State Game Land (SGL) 217 totals 8,087 acres, and is located in Lynn, Heidelberg, and Washington Townships Lehigh County as well as West Penn Township, Schuylkill County and East Penn Township, Carbon County. It is mostly in the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Southeast Region with the exception of the Carbon County portion which is in the Northeast Region and located entirely in WMU 4C. State Game Land 217 is 16 air miles Northwest of Allentown.

Public access to the various portions of the property is adequate. State Route 895 provides access to the north slope of the property, while State Routes 143 and 309 give access to the southern slope. Numerous township routes branch off of the state routes and traverse the Game Lands, providing further access. Parking areas are numerous and scattered along these township roads. Internal service roads and trails provide limited access to the interior of the property. The Appalachian Trail traverses the entire length of the game lands at or near the summit of Blue Mountain.

SGL 217 is in WMU 4C. Deer is the predominate species that is hunted throughout the game lands. Turkey hunting is also a popular activity with spring hunting seeing more hunting pressure than fall. Bears are hunted on the game lands with one or two being harvested most years. There is some small game hunting with squirrels and grouse being the most popular quarry. Fur bearers are hunted on SGL 217, especially foxes and coyotes. There are also ample trapping opportunities, especially along the various access roads.

The Appalachian Trail runs through the center of SGL 217. Because of this, hiking is very popular on this game lands. 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 reintroduce the osprey, river otter, bald eagle, peregrine falcon and provide habitat for other birds and mammals indigenous to the Commonwealth. Construction placement of bluebird houses on State Game Lands provides needed homes for this beautiful songbird. Islands in the Susquehanna River have been set aside as propagations areas for non-game shore birds. Numerous other projects are planned on State Game Lands and other public...