



2023 Public Access Land Agreement Scoring & Assessment Form



Instructions: Please utilize the Regional Access Review Committee to evaluate all new applications offered for enrollment AND any existing projects which have been designated for re-enrollment or re-evaluation in collaboration with local PL/PW Council Member. Scores and comments provided will be used to determine which properties will be enrolled, and in what order of priority.

Cooperator/Landowner Name: _____

Location (county/nearest city or town): _____ **FWP Region** _____ (Fisheries | Wildlife)

Review Committee Names: _____

Total public land acreage accessible by proposal: _____ **Total leased acreage:** _____

This property is offered for (circle one):
NEW ENROLLMENT | RE-EVALUATION

The public land for which the PALA is being offered is currently (circle one):
LEGALLY INACCESSIBLE | UNDER-ACCESSIBLE (no existing access point within two miles)

Has research been completed to determine there is no existing right to public access (check one)?
YES date: _____ NO NOT APPLICABLE (DEEDED LAND) UNKNOWN

1. Please circle (1-5) the level of public demand to access the public land in the application. High demand for hunting or fishing opportunity is worth 5 points. Please consider other recreational opportunity being provided as well (camp, hike, bike, etc). 1 3 5 **Score:**

Please explain score:

2. Please circle (0-5) the total number of inaccessible/under accessible public land acres (not just leased) opened through this PALA. See the numbers below for guidance.

1 3 5 **Score:**

Less than or 640= 0 641-1,920 acres = 1 1,921-3,840 acres= 3 3,841 acres- or greater = 5

3. Would the PALA add or improve public access to a Block Management Area or other access/conservation agreement or easement? If yes, add 3 points.

3 **Score:**

Please explain score:

4. Please circle (1-3) the potential for the PALA to improve or enhance local wildlife or fisheries management. For example, this could be gaining access to public land where an elk herd resides or help improve elk management by gaining access to public lands.

1 2 3 **Score:**

Please explain score:

TOTAL POINTS _____ (max 16 points)

5. Describe the **public land** being accessed as it relates to wildlife/fisheries habitat and game/fish populations? Would someone go specifically to that public land to hunt and/or fish through this agreement? Score 0 – 5 points with 5 pts being high quality wildlife or fisheries habitat **and** quality hunting/fishing opportunities. High habitat quality and game opportunities could result in 5 points for hunting access only. Same with fishing access only.

Provide comments to justify your score:

Score:

6. Is there potential of the PALA to reduce an existing landowner/hunter/angler or access conflict? (e.g., game damage, historic access problems, etc.) If there is no current conflict the score is 0. If the PALA would contribute to a landowner/lease conflict, subtract up to 3 points. Score -3 to 3 points with 3pts being high potential to reduce an existing conflict.

Provide comments to justify your score:

Score:

7. What is the potential for high levels of user and landowner satisfaction with this PALA. Score 0 – 3 points with 3 pts being high potential for hunter/angler and landowner satisfaction.

Provide comments to justify your score:

Score:

8. Are there special circumstances or considerations for this potential PALA? For example, the PALA will reduce the safety risk to access the proposed area via public waters. Or is the small acreage very valuable to enroll at a higher rate than the flat rate calculation described on page 3?

Provide comments to justify as to what the special circumstances or considerations are:

SCORE FROM PAGE 1 _____(out of 16 pts)

SCORE FROM PAGE 2 _____(out of 11 pts)

TOTAL SCORE _____(out of 27 pts)

PALA RANKING ORDER AMONGST OTHER AGREEMENTS _____

Public Access Land Agreement Payment Schedule:

FLAT RATE CONTRACT (640 Public Acres or Less):

Flat Rate Calculations for Small Public Land Acreages

If total public land to be accessed (not just leased) is 640 acres-or less use flat rate. Do not add payments below (unless justified on assessment form).

1-160 Acres + \$275 + \$250 Enrollment= \$525.00 Total
 161-320 Acres + \$540 + \$250 Enrollment= \$790.00 Total
 321-640 Acres + \$800 + \$250 Enrollment= \$1,050.00 Total

TOTAL FLAT RATE CONTRACT ANNUAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

REGULAR CONTRACT:

Enrollment Payment: \$250

<p>Is the PALA offering access for hunting or fishing (or both) on the public land being accessed and what is the duration of the proposed agreement? Reduce payment as necessary for limited season length- For example, if the PALA is open 3 fall months (1 Oct- 1 Jan) reduce by \$250.00.</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>\$1,000 for fall hunting only (Sept 1- Jan 1) OR \$1,500 all established hunting seasons (July 1-June 30) OR \$1,500 for year-round fishing only (July 1-June 30) OR \$3,000 for all year-round hunting and fishing seasons (July 1-June 30)</p>
<p>Will the applicant allow access for other uses as permitted on public lands such as camping, biking, birdwatching, hiking, etc.?</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>\$250 - if yes all permitted public land activities allowed \$0 if activities are limited or restricted</p>
<p>Motorized Access Incentive: Is the landowner offering motorized access to the boundary of the public lands? Add payment for motorized access based on type allowed and when.</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>\$150 for fall hunting/fishing season only – game retrieval only/launch only with permission required OR \$350 for fall hunting/fishing season only- open; no permission required OR \$250 for all hunting/fishing seasons (July 1-June 30) with permission required OR \$525 for all hunting/fishing seasons (July 1-June 30); no permission required</p>
<p>Large Contiguous Block of Public Land Incentive: Is the landowner opening a large tract of inaccessible public land? Add payment for large tracts of public land made accessible via proposed PALA.</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>\$500 for 3,841-5,000; \$1,000 for 5,001-7,000; \$3,000 for 7,001-10,000; \$6,000 for 10,001+ total public acres opened</p>
<p>High Public Demand Incentive: Use surrounding BMAs, historic access use or other similar local access opportunity to estimate demand. If use days estimated at 250 days or less, no bonus.</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>Estimated public use days: 251-350 \$1,000; 351+ \$2,000</p>
<p>Contract Term-Length Incentive: Agreement may be up to 10 years- depending upon funding availability.</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>3-years \$500; 5-year \$750; 10-years \$1,000</p>

TOTAL REGULAR CONTRACT BASE PAYMENT: \$ _____

Additional Quality Incentive Payment: Total Scores from Pages 1-2 to Calculate Additional Quality Incentive Payment

<p>21-23 points</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>
<p>24-26 points</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>\$2,000</p>
<p>27 points</p>	<p>add</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>

TOTAL ADDITIVE PAYMENT: \$ _____

TOTAL CONTRACTED PAYMENT (PER YEAR) \$ _____ (cannot exceed \$15,000)

TOTAL PROJECT IMPROVEMENT COST TO FACILITATE PUBLIC ACCESS- Total reimbursement is up to \$1,000/ agreement year. \$ _____

TOTAL LIFETIME PROPOSED PROJECT COST \$ _____

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE FOR APPROVAL TO PROPOSE PAYMENT AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITATE PUBLIC ACCESS TO LANDOWNER _____

Date _____