

Upper Delta WMA Gate Closure Protocol

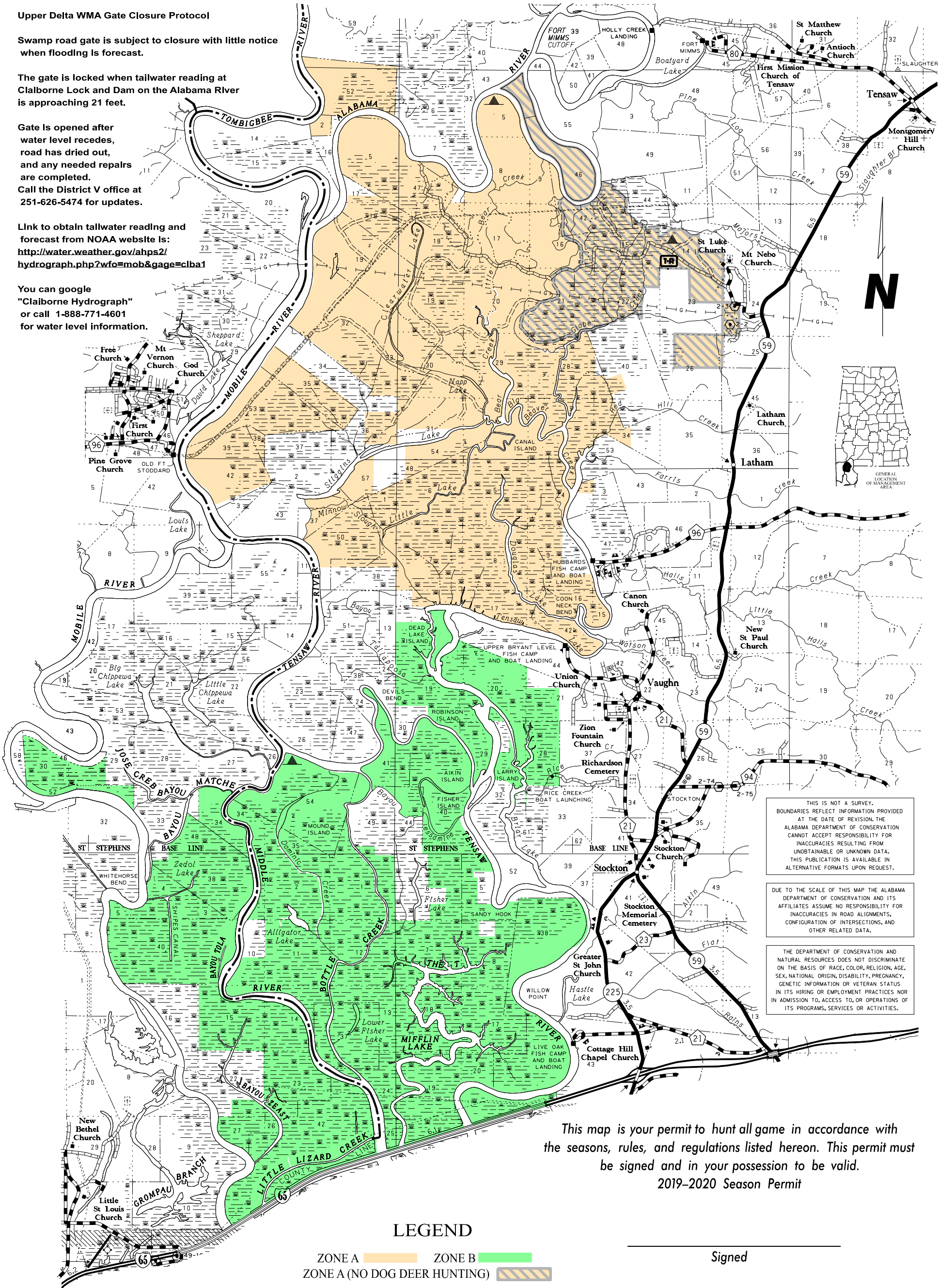
Swamp road gate is subject to closure with little notice when flooding is forecast.

The gate is locked when tailwater reading at Claiborne Lock and Dam on the Alabama River is approaching 21 feet.

Gate is opened after water level recedes, road has dried out, and any needed repairs are completed.
Call the District V office at 251-626-5474 for updates.

Link to obtain tailwater reading and forecast from NOAA website is:
<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=mob&gage=clba1>

You can google "Claiborne Hydrograph" or call 1-888-771-4601 for water level information.



This map is your permit to hunt all game in accordance with the seasons, rules, and regulations listed hereon. This permit must be signed and in your possession to be valid.
2019-2020 Season Permit

LEGEND

ZONE A ZONE B
ZONE A (NO DOG DEER HUNTING)

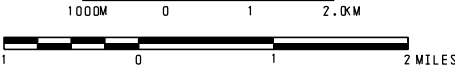
- POWER LINE
- PRIMITIVE ROAD / TRAIL
- UNIMPROVED ROAD
- GRADED AND DRAINED ROAD
- GRAVEL, STONE OR SOIL ROAD
- PAVED STATE ROUTE
- OTHER PAVED ROADS
- CATTLE GUARD
- MARSH AREA
- POWER SUB-STATION
- TOURIST OR TRAILER COURT
- CAMP OR LODGE
- SMALL PARK (SP-STATE; CP-COUNTY)
- YACHT CLUB, MARINA OR FISH CAMP
- ROADSIDE PARK-PICNIC GROUND
- POST OFFICE
- WATER TANK OR STAND PIPE
- CHURCH
- CEMETERY
- CHURCH AND CEMETERY
- DOCK, PIER OR LANDING
- WMA CAMPSITES
- TARGET RANGE

Signed

UPPER DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

PREPARED BY THE
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES
A WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROJECT

SCALE



UPPER DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Baldwin & Mobile Counties)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations - September 2019 - August 2020

PERMITS: A season permit is required for all hunting and is valid for all game species and seasons listed on permit. Permits may be obtained at self-service permit box located on Area off St. Luke Church Road and from the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 30571 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday-Friday, or by writing to the Area Biologist, 30571 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527; Phone 251-626-5474. Include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license number. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. **ALL DEER AND TURKEY HARVESTED MUST BE RECORDED AT SELF-SERVICE CHECK STATION ON AREA OR ON HARVEST RECORDS LOCATED AT, UPPER BRYANTS LANDING, HUBBARD LANDING, BOATYARD LANDING, MOBILE COUNTY RIVER DELTA MARINA, OR MT. VERNON HARDWARE.**

- NOTE:**
- **A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and a wildlife management area permit are required when hunting deer, turkey, or waterfowl on a wildlife management area. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage License (residents only) and WMA permit are required for hunting small game, except waterfowl on wildlife management areas. Nonresidents must possess a wildlife management area license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.**
 - **Youth hunters on youth deer and turkey hunts must be less than 16 years of age. Supervisors must be 21 years old or older, or a parent, and must be properly licensed. Youth must remain within 30 feet of supervisors at all times.**
 - **Individuals ages 16 through 64 that utilize the shooting range on Upper Delta WMA are required to possess a valid Wildlife Heritage License, State hunting license, WMA license, or resident annual freshwater fishing license.**
 - **Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs.**
 - **Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and landowners, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunts at his own risk and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and such landowners shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur.**

HUNTING DATES:

DEER:		
<u>Zones A & B:</u>		
	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 16. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 23. One antlered buck per day.
		Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 13-14. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Dog)	Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 6-7, and Dec. 27-28 One antlered buck per day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Jan. 17-19. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15-24. Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Antlered bucks only on antlered bucks only gun hunts. No archery hunting on Nov. 16 Youth Deer Hunt.
<u>Zone A:</u>	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 3-5 and Jan. 31-Feb. 2. One antlered buck per day.
<u>Zone B:</u>	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Buck Only: Jan. 6-12 and Jan. 24-26. One antlered buck per day.
	(Dog)	Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 25-30 . One antlered buck per day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
<u>Zones A & B:</u>		
TURKEY:	(Youth)	Mar. 14 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 20 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	Mar. 21 – May 3 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
WATERFOWL:	Zone A:	State Season (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.). No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts.
	Zone B:	State Season (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.).
DOVE:		State Season (Saturdays only). No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sep. 14 - Mar. 8. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February.
SNIPE:		State Season. No hunting days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
WOODCOCK:		State Season. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts.
CROW:		Sep. 1 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and PW deer hunts.
FOX, RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sep. 1- Feb. 29 (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts.
		Fox hunting; Dogs only - No weapons.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:		Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):		Nov. 2 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS: *Deer* - Bucks only hunts with bare antlers visible above natural hairline - 1 a day (3 per season one of which must have four points on one side); *Hunters’ Choice* (either sex deer) - 2 a day only, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck; *Waterfowl* - see federal regulations; *Dove* -15 a day; *Squirrel* - 8 a day; *Rabbit* - 8 a day; *Snipe* - 8 a day; *Raccoon* - 5 per person per day; *Opossum* - No Limit; *Woodcock* - 3 a day; *Turkey* (Gobblers only) -1 a day (5 per season); *Feral Hog* - No limit.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

Deer:	<i>Stalk Hunts:</i>	As defined in Alabama Regulations legal arms and ammunition in 220-2-.02(2), (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.
	Dog Hunts:	Buckshot Only.
	Primitive Weapons:	Using only muzzle loading rifles (.40 caliber or larger), muzzle loading shotguns, air-powered guns (.30 caliber or larger) or archery equipment as defined in 220-2-.03.
Turkey:		As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols or crossbows allowed.
Remainder of Seasons:		Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.
Trapping:		As Defined in 220-2-.30(1), except no .22 magnums are allowed.
Falconry will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers; following the dates those seasons are open on each AREA.		

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps, or bow and arrow, except bow fishing equipment from Mar. 1-Aug. 31, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled management and refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.
2. To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting (Leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).
3. To use dogs for hunting, training, or any purpose from end of small game season until August 31.
4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied by a properly licensed adult who is either 21 years old or older or the parent.
5. For any person to possess or to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms (including pistols) with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. See (23) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
6. To camp in the management area except in designated sites. Individuals or groups may camp in designated areas for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any 30-day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.
7. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting
8. To discharge fireworks at any time.
9. To discharge firearms for target practice except on the designated target range.
10. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church or from within the right-of-way of any developed road which is open to vehicular traffic (standers hunting the roads on Geneva and Upper Delta WMAs are allowed during scheduled dog deer hunts).
11. **To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.**
12. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any licensed or unlicensed motor driven vehicle on any wildlife management area (WMA) except on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic.
13. For any person to hunt any wildlife species (except turkey, migratory birds and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) without wearing the minimum requirement of hunter orange as described in 220-2-.85.
14. To possess, deposit, distribute, or scatter grain/corn, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area.
15. For any person to damage or remove any trees, plants, dirt, gravel, or sod from management area without legal authorization.
16. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on management area.
17. To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.
18. To cast a light of any kind, either hand held, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise between the hours of sunset and sunrise except in areas where the state law is more restrictive. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.
19. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under, or around any locked gate, barricaded road, or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.
20. For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
21. To operate any motor driven vehicle on power line or gas line rights-of-way.
22. To hunt any wildlife from floodwater except waterfowl.
23. Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for the personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
24. **Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**

WMA is provided by the Wildlife Section of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Forever Wild Land Trust.