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 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.

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 17110-0797.

STATE GAME LANDS
No. 107
JUNIATA & MIFFLIN COUNTIES

State Game Lands (SGL) 107 consists of 8,254 acres in a single tract located in Derry and Decatur townships in southeastern Mifflin County, and Fayette and Fermanagh townships in north-central Juniata County.

State Game Lands 107 is located within the greater Chesapeake Bay Watershed and the Appalachian Mountain Section of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province of Pennsylvania. The Game Lands lies primarily on Shade Mountain and contains several large drainages. The surrounding landscape is characterized by low to moderately high linear ridges and adjacent valleys and is a mixture of agricultural lands, forested ridges and woodlots, and rural communities. Elevations range from about 540 feet above mean sea level along Jacks Creek in compartment 2 to 2,040 feet atop Shade Mountain on the southern tip of compartment 1.

Access is good to many areas of the Game Lands. Remote areas also exist. Back Maitland Road provides access to compartments 1 and 2. From the Arch Rock exit of US Route 22/322, Arch Rock Road provides access to the Game Lands via Hower Gap Road. Hower Gap Road, which becomes Wagner Gap Road in Mifflin County, provides access to compartment 4 via a PG service road that traverses compartments 4, 5, and 6. PG administrative roads and retired haul roads from previous timber sales provide pedestrian access to interior portions of the Game Lands.

A total of 8,132 acres or 98% of SGL 107 is classified as terrestrial forest. SGL 107 is dominated by deciduous forests with interspersed conifer stands, shrublands, and herbaceous areas. Terrestrial herbaceous openings occupy 53 acres. The remaining acreage of SGL 107 is administrative and public-use roadways.

SGL 107 is located entirely in wildlife management unit 4D and provides a variety of hunting opportunities for deer, bear, turkey, and small game including some American woodcock, as well as hunting and trapping opportunities for furbearers. SGL 107 has abundant squirrels and scattered grouse throughout the game lands. Bear inhabit the area but not in abundance. SGL 107 is used by birdwatching enthusiasts and hiking is popular on the many trails. Collecting berries and mushrooms are occasional seasonal activities. Horse back riding and mountain biking are permitted on two designated trails. Allegheny woodrats and several non-game wildlife action plan bird species use this Game Lands.