State Game Lands No. 61, comprising 9,886 acres, is located in McKean County southwest of Smethport. Its terrain consists of long narrow valleys and flat narrow mountain tops. The primary game species are bear, deer, turkey and ruffed grouse.

State Game Lands now totaling more than 1.5 million acres are purchased, managed and maintained primarily for outdoor recreation in the form of sport-hunting.

While portions of sportsmen’s license fees and taxes on sporting arms and ammunition have made the acquisition and development of these lands possible, other users are welcome. Recreation such as boating, fishing, hiking birdwatching, and nature study is encouraged.

The Game Commission is concerned with protecting and perpetuating non-game wildlife species, along with managing for an annual harvest of all game species. While sport hunting, embracing the elements of fair chase, is the ultimate goal in wildlife management, other benefits have enhanced the quality of life for all who enjoy the outdoors.

For benefit of all users, please respect posted rules and regulations. Entry upon posted wildlife refuges and propagation areas is prohibited. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on gated roads and trails; snowmobiles excepted where so designated and posted.

For current conservation-sport hunting information, read the Pennsylvania Game News and visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s home page http://www.pgc.state.pa.us or write to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797.