

Colorado Parks and Wildlife



Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP) 2023 RFP Update

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Program Overview

Opportunities for landowners to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat or provide wildlife-related recreational access to the public.

Real Estate Transactions

- Conservation Easements
- Public Access Easements
 - Fee Title Purchases

Landowners or their representatives may apply for funding through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process per CRS 33-1-105.

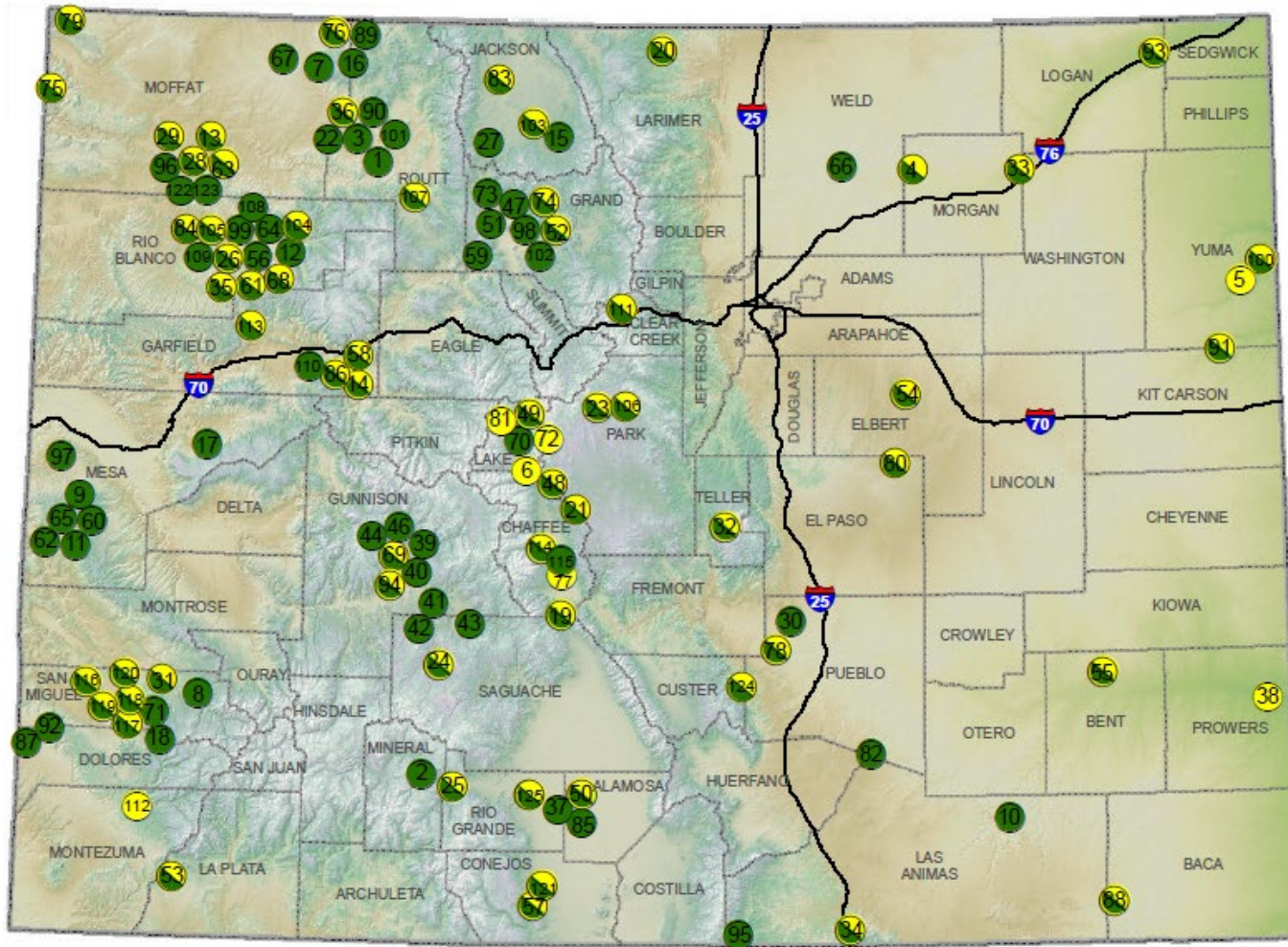


Funding Sources

1. CPW Revenue generated from the sale of Habitat Stamps and hunting & fishing licenses, aka “wildlife cash”
2. GOCO Wildlife Quadrant Dollars - Centennial Funds
3. Federal funding sources

**CWHP 2023 budget:
Up to \$11 million**

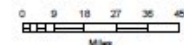




Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program Closed Projects 2006 - 2022



- Public Access
- Wildlife Habitat Conservation
- Public Access and Wildlife Habitat Conservation





Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp

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



The Why

- Protecting wildlife habitat and obtaining public access are important to preserving wildlife and wildlife-related recreational opportunities
- The hunting of big game is enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors, which significantly contributes to state and local economies

Spending Priorities

- Protecting big game winter range and migration corridors
- Acquiring public access for wildlife-related recreation including hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing
- Protecting habitat for species of concern
- Preserving the diversity of wildlife



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Acquisition of property—procedure



The How

- Solicit bid proposals from all interested parties through the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP)
- The RFP should emphasize the acquisition of easements and ensure that all other avenues are pursued prior to a fee title acquisition.

All fee title purchases made with Habitat Stamp Funds shall be primarily for the purpose of providing access to the public for wildlife-related recreation.

(Exception: purchases of water for maintenance or enhancement of aquatic habitats, such as minimum storage pools or direct flow rights purchased specifically to protect habitat.)



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The Colorado wildlife habitat stamp committee is created.

Committee Composition

- 4 sports persons representing the four quadrants of the state
- 2 representatives of national or regionally recognized conservation organizations focused on nongame wildlife and whose membership is composed primarily of nongame wildlife users
- 2 landowners actively engaged in agriculture
- 1 citizen at large
- 2 division of parks and wildlife representatives as ex officio members, at least one of whom shall be a biologist
- Members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate
- Appointments are for terms of four years each, and limited to two consecutive four-year terms

Evaluation Considerations

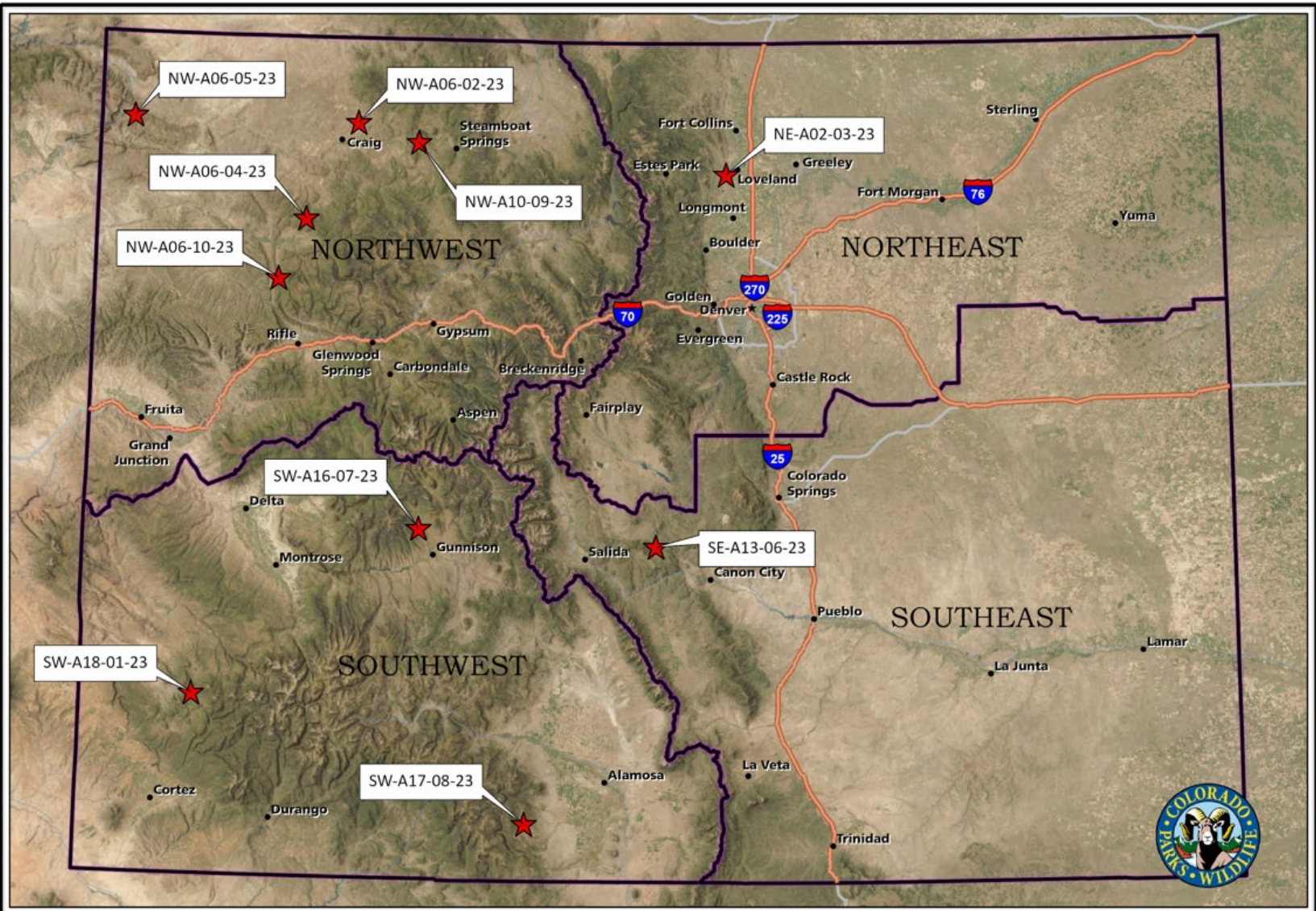
CPW Staff

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

Habitat Stamp Committee

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





★ 2023 RFP Property

2023 RFP Proposals



Proposals Received: NE-1, SE-1 SW-3, NW- 5

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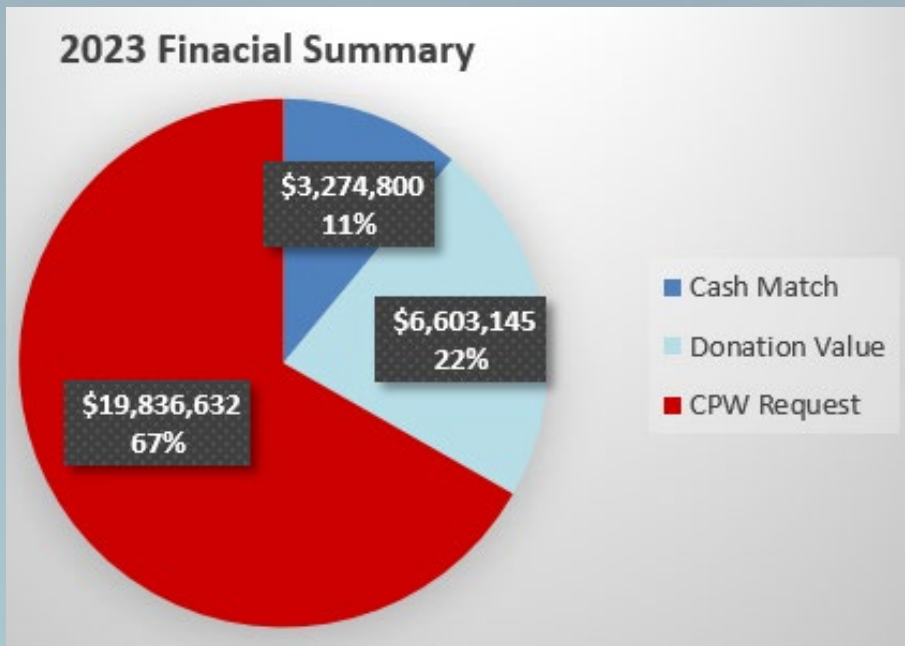
Proposals Received by Region

CPW Region	Proposals Received	Wildlife Areas	Acreage	Transaction Type	Total Requested from CPW	Total Landowner Donated Value	Total Cash Match	Total Project Value
NE	1	1	87	Fee Title (1)	\$1,300,000	\$100,000	0	\$1,400,000
SE	1	1	6,260	3rd Party CE (1) Public AE (1)	\$6,916,000	\$3,300,000	\$37,000	\$10,253,000
SW	3	4	5,379	Fee title (2) 3rd Party CE (1)	\$5,799,500	\$1,177,000	\$1,816,000	\$8,792,500
NW	5	2	9,071	Fee Title (1) Public AE (2) CPW CE (1) 3rd Party CE (3)	\$5,821,132	\$2,026,145	\$1,421,800	\$9,269,077
Total:	10	8	20,797		\$19,836,632	\$6,603,145	\$3,274,800	\$29,714,577

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10 Properties Offered:

- 8 Working Farms or Ranches
- 7 Engaged in Soil Improvement Projects
- 2 Involved in Legacy Planning
- 3 Public access across private land to provide access to landlocked public land
- 0 Associated with Potential Wildlife Crossings (EO D-2019-001)



Totals:

Requested	\$19,836,632
Leverage	9,877,945
Project Value	\$29,714,577 <i>est.</i>

RFP Budget \$11,000,000

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2024

- January** Proposals are reviewed, scored, and ranked by CPW regional staff & Habitat Stamp Committee
- February** CPW Executive Management Team reviews rankings and prioritizes funding recommendations
- March** Additional CPW staff reviews recommendations (Real Estate, Water Division, Attorney General). CPW Director forms final funding recommendations
- May** Parks and Wildlife Commission receives overview of projects and votes on Director's recommendations. 2024 RFP program is presented.

QUESTIONS?



Paradise Acres Ranch - 2021 RFP - 2,036 acres, NWR - CPW CE - closed 7/21/23
Photo: Brian Holmes, CPW

