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### **SOUTHWEST REGION ANNOUNCES ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

**BOLIVAR** – The Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Southwest Region announced hunters may encounter several road maintenance projects on State Game Lands (SGLs) throughout the fall hunting season. Some roads that have traditionally been open to seasonal travel will be closed while maintenance occurs.

Infrastructure maintenance is critical to providing the public with increased access into numerous state game lands. Most of the time, that is strategically coordinated to avoid conflicts with major hunting seasons. Due to the complexity and size of the scheduled maintenance projects this fall, though, it will not be possible to avoid conflicts with some hunting seasons on State Game Lands in the Southwest Region.

These road closures and maintenance projects are listed below:

**SGL 120** – Barrons Road (the main SGL access road off Barrons Road, otherwise known as State Route (SR) 3003), Chest and Beccaria Townships, Clearfield County. The closure will continue through the 2022 hunting season and may also impact the beginning of the 2023 season as well. This significant road maintenance project involves widening the existing access road, addressing poor drainage areas, repairing the base, and resurfacing the entire 18,415 linear feet of road. Five existing parking areas will also be improved as part of this project, which is currently under progress.

**SGL 51** – Zebley Flats Road (the main SGL access road off Dunbar Ohiopyle Road, otherwise known as SR 1055), Dunbar and Wharton Townships, Fayette County. The closure will be intermittent and may impact a few days of the upcoming archery season. The initial phase should be completed by Nov. 18, 2022, with the road opening for travel by rifle bear season at the latest. The first phase of the project involves improving the base in low lying areas along 3,912 linear feet of road with onsite stone material.



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SGL 51 Elk Rock Road (the main SGL access road off Kingan Hill Road, known as Township Road 547), Dunbar Township, Fayette County. The closure will begin Oct. 8, 2022, continue through the 2022 hunting season and may impact the beginning of the 2023 season. This significant road maintenance project involves daylighting and widening the existing access road, addressing poor drainage areas, repairing the base, and resurfacing the entire 10,800 linear feet of road.

The contractors will have the roads posted closed in some fashion throughout construction phase of this project. The roads will be posted closed with our new temporary road closure signs as well.

“These road improvement projects may be a minor disruption for hunters this fall hunting season,” said Southwest Region Director Jason Farabaugh. “Although it is an inconvenience for a short time this year, the maintenance will result in significant improvements to the access to these Game Lands for years to come.”

An interactive map of all seasonal roads with their current status is located on the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s website at [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov) under the “State Game Lands” section and “Maps and More” link at the bottom of the homepage, or at the following link: [Seasonal Roads \(arcgis.com\)](http://SeasonalRoads(arcgis.com))

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