

FWP Access Program Comparison for PL/PW

	Unlocking Public Lands (UPL)	Public Access Land Agreements (PALA)	Access Public Lands (APL)	Block Management (BMA)	Regional Access Projects (RAP)	Elk Hunting Access Agreement (454)
Acres Enrolled 2021	1,480 (Public)	343,230 (Public)	187,549 (Public) 1,170 (Private)	1,128,030 (Public) 5,934,044 (Private)	46,300 (Public) 28,834 (Private)	399,303 (Private)
Type of Recreation Allowed	all required (as permitted on public lands)	hunt/fish focus, but incentivized for all (as permitted on public lands)	hunt primary focus	hunt only	hunt only	hunt only
Contract Length	annual	annual up to 10 years	limited term or perpetual	annual up to 5 years	annual up to 10 years	annual
Public Access Open	6 mos. & 1 day	Fall and/or spring	dependent upon agreement	all commission established (if enrolled in same fall opportunity)	one species (typically)	elk only
Public land lease required?	yes State parcel; no Federal	yes all public land- if lease exists	no	no	no	no
Inaccessible? (Legally v. Under-accessible)	legally inaccessible	under-accessible (2mi restriction)	under-accessible	N/A	N/A	legally inaccessible
Landowners can enroll in simultaneously	no	yes (except UPL)	yes	yes	yes	yes
Type of compensation	state income tax credit	payment and improvement reimbursement; hunter mgmt.	payment; hunter mgmt.	payment; license benefit; MT outdoors; hunter mgmt.	payment; hunter mgmt.	license, permit or combo of both; limited hunter mgmt.
Amount of compensation	\$750/credit max 3 credits (\$3,000)	up to \$15,000/agreement + improvement costs up to \$1,000/agreement term/year	Negotiated or appraisal value	Up to \$25,000/landowner/year	Negotiated or base portion of BMA impact payment (\$7.80/HD)	license, permit or combo of both set as 1 benefit for 3 public hunters; limited hunter mgmt.
Species/Gender Restrictions	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Season-Length Restrictions	very minimal (e.g., fire danger)	very minimal (e.g., fire danger)	very minimal (e.g., fire danger)	yes	yes	yes
Funding Source	general fund	general FWP license	Home to Hunt (87-2-526)	hunter access earmark and PR	hunter access earmark	N/A
Total Number of Contracts/Projects (2021)	5	41	1 completed	1,432	15	13
PL/PW considerations:		Should FWP be able to reject a PALA application if it doesn't meet access goals?		How should FWP treat public land currently inside BMA boundaries?		
		Should PL/PW continue to review PALA? If so, how many times to review per year?		Should landowners be incentivized for forming an aggregate BMA? If so, how?		
		Should there be a minimum public land acreage?		Should all hunting seasons be available to landowners or fall only?		
		Should FWP seek to adjust current ARM- 2mi restriction & timeline?		Should the \$13/hunter day payment increase? Should there be an annual CPI adjustment?		
		Department recommends legislation to repeal the \$5 PALA application fee		Should cooperators get an elk (or deer) either-sex permit in addition to license benefit?		
				What would be another way to calculate benefits to incentivize quality such as payment for harvest success rates; increased compensation for limited hunter numbers, etc?		