

## 2024-2025 Platte River Recreation Access Subcommittee Minutes

March 31, 2025

1) Public comment- No comment

2) Violations/complaints- Area A had a broken gate from a vehicle accident. During this time the gate was broke, one vehicle (presumably a rec access user) entered the property, drove in past the gate and down the field to drop off equipment. This was reported by an adjacent landowner who saw the headlights in the dark going down the path. Case was referred to NGPC law enforcement. EDO had gate fixed. Another section of fence may have been damaged and should be looked into to ensure other points of vehicle access are not possible.

Area K had repeated survey comments from adjacent landowners who disapprove of the area being open to hunting- they wish to keep it a refuge to hold waterfowl, thereby improving hunting on their property. A large number of fake/illegitimate accounts and reservations were intentionally created in 2024 on this property after reservations were opened to the public. NGPC is tracking IP addresses and will continue investigating the issue. Reservations were canceled upon initial discovery in 2024 and users were notified of the activities in violation of our policies and instructed to re-reserve if their reservations were legitimately created with profiles according to our policies. All users were notified that if the issue persisted, revocation of access and/or removal of the max user number on the site would be considered. The group discussed multiple options for the future to address the issue which is known to be systemic across the properties and increasing as word has spread that there were no consequences. NGPC discussed a new system (Managed Access Program, MAP) they are developing that at a minimum may have components that if applied to PRRRA system, could reduce the issue. These include a required check out and survey after using sites to get reservations back. Reservations could be opened 2-3 days before the reservation date. 2-strike policy of not using site and taking check out survey or account suspended for set amount of time. NGPC to experiment with select site opening reservations on a flexible shorter timeframe for 2025.

4) Area P North South boundary on SW portion of property- Boundary not well marked- discussed option to either add multiple more signs, or clear path and add boundary fence.

5) NEW property additions: Add Area R, PRRIP Lindstrom tract- Parking lot present, needs signage at parking lot and on boundary fence. Proposed open to all recreation access types and seasons. 3 fishing ponds exist- standard NGPC statewide regs. Discussed Northern boundary to Platte River island/center of channel. Proposed the site be open to 3 rifle users during the lottery, 4 non-rifle users remainder of the season.

6) Discrepancy on Hall County assessor's boundary online and legal deeded boundary discovered for Area L. EDO contacted Hall Co. assessor who indicated they would fix the online inaccurate boundary but have yet to complete that. EDO will check back in with them to attempt to remind them and resolve the issue.

7) Area J new adjacent neighboring landowner has constructed tree stand/tower blind facing PRRIP property in a manner that the only shooting path would be onto PRRIP land. PRRRA users noted the stand

being hunted during a day when all reservations were used by other known hunters on Area J. EDO to reach out and contact the landowner to inform of our Program and the ramifications for shooting or harvesting game on PRRA side of fence without reservation.

8) We discussed requests to have an accompanying non-hunting user to aid/help hunter needing special accommodations. Example is someone requiring physical assistance that requests a family member be able to accommodate and assist the user but not carry weapon or be allowed to hunt. Recommendation is to allow waiver be given to individuals who request special accommodation and that the request be situationally handled by NGPC. A note could be added to reservation slip indicating they may request a waiver for individuals needing a special accommodation from NGPC.

9) Discussed plans to incorporate new outdoor outreach and education opportunities. PRRIP hired new contractor to develop and improve all PRRIP outreach and education and as part of that, we anticipate incorporating opportunities on PRRA lands where programs similar to SOAR, or school classes could have events and dedicated outdoor experiences on PRRA lands. Properties could be strategically closed for events. In general, little use during the summer so little conflict. Spring opportunities could be strategic but allow students to take field trips while school is still in session.