State Game Lands (SGL) 073 consists of 20,814 acres in 6 separate tracts in Lincoln and Hopewell townships in western Huntingdon County; North Woodbury, Huston, and Woodbury townships in eastern Blair County; and Woodbury, Liberty, Hopewell, Snake Spring, South Woodbury, and West Providence townships in northeastern Bedford County. This SGL is the largest in the Southcentral Region and will be managed in 14 compartments.

SGL 073 is located entirely within wildlife management unit 4A and within the greater Chesapeake Bay Watershed and the Appalachian Mountain Section of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province of Pennsylvania. The Game lands are heavily forested and characterized by steep mountainous terrain. Elevations range from about 900 feet above mean sea level to 2,550 feet.

Access to SGL 073 is good in northern compartments, but more limited in the southern compartments. Access to compartments 1-3 is possible via Mill Lane near the village of Beavertown. Compartments 4 and 5 are accessed via Cove Mountain Road and 2 seasonal roads provide access to during hunting seasons. Compartments 6 and 7 are accessed via Henrietta Mountain Road and a seasonal road also provides access to compartment 7. Access to compartments 8, 9, and 10 is from Raver's Gap Road. A PGC road provides public parking along Pinchot Road at the southern end of compartment 10. Portions of compartment 12 are accessed via Raystown Road, Douglas Road, or Ridge Road. Compartment 13 is accessible via Lower Snake Spring Road and a 1-mile-long PGC road is open year-round to the compartment. Access to the southern end of compartment 14 is via a PGC parking area by using a private thoroughfare north of Everett.

Numerous retired logging roads and skid trails provide pedestrian access to the interior portions of this Game Lands. Five roads totaling 9.8 miles are open seasonally to motorized travel. Harvey's Road and Sand Flat Road provide access to disabled hunters in compartments 6 and 7. An additional 22.5 miles of administrative roads closed to motorized travel, as well as 29.5 miles of the Mid-State Trail, provide pedestrian access to most compartments. Four horse / bike routes total 17.25 miles. SGL 073 also is accessible through 16 adjoining properties enrolled in Farm Game Project 154 of the PGC Public Access (a.k.a. Hunter Access) program.

SGL 073 receives a considerable amount of hunting pressure. Deer, bear, and turkey are primary species. Scrub oak and aspen in the Sand Flat area (compartments 7, 10) and young forest in compartment 13 provide grouse coverts. Predator hunting and trapping pressure is minimal, but fisher, coyote, fox, bobcat, and raccoon are present. Other popular nonconsumptive wildlife recreation on SGL 073 includes hiking, biking, fruit gathering, birdwatching, mushroom hunting, and horseback riding. Biking and horseback riding can occur on 4 designated trails.

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 $7,000,000 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 propagations 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.

The future of Pennsylvania's wildlife resources requires the concern, cooperation and financial support of everyone, hunters and non-hunters alike. "Working Together for Wildlife" is the answer. Send your contributions to "Working Together for Wildlife", 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9797.

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