State Game Land (SGL) 38 is located in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Northeast Region. It lies in Tunkhannock, Chestnuthill, Jackson, and Pocono Townships in Monroe County. SGL 38 is 3 air miles west of Tannersville and 3 miles south of the borough of Mount Pocono. Interstate 80 transects the northern tip of SGL 38 providing access from points east and west. Route 115, 715, 611, and 380 provide access from the Wyoming Valley and points south.

This game land is a popular destination for hunting white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, grouse, snowshoe hare, and timber rattlesnakes. Furtaking opportunities include beaver, raccoon, gray fox, coyote, and mink. Waterfowl hunting opportunities exist on wetlands throughout the gamelands.

State Game Land 38 is part of Important Mammal Area #38, Long Pond Preserve. Long Pond represents the most unique inland freshwater wetland in the state. This IMA is home to a whole suite of carnivores, including bobcat, black bear, and northern river otter. Snowshoe hares have also been recorded. State Game Land 38 is located within Important Bird Area #64, Long Pond Preserve. This IBA is a macro-site containing till barrens, northern hardwoods and boreal conifer forests, wetlands, and agricultural fields.

Two hundred and fifty nine acres of eastern hemlock-white pine dominated stands will be excluded from standard forestland rotation goals and maintained in order to best meet the habitat requirements of late-successional forest specialists. Forest stands will be reintiated on a <30-year rotation, perpetuating early successional forest cover. The majority of low woody habitat on SGL 38 will be the result of barrens restoration and maintenance including a combination of mechanical and prescribed fire treatments. Opportunities for early successional forest cover will be limited. Even-aged management treatments including clear cutting, group selection, and shelterwood sequences will be used to create a diversity of forest age classes. Opportunities to commercially implement silvicultural treatments will be very limited. Maintenance and improvement to the infrastructure will continue in order to better serve the hunting public.

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Each time a hunter buys a hunting license, the money he spends goes toward many facets of wildlife management. Since 1920, close to a million and a half acres of State Game Lands have been acquired with these funds. Each year nearly $5,000,000 is spent to improve wildlife habitat. Habitat improvements enhance living conditions for non-game birds and mammals as well as those species which are hunted. Pennsylvania hunters willingly share these lands with the non-hunting public, and with few exceptions, State Game Lands are open for general use year round. Surveys indicate that hunting accounts for only thirty-five percent of game land usage. The remaining sixty-five percent is used by the general public for non-hunting purposes.

"Working Together for Wildlife" is a Game Commission program providing everyone an opportunity to help support wildlife management in the areas for endangered and non-game animals. Monies derived from the “Working Together for Wildlife” Program are being used in Pennsylvania to re-introduce the osprey, river otter, bald eagle, Peregrine falcon and provide habitat for other birds and mammals indigenous to the Commonwealth. Construction placement of blue bird houses on State Game Lands provides needed homes for this beautiful songbird. Islands in the Susquehanna River have been set aside as propagation areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public properties which will also provide food and habitat for non-game wildlife.

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