

POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES - PUBLIC ACCESS

POLICY

In all public land disposals and land management the borough and state will strive to maintain access to important public resources, including areas for mineral exploration, timber harvest, trails, streams, hunting and fishing areas, and other important recreation lands.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

1. Land Disposals

Access to important public resources should be maintained or improved during land disposals. Section line easements will not be vacated unless appropriate substitute access can be located.

However, the location of realistic substitute access is encouraged. The substitution can be in the form of trail easement but in cases where heavy use is expected, access should be through publicly owned corridors. Determination of the adequacy of substitute access should involve consultation with the Division of Parks and Department of Fish and Game.

2. Stream Crossings

See Policies and Management Guidelines; River and Stream Corridors, this chapter.

3. Sub-surface Development

Trail and road access to recreation, fish and wildlife, and other public resources should be maintained or improved during sub-surface development. Access should be designed to minimize the potential for trespass, vandalism, or other public nuisance in mining areas.

4. Forestry Management

Public access within forest lands may be curtailed during periods of active timber harvest.