

# Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program 2025 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.

## Conservation

### Real Estate Transactions:

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

### Funding Sources:

- \*CPW Wildlife Cash
- \*Habitat Stamp Dollars
- \*GOCO's CPW funds  
(wildlife quadrant \$)

## CWHP 2025 Budget:

Up to \$11million



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## 2025 FUNDING PRIORITIES:

A comprehensive summary of statute, §33-4-102.7(1)(c) C.R.S.

- \*Acquiring significant public access for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing
  - \*Protecting big game winter range and migration corridors
- \*Protecting habitat for species of concern, specifically Species of Greatest Conservation Need, as identified in CPW's State Wildlife Action Plan
  - \*Protecting riparian areas and wetlands
    - \*Landscape-scale parcels
  - \*Parcels that provide connectivity to other conserved lands

## 2025 FUNDING PREFERENCES:

- \*Properties that include Lesser Prairie Chicken habitat
  - \*Properties that exhibit biodiversity
- \*Properties that fall within CPW's Habitat and Connectivity Conservation Plan's Priority Landscapes
  - \*Provides public Right of Way across private land to provide **public** access to landlocked public land
    - \*Working farms and ranches
  - \*Properties that support wildlife crossings

# 2025 RFP Timeline

June 2025: RFP opens & materials posted to CPW website

October: Proposal Deadline

Oct - Feb 2026: CPW staff & Habitat Stamp Committee review, score, rank proposals

January, 2026: Commission update on proposals & program

February - April: EMT creates recommendations for Commission, additional staff review, final recommendations formed

May: Commission reviews, votes on final recommendations

May/June: CPW staff begins negotiations, due diligence



# Questions?



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