State Game Lands No. 79, comprising 10,593 acres, is located Blacklick, Jackson, and Barr Townships, Cambria County as well as Brush Valley and Buffalo Township, Indiana County in wildlife management units 2C and 2E. Approximately 1.7 miles of Stewarts Run and 0.2 miles of Gillhouser Run, both designated cold water fisheries, flows through SGL 79, and all water within this SGL is part of the Conemaugh watershed, and ultimately flow into the Ohio River.

State game land 079 is located in the Allegheny Mountain section of the Appalachian Plateaus Physiographic Province. The topography of the game land is rolling with some steeper ravines along the watercourses and ranges from 1,400 feet to a high point around 2,500 feet, maintaining this elevation and terrain to the north and to the south.

The Game Commission currently maintains 22 public parking areas on SGL 79. There are 22.1 miles of maintained administrative roads throughout SGL 79, providing for public access to this area by foot. The farthest point on SGL 79 from a parking area or public road is approximately 1 mile by foot. Three administrative roads, totaling 3 miles in length, are open for fall big game season (weather dependent). Otherwise, the roads are currently closed year-round to public motor vehicles and access is controlled with locked gates. The gated roads and rights-of-way provide access by foot for hunters and avenues for hiking, wildlife photography and bird-watching. Hunting opportunities include white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbits. Pheasants are stocked in two locations on this SGL. Furtaking opportunities include raccoon, bobcat, fisher, coyote, fox, and beaver.

The overall goal for SGL 79 is to manage for mixed successional habitat, which will provide ample habitat for generalists such as the white-tailed deer, black bear, and wild turkey while also providing the habitat matrix and juxtaposition necessary for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and a variety of species of greatest conservation need.

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.