# Colorado Parks and Wildlife

## Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program 2022 RFP
## First Funding Recommendations

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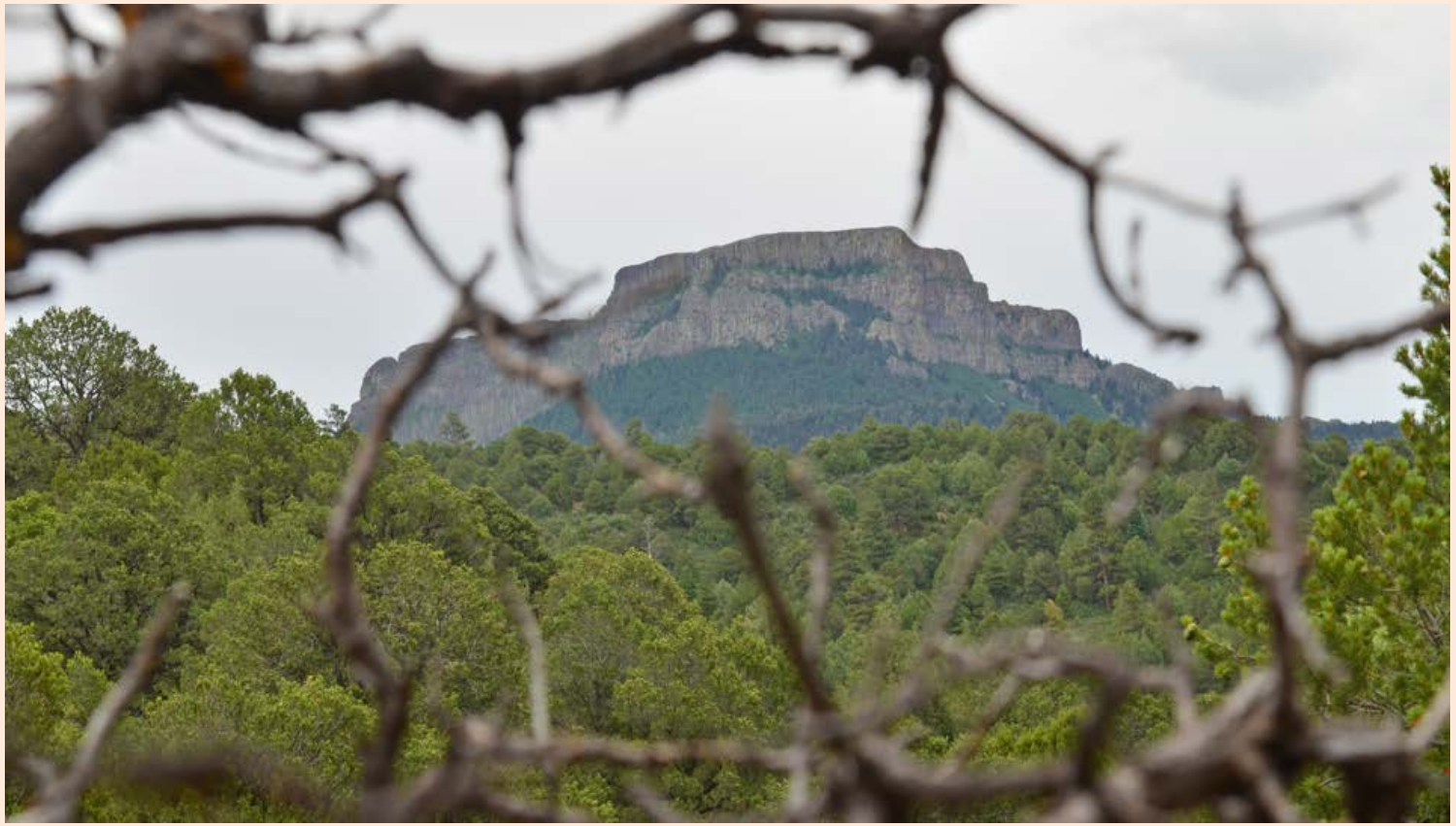
# Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program

## CPW has invested >$189,200,000 since 2006 to secure:

Conservation Easements on ~285,000 acres
Public Access on >146,000 acres
Fee Title on ~31,700 acres
River Bank access along 377 miles river bank



# Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp

Colorado Revised Statutes Title 33.
Parks and Wildlife § 33-1-105.5.
Acquisition of property—procedure

(1) Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, before the commission purchases any fee title interest in real property or any interest in water pursuant to section 33-1-105(1)(a), it shall solicit bid proposals from all interested parties through the issuance of a request for proposals. Notice of such request for proposals shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the commission plans to purchase the real property or interest in water.

(5) The commission shall evaluate the proposals based on the following criteria:

(a) Whether the ability of the commission to attain the goals established in the long-range plan of the division is enhanced by the acquisition of the property or interest in water;

(b) Whether the acquisition results in the establishment of additional wildlife habitat or in the potential for additional habitat through the use of habitat improvement methods;

(c) Whether the acquisition will improve access to other public lands;

(d) Whether additional wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities will result from the acquisition;

(e) The size and location of the property or interest in water, including the proximity of the property or interest in water to other property controlled by the division; and

(f) Such other criteria as the commission may establish.

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# 2022 RFP

**Funding** Priorities:

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

**Funding** Preferences:

***Working farms and ranches**
***Properties that support wildlife crossings**

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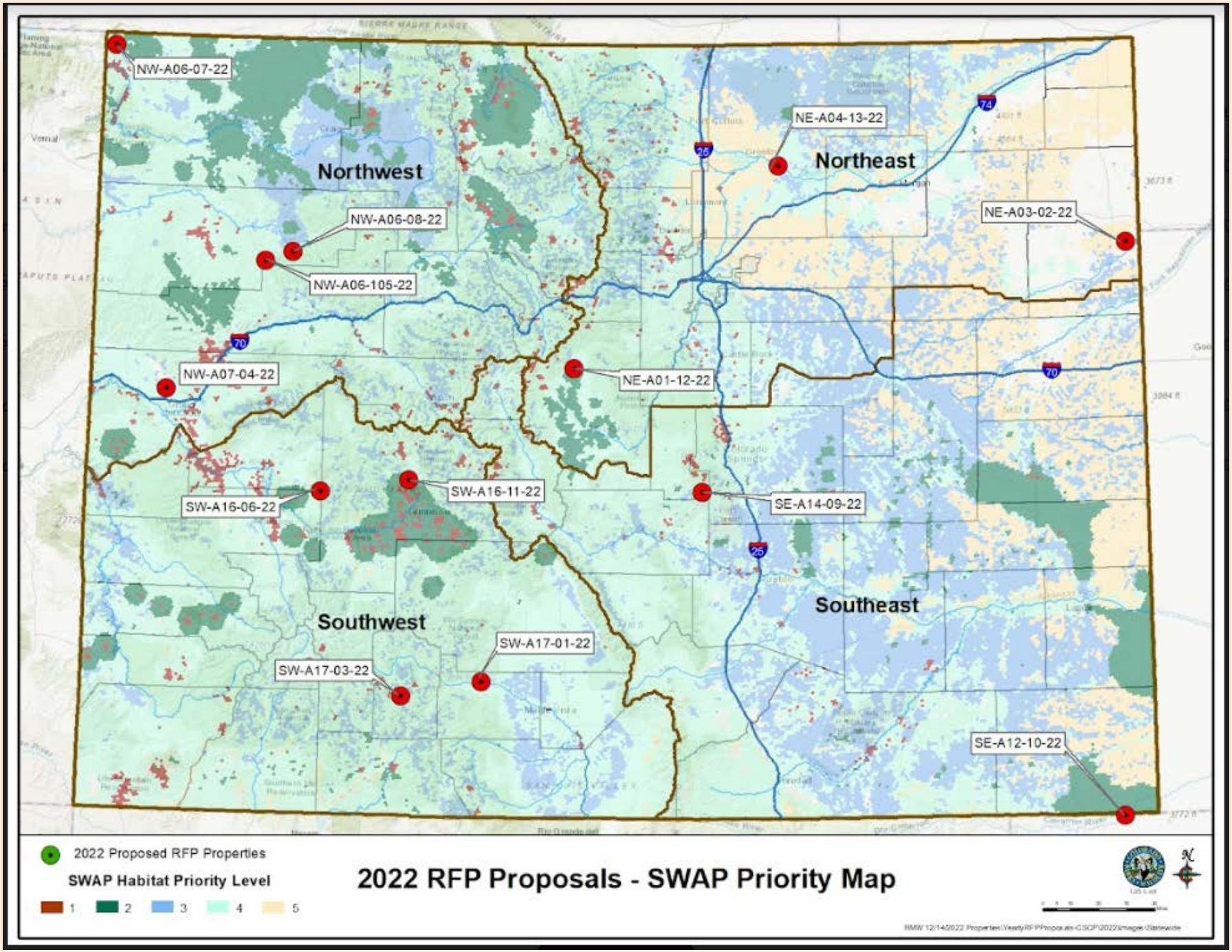

# 2022 RFP Results

13 proposals - 53,840 acres offered for conservation
$76,546,259 total project value, est.
$56,596,000 requested
$11,000,000 budget

# Funding Recommendations

## Habitat Stamp Committee:

*8 Tier 1 proposals - $13,996,000
*17,372 acres for wildlife habitat conservation
*12,836 acres for public access

## Acting Director & Leadership Team (“first cut”):

7 Tier 1 proposals - $14,050,000
16,095 acres for wildlife habitat conservation
11,559 acres for public access

# Executive Session:

****Acting Director and Leadership Team's 2022 RFP Funding Recommendations****

**Tier 1 Projects**

| | Region | Project Code | Reference Name | Project Type | Holder | Access Holder (always) | HSC Ranking | Staff Ranking |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | NER | NE-A04-13-22 | Project A | Fee Title | CPW | CPW | Tier 1 | 1 |
| 2 | SER | SE-A14-09-22 | Project B | CE | 3rd party | n/a | Tier 1 | 1 |
| 3 | SWR | SW-A16-06-22 | Project C | CE | 3rd party | n/a | Tier 1 | 1 |
| 4 | NWR | NW-06-08-22 | Project D | CE & AE | 3rd party | CPW | Tier 1 | 1 |
| 5 | NER | NE-A01-12-22 | Project E | Fee Title | CPW | CPW | Tier 1* | 2 |
| 6 | NER | NE-A03-02-22 | Project F | Fee Title | CPW | CPW | Tier 1 | 3 |
| 7 | SWR | SW-A16-11-22 | Project G | Fee Title | CPW | CPW | Tier 1 | 2 |

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| Total Conservation Acreage: | 16,095 |
| Total Access Acreage: | 11,559 |
| Total Funding Requested: | $14,050,000 |

**Tier 2 Projects**

| | Region | Project Code | Reference Name | Project Type | Holder | Access Holder (always) | HSC Ranking | Staff Ranking |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | NWR | NW-A06-05-22 | Project H | CE & AE | 3rd party | CPW | Tier 1 | 2 |
| 9 | NWR | NW-A06-07-22 | Project I | CE | 3rd party | n/a | Tier 2 | 3 |

**CE = Conservation Easement**
**AE = Access Easement**

# Questions?

**Request to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential details of 2022 recommended proposals.**

# Request to leave Executive Session for Commission vote

**Motion Suggestion:**

"I move to approve the Acting Director's initial recommendations for the 2022 Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program RFP, with the understanding that additional research will be conducted for each proposal over the coming weeks”

# Executive Session Slides: