Division of Parks and Wildlife

Dome Rock State Wildlife Area Shiloh Plain Fee Title Acquisition

Teller County 41 acres About 7 miles south of the town of Divide and 20 miles west of Colorado Springs

Action Required

Recommend support for the fee title transfer of a 41-acre parcel, at no cost, from Mrs. Louise Bauer to Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Questions and Responses

1. The request materials indicate that the division is requesting conservation and public access easements, while the recommendation letters indicate that the division will take possession of 50 percent interest in a mining claim. What exactly is being acquired under the transaction?

Fee title to 41 acres, including both surface and mineral rights. The land is part of an old patented mining claim. Under this type of mining claim, the federal government passes title of the land to the claimant, making it private land.

2. Who owns the other 50 percent interest in the claim?

A private owner holds the other 50 percent of the mining claim, and this person may be interested in donating the remaining share of the property to CPW in the future.
Capital Development Committee  
November 2018—Property Transaction Proposal  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Parks and Wildlife

**Action Required**  
Pursuant to C.R.S. 33-1-105(3)(a) and C.R.S. 33-10-107(2) recommend to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission support for the Division of Parks and Wildlife’s proposal for a Conservation Easement and an Access Easement.

**General Information**

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**Costs / Source of Funding**

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<th>$0.00</th>
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<td>Spending authority has already been approved for this project in the Long Bill.</td>
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<td>Annual Monitoring and Operation Costs</td>
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* The Division may alter the source of funds for individual acquisitions based on circumstances that arise in the time period prior to closing.

**Summary of Proposal:**

CPW will acquire a 50% undivided real property interest in the property totaling 41 acres, located within the Dome Rock SWA for no monetary consideration. The SWA was acquired in the late 1970’s and provides an important winter habitat for bighorn sheep that face heavy development pressure in the area. The acquisition will establish connectivity between the adjacent Mueller State Park trail system and the Dome Rock SWA trail system. These properties are both very popular with hikers and equestrians. The SWA also offers hunting for turkey and elk.
According to a review of the first map referenced below, the Property lies outside the scope of regions of known or potential geothermal resources. Also, according to a review of the second map referenced below, the Property lies outside the Central Solar Power and the Wind Resource Generation Development areas.


**Mineral Interest Ownership:**
The minerals have never been severed from the property and are as of today owned 100% by the property owners.

Attachments:
- Map
- Concurrence letters
October 1st, 2018

Teller County Board of County Commissioners
112 North A Street
Cripple Creek CO 80813

Re: Donation of inholding within the Dome Rock State Wildlife Area

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to request your support for a project CO Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is presenting to the Capital Development Committee of the Colorado Legislature. Louise Bauer is interested in donating her 50% interest in the Shilo Plain mining claim to Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

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Colorado Parks & Wildlife respectfully requests your approval to move forward with CPW’s acceptance of the 41 acre donation. If you either approve, or do not object to, this transaction, please sign at the bottom of this letter and return it to me at my address below or email to me (frank.mcgee@state.co.us) as soon as it is convenient. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me at 719-227-5218 or my cell phone, 719-439-9634. Colorado Parks & Wildlife thanks you for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank McGee
Area Wildlife Manager
4255 Sinton Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

[Signature]

I support, or do not oppose, this proposal.

Date: October 11, 2018

Teller County Board of County Commissioners
October 1st, 2018

Representative Polly Lawrence
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Donation of inholding within the Dome Rock State Wildlife Area

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Date: 10-23, 2018
October 1st, 2018

Senator Kevin Grantham
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

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I support / do not object to this proposal.

Senator Kevin Grantham

Date: Oct. 26, 2018