State Game Lands (SGL) 186 is one contiguous tract totaling 967.2 acres located in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Northeast Region. It lies in central Monroe County, in Jackson Township. SGL 186 is 7 air miles west of Stroudsburg. Interstate 80, Interstate 380, and Route 33 provide nearby highway access from all directions. SGL 186 is 43 air miles from the Northeast Regional Office in Dallas.

On a landscape level, SGL 186 lies within a moderately populated residential area. Private woodlots, cultivated agricultural fields, and large residential subdivisions border SGL 186. Also, in close proximity to the game land are two public access cooperators with over 1,000 acres. Approximately 3 miles to northwest is the start of the Pocono Plateau area of Monroe County which includes SGL 38, Big Pocono State Park, and Bethlehem Water Authority which is a continuous land mass of over 40,000 acres.

There are two parking areas that facilitate public access to SGL 186. One lies on the northern boundary off of Golden Slipper Road (State Route 3028). The second is off of Running Valley Road (TR434), a township road that transects SGL 186. All of SGL 186 lies within 1 mile of these existing parking areas. One PGC administrative road crosses SGL 186, providing adequate foot travel through the interior. Several foot trails exist and provide additional access.

SGL 186 lies on the northern edge of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province in the Blue Mountain section. Topography consists of gently undulating upland terrain with xeric slopes and mesic drainages. Elevation ranges from 920 feet where the tributary of Appenzell Creek exits the game land to 1,240 feet along the southern boundary. It is drained by three small watersheds that feed into the Brodhead Creek before ultimately reaching the Delaware River Drainage basin.

The game land lies within WMU 3D. Hunting opportunities exist for whitetail deer, black bear, wild turkey, grouse, and squirrel. Furtaking opportunities include coyote, gray fox, and raccoon.

Hiking, cross country skiing, and bird watching are other lawful activities that occur here. There are no approved horseback or mountain bike trails on this game lands.

The overall goal for SGL 127 is to manage for a diversity of mixed successional habitats with a focused emphasis on both late successional areas and permanent early successional areas. Forest management will strive to increase structural and age class diversity through the implementation of extended rotations along with the initiation of early successional habitat where practical.