

## 2021 Recommended Preferences:

- \*Working farms and ranches
- \*Conservation Easements that support wildlife crossings

# Funding Sources

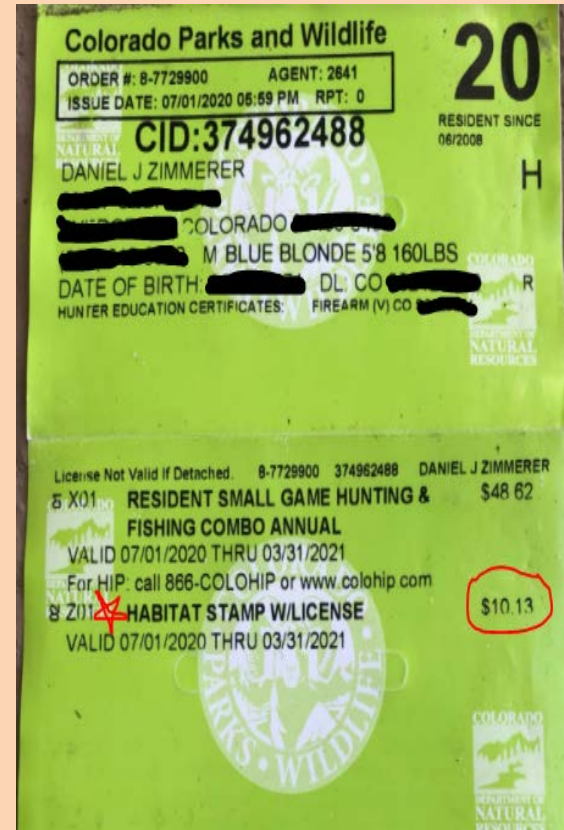
\*CPW  
-Revenue generated from the sale of Habitat Stamps  
-Revenue generated from the sale of hunting & fishing licenses “wildlife cash”

\*GOCO (through Cooperative Agreement)  
-Wildlife Quadrant Dollars  
-Not from GOCO’s other funding programs

\*Federal funding sources (rarely)



**CWHP 2021 budget:  
Up to \$11 million**



# 2021 RFP Timeline

Sept 16: RFP materials posted to CPW website

Oct 28: Proposal Deadline 5pm

Dec - Feb 2022: CPW staff & HSC review, score, rank proposals

January: Commission update: proposals/program

February: Leadership creates recommendations for Commission

March: Commission votes on first round of proposals

April: Additional staff review; Director meets w/ Leadership  
to form final recommendations

May: Commission's final review of projects

June: CPW staff begins negotiations, due diligence

# The RFP Evaluation Process

## CPW Staff Scoring, Ranking, & Recommendations

- \*Strategic Conservation Impacts
- \*Habitat Quality & Biological Significance
- \*Public Benefits;
- \*Conservation Priority Species
- \*Project Feasibility

## Habitat Stamp Committee (HSC) Scoring & Recommendations

- Legislative Mandates:
- \*Protection of big game winter range and migration corridors
  - \*Public access for wildlife-related recreation
  - \*Protection of habitat for special status species
  - \*Preserving diversity of wildlife

## Real Estate Staff, Leadership Team/Director:

- Evaluate proposals from statewide perspective
- Provide recommendation to PWC for approval

PWC - First Round Approval:  
September

PWC - Final Approval:  
November





# Questions?



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