

Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program 2024 RFP



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Program Overview

Opportunities for landowners to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat, provide wildlife-related recreational access to the public, and, if appropriate, sell their property to CPW.

Conservation

Real Estate Transactions:

- *Conservation Easements
- *Public Access Easements
- *Fee Title Purchases

Funding Sources:

- *CPW Wildlife Cash
- *Habitat Stamp Dollars
- *GOCO's CPW funds
(wildlife quadrant \$)

CWHP 2023 Budget:

Up to \$11million



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2024 FUNDING PRIORITIES:

A comprehensive summary of statute, §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

2024 FUNDING PREFERENCES:

- *Properties that include **Lesser Prairie Chicken** habitat
 - *Properties that exhibit **biodiversity**
- *Provides public **Right of Way** across private land to provide access to landlocked public land
 - *Working farms and ranches
- *Properties that support wildlife crossings

2024 RFP Timeline

June 2024: RFP opens & materials posted to CPW website

October: Proposal Deadline

Oct - Feb 2025: CPW staff & Habitat Stamp Committee review, score, rank proposals

January, 2025: 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



Questions?



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Vote
requested to restart CWHP
2024 RFP

