State Game Land 148 consist of two tracts of approximately 575 acres in rural, southern Lawrence County, extending slightly into northern Beaver County. The Lawrence County portions are in New Beaver Borough and Wayne Township in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Northwest Region (Wildlife Management Unit 1A). The small Beaver County section is in Darlington Township in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Southwest Region. The land purchases were made in 1938, 1939 and 2016.

The game land is easily accessed, the tract located west of SR 18, it is bisected west to east by TR 305 (Possum Hollow Rd.) two of the northwestern corners are touched by SR 3008 (Darlington Rd.). SR4001 (Wampum New Galilee Rd.) runs along the western border of the southern part of SGL 148. Two parking lots are maintained and foot travel is welcome on 1 mile of gated road. The game land contains 1.9 miles of the North Country Scenic Trail beginning on SR 4001, and ending on SR 3008. The farthest interior point from a parking area or gate is .76 miles.

The second tract on the east side of the Beaver River borders SR288 (Wampum Rd.)

SGL 148 is 95% forested, with the majority of the forest cover being red oak-mixed hardwoods. The remaining forest habitat types are listed according to percent of coverage: northern hardwood, tuliptree-beech-maple, black cherry -- northern hardwood, aspen, spruce plantations, mixed mesophytic, mixed hardwood palustrine, mixed species plantations, red maple, pine plantations and miscellaneous forest community.

This SGL is entirely within Wildlife Management Unit 1A. The mixed successional habitat conditions on the SGL provide good hunting and furtaking opportunities. Depending on the season, pressure varies from light to moderate. The principle species hunted are white tail deer, ruffed grouse, and eastern wild turkey. Gray squirrels are hunted to a lesser extent where appropriate habitat exists. Furbearer trapping opportunities include raccoon, red and gray fox, and eastern coyote. There is limited pheasant stocking on this SGL.

Hiking, bird watching and cross-country skiing are lawful recreational activities that occur occasionally on the SGL. All roads are closed year-round to public motor vehicle traffic. The SGL was extensively mined for coal in shallow deep mines, which have subsided in a lot of areas. Some open holes appear from time to time and are closed as they appear.

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 17110-6797.

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