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# INTRODUCTION

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## Scope and Acknowledgements

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W.S. 28-8-107(b) authorizes the Legislative Service Office to conduct program evaluations, performance audits, and analyses of policy alternatives. Generally, the purpose of such research is to provide a base of knowledge from which policymakers can make informed decisions.

In May 2002, the Management Audit Committee directed staff to undertake a review of the Game & Fish Department's Private Lands Public Wildlife Access Program (PLPW). PLPW consists of four programs: the Walk-in Area, Hunter Management, AccessYes, and Habitat Enhancement programs. The Committee requested an assessment of basic information explaining PLPW's history, performance, and accountability. The Committee also requested an evaluation of operational and policy challenges the program faces.

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