

Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program 2026 RFP

*Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting
May 6, 2026 Grand Junction, CO*



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2026 RFP: Recommended CWHP Funding Priorities, via § 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



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2026 RFP: Recommended CWHP Funding Preferences, via policy

- Properties that include Lesser Prairie Chicken habitat
- Properties that exhibit biodiversity
- Properties that fall within CPW's Habitat Connectivity and Conservation Plan's (HCCP) 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



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2026 CWHP Funding Sources:

- CPW Wildlife Cash
- Habitat Stamp Dollars
- GOCO's CPW funds wildlife quadrant

2026 CWHP budget:

- At least \$11M



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2026 RFP Timeline

- **June 2026:** RFP opens & materials posted to CWHP website
- **October:** Proposal deadline
- **October – February 2027:** CPW staff & Habitat Stamp Committee review, score, and rank proposals
- **January 2027:** 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



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Discussion & Vote requested to restart CWHP 2026 RFP



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