Why? (Short and Sweet)

- Hunting is a vital aspect of our lives and our community
- Significant contributor to our economy
- A bigger issue on a state and national scale
The Math

- 950 hunters accessed the property last year
- 4500 recreational days for hunting
- $50 per recreation day = $225,000
- Numbers are conservative estimates based on CPW Stats and input from local officers
History

- 1980 land sell. Stipulated that properties known as the Girls Claims be open for 25 years.
- 2005 the land was set to close
- Shell Lease – 10 years agreement
- EnCana was always shaky, but stayed open
Where we are today...

- On line we have had 450 members join
- Survey has been taken by over 320
- Letter of support from county commissioners
- Over 50 community members attended the public meeting in support of retaining access
### How we compare

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<td>Total Acres</td>
<td>66,000,000</td>
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<td>Fed + State lands</td>
<td>26,000,000</td>
<td>32,473,000</td>
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<td>Public land ratio</td>
<td>35.91%</td>
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<td>Population</td>
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<td>Leased Access (without state owned land)</td>
<td>247,000</td>
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<td>2011 USFWS sportsman participation report</td>
<td>826,000</td>
<td>300,000</td>
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<td>% residents who hunt and fish</td>
<td>15.58%</td>
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May Wildlife Commission Meeting

- May 3rd and 4th

- Courtyard Marriott – Grand Junction
  765 Horizon Drive
  Grand Junction, CO 81506
  970.263.4414

- Access YES Pilot Program – Possible Path?