

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 01/06/2023	
ISSUE:	Should the Colorow SWA closure period be modified?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>CPW acquired Colorow SWA in 2013 and placed winter timing restrictions on the property use from Feb 1 to July 1 annually to protect big game. Since that time wild turkeys have increased their use on the SWA and there is currently no opportunity for public hunting during that time. To create the opportunity for use during the spring turkey season on the property the closure period would need to be modified.</p> <p>After consulting with District Wildlife Manger and Terrestrial Biologist, staff feels that the limited winter use by big game does not warrant a closure after April 30th annually. This preferred alternative would both protect wintering wildlife through April and provide additional hunting opportunities in the spring for turkeys in May.</p>	
<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:</p> <p>*IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.</p>	
<p>Stakeholders include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunters • The general public 	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<p>Alternative 1: (Preferred) Change Regulation to increase the period of available use:</p> <p align="center"><u>Colorow Mountain State Wildlife Area - Rio Blanco County</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public access is prohibited from February 1 through April 30 July 1. b. Motorized vehicles are prohibited in the Scenery Gulch Unit. c. Motorized vehicles are prohibited in the Tschuddi Unit north of the designated camping area. d. Parking and camping is permitted in designated areas only, as posted. e. Discharge of firearms or bows is prohibited within 200 yards of camping or parking areas or any structure. <p>Alternative 2: Status Quo</p>	
Issue Raised by:	Mike Swaro, ASST AWM
Author of the issue paper (if different than person raising the issue):	
CC:	Bill deVergie, AWM, Tom Knowles, DWM, Cory Bullen, Tech Darby Finley, Terrestrial Biologist
APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:	Travis Black
REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" 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	NW Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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ISSUE:	Should Oxbow STL be opened to all hunters instead of limited to youth/mentor hunters only?		
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):			
<p>Currently, in the regulations for the Oxbow State Trust Land (STL), PWC regulation #903(A)(129)(c) reads as follows:</p> <p>“Open for youth mentor hunting seasonally, as posted. Contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife Craig office for information.”</p> <p>The Oxbow STL is a remote property that sees very little use from hunters throughout the year. Due to its remote location in Game Management Unit 2, with very limited licenses for big game, and the low popularity of waterfowl hunting in Moffat County, the numbers of hunters using the STL are minimal.</p> <p>Historically, a state property that has been designated as “youth/mentor only” for hunting is in close proximity to a town or is extremely popular with all hunters. Creating a regulation for a property to be limited to youths and their mentors is meant to make for a more quality experience for the youth hunters. Making the Oxbow STL a property open to hunting without a limitation to youths and mentors would not diminish the overall hunting experience for any hunters wanting to utilize the property.</p>			
WHO ARE THE EXTERNAL PUBLICS IMPACTED BY THIS ISSUE? WHAT PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS HAS OCCURRED, IF ANY?			
IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.			
No impact as this regulation has never been enforced.			
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):			
1. *Preferred Alternative*: Delete PWC regulation #903(A)(129)(c)			
<p style="text-align: center;">129. Oxbow – Moffat County</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. Open for public access from August 15 through the end of February.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. Watchable wildlife activities from March 1 to August 15 will remain above the natural bluff that occurs approximately 75 yards from the water on the northern edge of the property.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px; color: red;">c. —Open for youth mentor hunting seasonally, as posted. Contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife Craig office for information.</p>			
2. Status Quo			
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ISSUE:	Should CPW adopt permanent W-9 regulations for the new SKCK fishing access easement on the Yampa River near Phippsburg, Colorado in Routt County?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>In August 2021, SKCK Settlement Corporation (“SKCK”) granted CPW a perpetual fishing access easement on the Yampa River. The acquisition was part of the 2019 RFP.</p> <p>Beginning on September 21, 2022, the access easement was open to the public pursuant to temporary access restrictions issued by the Director pursuant to Chapter W-9 #900.B (“Only properties listed in this chapter are open for public access. The Director may open newly acquired properties for public access for a period not to exceed nine (9) months pending the adoption of permanent regulations. ... If a property is opened for public access pursuant to this provision, the property shall be posted with a list of applicable access restrictions. It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter any such property, except in accordance with its posting and the applicable restrictions.”).</p> <p>The purpose of this issue paper is to formally codify the current temporary access restrictions as permanent rules adopted by the Commission.</p>	
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[List stakeholder groups and briefly summarize comments received] Landowner, CCALT.	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
Preferred Alternative:	
<p>1. SKCK Fishing Access – Routt County</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public access is limited to the “Fishing Access Area” and “Public Access Detour” highlighted on the posted property map. Public access is restricted to walk-in access only. 2. Public access is prohibited from one hour after sunset to sunrise daily. 3. Public access is prohibited from December 1 through March 31. 4. Camping is prohibited. 5. Fires are prohibited. 6. Dogs are prohibited. 7. Drones are prohibited. 8. Vehicle access is prohibited beyond the designated parking area. Parking is prohibited except as posted at the parking area. 9. Public access is allowed only from the designated parking area. 10. Hunting and discharge of firearms are prohibited. <p>2. Status quo: Until temporary access restrictions expire after 9 months.</p>	
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