

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 4/14/2021	
ISSUE:	Should Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) implement regulations pertaining to safety zones and methods of take on Lost Creek State Trust Land (STL) as part of the enrollment process into the Public Access Program (PAP)?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>The Lost Creek State Trust Land has been nominated for enrollment into the CPW Public Access Program (PAP). The property, located in Weld County (T2N R63W Section 16), is approximately 625 acres in size and consists of flat shortgrass prairie on the southern end and transitions to rolling hills shortgrass prairie as you move north. The property may provide opportunities for small game hunting (i.e. dove, rabbit, and coyote) and deer hunting.</p> <p>Lost Creek STL is neighbored to the west by an oil and gas train transport depot with tracks that run close to the boundary. It also has a large dairy to the southwest, with buildings close to the property line. Lastly, there are oil and gas wells and agricultural equipment in the southeast corner of the STL property. While hunters are expected to abide by all firearm safety rules and applicable laws, CPW staff feel that additional restrictions may help ensure that hunting on the property is done safely without impacting neighboring landowners, oil and gas structures, and agricultural equipment.</p> <p>First, staff recommends that hunters be allowed to hunt with archery equipment, muzzleloaders, shotguns, and rim-fire cartridges only. These methods of take have a much shorter range, while still allowing the opportunity to take small game and deer.</p> <p>Secondly, staff recommend that reasonable safety zones (varying in size) be placed along the western and southwestern boundaries, as well as along the oil and gas and agricultural equipment on the southeastern corner of the property. Hunting would be prohibited in these areas.</p> <p>These reasonable measures will reduce the risk of damaging structures and disturbing livestock. If implemented, CPW staff will work with the State Land Board to designate these safety zones.</p> <p>As development increases along the Front Range, there will be additional challenges finding properties where hunting can be done safely. The enrollment of the Lost Creek STL into the CPW PAP with the proposed strategies will help to address such concerns while maintaining strong collaborative relationships with neighboring landowners, the agricultural lessee, and State Land Board staff for the benefit of our customers.</p>	
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.	
Input on these proposed regulations were sought from the following parties:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Land Board District Manager ● Agricultural Lessee ● Neighboring Landowners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prospect Valley Dairy- Owner/Operator: Aaron Bos ○ Tampa Rail Facility- Operations Manager 	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
1. *Preferred Alternative*	

LOST CREEK STATE TRUST LAND

1. Hunting and discharge of weapons is restricted to rim-fire cartridges, archery equipment, muzzleloaders or shotguns.
2. Hunting prohibited in safety zones as posted.

2. Standard State Trust Land regulations in #902.

Issue Raised by:	Chris Mettenbrink (Area 2 District Wildlife Manager) Jason Duetsch (Area 2 Area Wildlife Manager)	
Author of the issue paper (if different than person raising the issue):		
CC:	Area 2, NE Region	
APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:	Mark Leslie	
REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	NE Region	
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

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Date: April 14, 2021

ISSUE:	Should manner of take regulations be established for Copper Gulch State Trust Land?		
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):			
Copper Gulch State Trust Land (STL) parcel is a newly enrolled property in the Public Access Program (PAP) acquired for public access in Fremont County. An initial attempt to acquire this property for public access was tabled for further discussion related to safety. This discussion has taken place between CPW Area 13 personnel and State Land Board representatives. Copper Gulch STL has an intermittently used gravel pit on the northeast boundary, and a sub-division is located along the property's north boundary. A large heavily timbered ridge acts as a barrier/backstop between the sub-division and the interior of the parcel. By limiting the manner of take on this parcel, safety concerns can be addressed and hunting can take place in a manner that is safe and ethical. It is recommended that hunting and manner of take for all species be limited to shotgun, muzzleloader, handheld archery equipment, crossbow, rim-fire cartridges and falconry only.			
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CPW Area 13 personnel, STL personnel, hunting public. Draft issue paper will be shared with STL District Manager for review.			
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> *Preferred Alternative*: Hunting allowed with shotguns, handheld bows, crossbow, muzzleloaders, rim-fire cartridges, and falconry only. Standard State Trust Land regulations in #902. 			
Issue Raised by:	DWM Zach Holder, AWM Jim Aragon		
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APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:	Brett Ackerman		
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