

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**



**AGENDA  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
April 15, 2013**

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Carl G. Roe  
Executive Director

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Game Commission

Agenda

The Commission Meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission will be held on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Commissioners

Robert W. Schlemmer, President  
David J. Putnam, Vice President  
Brian H. Hoover, Secretary  
David W. Schreffler  
James J. Delaney, Jr.  
Ronald A. Weaner  
Ralph A. Martone  
Charles E. Fox

Approval of Minutes of Commission Meeting held January 29, 2013.

**BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

**ADOPTED RULE MAKING**

- A.** Adoption of proposed amendments to § 139.17.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth the Game Commission proposed at its January 29, 2013, meeting, to amend § 139.17 (relating to wildlife management units) to provide updated wildlife management unit boundaries.

Action:

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**EXHIBIT**

CHAPTER 139. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

§139.17. Wildlife management units.

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(b) The outline map of Pennsylvania sets forth wildlife management units.

(See map of Pennsylvania Wildlife Management Units)

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B. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 139.4.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 29, 2013, meeting to amend § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2013-2014 hunting license year.

Action:

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## EXHIBIT

### (SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS TABLE)

**2013-2014 OPEN HUNTING AND FUR TAKING SEASONS, DAILY LIMIT,  
FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT AND SEASON LIMIT  
OPEN SEASON INCLUDES FIRST AND LAST DATES LISTED**

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After First Day
<i>Squirrels</i> – (Combined species) <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only</i> , with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Sept. 7	Sept. 13	6	12
<i>Squirrels</i> – (Combined species)	Sept. 14	Nov. 30	6	12
	and Dec. 16	and Dec. 24		
	and Dec. 26	and Feb. 22, 2014		
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i>	Oct. 19	Nov. 30	2	4
	and Dec. 16	and Dec. 24		
	and Dec. 26	and Jan. 25, 2014		
<i>Rabbits, Cottontail</i> – <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only</i> , with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	4	8
<i>Rabbits, Cottontail</i>	Oct. 26	Nov. 30	4	8
	and Dec. 16	and Dec. 24		
	and Dec. 26	and Feb. 22, 2014		

*Ring-necked Pheasant* – There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in any area designated as a wild pheasant recovery area within any wildlife management unit.

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After First Day
<b>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male only</b> in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A & 5B <b>Eligible Junior Hunters only</b> , with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	2	4
<b>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male or female</b> combined in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, <u>2H</u> , 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5C & 5D <b>Eligible Junior Hunters only</b> , with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	2	4
<b>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male only</b> in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A & 5B	Oct. 26	Nov. 30	2	4
<b>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male or female</b> combined in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, <u>2H</u> , 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5C & 5D	Oct. 26 and Dec. 16 and Dec. 26	Nov. 30 and Dec. 24 and Feb. 1, 2014	2	4
<b>Bobwhite Quail</b> - The hunting and taking of bobwhite quail is permitted in all WMUs except in WMUs 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C & 5D where the season is closed.	Oct. 26	Nov. 30	4	8
<b>Hares (Snowshoe Rabbits) or Varying Hares</b> in WMUs 3B, 3C & 3D	Dec. 26	Dec. 28	1	2
<b>Hares (Snowshoe Rabbits) or Varying Hares</b> in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, <u>2H</u> , 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 5B, 5C & 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 1, 2014	1	2
<b>Woodchucks (Groundhog)</b>	No closed season except during the regular firearms deer seasons. Hunting on Sundays is prohibited.		Unlimited	
<b>Porcupines</b> Season closed during the overlap with the regular firearms deer seasons.	Sep. 1	Mar. 31, 2014	3	10

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<b>Turkey - Male or Female</b>			1	1
WMU 1B	Nov. 2	Nov. 9 and Nov. 28		
WMU 2B (Shotgun, Bow & Arrow only)	Nov. 2	Nov. 22 and Nov. 28		
WMUs 1A, 2A & 2D	Nov. 2	Nov. 16 and Nov. 28		
WMUs 2C, 2E, 4A, 4B & 4D	Nov. 2	Nov. 22 and Nov. 28		
WMUs 2F, 2G & 2H	Nov. 2	Nov. 16 and Nov. 28		
WMUs 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C & 4E	Nov. 2	Nov. 22 and Nov. 28		
WMU 5A	Nov. 5	Nov. 7		
WMUs 5B, 5C & 5D	Closed to fall turkey hunting			
<b>Turkey (Spring Gobbler) Statewide<sup>1</sup> Bearded Bird only</b>			1	2
	May 3, 2014	May 17, 2014 and May 19, 2014	May be hunted ½ hour before sunrise to 12 noon	
	May 19, 2014	May 31, 2014	May be hunted ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	
<b>Turkey (Spring Gobbler) Statewide Youth Hunt<sup>1</sup> Bearded Bird only Eligible junior hunters only with the required license and when properly accompanied</b>	April 26, 2014		1	1

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

Except as further restricted by this chapter, the seasons, bag limits, hunting hours and hunting regulations for migratory game birds shall conform to regulations adopted by the United States Secretary of the Interior under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C.A. §§703-712) as published in the *Federal Register* on or about August 27 and September 28 of each year. Exceptions:

(a) Hunting hours in §141.4 (relating to hunting hours).

(b) Nontoxic shot as approved by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is required for use Statewide in hunting and taking of migratory waterfowl.

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Field Possession Limit After First Day</b>
<i>Crows</i> (Hunting permitted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only)	July 5	April 6, 2014		Unlimited
<i>Starlings and English Sparrows</i>	No closed season except during the regular firearms deer seasons.			Unlimited

**FALCONRY**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Field Possession Limit After First Day</b>
<i>Squirrels</i> – (Combined species)	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2014	6	12
<i>Quail</i>	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2014	4	8
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i>	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2014	2	4
<i>Cottontail Rabbits</i>	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2014	4	8
<i>Snowshoe or Varying Hare</i>	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2014	1	2
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male and Female</i> - (Combined)	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2014	2	4

*Migratory Game Birds* - Seasons and bag limits shall be in accordance with Federal regulations.

**WHITE-TAILED DEER**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<i>Deer, Archery (Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</i> <sup>2</sup> (Statewide)	Oct. 5 and Dec. 26	Nov. 16  Jan. 11, 2014	One antlered and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Archery (Antlerless)</i> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Sep. 21 and Nov. 18	Oct. 4  Nov. 30	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Archery (Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</i> <sup>2</sup> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Jan. 13, 2014	Jan. 25, 2014	One antlered and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Regular firearms (Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</i> <sup>2</sup> WMUs 1A, 1B, 2B, 3A, 3D, 4A, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C & 5D	Dec. 2	Dec. 14	One antlered, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Regular firearms (Antlered only)</i> <sup>2</sup> WMUs 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, <u>2H</u> , 3B, 3C, 4B, 4D & 4E	Dec. 2	Dec. 6	One antlered deer.
<i>Deer, Regular firearms (Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</i> <sup>2</sup> WMUs 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, <u>2H</u> , 3B, 3C, 4B, 4D & 4E	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	One antlered, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Special firearms (Antlerless only)</i> (Statewide) Only Junior and Senior License Holders, <sup>3</sup> Commission Disabled Person Permit Holders (to use a vehicle as a blind), and Residents serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, or in the United States Coast Guard, with required antlerless license	Oct. 24	Oct. 26	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Muzzleloading (Antlerless only)</i> (Statewide)	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless)</i> <sup>2</sup> (Statewide)	Dec. 26	Jan. 11, 2014	One antlered, or one antlerless-plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**WHITE-TAILED DEER – (Continued)**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<b>Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless)</b> <sup>2</sup> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 25, 2014	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<b>Deer, Extended Regular firearms (Antlerless)</b> Counties of Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery & Philadelphia	Dec. 26	Jan. 25, 2014	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<b>Deer, Antlerless</b> (Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County and New Cumberland Army Depot, York County and Fort Detrick, Raven Rock Site, Adams County)	Hunting is permitted on days established by the United States Department of the Army.		An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

**BLACK BEAR**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<b>Bear, any age (Archery only)</b> <sup>4</sup> (Statewide)	Nov. 18	Nov. 22	1	1
<b>Bear, any age (Archery only)</b> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Sep. 21	Nov. 16	1	1
<b>Bear, any age (Archery only)</b> <sup>4</sup> WMU 5B	Oct. 5	Nov. 16	1	1
<b>Bear, any age (Muzzleloader)</b> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C & 5D	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	1	1
<b>Bear, any age (Special Firearms)</b> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C & 5D Junior & Senior License holders, disabled and Pennsylvania residents on active duty in armed services	Oct. 24	Oct. 26	1	1
<b>Bear, any age (Regular Firearms)</b> <sup>4</sup> (Statewide)	Nov. 23	Nov. 27	1	1
<b>Bear, any age, Extended Firearms</b> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 4B, 4C, 4D & 4E	Dec. 4	Dec. 7	1	1
<b>Bear, any age, Extended Firearms</b> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C & 5D	Dec. 2	Dec. 14	1	1
<b>Bear, any age, Extended Firearms</b> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 3A, 3B, 3C & 3D	Dec. 2	Dec. 7	1	1

**ELK**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<i>Elk, Special Conservation</i> <sup>5</sup> <i>(Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</i>	Sep. 2	Nov. 9	1	One elk with required license
<i>Elk, Regular</i> <sup>5</sup> <i>(Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</i>	Nov. 4	Nov. 9	1	One elk with required license
<i>Elk, Extended</i> <sup>5</sup> <i>(Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</i>	Nov. 11	Nov. 16	1	One elk with required license

**FUR TAKING - TRAPPING**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<i>Minks and Muskrats</i> <i>(Statewide)</i>	Nov. 23	Jan. 5, 2014		Unlimited
<i>Beaver</i> <i>(Statewide)</i>	Dec. 26	Mar. 31, 2014		
WMUs 1A, 1B, & 3C (Combined)			20	40
WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 3A, 3B, 3D, 5C & 5D (Combined)			20	20
WMUs 2G, <u>2H</u> , 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, & 5B (Combined)			5	5
<i>Coyotes, Foxes, Opossums, Raccoons, Skunks, Weasels - (Statewide)</i>	Oct. 27	Feb. 23, 2014		Unlimited
<i>Coyotes &amp; Foxes - (Statewide)</i> <i>(Cable restraint devices may be used)</i>	Dec. 26	Feb. 23, 2014		Unlimited
<i>Bobcat (with appropriate permit)</i> WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, <u>2H</u> , 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4D & 4E	Dec. 21	Jan. 12, 2014	1	1
<i>Fisher (with appropriate permit)</i> WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, <u>2H</u> , 3A, 3D, 4D & 4E	Dec. 21	Dec. 26	1	1

**FURTAKING - HUNTING**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<i>Coyotes - (Statewide)</i>		Outside of any big game season may be taken with a hunting license or a furtaker's license and without wearing orange.		Unlimited
<i>Coyotes - (During any big game season)</i>		May be taken while lawfully hunting big game or with a furtaker's license.		
<i>Opossums, Skunks, Weasels (Statewide)</i>		No closed season.		
<i>Raccoons and Foxes - (Statewide)</i>	Oct. 26	Feb. 22, 2014		Unlimited
<i>Bobcat (with appropriate permit)</i> WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, <u>2H</u> , 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4D & 4E	Jan. 21	Feb. 11, 2014	1	1

***No open seasons on other wild birds or wild mammals.***

<sup>1</sup> Only persons who possess a special wild turkey license as provided for in section 2709 of the act (relating to license costs and fees) may take a second spring gobbler during the hunting license year; all other persons, including mentored youth hunters, may take only one spring gobbler. A maximum of 2 gobblers per license year may be taken by any combination of licenses or exceptions for mentored youth.

<sup>2</sup> Only one antlered deer (buck) may be taken during the hunting license year.

<sup>3</sup> Includes persons who have reached or will reach their 65th birthday in the year of the application for the license and hold a valid adult license or qualify for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions).

<sup>4</sup> Only one bear may be taken during the hunting license year.

<sup>5</sup> Only one elk may be taken during the hunting license year.

**BUREAU OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**ADOPTED RULE MAKING**

A. Adoption of proposed amendments § 137.35.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 29, 2013, meeting to amend § 137.35 (relating to feral swine and wild boar eradication) to remove protection for feral swine and wild boar statewide, wherever found, and also to prohibit the importation, possession and release into the wild of feral swine and wild boar.

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## EXHIBIT

### CHAPTER 137. WILDLIFE

§ 137.35. Feral swine and wild boar eradication.

(a) Protection removed. Protection on feral swine and wild boar is removed statewide, except in those areas designated as containing broad scale official eradication trapping operations as designated by Executive Order of the Director.

(b) Eligibility to take. Persons who possess a valid hunting or furtaking license or persons who qualify for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) are eligible to participate in the unlimited taking of feral swine and wild boar by firearm, bow or crossbow in any area where protection on feral swine and wild boar has been removed. All takings of feral swine and wild boar shall be conducted in conformance with the limitations of section 2308 of the act (relating to unlawful devices and methods) and §§ 141.4 and 141.20 (relating to hunting hours; protective material required).

(c) Eligibility to trap. Persons who possess a valid hunting or furtaking license or persons who qualify for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) are eligible to make application for a permit authorizing them to engage in feral swine and wild boar eradication trapping operations. All trapping of feral swine and wild boar shall be conducted in conformance with best management practices identified by the Commission and listed on the permit.

(d) Reporting. All takings of feral swine and wild boar resulting from authorized shooting or trapping operations shall be reported to the appropriate local Commission Regional Office within 24 hours of kill. Reports shall include:

- (1) Name, address and pertinent license or permit information.
- (2) Date, time and an accurate description of the location of kill.
- (3) Report number and sex of wild boar and feral swine.

(e) Surrender of carcass. The carcasses of feral swine and wild boar killed pursuant to the authorizations of this section shall be surrendered to the Commission for disease sampling and testing upon request.

(f) Importation prohibited. Effective July 1, 2013, it is unlawful to import feral swine or wild boar of any description or other name into this Commonwealth.

(g) Possession prohibited. Effective July 1, 2014, it is unlawful to possess feral swine or wild boar of any description or other name within this Commonwealth.

(h) Release into the wild prohibited. It is unlawful to release feral swine or wild boar into the wild.

(i) Inapplicability.

(1) This section shall not be construed in any manner to limit the applicability of sections 2121 and 2141 of the act (relating to killing game or wildlife to protect property; killing game or wildlife to protect person) and § 141.3 (relating to protection removed under certain circumstances).

(2) This section shall not be construed in any manner to extend to any member of the family suidae defined as a domestic animal by the Department of Agriculture and held as part of a commercial production agricultural operation regulated by the Department of Agriculture.

(j) Penalties. A person violating this section is subject to the penalties provided in the act.

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B. Adoption of proposed amendments § 141.4.

Commentary:

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 29, 2013, meeting to amend Chapter 141 Appendix G (relating to hunting hours) by replacing the current hunting hours table and migratory bird hunting hours table to accurately reflect the dates and hours of legal hunting for the 2013-2014 hunting license year. The Commission is also proposing to amend § 141.4 (relating to hunting hours) to add feral swine and wild boar to the list of species that may be lawfully taken during the regular antlered and antlerless deer seasons and expand references to the seasons during which coyotes may be hunted to “big game.”

Action:

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## EXHIBIT

### CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

#### Subchapter A. GENERAL

§ 141.4. Hunting hours.

Except as otherwise provided, wild birds and mammals may be hunted 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

(1) During the regular antlered and antlerless deer seasons, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take other wild birds or mammals except game birds on regulated hunting grounds, migratory waterfowl, coyotes, feral swine, wild boar, and bear. Coyotes may be hunted from the first day to the last day inclusive of any big game season only by persons who possess a valid furtaker's license, or by persons lawfully engaged in hunting big game who have a valid tag. Feral swine and wild boar may be taken from the first day to the last day inclusive of any big game season only by persons lawfully engaged in hunting big game who have a valid tag.

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*(See Pennsylvania Meridian Map, Hunting Hours and  
Migratory Game Bird Hunting Hours Tables)*

**HUNTING HOURS TABLE  
FOR JUNE 30, 2013 THROUGH JULY 5, 2014**

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
June 30 – July 6	5:09	9:02	Jan. 5 – 11	6:53	5:20
July 7 – 13	5:13	8:59	Jan. 12 – 18	6:51	5:27
July 14 – 20	5:19	8:55	Jan. 19 – 25	6:49	5:35
July 21 – 27	5:25	8:49	Jan. 26 – Feb. 1	6:44	5:43
July 28 – Aug. 3	5:31	8:42	Feb. 2 – 8	6:38	5:51
Aug. 4 – 10	5:38	8:33	Feb. 9 – 15	6:31	6:00
Aug. 11 – 17	5:44	8:24	Feb. 16 – 22	6:22	6:08
Aug. 18 – 24	5:51	8:14	Feb. 23 – Mar. 1	6:13	6:14
Aug. 25 – 31	5:58	8:03	Mar. 2 – 8	6:02	6:24
Sept 1 – 7	6:04	7:52	Mar. 9 – 15 *Begins	6:52	7:31
Sept. 8 – 14	6:11	7:41	Mar. 16 – 22	6:41	7:38
Sept. 15 – 21	6:17	7:29	Mar. 23 – 29	6:29	7:46
Sept. 22 – 28	6:24	7:17	Mar. 30 – Apr. 5	6:18	7:53
Sept. 29 – Oct. 5	6:31	7:06	Apr. 6 – 12	6:07	8:00
Oct. 6 – 12	6:38	6:55	Apr. 13 – 19	5:56	8:07
Oct. 13 – 19	6:45	6:45	Apr. 20 – 26	5:46	8:14
Oct. 20 – 26	6:53	6:35	Apr. 27 – May 3	5:36	8:20
Oct. 27 – Nov. 2	7:01	6:27	May 4 – 10	5:27	8:28
Nov. 3 – 9 *Ends	6:09	5:21	May 11 – 17	5:19	8:35
Nov. 10 – 16	6:17	5:13	May 18 – 24	5:13	8:42
Nov. 17 – 23	6:25	5:09	May 25 – 31	5:08	8:48
Nov. 24 – 30	6:32	5:06	June 1 – 7	5:04	8:53
Dec. 1 – 7	6:39	5:05	June 8 – 14	5:02	8:58
Dec. 8 – 14	6:45	5:04	June 15 – 21	5:02	9:01
Dec. 15 – 21	6:49	5:09	June 22 – 28	5:04	9:03
Dec. 22 – 28	6:52	5:11	June 29 – July 5	5:08	9:02
Dec. 29 – Jan. 4	6:53	5:14	*Daylight Saving Time		

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING HOURS TABLE**

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
Sept. 1 – 7	6:04	7:22	Dec. 29 – Jan. 4	6:53	4:44
Sept. 8 – 14	6:11	7:11	Jan. 5 – 11	6:53	4:50
Sept. 15 – 21	6:17	6:59	Jan. 12 – 18	6:51	4:57
Sept. 22 – 28	6:24	6:47	Jan. 19 – 25	6:49	5:05
Sept. 29 – Oct. 5	6:31	6:36	Jan. 26 – Feb. 1	6:44	5:13
Oct. 6 – 12	6:38	6:25	Feb. 2 – 8	6:38	5:21
Oct. 13 – 19	6:45	6:15	Feb. 9 – 15	6:31	5:30
Oct. 20 – 26	6:53	6:05	Feb. 16 – 22	6:22	5:38
Oct. 27 – Nov. 2	7:01	5:57	Feb. 23 – Mar. 1	6:13	5:44
Nov. 3 – 9 *Ends	6:09	4:51	Mar. 2 – 8	6:02	5:54
Nov. 10 – 16	6:17	4:43	Mar. 9 – 15 *Begins	6:52	7:01
Nov. 17 – 23	6:25	4:39	Mar. 16 – 22	6:41	7:08
Nov. 24 – 30	6:32	4:36	Mar. 23 – 29	6:29	7:16
Dec. 1 – 7	6:39	4:35	Mar. 30 – Apr. 5	6:18	7:23
Dec. 8 – 14	6:45	4:34	Apr. 6 – 12	6:07	7:30
Dec. 15 – 21	6:49	4:39	Apr. 13 – 19	5:56	7:37
Dec. 22 – 28	6:52	4:41	*Daylight Saving Time		

**BUREAU OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

**ADOPTED RULE MAKING**

A. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 143.12.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 29, 2013, meeting to amend § 143.12 (relating to hunter education training) to give the Director the authority to establish hunter education course registration fees or certificate replacement fees.

Action:

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**EXHIBIT**

**CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTKER LICENSES**

**Subchapter A. GENERAL**

§143.12. Hunter education training.

(b) Training certificate. The Commission will issue an appropriate certificate of training to each student who successfully completes an approved hunter education course. The Commission will issue a replacement hunter education training certificate to a person who provides sufficient affirmation or evidence of successful completion of that course of instruction. A certificate replacement fee shall be remitted by any person requesting a replacement hunter education training certificate.

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(d) Establishment of fees. The Director will establish the value of any course registration fee or certificate replacement fee required by this section.

# BUREAU OF WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT

## REAL ESTATE

### A. Land Exchange

Contract No. 3632, State Game Land No. 223, Greene County

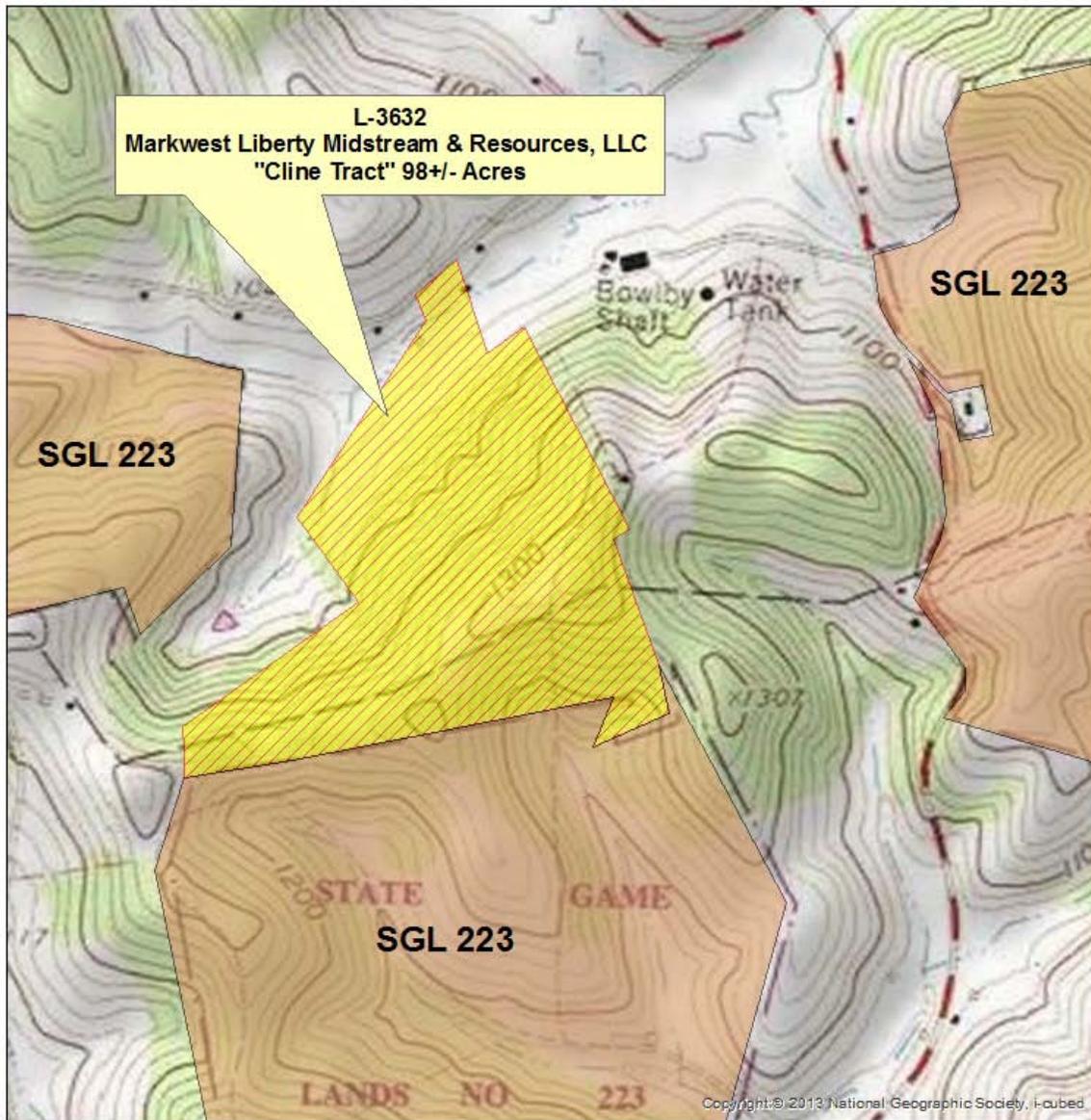
Commentary: MarkWest Liberty Midstream and Resources, LLC is offering 98 +/- acres of land adjacent to State Game Land No. 223, Greene and Cumberland Townships, Greene County (Exhibit RED 1) in lieu of habitat and surface damages for an amendment to an existing right-of-way license that allows Mark West Liberty Midstream and Resources, LLC to construct a new 20" diameter pipeline across State Game Land No. 232, Blaine and Donegal Townships, Washington County (Exhibit RED 2). The new 20" pipeline parallels an existing gas pipeline for 6,933' and then traverses another 16,052' along a new alignment. The right-of-way is 75' wide with an additional 25' width as a temporary construction area and has five additional 50' x 100' temporary work areas for staging equipment, as well as the privilege of constructing approximately 1,928' of roadway having a width of 20' to be used as temporary access to construct the pipeline. The property being offered is mainly forested with mixed hardwoods with approximately five acres of shrub land and reverting old fields. Acquiring the 98 acres will provide much needed access into the northern portion of State Game Land No. 223 by way of Kurans Road.

Contract No. 3633, State Game Land No. 91, Luzerne County

Commentary: Blue Ridge Real Estate Company (BRRE) is offering 3,684 +/- acres of land adjacent to and near State Game Land No. 91, Bear Creek and Buck Townships, Luzerne County (Exhibit RED 3). PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) has requested multiple right-of-way licenses to construct electric transmission facilities across numerous State Game Lands in the northeast and has agreed to convey land to the Commission in lieu of habitat and surface damages. The electric transmission projects include the following: 138/69 kV electric transmission line on 11,700' x 150' wide and 200' x 100' wide right-of-way across State Game Land No. 38, Pocono and Jackson Townships, Monroe County (Exhibit RED 4); 500 kV electric transmission line on 4,125' x 200' wide right-of-way and the temporary use of 5,147' x 20' wide access roads during construction across State Game Land No. 300, Archbald Borough, Lackawanna County (Exhibit RED 5); 230 kV electric transmission line on 26,482' x 150' wide right-of-way across State Game Land No. 91, Bear Creek and Buck Townships, Luzerne County (Exhibit RED 6); 230 kV electric transmission line on 9,755' x 150' wide right-of-way across State Game Land No. 135, Thornhust and Clifton Townships, Lackawanna County

(Exhibit RED 7); 138/69 kV electric transmission line on 3,344' x 200' wide right-of-way and 10,032' x 100' wide right-of-way across State Game Land No. 312, Lehigh and Sterling Townships, Wayne County and Covington Township, Lackawanna County (Exhibit RED 8); and 500 kV electric transmission line on 10,855' x 200' wide right-of-way and the use of 8,650' x 20' wide access roads across State Game Land No. 183, Palmyra and Blooming Grove Townships, Pike County (Exhibit RED 9). Of the 3,684 acres being offered by BRRE, PPL will cause to convey approximately 3,393 acres with the remaining acres being paid with funds from third party commitments for compensation of habitat and recreational losses which occurred on State Game Lands from previously approved projects and shall not exceed \$750,000. BRRE will retain the rights to develop the oil and gas until June 30, 2023. The tracts are a mixed oak/maple forest interspersed with stands of hemlock and white pine. The understory is comprised of low bush blueberry and mountain laurel. All the tracts are part of the Upper Lehigh River watershed. Tracts BRRE-2 contain Stoney Run, a tributary to Bear Creek and Whitehouse Run. Access into the BRRE-2 tracts is from Route 115. BRRE-14 borders approximately two miles of Choke Creek, which is classified as "Exceptional Value" and is a documented brook trout spawning stream. Access into BRRE-14 is from S.R. 2040, Buck River Road. The combined acreage will provide for continuity of hunter/trapper access and habitat management by linking State Game Lands together with other lands being managed for conservation.

Action:



L-3632  
 Markwest Liberty Midstream & Resources, LLC  
 "Cline Tract" 98+/- Acres

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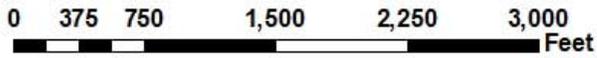
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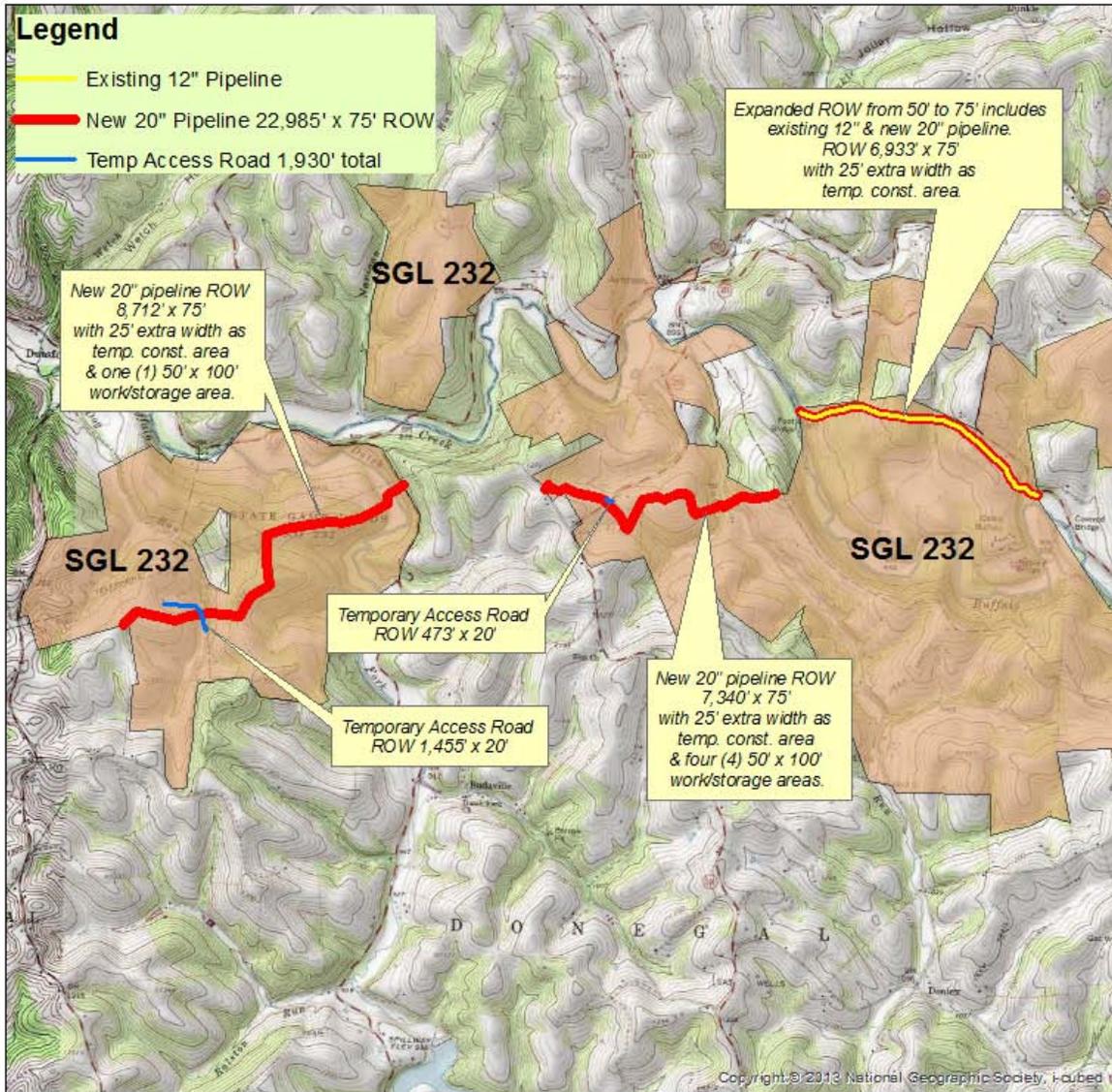
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**State Game Land No. 223**

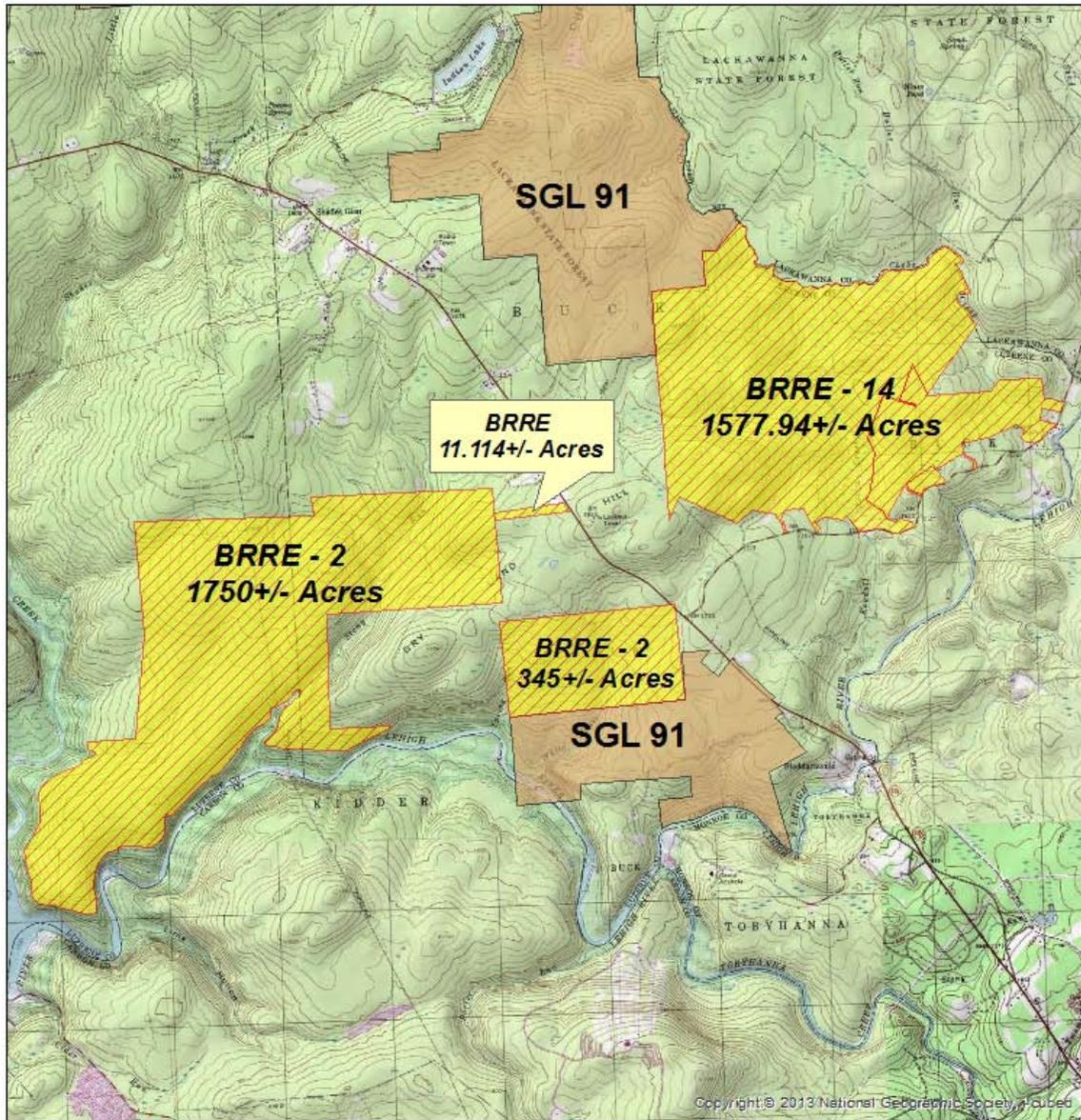
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Greene & Cumberland Townships  
 Greene County  
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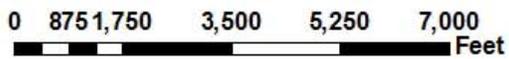
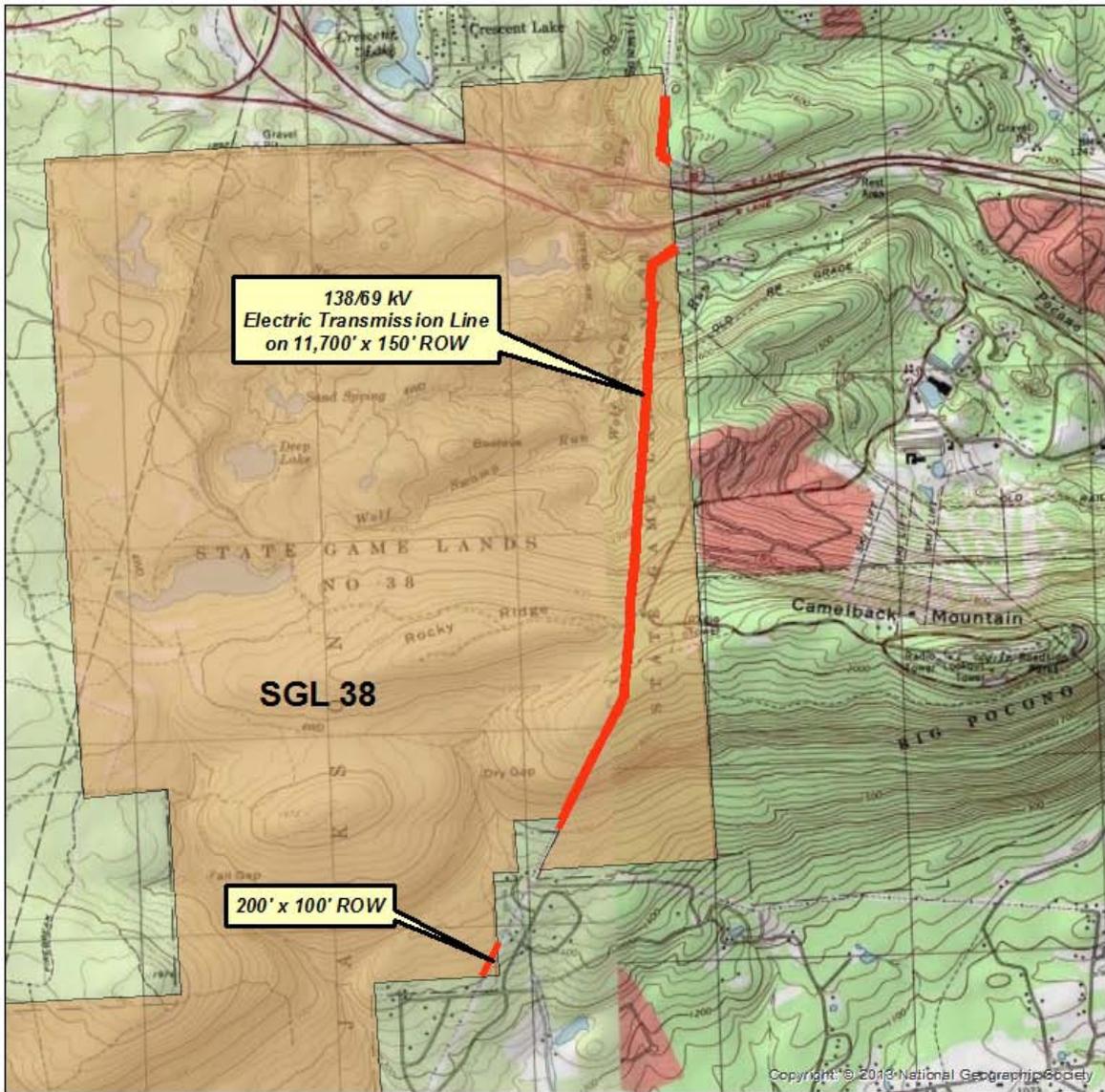


**RED 2**  
**State Game Land No. 232**  
**L-3632**  
**License for Right-of-Way with**  
**Markwest Liberty Midstream & Resources, LLC**  
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**the Construction of Pipelines**  
**and**  
**Temporary Access Roads**  
**Blaine & Donegal Townships**  
**Washington County**  
**Southwest Region**

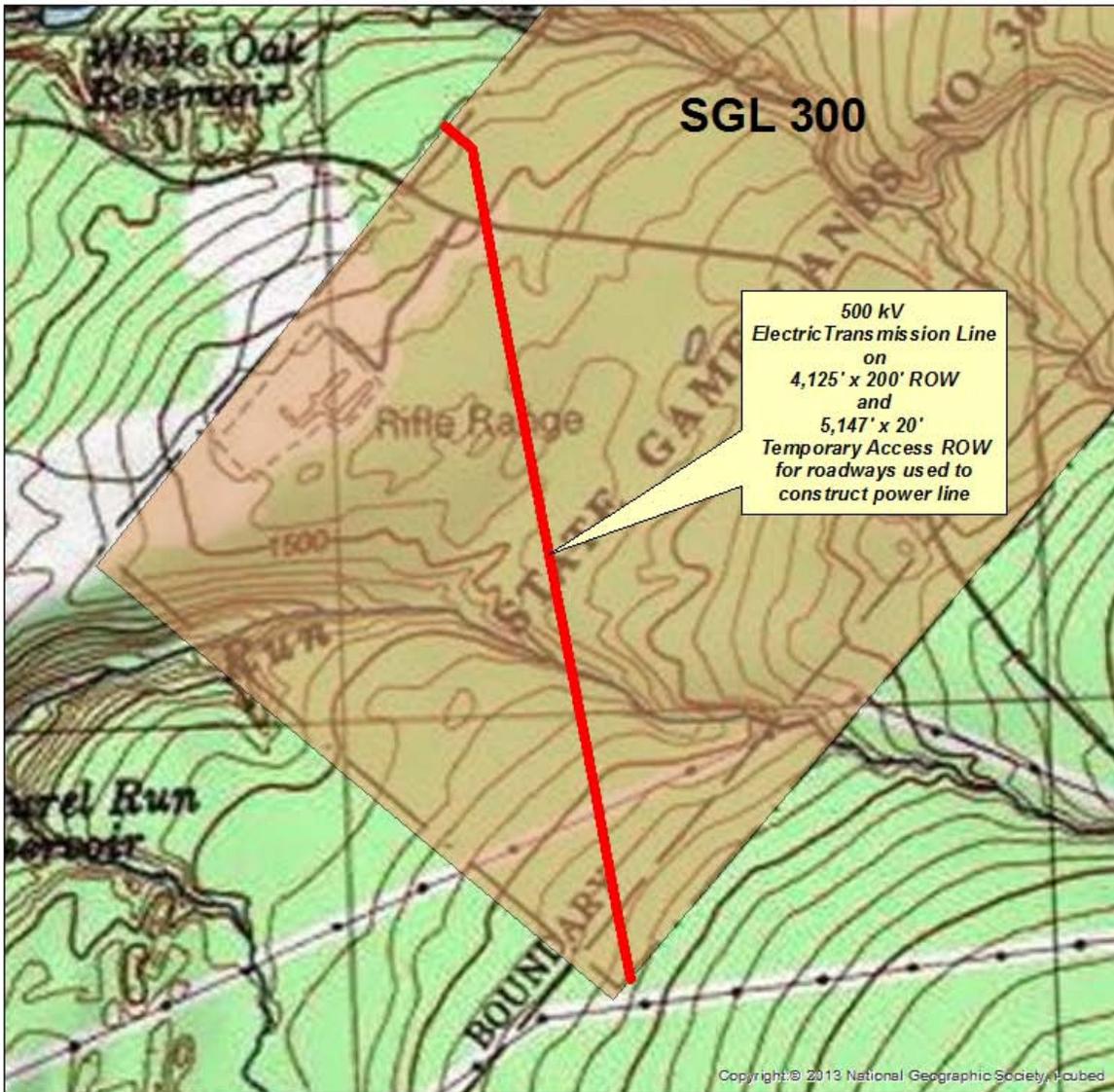


**RED 3**  
**State Game Land No. 91**  
**L-3633**  
**Blue Ridge Real Estate (BRRE) Parcels**  
 Bear Creek & Buck Townships  
 Luzerne County  
 Northeast Region

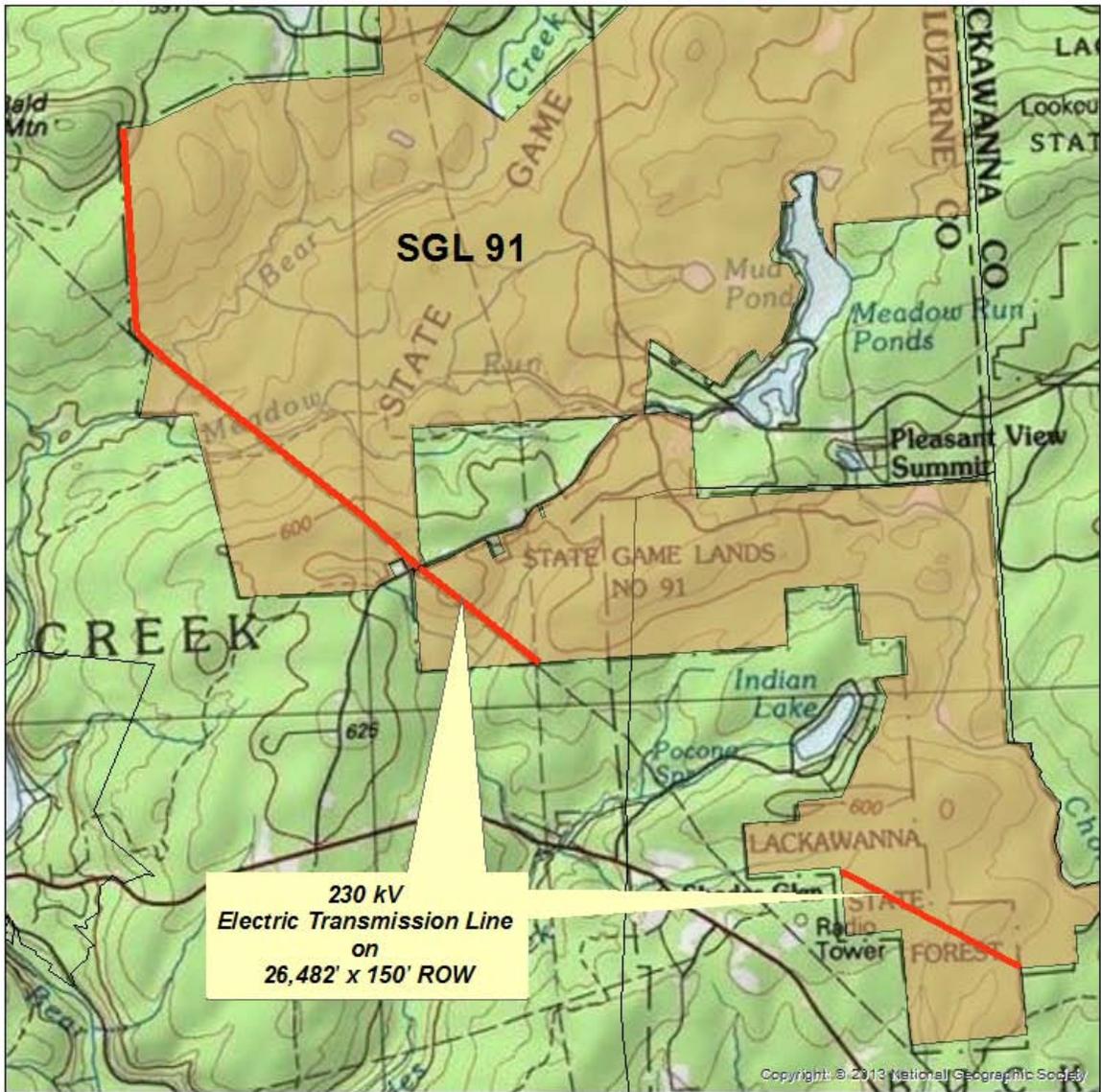




**RED 4**  
**State Game Land No. 38**  
**L-3633**  
**License for Right-of-Way with**  
**PPL Electric Utilities Corporation**  
**for**  
**Electric Transmission Line**  
**Pocono & Jacks on Townships**  
**Monroe County**  
**Northeast Region**



**RED 5**  
**State Game Land No. 300**  
 L-3633  
 License for Right-of-Way with  
 PPL Electric Utilities Corporation  
 for  
 Electric Transmission Line  
 and  
 Temporary Access Roads  
 Archbald Borough  
 Lackawanna County  
 Northeast Region

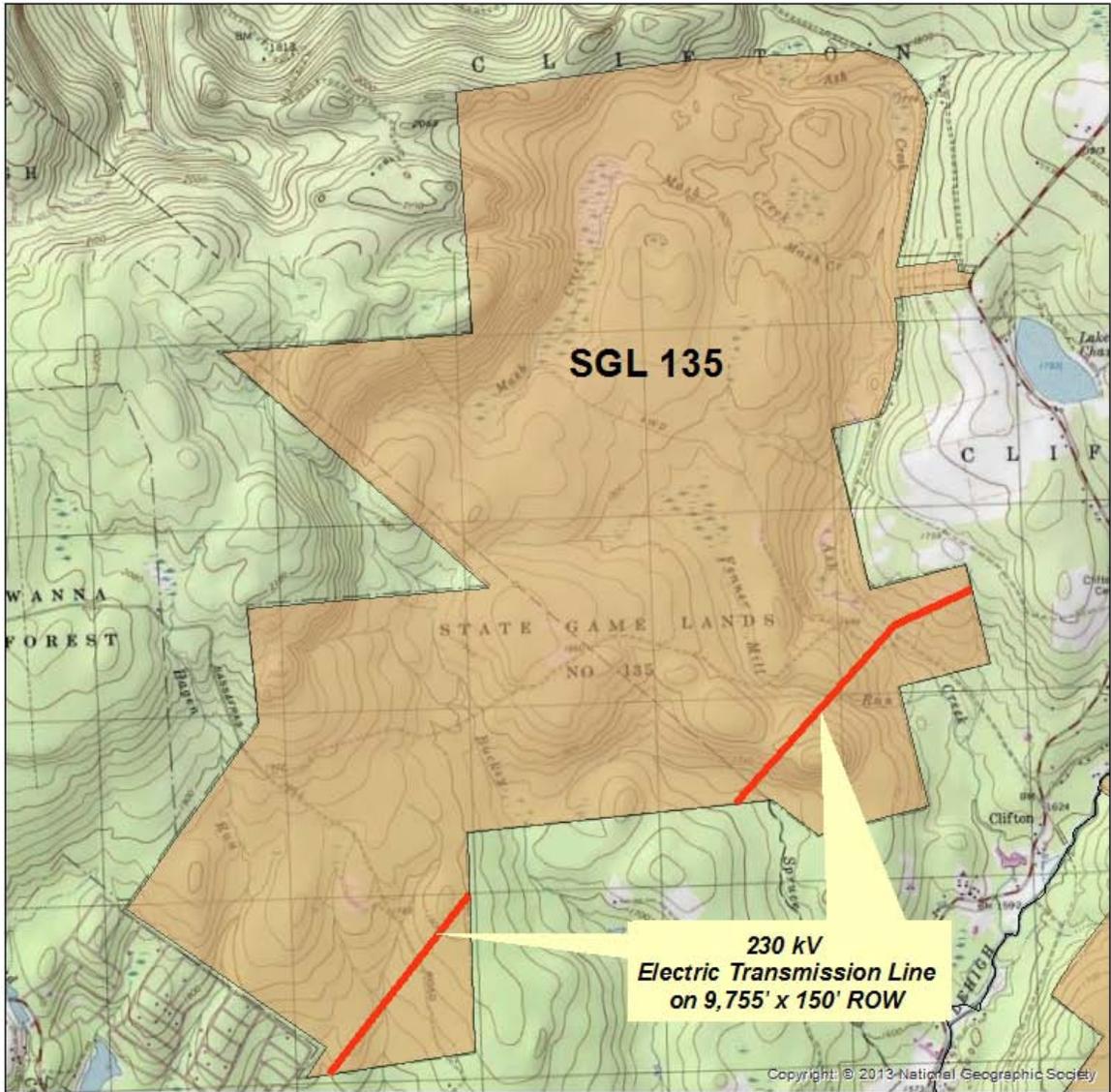


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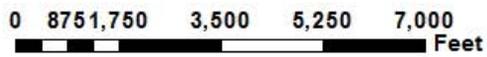
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 Northeast Region

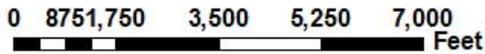
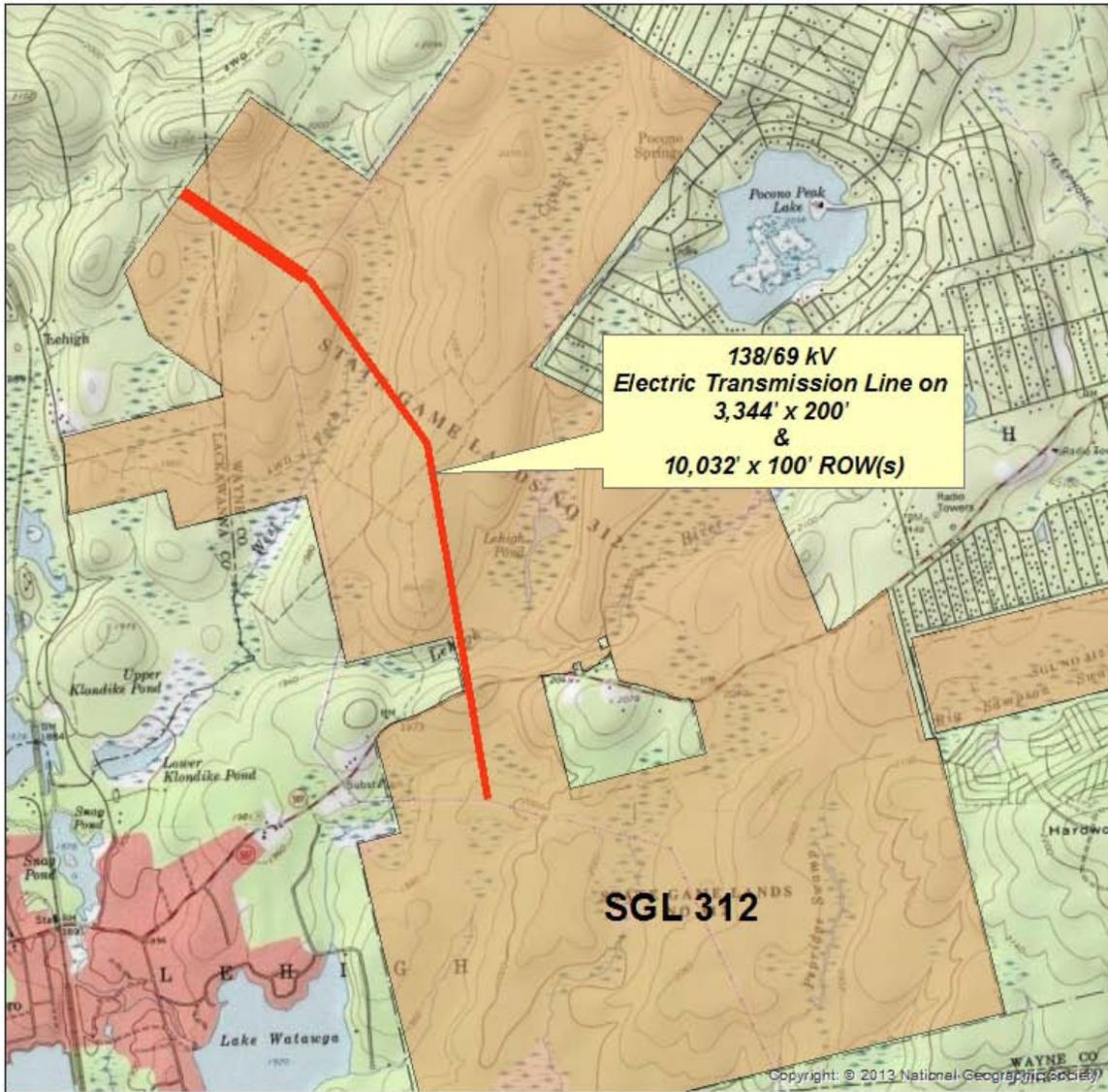




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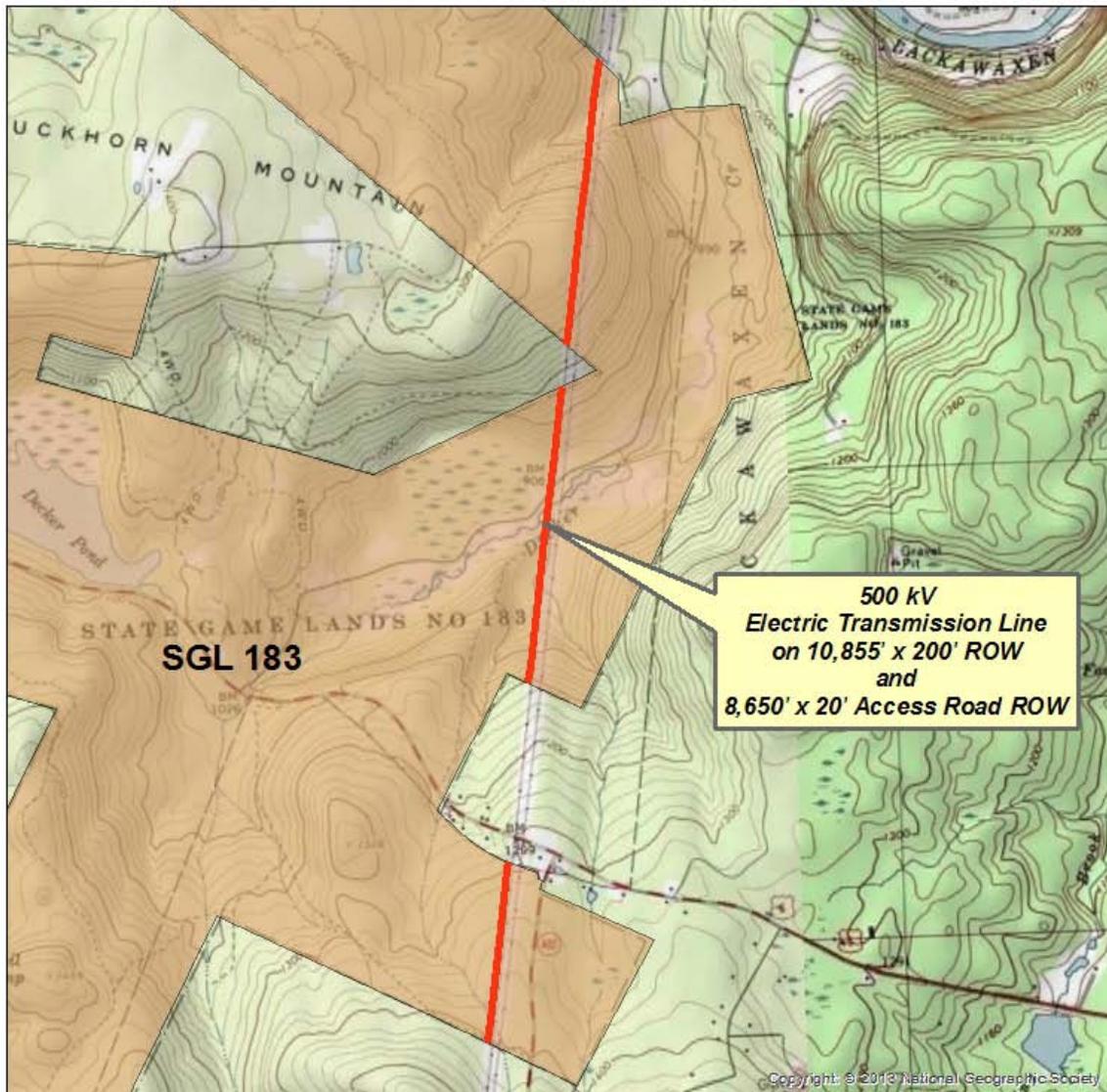
**State Game Land No. 135**  
 L-3633  
 License for Right-of-Way with  
 PPL Electric Utilities Corporation  
 for  
 Electric Transmission line  
 Thornhurst & Clifton Townships  
 Lackawanna County  
 Northeast Region





**RED 8**  
**State Game Land No. 312**  
 L-3633  
 License for Right-of-Way with  
 PPL Electric Utilities Corporation  
 for  
 Electric Transmission Line

Lehigh & Sterling Townships, Wayne County  
 Covington Township, Lackawanna County



**RED 9**  
**State Game Land No. 183**  
 L-3633  
 License for Right-of-Way with  
 PPL Electric Utilities Corporation  
 for  
 Electric Transmission Line  
 and  
 Access Road  
 Pamlyra & Blooming Grove Townships  
 Pike County  
 Northeast Region

## OIL/GAS & MINERALS

### A. Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement Amendment

Tract 36B-12, State Game Land No. 36, Bradford County

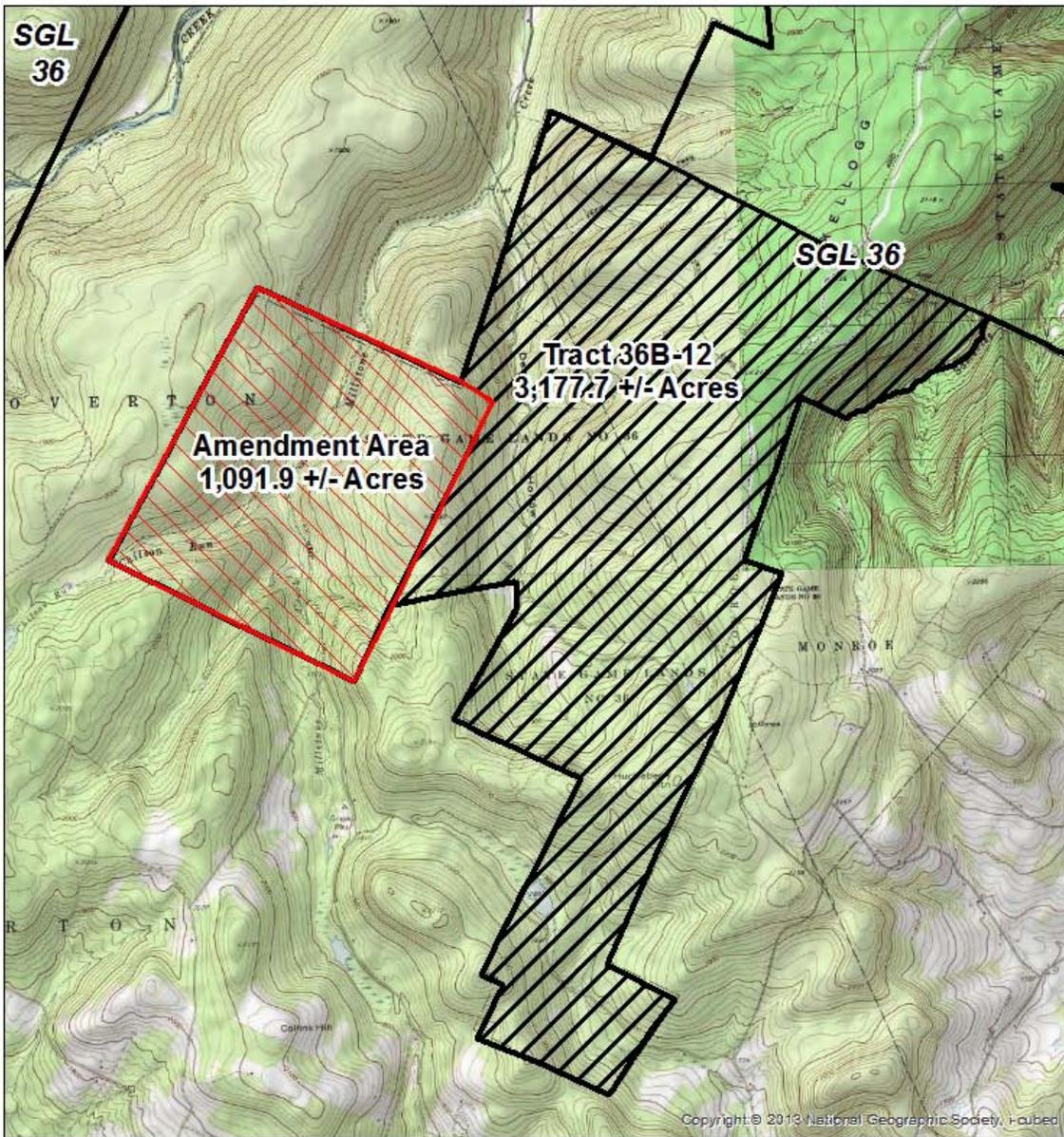
Commentary:

Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C. (Chesapeake) of Oklahoma City, OK proposes to amend their existing Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement for Tract 36B-12 by adding 1091.9 acres to their lease area. Tract 36B-12 is located on a portion of State Game Land No. 36 in Monroe and Overton Townships, Bradford County (Exhibit OGM 1). In 2012, the Commission offered a competitive royalty bid for the development of oil and gas on Tract 36B-12 and Chesapeake submitted the highest royalty bid of 25.5%. Chesapeake has agreed to non-surface use on the amended portion of the agreement.

Chesapeake has been able to secure the development leasehold in the area and the amendment to the existing lease will maximize the Commission's value for oil/gas recovery while minimizing the overall impact to the wildlife resources and recreational uses of SGL No. 36. The terms of the amendment will remain consistent with the existing agreement, approved by the Commission in June 2012, which includes a \$2,000 per acre bonus payment and a 25.5% royalty for the additional lease acreage.

Oil and gas development will be regulated by the Commonwealth's Oil and Gas Regulations and the Commission's Standard Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement. The bonus payment of \$2,183,800 shall be deposited into the Game Fund or an interest bearing escrow account for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking and wildlife resource management.

Action:



-  Tract 36B-12 Amendment Area (1,091.9 +/- Acres)
-  Tract 36B-12 Existing Agreement Area (3,177.7 +/- Acres)
-  Game Land Boundary



**EXHIBIT OGM 1**  
**State Game Land No. 36**  
**Amendment to Restricted Surface Use**  
**Oil & Gas Cooperative Agreement**  
**Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.**  
**Tract 36B-12 Amendment**  
**1,091.9 +/- Acres**  
 Overton Twp., Bradford County  
 Northeast Region

Other New Business

Elk Allocation

Antlerless Deer Allocation

The following Commission Meeting dates were approved for 2013. Does the Commission wish to proceed with these dates and locations?

June 24-25, 2013 (Harrisburg)

September 23-24, 2013 (tentatively in Western, PA)

Proposed Commission Meeting date for January (Harrisburg)

Executive Session, if necessary, will be held immediately following the close of the Commission Meeting.

Adjournment

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