

The Board of Trustees
of the
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

- New Policy* *Amends Policy No.* *Repeals Policy No. 96-05*

Policy Statement No. 2005-02

*Subject: Hunting and Recreational
Access to Trust Lands*

The Board of Trustees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration met in open, public session on February 10, 2005, and by majority vote declares the following to be an official policy of the Board:

The Board of Trustees supports the agreement between the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (Administration) dated September 25, 1997, concerning access by hunting and fishing licensees to school and institutional trust lands. The Board of Trustees recognizes that DWR does not represent all public recreational users of trust lands, but believes that this agreement represents a large step forward in the resolution of the access issue. The negotiated agreement is based upon the following principles:

1. The agreement shall only grant access for hunting, trapping, fishing, and wildlife viewing on school and institutional trust lands, except those specifically closed for other surface or mineral uses (as determined by the Director) for all hunting, fishing, and habitat licensees licensed by DWR during the appropriate season in accordance with applicable laws.
2. DWR shall pay the Administration a base amount of \$200,000 per year, plus CPI increases, for the access rights granted by the agreement, on or before the end of the first fiscal quarter each year. The Administration may, but is not obligated to, accept full or partial payment of the annual fee in the form of services by DWR.
3. The parties shall cooperate in seeking an additional general fund appropriation from the legislature for access to trust lands by the general public.
4. The agreement is for an initial term of 10 years, subject to possible early termination pursuant to Paragraph 9 below.
5. The agreement shall preclude the creation of Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMU's) on school and institutional trust lands for its term.

6. The Administration shall continue to pursue revenue generation from the development of recreational and other uses on trust lands, pursuant to management needs and direction, other than that proscribed in Paragraph 5 above.
7. The agreement shall not, in any way, diminish or affect the Administration's ability to seek other temporary or permanent uses of the surface or mineral estate nor otherwise affect or diminish the authority and jurisdiction of the Administration over any of the school and institutional trust lands, except as stated in Paragraph 5 above.
8. The agreement shall not transfer any management or decision-making authority.
9. The Administration may terminate the agreement for nonpayment of the agreed-upon sum upon thirty (30) days' written notice or at any time during the term of the agreement by providing notice prior to the annual payment.