

**Colorado Wildlife Habitat Protection Program
2011-12 Timeline**

2011

May 13, 2011	Request for Proposals: first announcement in The Denver Post. Proposal materials available on CDOW's website.
June 22, 2011	Proposals Due
July through Early August	CDOW staff reviews each project and provides scores based on habitat type and/or recreational access; these scores are shared and discussed with Habitat Stamp Committee (HSC). Each CDOW region ranks their proposals. HSC begins its review of all proposals against the HSC criteria. Director, with staff and HSC input, decides which projects will or will not move forward for additional consideration (approximately half). On August 11, the Wildlife Commission is updated on all proposals received.
August 16 – 17	Property owners and partners are notified if their particular proposal is moving forward for additional consideration or not.
Late August	HSC meets to rank remaining projects. The HSC develops its final recommendation, delivered to the Director and Wildlife Commission. Director meets with senior staff to consider projects statewide and develop the staff recommendation on which projects to move forward.
Sept 8	Wildlife Commission considers the Director's recommendations to projects that are or are not moving forward.
Sept 9-12	Property owners and partners whose projects have remained under consideration to this point are notified if their particular proposal is moving forward for additional consideration.
Late September through October	Research is conducted on the remaining projects and the Director's final recommendation is developed on Tier 1, Tier 2 and any remaining projects not recommended for funding. The Director of CDOW considers HSC and staff input, and the results of project research. He develops final recommendations based on RFP criteria with CDOW senior staff input.
October 28	Materials sent to Wildlife Commission
November 10	Projects approved by the Wildlife Commission at their meeting in Yuma. Those approved will move forward into negotiation after January 1, 2012.

November 14 Decision notices go out to property owners and partners by email; follow-up letters and calls begin immediately to those whose proposals had remained in the process to this point.

2012

January 2012 Projects approved by the Wildlife Commission for CDOW negotiation may begin discussions between landowners and CDOW Real Estate staff in January 2012.

Projects will have property values verified by appraisal. Once the project property's full legal description has been received, an appraisal takes 2-4 months to complete.

For projects involving conservation easements held by an entity other than CDOW: The Funding Agreement is sent to the land trust, local government or other "third party" no less than 60 days after the first draft of the conservation easement has been sent.

July 2012 Funding will not be available before July 2012; most projects will close later than that. The exact schedule depends on completion of due diligence and approval of the final transaction by all parties. Closing date must be approved by DOW.