State Game Lands (SGL) 112 is located in Brady, Miller, and Henderson townships in east-central Huntingdon County and Wayne Township in Mifflin County in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s (PGC) Southcentral Region. This mountainous Game Lands consists of 6,441 acres in four separate tracts. The SGL is situated primarily on two mountain ridges. The two southernmost tracts lie on Jack’s Mountain while the northern tract is located on Stone Mountain. 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 developed areas. Elevations range from approximately 560 feet near the Juniata River to 2,320 feet atop Jack’s Mountain.

Public access is mainly through state routes 22 and 655, and a number of local township roads, including Mill Creek Hollow, Gameland, and Middern Run roads. Seven public parking areas are maintained. Turnouts and gravel shoulders serve as unofficial parking areas and access points throughout. A new bridge across Mill Creek provides foot access from the parking lot in compartment 3. Foot access also is provided through the adjacent Rothrock State Forest, and by the Standing Stone Trail (formerly named the Link Trail).

Big game (deer, bear, and turkey) hunting is the primary draw for SGL 112, although late-season grouse and squirrel hunting also are popular. A number of creeks, runs, and spring seeps provide furtaking opportunities.

Fishing, bird watching, photography, hiking, dog walking, snowshoeing, and autumn leaf watching are other activities that take place in this area. The Standing Stone Trail is a permitted, established, and historic hiking trail located on SGL 112. This trail acts as a link between the Mid-State and Tuscarora trails. The Standing Stone Trail is marked with orange paint and is maintained by members of the Keystone Trails Association. SGL 112 also includes a designated 1.9-mile section of trail open for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders.

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 17110-9797.

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