

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: January 2, 2026

ISSUE:	Should property-specific regulations be adopted for the new Boreas Pass Ranch Hunting Easement?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
In April of 2021, Colorado Parks and Wildlife entered into an agreement with Boreas Pass Ranch Inc. in the form of a conservation easement through Colorado Open Lands, a Colorado non-profit corporation qualified to hold Conservation Easements, on the 1,291 acre Boreas Pass Ranch. In conjunction with this Conservation Easement, CPW also entered into a management agreement with Boreas Pass Ranch Inc. in the form of a 25 year access easement to allow CPW to manage the recreation on the property. This access easement specifies “up to four elk hunters per day for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rifle seasons, walk-in access only, via a single designated access point with two parking spots (with up to two hunters per vehicle), available on a first-come, first-serve basis.” The terms of the management agreement are as follows: • Manage recreation on the Property in a manner that is consistent with the terms of the Conservation Easement and that minimizes unnecessary adverse impacts to wildlife and/or vegetation resources. • As per the Access Easement, the overall Purpose is to provide the citizens of Colorado with Wildlife-related outdoor recreation, specifically here for limited elk hunting by the public. • The Ranch will be accessible to public hunters for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th elk rifle seasons for walk-in use only. • The public will not be permitted on the Ranch for any purposes other than elk hunting, nor during any other times of the year, unless invited by Grantor. • There shall be no overnight parking in the designated parking areas, enforceable by CPW. • CPW will manage the recreational use of the Property per the terms of the Access Easement. This property holds significant wildlife value. Boreas Pass Ranch provides both seasonal and year-round habitat for elk, mule deer, pronghorn, moose, mountain lion, black bear and various other wildlife species. The property lies within a heavily utilized migration corridor for elk and some mule deer. This property holds a significant value for contiguous habitat protection. The property lies adjacent to and ecologically contiguous with Cline Ranch State Wildlife Area to the east and Pike National Forest to the north and west. Given the presence of the Access Easement with private land owners Boreas Pass Ranch Inc. and the significant wildlife, migration, and habitat value of this property CPW propose the following updates to implement property-specific regulations that will improve the quality resources, public access and public safety on Boreas Pass Ranch Hunting Easement.	
STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER: *IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.	
Boreas Pass Ranch Inc. and Colorado Open Lands - Terms of the Access and Conservation Easements were agreed upon during the creation of the easements in 2021 and contained the stipulations listed above. Hunter in GMU 500 during the 2024 hunting seasons - The property was opened to hunting during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rifle elk seasons in 2024. During this time hunters accessed the property for hunting and	

it was heard by CPW field staff that hunters liked the ability to access the property to hunt elk due to its wildlife significance and increased hunting opportunity.

No public surveys were conducted regarding the issue.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1. ***Preferred Alternative*:** Add Boreas to regulation #901.B as follows:

Boreas Pass Ranch Hunting Easement - Park County

- a. Public access is prohibited except for elk hunting. No other uses allowed.
- b. Seasonal hunting access only - 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rifle elk.
- c. Day use only, no overnight parking.
- d. Hunting access is limited to the occupants of vehicles parked in designated parking stalls, with a maximum of two hunters per vehicle.
- e. Walk-in access from the designated parking area only.
- f. Dogs are prohibited.
- g. No access to barn area or camp site.

2. **Status Quo:** No property-specific regulations for Boreas Pass Ranch Hunting Easement.

Issue Raised by:	Area 1 Staff
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APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:	Mark Leslie
REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	YES
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Northeast Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES
COMPLIES WITH THE BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE	NA

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ISSUE:	Should property-specific regulations be adopted for the new Collard Ranch State Wildlife Area?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
In March of 2024, Colorado Parks and Wildlife acquired a 1,892.32-acre parcel of prime wildlife habitat located in Park County, between the towns of Como and Jefferson. The Collard Ranch property is separated from the existing Cline Ranch State Wildlife Area (SWA) on the west side by US Highway 285, and is adjacent to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land on the south. The Collard Ranch property also incorporated the 640-acre Tarryall Creek State Trust Land into the management of this property. The Collard Ranch SWA can currently be accessed from the west side of the property via access off of US Highway 285 and from the northeast side of the property via access off of Park County Road 34. This property includes five miles of Tarryall Creek, associated riparian areas, and the adjacent habitat, and is utilized as a wildlife migration corridor. The property was previously privately owned and utilized for agriculture, hunting, and angling. Given the property's previous use, it includes three residential structures, two of which are occupied. There are also various barns and outbuildings. The property sees significant use by wildlife, most commonly by elk as a migration corridor as well as winter habitat. The property also sees wildlife use from other species of wildlife such as pronghorn, moose, coyotes, bobcats, bears, beaver, waterfowl and various other game and non-game wildlife. Tarryall Creek is also home to a self-sustaining population of brown trout. Colorado Parks and Wildlife purchased this property with the help of funds from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Habitat Stamp to be managed as a State Wildlife Area to preserve critical habitat, such as wildlife migration corridors, winter range, and calving/fawning habitat. The Collard Ranch SWA was temporarily opened for the 2024 hunting season and the summer/fall of 2025. In this time, CPW staff saw increased interest in the property by hunters and anglers alike. Some concerns that were observed during this time included angler safety during hunting seasons, as well as unwelcome entry into residential and agricultural structures on the property. The Collard Ranch SWA is a critical location for wintering elk The Collard Ranch SWA will provide the public with access to hunting, angling, and wildlife watching opportunities. Given the location of Collard Ranch SWA, its value to wildlife migration and winter range, and its accessibility to the public, CPW propose the following updates to implement property-specific regulations that will improve public safety and the quality of the wildlife resources on Collard Ranch SWA.	
STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER: *IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.	
Hunters and Anglers in GMU 50. CPW Area 1 has received numerous email inquiries from various hunters, anglers and non-governmental organizations (NGO) regarding the opening of Collard Ranch SWA. All inquiries have been positive in terms of the public wanting to access Collard Ranch SWA for various uses. NGOs such as Trout Unlimited have commented in support of the regulations proposed.	

No public surveys were conducted regarding this issue.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1. ***Preferred Alternative***: Update regulation #901.B as follows:

Collard Ranch State Wildlife Area - Park County

- a. Parking in designated areas only.
- b. Day use only, no overnight parking.
- c. Horse trailer parking available off the CR 34 access point.
- d. Dogs are prohibited.
- e. Access to the ranch houses, barn areas, and corrals is prohibited.
- f. Seasonal closure from January 1st through April 30th unless a big game season is open.
- g. Closed to fishing from October 1st through April 30th.
- h. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited, except while hunting.
- i. Discharge of firearms within the designated safety zone or amongst livestock is prohibited.

CPW recommends removing the regulations for Tarryall Creek STL, which are no longer relevant since the Tarryall Creek STL has been absorbed by the creation of the Collard Ranch SWA:

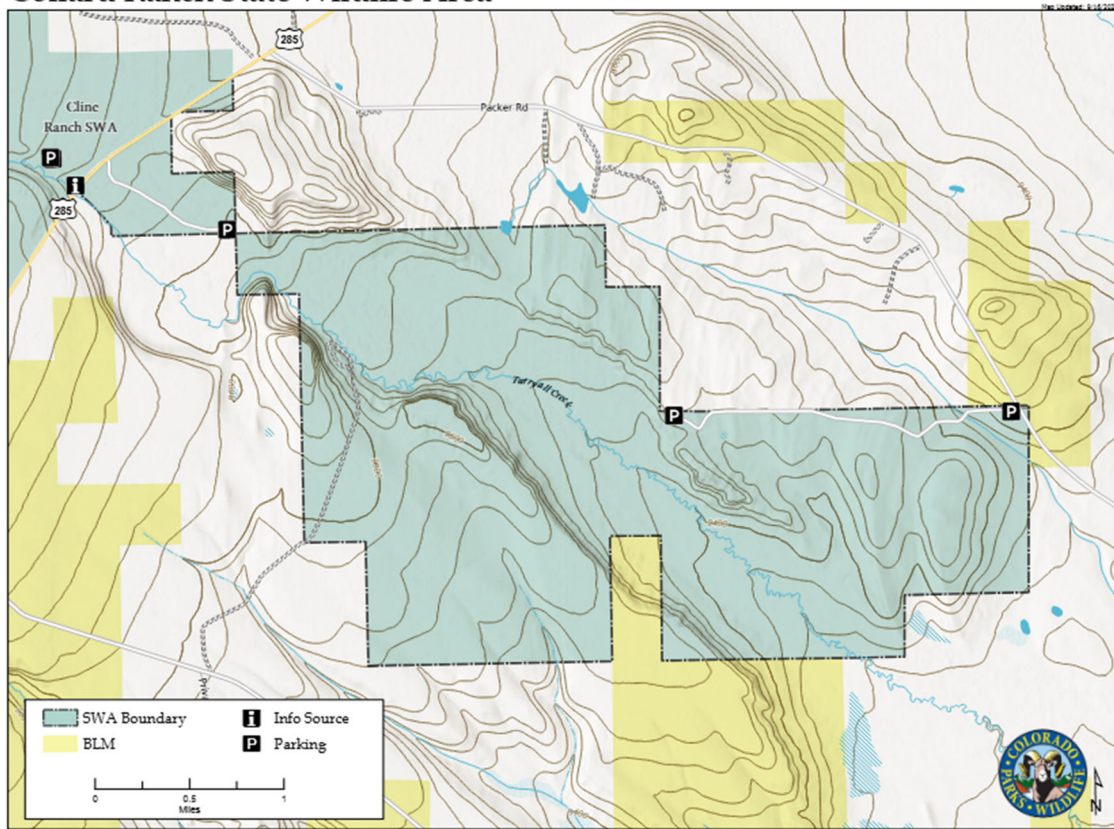
Tarryall Creek — Park County

- ~~a. Public access is allowed on the northeast corner of Tarryall Creek year-round for fishing.~~
- ~~b. Open for public big and small game hunting access from September 1 through the end of February.~~

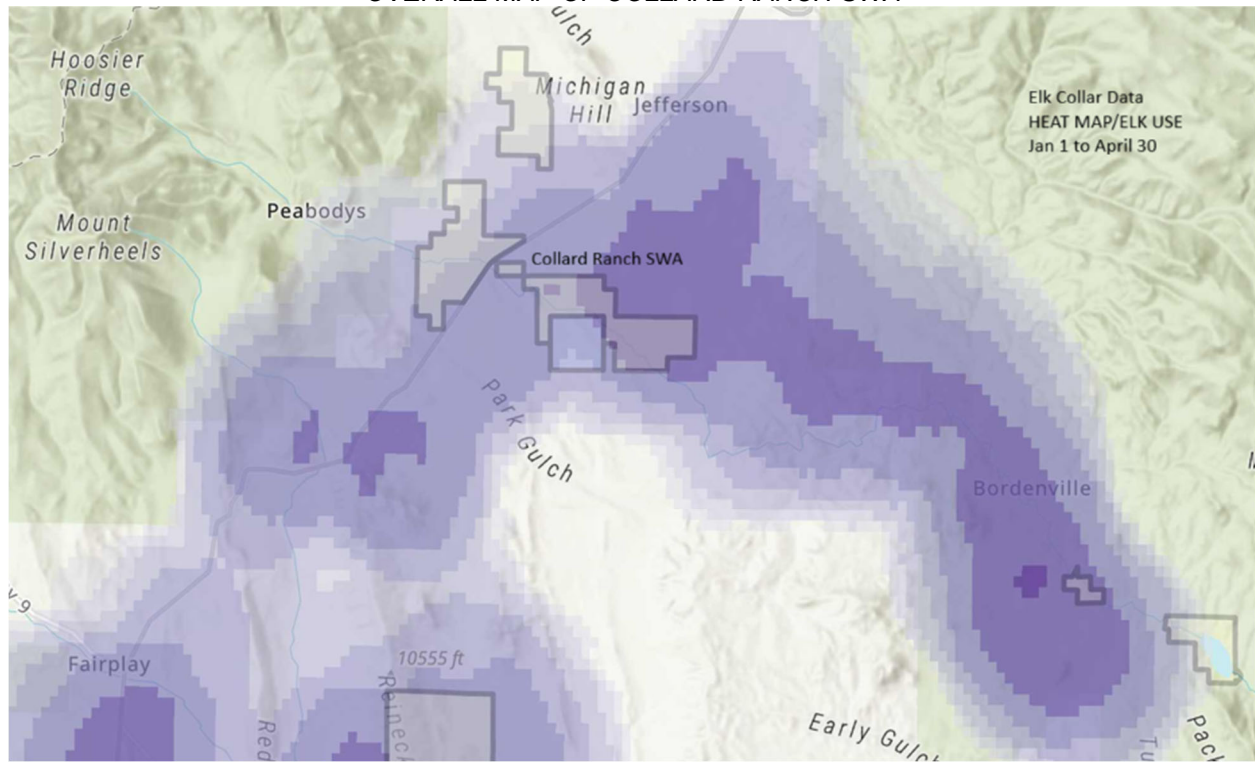
2. **Status Quo**: No property-specific regulations for Collard Ranch SWA.

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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	YES
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Northeast Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES
COMPLIES WITH THE BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE	NA

Collard Ranch State Wildlife Area



OVERALL MAP OF COLLARD RANCH SWA



HEAT MAP - ELK USE JAN 1 - APRIL 30 - MADE WITH ELK COLLAR DATA

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ISSUE:	Should property-specific regulations be adopted for the Georgetown State Wildlife Area?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
The Georgetown SWA currently has general regulations and no property-specific regulations. In 2024, CPW acquired a parcel from the Pals Family to expand the Georgetown SWA in an area that is critical for bighorn sheep, elk, and deer. CPW has documented the property as an important area for wintering wildlife as well as an important area for calving/fawning/lambing. This is often one of the best locations to see bighorn sheep lambs each spring. This habitat is also directly across from the popular Georgetown bighorn sheep viewing area at Georgetown Lake. The sheep herd and habitat on the Georgetown SWA are among the most visible, positioned directly next to I-70. Many see their first Colorado bighorn sheep on this SWA. This addition of the Pals family parcel to the Georgetown SWA has proved beneficial to the overall health and well-being of the wildlife in the area. The state wildlife area has important bighorn sheep habitat, deer and elk winter habitat, and is home to many other species like moose, mountain lion, bear, bobcat, and other game/non-game species. The property serves as a critical migration corridor. The wildlife area also has a section of the West Fork of Clear Creek and provides habitat to species like brown trout and rainbow trout. In order to protect these species that use the Georgetown SWA, CPW recommends a closure of the state wildlife area to certain uses as well as seasonal restrictions. CPW recommends closures to public access from December 1 through June 14 to protect wintering wildlife and for spring calving/fawning/lambing. CPW also recommends restricting dogs on this state wildlife area, as there are documented negative impacts to wildlife. There is an existing trail, the Union Pass Trail, a historic wagon road from Georgetown to the top of Union Pass, which is the site of the historic Georgetown Pack Burro race. Clear Creek County has an easement on this trail, and the seasonal closure and the dog restriction would not apply.	
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ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
1. *Preferred Alternative*: Update regulation #901.B as follows: <u>Georgetown State Wildlife Area - Clear Creek County</u> a. Public access is prohibited from December 1 through June 14, except on the Union Pass Trail. b. Day use only, no overnight parking. c. Dogs are prohibited except on the Union Pass Trail. All dogs on the Union Pass Trail must be kept under control on a physical leash by the handler at all times. d. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited, except while hunting.	

2. Status Quo: No property-specific regulations for Georgetown SWA.	
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	YES
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Northeast Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES
COMPLIES WITH THE BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE	NA

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ISSUE: Should property-specific regulations be modified for the Knight-Imler State Wildlife Area?

DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):

In June of 1982, Colorado Parks and Wildlife acquired a public fishing easement on the South Fork of the South Platte River in Park County, known as the Knight-Imler State Wildlife Area (SWA). The easement specifically allows access to *"An area twenty-five (25) feet on each side of the thread of the South Fork of the South Platte River as it meanders through the following described land for a length of 2.19 miles more or less"*.

Currently, there are property-specific regulations on the Knight-Imler SWA describing how the public can access the SWA.

After reviewing the easement language, CPW learned that other restrictions in the easement are not reflected in the property-specific regulations. Easement language for the SWA includes:

Public Fishing Easement.

1. *Public fishing on the fishing easement premises, as previously described, shall be limited to pedestrian traffic only.*

Public Vehicular Access Easements.

1. *Vehicular parking on the access road easements is prohibited.*

Public Vehicular Parking Easements.

1. *Vehicular parking shall be restricted to the two public vehicular parking easements.*

Easements.

1. *No dogs shall be brought upon the easement by the public.*

The changes to the property-specific regulations will reflect the requirements found in the easement documents for this SWA.

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Anglers who fish in South Park and permitted outfitters.

No public surveys were conducted regarding this issue.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1. ***Preferred Alternative*:** Update regulation #901.B as follows:

Knight-Imler State Wildlife Area - Park County

- a. **Parking in designated areas only.**
- b. Public access is prohibited beyond 25 feet from the center line of the stream.
- c. **Public access for fishing only.**
- d. **Walk-in access from the designated parking area only.**

a-e. Dogs are prohibited.

2. Status Quo: Keep original property-specific regulations

Issue Raised by:	Area 1 Staff
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	YES
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Northeast Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES
COMPLIES WITH THE BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE	NA

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ISSUE:	Should property-specific regulations be adopted for the new Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
In March of 2024, Colorado Parks and Wildlife acquired a 126.02-acre parcel of prime wildlife habitat located in Park County, between the town of Jefferson and Tarryall Reservoir. This acquisition was made at the same time as the Collard Ranch SWA in conjunction with the Western Rivers Conservancy. This property connects a large parcel of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land to the south with United States Forest Service land (USFS) to the north. There is a little more than .25 miles of Michigan Creek on the property. There are a number of valuable wildlife assets on the property. The Michigan Creek is home to brown and rainbow trout and other riparian species. It is also a beneficial habitat for elk, deer, pronghorn, bear, and other game/non-game species. The wildlife area has one named feature on it, Michigan Creek. CPW recommends naming the property Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area. The property will provide hunters and anglers with important access to both BLM and USFS lands, as well as provide wildlife-related recreation on the state wildlife area itself. CPW recommends property-specific regulations to protect the resources on the Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area.	
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Hunters and Anglers in GMU 50 and 501. CPW Area 1 has received numerous email inquiries from various hunters, anglers and non-governmental organizations (NGO) regarding the opening of Michigan Creek SWA. All inquiries have been positive in terms of the public wanting to access Michigan Creek SWA for various uses. No public surveys were conducted regarding this issue.	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
1. *Preferred Alternative*: Add Michigan Creek SWA to regulation #901.B as follows: <u>Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area - Park County</u> a. Parking in designated areas only. b. Day use only, no overnight parking. c. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited, except while hunting. d. Dogs are prohibited. 2. Status Quo: No property-specific regulations for Michigan Creek SWA.	
Issue Raised by:	Area 1 Staff
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	YES
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Northeast Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES
COMPLIES WITH THE BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE	NA

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Date: January 2, 2026

ISSUE:	Should Nakagawa State Wildlife Area's posted regulations and prohibitions be formalized in Chapter W-9 regulations?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
Nakagawa State Wildlife Area (SWA) is a perpetual public access/hunting easement located on Weld County Road 388 and Weld County Road 61, north of Kersey, Colorado. Nakagawa consists of 159 acres of irrigated crop land, located approximately a quarter-half mile north of the South Platte River. Nakagawa is open every day of the week from September 1 through the end of Spring turkey season. Nakagawa provides dove, deer, turkey, and waterfowl hunting and is heavily used. Nakagawa's lack of topography, small size, placement along a major county road, and adjacent homes, requires a restriction on centerfire firearms and a public access closure for safety. There are posted signs outlining the closure and the prohibition of centerfire firearms. Nearby South Platte River SWA's have prohibitions on the discharge of centerfire rifles due to a lack of topography and safety concerns for hunters and neighbors. The proposed new regulations are similar to the posted signs at Nakagawa. This allows hunters to know regulations by looking at CPW website/hunt atlas or in various CPW brochures prior to arriving on the property and being unaware. Currently, there is one regulation listed in Chapter 9 (179(a)) for Nakagawa: "Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited, except when hunting." CPW has enforced both the posted hunting closure safety zone and the centerfire prohibition by utilizing the "as posted" language in Chapter 9. The closure and centerfire rifle and handgun prohibition are necessary for human safety. CPW's utilization of the 'as posted' restrictions has caused some confusion and unintentional illegal activity which could be clarified by adding these specific rules to regulation.	
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This issue has been discussed with Area 4 staff. This proposal does not change the regulatory management of Nakagawa SWA, but instead allows for posted rules to be formally adopted into regulation and thereby provide better customer service to the public	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
1. *Preferred Alternative*: Update the property specific regulations as shown: <u>Nakagawa State Wildlife Area-Weld County</u> a. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited, except when hunting. b. Hunting with centerfire rifles and handguns is prohibited. c. No public access South and East of Crow Creek and as posted. 2. Status quo	
Issue Raised by:	Jackson Davis, Brandon Muller, Dylan Edwardson
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	YES
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Northeast Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES

Nakagawa State Wildlife Area

Map Updated: 11/5/2025



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Date: January 2, 2026

ISSUE:	Should Smith Lake SWA be removed from Chapter W-9 regulations?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
Smith Lake State Wildlife Area is located in Larimer County, and the North Poudre Ditch Company owns the property and the water. It had been leased to CPW for public fishing opportunities since 2008 and managed by CPW as a State Wildlife Area. The lease expired in 2025, and CPW no longer holds a public access agreement or lease for this property. CPW will no longer manage the property for public access, and it is not a State Wildlife Area. It is recommended to remove Smith Lake State Wildlife Area from Chapter 9 regulations.	
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N/A	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
1. *Preferred Alternative*: Remove PWC #901(B) <u>Smith Lake State Wildlife Area-Larimer County</u> ~~a. Public access is prohibited from one (1) hour after sunset to one (1) hour before sunrise, except while fishing.~~ ~~b. Hunting and the discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited.~~ ~~c. Operating a vessel in a manner that creates a whitewater wake is prohibited.~~ ~~d. OHV and snowmobile use is prohibited.~~ ~~e. Dogs are allowed but must be kept under control on a physical leash by the handler at all times, except as authorized in #900(C)(15).~~	
Issue Raised by:	Area 4
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	YES
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	NE Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES

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ISSUE:	Should the name of the Teter-Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area be changed?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
In March of 2024, Colorado Parks and Wildlife acquired a 126.02-acre parcel of prime wildlife habitat located in Park County, between the town of Jefferson and Tarryall Reservoir, known by the only named feature on the property, Michigan Creek. There is a little more than .25 miles of Michigan Creek on that property now known as Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area. Upstream of the Michigan Creek SWA lies the 1,123-acre Teter-Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area. It is also located in Park County. To avoid confusion for the public, CPW recommends renaming the Teter-Michigan Creek SWA to the Teter SWA. The name change keeps the historic ranch name that was desired at the time of the acquisition and eliminates any confusion with the other property downstream on Michigan Creek within Park County.	
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ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
1. *Preferred Alternative*: Update regulation 900 Appendix B: Teter-~~Michigan~~ State Wildlife Area 2. Status Quo: No change to the name for the Teter-Michigan Creek SWA.	
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	NO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Northeast Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES
COMPLIES WITH THE BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE	NA

Teter Michigan Creek State Wildlife Area

