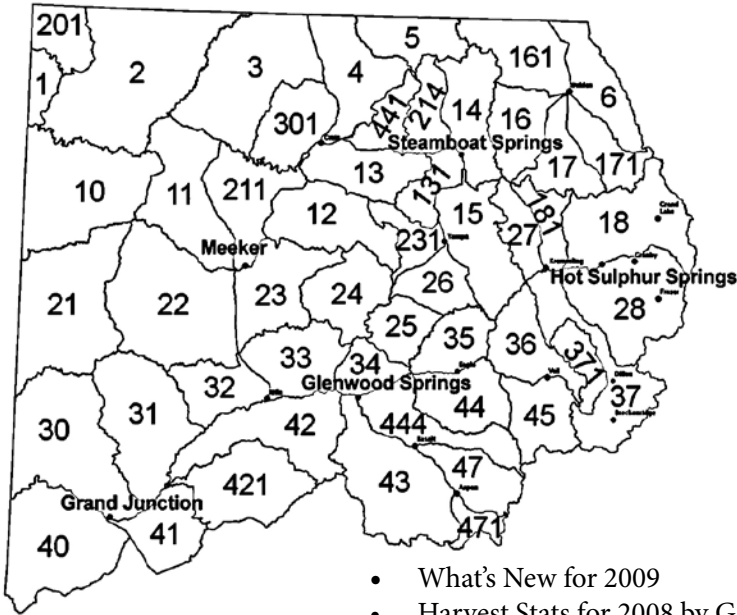


# 2009-2010 Big Game Hunting in Northwest Colorado



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## ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

This booklet is intended to provide a generalized overview of big game hunting in Northwest Colorado.

This book is NOT a legal document. For specific details on regulations, restrictions, licenses and applications, please refer to the *2009 Colorado Big Game* brochure. For a full legal document, you can view general and big game regulations on our web site at [www.wildlife.state.co.us](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us).

The data in this booklet is provided to help hunters with making hunting decisions. While this data is also utilized in management of game populations, it is not the ONLY data the Colorado Division of Wildlife uses. For example, aerial survey data varies widely based on factors such as weather conditions, time spent in the air, and time of day. That's why biologists utilize harvest data, game damage claims, landowner reports, advanced computer modeling, on-the-ground knowledge, and other information in establishing herd objectives and population estimates.

Good luck with your hunt and remember:  
**Safe hunting is no accident!**

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Thanks also to the DOW GIS unit for providing the maps used in this booklet. Information depicted is for reference purposes only and is compiled from the best available sources. Reasonable efforts have been undertaken to assure the accuracy of all maps.

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## NEW IN THIS BOOKLET

This year, we've added new sections with information about moose and black bear hunting in northwest Colorado. See pages 40-43 for that information.

Also, we've added a three-year average column when reporting hunter success rates. That way one-year spikes or drops in hunter success will be moderated a bit. If the previous year was abnormally good or bad... you'll be able to see what a typical year looks like.

## NEW FOR 2009

### *Moose In the Flattops and Moose Hunting on the Grand Mesa*

Moose have been reintroduced to the Flattops east of the community of Meeker. Hunters in the White River National Forest, Flattops Wilderness Area and surrounding private lands should be careful to prevent the accidental take of a moose. Identify your target.

Years of waiting have paid off for hunters looking for moose hunting opportunities in western Colorado. For the first time, moose licenses are available on the Grand Mesa. Only two bull licenses were awarded in 2009, but the herd that was first re-introduced by the Division of Wildlife in 2005 is continuing to grow and additional hunting opportunities are expected in the coming years. Elk hunters are reminded to be sure of their target in order to prevent the accidental take of moose.

#### **MOOSE CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT WESTERN COLORADO!**

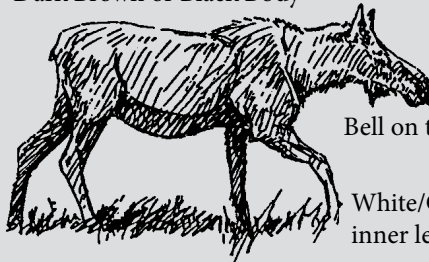
Moose spend considerable time in forested areas, as well as along streams.

The fine for illegally killing & abandoning a moose starts at \$1,370.

Take care not to mistake a moose for an elk.

#### **Know your target!**

Dark Brown or Black Body Cow Moose



Bell on throat

White/Gray  
inner legs

# ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS

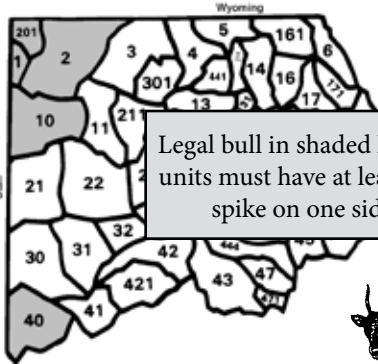
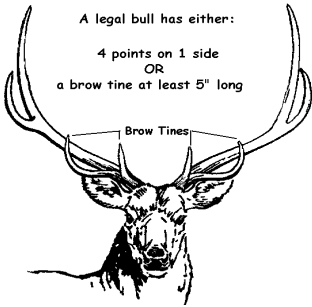
## DEER



**Spike Buck  
(at least 5")**

All buck (antlered) deer harvested in northwest Colorado must have at least one 5" spike.

## ELK



Legal bull in shaded limited units must have at least a 5" spike on one side.

# UNLIMITED BULL ELK LICENSES

Over the counter bull elk licenses are available to non-resident and resident hunters in northwest Colorado.

The map below shows where these licenses are valid.

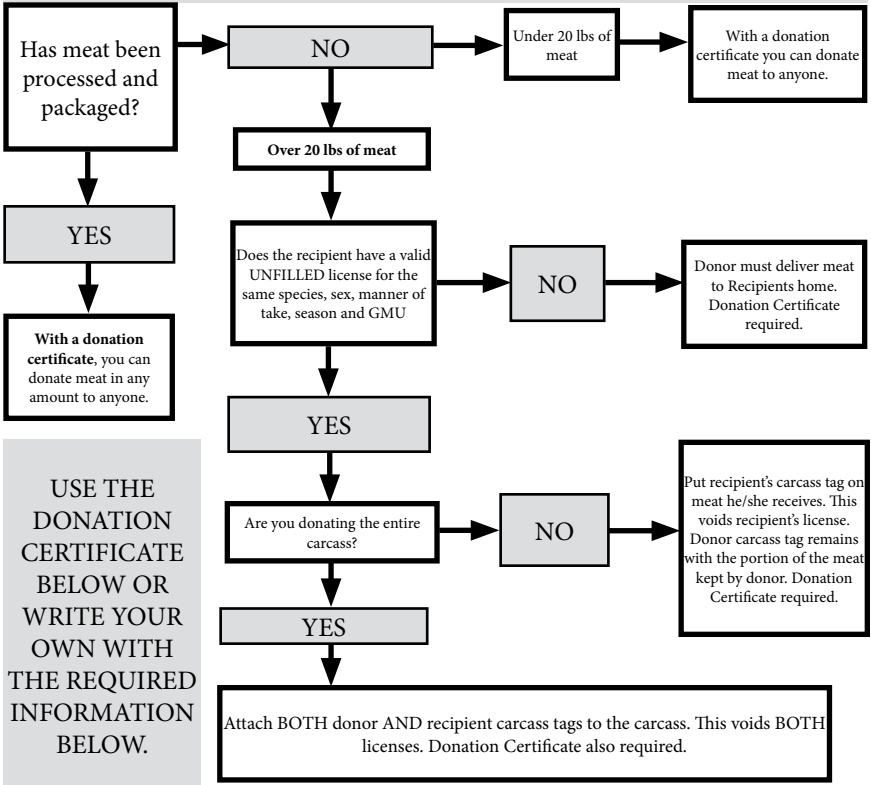


**LIMITED UNITS - Draw Only**  
You may NOT hunt in these areas with an over-the-counter license

**ARCHERY RESTRICTION**  
Rifle hunters may hunt in these areas with an over-the-counter license, however archery over-the-counter license holders may only hunt on private land in these units.

**UNLIMITED UNITS**  
Hunters with an unlimited bull elk license (archery or rifle) may hunt in these units.  
Remember: You must still have permission to hunt private land.

# DONATING GAME MEAT



USE THE DONATION CERTIFICATE BELOW OR WRITE YOUR OWN WITH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW.

## STATE OF COLORADO

GAME DONATION CERTIFICATE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor name \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Address \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient name \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Address \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of game donated \_\_\_\_\_

Number/Weight of donation \_\_\_\_\_

The above mentioned game and/or fish was legally taken on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

using hunting license # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Make two copies - one for donor, one for recipient

## ATV and OHV

Colorado law allows local and state law enforcement officers to write citations for off-highway vehicle (OHV) users who are violating federal travel rules. This means that wildlife officers can write tickets to OHV users who are riding in closed areas or designated wilderness areas. As a rider, it's your responsibility to know the roads, trails and areas where you legally can ride.

OHV users riding in a closed area face fines of \$100 dollars. If the violation takes place while hunting, fishing or trapping, the user will be penalized 10 points against hunting and fishing privileges. Violations in federal wilderness areas are \$200 fines and 15 points.

OHV users on public lands should consult with the appropriate land management agency to obtain information about travel management. Once you have determined your hunting area, contact the local office of the US Forest Service (USFS) or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to obtain a travel map.



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All OHVs (*ATVs, dune buggies, unlicensed motorcycles*) operated on public lands in Colorado must be registered or permitted for Colorado use. Residents must register OHVs annually. **Non-residents wishing to use an OHV in Colorado must obtain a \$25 Colorado permit from Colorado State Parks. Your home state registration is no longer valid in Colorado.** Resident registration is available at any Colorado State Parks location. Non-resident permits are available at State Parks offices or where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

For more information on OHV regulations contact Colorado State Parks.

**303-791-1920**

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# UNDERSTANDING HARVEST STATS & HERD RATIOS

Ever see a baseball player with a .125 batting average hit a home run? Ever see a ‘can’t miss’ stock take a plunge? Ever hunt a unit with a 100% success rate and not see any deer? If you’re nodding your head to any of these scenarios then you’re one of the people who knows that statistics are a good guide, but they aren’t a guarantee. So, here’s a guide to help make sense of these stats.

| AGE & SEX RATIOS |          |                      |                       |                      |                        |                         |
|------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Herd             | GMUs     | Buck:Doe<br>Observed | Buck:Doe<br>Objective | Fawn:Doe<br>Observed | Population<br>Estimate | Population<br>Objective |
| <b>A</b>         | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b>             | <b>D</b>              | <b>E</b>             | <b>F</b>               | <b>G</b>                |

**A** Herd Name - A herd is generally defined as the area where a group of animals spends the entire year. A herd area includes winter range, transition range, migratory corridors, fawning and calving areas and summer range.

**B** Game Management Units - geographic areas within a herd area. Herds may use many GMUs or a single GMU. Because herd areas and the booklet chapters don’t always overlap cleanly on a map, you may see that an area in this booklet may have multiple herds or herds may be split by multiple areas in the booklet.

**C** The ratio of male animals to female animals, reported as the number of bucks or bulls to every 100 does or cows.

**D** The ratio of male animals to female animals that the DOW is trying to obtain. This is the goal that optimizes the herd as a quality herd (producing more ‘trophy’ type bucks and bulls), an opportunity herd (producing more hunting

opportunity) or something in between.

**E** The ratio of young to female animals, reported as the number of fawns or calves to every 100 does or cows. This ratio is one indicator of the reproductive health of the herd.

**F** This is the current year estimate of the size of the herd. As it is impossible to physically count every animal, the estimate is derived through computer modeling, on-the-ground observation, harvest data and other factors. To account for data fluctuations, the DOW is moving to expressing these estimates as a range instead of an exact number.

**G** This is the population that the DOW is trying to achieve. This number is based on herd plans (called “DAU Plans” internally) that are developed through a public participation process. The herd objective is set to try and balance concerns of interested parties, which may range from agricultural damage to hunter preference.

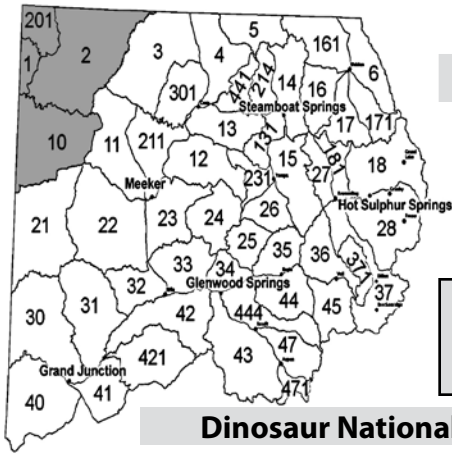
## Harvest Stats

Looking for an early or late hunt that you can’t find in the booklet? Because space is limited in the booklet, we generally only include the major seasons (archery, muzzleloader and four rifle seasons). In units where early or late seasons are critical, we’ve tried to list those numbers. Additional harvest stats can be found on our web site at [www.wildlife.state.co.us](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us).

Have you ever harvested an animal in a unit, then noticed a zero-percent success rate in the following year’s statistics for that unit? While rare, it’s actually possible. It’s the kind of occurrence that highlights the limitations of statistics. When reading the harvest stats, it’s important to keep in mind that the statistics are derived utilizing statistical sampling techniques. With more than 300,000 hunting licenses sold in Colorado each year, it’s impossible to contact every hunter. So a statistical sample is matched with license sales data and an estimate of hunter numbers and hunter success is established.

For that same reason, in some smaller units you may not see any data reported for a season in which you participated. There are instances where not enough hunters respond to our survey inquiries and therefore it isn’t possible to report any data.

Also keep in mind that past performance doesn’t necessarily guide future success. Warm weather during the previous year may have limited harvest. Cold and snowy weather may have sent hunters home early the previous year, limiting the harvest. You may have better conditions. A forest fire or other event may have disrupted an area the last year. Don’t automatically assume that poor previous results mean a unit is a bad place to hunt, and vice-versa. To compensate for some of those factors that might skew harvest dramatically higher or lower in a unit, we’ve added a three year hunter success average column.



# GREEN RIVER

## GMU

1, 2, 10, 201

CWD has been detected in GMU 10

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**Meeker (970) 878-6090**

### Dinosaur National Park is closed to all hunting

In this area, 9,700' Diamond Mountain is the highest point, dropping to 5100' elevation at the White River. Sage and sage-grassland dominate, with the typical vegetation groups as the elevation increases. Weather is generally mild through the later seasons, though the higher elevations can have significant snow accumulations. Public land accounts for more than 85% of GMU 201. GMU 2 is a 'checker-board' of public and private land, and GMU 10 is mostly BLM land with a lot of scattered private land. Consult a map and be aware of where you are. GMU 1 has poor access into the rough, rocky terrain and into the wilderness area. You must draw a license to hunt the Green River units, and it can take many years of preference points. Hence, the hunting pressure is typically light.

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| AREA MAPS       | BLM Canyon of Lodore<br>BLM Rangely   |
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.rangely.com">www.rangely.com</a>  |
| SHOOTING RANGES | Craig - Bears Ears Sportsmans Club<br>Contact: Jack Garcia (970) 824-8376<br>300-yard rifle and handgun range for members. Open to the public the first Sunday and Monday of each month. Also open during daylight hours, the Thursday and Friday prior to each big game season for hunter sight-in. For more information, pick up brochures at the Craig Sportsman's Center. |

### DEER

Deer are scattered throughout GMUs 2, 10 & 201. If there is winter range migration, it is usually during 3rd season. Deer in GMU 1 tend to stay at the south & north ends of Brown's Park Refuge. The average good buck in GMUs 2 and 201 measures 24-26". There are trophy bucks in GMU 10, however they tend to have tall versus wide antlers. Hunt the brush-covered areas, high elevations early in the season, lower elevations later.

### ELK

300+ size bulls are common. The elk tend to stay put over the seasons. Movement is weather dependent. Overall, elk are scattered in GMUs 2, 10, 201 and the northern portion of GMU 1. We recommend Blue Mountain and Moosehead Mtn in GMU 10, but be prepared for rough terrain. When hunting GMUs 2 or 201 - hold out for a good bull - the average size is around 305. In GMU 2, try the SW corner. In GMU 1, try Hoy Draw & Chokeycherry Draw.



# GREEN RIVER

## 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER         |           |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd         | GMUs      | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Little Snake | 1, 2, 201 | 45.96:100         | 15:100             | 71.9:100          | 1,651               | 13,500               |
| Rangely      | 10        | 28.5:100          | 25:100             | 25.3:100          | 5,560               | 7,000                |

| ELK          |        |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|--------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd         | GMUs   | Bull:Cow Observed | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Cold Springs | 2, 201 | 88.2:100          | 40:100             | 49.9:100          | 1,806               | 950                  |
| Green River  | 1      | 17:100            | 30:100             | 43.8:100          | 150                 | 170                  |
| Blue Mtn     | 10     | 29.3:100          | 40:100             | 38.5:100          | 1,128               | 1,200                |

## 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 1    | Muzzle    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 2             | 0         | 0      |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 4    | 0   | 0    | 4             | 6             | 67        | 84     |
| 2    | Archery   | 2    | 0   | 0    | 2             | 2             | 100       | 64     |
|      | Muzzle    | 2    | 0   | 0    | 2             | 3             | 67        | 83     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 9    | 0   | 0    | 9             | 13            | 69        | 91     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 3             | 100       | 90     |
| 10   | Archery   | 2    | 0   | 0    | 2             | 3             | 67        | 32     |
|      | Muzzle    | 1    | 0   | 0    | 1             | 9             | 11        | 52     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 29   | 0   | 0    | 29            | 45            | 64        | 77     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 33   | 0   | 0    | 33            | 43            | 77        | 83     |
| 201  | Archery   | 4    | 0   | 0    | 4             | 4             | 100       | 56     |
|      | Muzzle    | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 3             | 100       | 63     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 15   | 0   | 0    | 15            | 15            | 100       | 87     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 6    | 0   | 0    | 6             | 6             | 100       | 100    |

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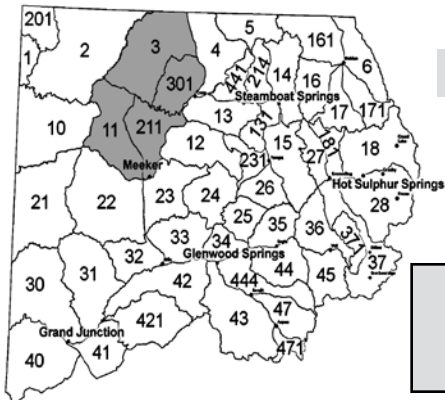
# GREEN RIVER

## 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 1    | Archery   | 1    | 0   | 0    | 1             | 6             | 17        | 17     |
|      | Muzzle    | 4    | 1   | 0    | 5             | 8             | 63        | 32     |
|      | Early     | 9    | 0   | 0    | 9             | 14            | 64        | 77     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 4    | 0   | 0    | 4             | 21            | 19        | 21     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 0    | 17  | 5    | 22            | 38            | 58        | 61     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 0    | 6   | 0    | 6             | 30            | 20        | 23     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 2   | 0    | 2             | 26            | 8         | 24     |
| 2    | Archery   | 6    | 4   | 0    | 10            | 12            | 83        | 73     |
|      | Muzzle    | 8    | 1   | 2    | 11            | 18            | 61        | 43     |
|      | Early     | 26   | 5   | 0    | 31            | 40            | 78        | 88     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 0    | 41  | 2    | 43            | 109           | 39        | 37     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 0    | 23  | 2    | 25            | 64            | 39        | 45     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 0    | 69  | 6    | 75            | 148           | 51        | 49     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 66  | 3    | 69            | 176           | 39        | 40     |
| 10   | Archery   | 10   | 0   | 0    | 10            | 16            | 63        | 40     |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 4   | 2    | 6             | 9             | 67        | 80     |
|      | Early     | 31   | 0   | 0    | 31            | 36            | 86        | 94     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 2    | 18  | 0    | 20            | 35            | 57        | 55     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 4    | 8   | 1    | 13            | 33            | 39        | 30     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 0    | 39  | 0    | 39            | 76            | 51        | 49     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 64  | 0    | 64            | 167           | 38        | 48     |
| 201  | Archery   | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 8             | 38        | 57     |
|      | Muzzle    | 7    | 6   | 2    | 15            | 17            | 88        | 65     |
|      | Early     | 23   | 0   | 0    | 23            | 26            | 88        | 94     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 0    | 13  | 0    | 13            | 17            | 76        | 51     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 0    | 31  | 4    | 35            | 62            | 56        | 47     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 0    | 10  | 1    | 11            | 24            | 46        | 36     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 20  | 1    | 21            | 46            | 46        | 44     |

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# LOWER YAMPA

## GMU

3, 11, 211, 301

CWD has been detected in these units

**LOCAL DOW OFFICE**  
**Meeker (970) 878-6090**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| AREA MAPS       | BLM Craig<br>BLM Meeker   |
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.craig-chamber.com">www.craig-chamber.com</a><br><a href="http://www.meekerchamber.com">www.meekerchamber.com</a>  |
| SHOOTING RANGES | <p>Craig - Bears Ears Sportsmans Club<br/>         Contact: Jack Garcia (970) 824-8376</p> <p>300-yard rifle and handgun range for members. Open to the public the first Sunday and Monday of each month. Also open for hunter sight-in during daylight hours the Thursday and Friday prior to each big game season. For more information, pick up brochures at the Craig Sportsman's Center.</p> |
|                 | <p>Meeker Sportsman's Club<br/>         Contact: Hal Pearce (970) 878-6008</p> <p>Hunter sight-in Thursdays and Fridays prior to each big game season. Look for more information on flyers around town. Public is welcome to shoot in other organized events. Memberships are \$20 per family and include full use of range, including archery, trap, rifle and pistol.</p>                       |

The Lower Yampa units lie south of Wyoming, bordered by the White River and the Little Snake River. The lower elevations of 6,000' consist of sage and sage steppe. Pinyon and juniper cover the upper elevations up to 8,500'. Expect zero to light snow cover in 1st & 2nd seasons. The later seasons may bring moderate snow and a potential for near zero temperatures. If the weather is mild, deer and elk will not be present in high numbers until the later seasons. Overall access is easy and 4WD is not necessary in most areas. Hunting pressure is heavy. Outside of GMU 301, 70 percent of the Lower Yampa is public land.

### DEER

The herd size is increasing. The mid-range elevations with mountain shrub and pinyon-juniper breaks generally hold the most deer, especially during the regular rifle seasons. Movement occurs with weather and hunting pressure. We recommend Bitterbrush SWA and Axial Basin CRM. Public land hunting is typically better in the later seasons. The better buck hunting is on private land with a moderate to high chance for trophy buck.

### ELK

The large elk herd occupies all available habitat. The later seasons are usually better, especially on public land, due to snow and hunting pressure pushing the elk out of the adjacent units. The success rate is very good on late cow elk hunts. Axial Basin CRM is a hot spot for hunting, but crowding is significant. The best bull hunting will be on private lands.

# LOWER YAMPA

## 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER        |                                       |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd        | GMUs                                  | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Bears Ears  | 3,301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14             | 19.88:100         | 22:100             | 75.5:100          | 41,023              | 37,800               |
| White River | 11, 211, 12, 22, 23, 24, 13, 131, 231 | 18.7:100          | 22:100             | 48.3:100          | 69,643              | 67,500               |

## 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |      |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YR |
| 3    | Archery   | 8    | 5   | 0    | 13            | 88            | 15        | 25   |
|      | Muzzle    | 5    | 0   | 4    | 9             | 21            | 43        | 48   |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 295  | 214 | 24   | 533           | 977           | 55        | 66   |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 203  | 181 | 10   | 394           | 699           | 56        | 73   |
|      | 4th Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 14            | 21        | 62   |
| 11   | Archery   | 8    | 0   | 0    | 8             | 25            | 32        | 23   |
|      | Muzzle    | 13   | 13  | 0    | 26            | 64            | 41        | 41   |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 198  | 109 | 7    | 314           | 785           | 40        | 53   |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 109  | 99  | 17   | 225           | 506           | 44        | 72   |
|      | 4th Rifle | 6    | 0   | 0    | 6             | 9             | 67        | 71   |
| 211  | Archery   | 0    | 6   | 0    | 6             | 37            | 16        | 22   |
|      | Muzzle    | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7             | 55            | 13        | 21   |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 141  | 47  | 7    | 195           | 493           | 40        | 54   |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 131  | 47  | 10   | 188           | 427           | 44        | 65   |
|      | 4th Rifle | 13   | 0   | 0    | 13            | 20            | 65        | 79   |
| 301  | Archery   | 16   | 0   | 0    | 16            | 42            | 38        | 54   |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 7   | 0    | 7             | 16            | 44        | 39   |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 216  | 137 | 16   | 369           | 611           | 60        | 68   |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 252  | 79  | 10   | 341           | 522           | 65        | 72   |
|      | 4th Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 12            | 25        | 57   |

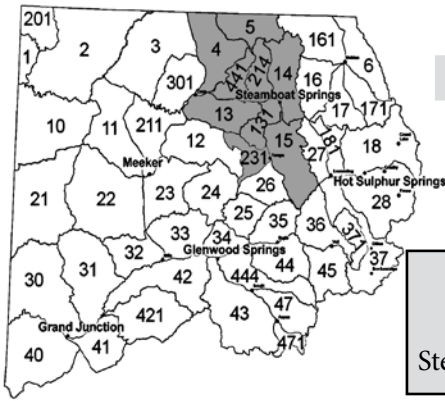
# LOWER YAMPA

## 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| ELK         |   |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|-------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd        | GMUs  | Bull:Cow Observed | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Bears Ears  | 3, 301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14                        | 21.8:100          | 20-25:100          | 47.6:100          | 15,876              | 15,000-18,000        |
| White River | 11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34 | 24.9:100          | 22-27:100          | 49.6:100          | 38,080              | 32,000-38,000        |

## 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 3    | Archery   | 26   | 4   | 0    | 30            | 143           | 21        | 12     |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 3   | 0    | 3             | 15            | 20        | 14     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 73   | 106 | 11   | 190           | 461           | 41        | 36     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 4    | 8   | 0    | 12            | 587           | 2         | 14     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 50   | 25  | 0    | 75            | 1012          | 7         | 13     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 731           | 0         | 8      |
| 11   | Archery   | 16   | 4   | 0    | 20            | 145           | 14        | 11     |
|      | Muzzle    | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 23            | 13        | 20     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 115  | 169 | 50   | 334           | 833           | 40        | 34     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 84   | 14  | 9    | 107           | 676           | 16        | 25     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 79   | 30  | 6    | 115           | 988           | 12        | 21     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 55   | 38  | 12   | 105           | 779           | 13        | 31     |
| 211  | Archery   | 53   | 20  | 0    | 73            | 308           | 24        | 30     |
|      | Muzzle    | 20   | 3   | 0    | 23            | 43            | 53        | 42     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 62   | 41  | 8    | 111           | 210           | 53        | 44     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 95   | 31  | 0    | 126           | 608           | 21        | 31     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 95   | 30  | 0    | 125           | 866           | 14        | 17     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 47   | 39  | 0    | 86            | 424           | 20        | 21     |
| 301  | Archery   | 4    | 0   | 0    | 4             | 65            | 6         | 8      |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 6             | 0         | 0      |
|      | 1st Rifle | 21   | 22  | 0    | 43            | 129           | 33        | 38     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 4    | 0   | 0    | 4             | 306           | 1         | 13     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 4    | 0   | 0    | 4             | 520           | 1         | 10     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 4    | 0   | 0    | 4             | 551           | 1         | 10     |



# UPPER YAMPA

## GMU

**4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 131, 214, 231, 441**

CWD has been detected in these units

### LOCAL DOW OFFICE

Meeker (GMUs 4 & 5) (970) 878-6090

Steamboat Springs (others) (970) 870-2197

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| AREA MAPS       | USFS Routt National Forest  |
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.craig-chamber.com">www.craig-chamber.com</a><br><a href="http://www.ci.steamboat.co.us">www.ci.steamboat.co.us</a>  |
| SHOOTING RANGES | <p>Craig - Bears Ears Sportsmans Club<br/>           Contact: Jack Garcia (970) 824-8376<br/>           300-yard rifle and handgun range for members. Open to the public the first Sunday and Monday of each month. Also open for hunter sight-in during daylight hours the Thursday and Friday prior to each big game season. For more information, pick up brochures at the Craig Sportsman's Center.</p> |
|                 | <p>Hayden Shooting Range<br/>           Contact: DOW Steamboat (970) 870-2197<br/>           Range is located two miles south of Hayden. 100-, 200- and 300-yard rifle and pistol range is open to the public 7 days a week dawn to dusk.</p>   |
|                 | <p>Routt County Rifle Club<br/>           Contact: John Rogan (970) 870-0298<br/>           Range located approximately two miles west of Steamboat. Check website for dates and times that the club is open to the public for sight-in. \$5 sight-in fee. Information and times at:<br/> <a href="http://www.routtcountyrifleclub.com">www.routtcountyrifleclub.com</a></p>                                |

From a low of 6,300', the elevation soars to 12,000' along the Continental Divide. The Routt National Forest dominates the eastern 2/3 of the Upper Yampa units with coniferous forests and aspen. Most of the land outside of the national forest is private land. Mountain shrub and rolling sage cover the low country. Expect light to moderate snow in the 1st season, gradually increasing through the 4th season. 4WD is usually necessary on the secondary roads. Hunting pressure is heavy. Hunters will have better success and enjoy more solitude by walking into remote areas. Hunting pressure may create refuge situations on the private lands in GMUs 13, 131, 214 and 441. Mt. Zirkel (GMU 14) and Sarvis Creek (GMU 15) Wilderness Areas access is restricted to non-vehicle methods. Public hunting in GMUs 13 and 131 is limited to a few small parcels of BLM land and some State Trust Land parcels.

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## DEER

The deer herd is doing well in the upper Yampa units. Most of the deer will be found in the western section of these units. Movement is also to the west. Hot spots are located north of Hayden. Some good trophy bucks are seen in the southern portion. In GMUs 4 & 5, the buck hunting has shown steady improvement. This area is not managed for trophy bucks, but it does have a good number of adult males in the population. Hunt the aspen and brush areas. Doe licenses in these units are "list B" licenses.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER         |                                       |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd         | GMUs                                  | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Bears Ears   | 3,301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14             | 19.9:100          | 22:100             | 75.5:100          | 41,023              | 37,800               |
| White River  | 11, 211, 12, 22, 23, 24, 13, 131, 231 | 18.7:100          | 22:100             | 48.3:100          | 69,643              | 67,500               |
| State Bridge | 15, 35, 36, 45                        | 28:100            | 23:100             | 51.3:100          | 18,231              | 21,000               |

### 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | Total Harvest | Total Hunter | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |              | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 4    | Archery   | 16   | 0   | 0    | 16            | 145          | 11        | 15     |
|      | Muzzle    | 2    | 4   | 0    | 6             | 42           | 14        | 38     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 320  | 165 | 42   | 527           | 1260         | 42        | 50     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 220  | 109 | 10   | 339           | 924          | 37        | 54     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7             | 14           | 50        | 75     |
| 5    | Archery   | 8    | 5   | 0    | 13            | 53           | 25        | 13     |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 4   | 0    | 4             | 34           | 12        | 30     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 91   | 70  | 4    | 165           | 325          | 51        | 51     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 59   | 11  | 0    | 70            | 139          | 50        | 73     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 3            | 100       | 90     |
| 13   | Archery   | 13   | 2   | 0    | 15            | 49           | 31        | 26     |
|      | Muzzle    | 24   | 9   | 0    | 33            | 63           | 52        | 43     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 140  | 116 | 0    | 256           | 515          | 50        | 50     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 83   | 79  | 12   | 174           | 444          | 39        | 37     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 8    | 0   | 0    | 8             | 15           | 53        | 64     |
| 14   | Archery   | 0    | 13  | 0    | 13            | 73           | 18        | 34     |
|      | Muzzle    | 3    | 11  | 0    | 14            | 45           | 31        | 43     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 27   | 33  | 14   | 74            | 347          | 21        | 15     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 16   | 0   | 0    | 16            | 94           | 17        | 9      |

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## 2008 Deer Harvest Stats (continued)

| UNIT       | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | Total Harvest | Total Hunter | SUCCESS % |        |
|------------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
|            |           |      |     |      |               |              | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| <b>15</b>  | Archery   | 8    | 4   | 0    | 12            | 140          | 9         | 6      |
|            | Muzzle    | 17   | 4   | 0    | 21            | 86           | 24        | 21     |
|            | 2nd Rifle | 74   | 20  | 5    | 99            | 328          | 30        | 33     |
|            | 3rd Rifle | 87   | 12  | 0    | 99            | 232          | 43        | 43     |
|            | 4th Rifle | 15   | 0   | 0    | 15            | 18           | 83        | 63     |
| <b>131</b> | Archery   | 6    | 0   | 0    | 6             | 21           | 29        | 5      |
|            | Muzzle    | 4    | 4   | 0    | 8             | 29           | 28        | 22     |
|            | 2nd Rifle | 32   | 13  | 4    | 49            | 125          | 39        | 20     |
|            | 3rd Rifle | 10   | 0   | 0    | 10            | 54           | 19        | 20     |
| <b>214</b> | Archery   | 10   | 0   | 0    | 10            | 31           | 32        | 43     |
|            | Muzzle    | 5    | 6   | 0    | 11            | 21           | 52        | 37     |
|            | 2nd Rifle | 47   | 5   | 3    | 55            | 234          | 24        | 29     |
|            | 3rd Rifle | 0    | 8   | 0    | 8             | 86           | 9         | 12     |
| <b>231</b> | Archery   | 6    | 1   | 0    | 7             | 66           | 11        | 13     |
|            | Muzzle    | 7    | 6   | 0    | 13            | 72           | 18        | 24     |
|            | 2nd Rifle | 26   | 0   | 0    | 26            | 93           | 28        | 17     |
|            | 3rd Rifle | 14   | 0   | 0    | 14            | 57           | 25        | 12     |
| <b>441</b> | Archery   | 8    | 0   | 0    | 8             | 69           | 12        | 17     |
|            | Muzzle    | 2    | 0   | 0    | 2             | 10           | 20        | 32     |
|            | 2nd Rifle | 113  | 41  | 0    | 154           | 272          | 57        | 44     |
|            | 3rd Rifle | 35   | 24  | 0    | 59            | 202          | 29        | 43     |
|            | 4th Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 10           | 30        | 37     |

## ELK

Elk are plentiful throughout the Upper Yampa area. Licenses are also readily available, but hunters should not rely on leftover license availability as these herds approach population objective. The DOW has been working to minimize crop damage and significantly reduce the number of elk in these units. There are good numbers of bull elk, however, do not expect to see many large adult males. Large elk numbers occur on the Routt National Forest. The basic movement is from the higher to lower elevation in response to hunting pressure and weather. Hunt the timber and hunt the Routt National Forest early. In GMUs 4 & 5, private land access is only available on a fee hunting basis.



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## 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| ELK         |   |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|-------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd        | GMUs  | Bull:Cow Observed | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Bears Ears  | 3, 301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14                        | 21.8:100          | 20-25:100          | 47.6:100          | 15,876              | 15,000-18,000        |
| White River | 11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34 | 24.9:100          | 22-27:100          | 49.6:100          | 38,080              | 32,000-38,000        |
| Gore Pass   | 15, 27  | 25.4:100          | 20:100             | 45:100            | 5,919               | 4,000-4,500          |

### 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 4    | Archery   | 35   | 14  | 4    | 53            | 390           | 14        | 18     |
|      | Muzzle    | 16   | 18  | 0    | 34            | 147           | 23        | 28     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 111  | 332 | 65   | 508           | 1277          | 40        | 43     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 85   | 48  | 0    | 133           | 1251          | 11        | 22     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 43   | 19  | 7    | 69            | 664           | 10        | 13     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 18   | 8   | 0    | 26            | 451           | 6         | 27     |
| 5    | Archery   | 10   | 7   | 8    | 25            | 142           | 18        | 24     |
|      | Muzzle    | 13   | 7   | 3    | 23            | 85            | 27        | 25     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 70   | 135 | 30   | 235           | 476           | 49        | 40     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 49   | 16  | 0    | 65            | 445           | 15        | 16     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 20   | 11  | 0    | 31            | 159           | 19        | 29     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 5    | 17  | 0    | 22            | 67            | 33        | 24     |
| 13   | Archery   | 8    | 19  | 8    | 35            | 182           | 19        | 24     |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 6   | 4    | 10            | 43            | 23        | 33     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 103  | 65  | 19   | 187           | 379           | 49        | 54     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 76   | 74  | 4    | 154           | 523           | 29        | 40     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 55   | 72  | 11   | 138           | 432           | 32        | 39     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 58   | 39  | 3    | 100           | 209           | 48        | 48     |
| 14   | Archery   | 69   | 20  | 8    | 97            | 689           | 14        | 16     |
|      | Muzzle    | 22   | 22  | 3    | 47            | 210           | 22        | 26     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 21   | 38  | 9    | 68            | 281           | 24        | 24     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 60   | 29  | 6    | 95            | 702           | 14        | 19     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 11   | 16  | 10   | 37            | 249           | 15        | 14     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 16   | 28  | 5    | 49            | 104           | 47        | 37     |

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## 2008 Elk Harvest Stats (continued)

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | Total Harvest | Total Hunter | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |              | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 15   | Archery   | 72   | 16  | 8    | 96            | 823          | 12        | 12     |
|      | Muzzle    | 26   | 12  | 3    | 41            | 210          | 20        | 20     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 42   | 47  | 7    | 96            | 391          | 25        | 25     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 53   | 44  | 6    | 103           | 1169         | 9         | 15     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 15   | 46  | 12   | 73            | 675          | 11        | 13     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 18   | 20  | 5    | 43            | 148          | 29        | 25     |
| 131  | Archery   | 42   | 26  | 0    | 68            | 287          | 24        | 20     |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 3   | 0    | 3             | 42           | 7         | 14     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 50   | 17  | 17   | 84            | 218          | 39        | 34     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 36   | 73  | 4    | 113           | 338          | 33        | 31     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 11   | 24  | 10   | 45            | 153          | 29        | 32     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 8    | 15  | 0    | 23            | 100          | 23        | 30     |
| 214  | Archery   | 38   | 19  | 4    | 61            | 413          | 15        | 21     |
|      | Muzzle    | 10   | 10  | 3    | 23            | 125          | 18        | 30     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 58   | 88  | 0    | 146           | 330          | 44        | 47     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 58   | 27  | 0    | 85            | 425          | 20        | 23     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 7    | 2   | 2    | 11            | 56           | 20        | 13     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 5    | 4   | 0    | 9             | 47           | 19        | 29     |
| 231  | Archery   | 26   | 23  | 0    | 49            | 364          | 13        | 9      |
|      | Muzzle    | 6    | 9   | 0    | 15            | 114          | 13        | 13     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 56   | 25  | 0    | 81            | 340          | 24        | 33     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 33   | 31  | 2    | 66            | 349          | 19        | 24     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 10   | 11  | 1    | 22            | 170          | 13        | 15     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 24  | 2    | 26            | 69           | 38        | 29     |
| 441  | Archery   | 24   | 14  | 0    | 38            | 166          | 23        | 23     |
|      | Muzzle    | 10   | 12  | 2    | 24            | 72           | 33        | 33     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 46   | 67  | 11   | 124           | 286          | 43        | 46     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 45   | 14  | 0    | 59            | 340          | 17        | 24     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 57   | 0   | 0    | 57            | 193          | 30        | 26     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 21   | 29  | 4    | 54            | 220          | 25        | 20     |

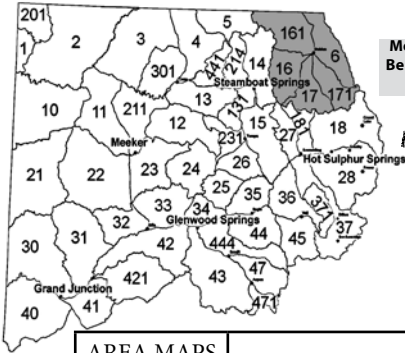
# NORTH PARK

## GMU

6, 16, 17, 161, 171

CWD has been detected in these units

Moose in area  
Be sure of your  
target!



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|-----------------|---|
| AREA MAPS       | USFS Routt National Forest  |
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.ci.steamboat.co.us">www.ci.steamboat.co.us</a>  |
| SHOOTING RANGES | <p>Walden Public Shooting Area<br/>Contact: DOW Walden Workcenter (970) 723-4625</p> <p>Area is located four miles east of Walden on County Road 12E. Range is on the north side of the road. Open to the public year-round; no supervision provided. The range has benches with range distances from 50 to 300 yards. There is no trash service—shooters are responsible for removing their own brass, shell casings, targets and trash. Please be aware of other users of these public lands such as hikers, horseback riders, and OHV operators.</p> |

North Park borders Wyoming and lies between the Continental Divide and the Medicine Bow Mountains. The valley floor at 7,880' supports agricultural lands and sagebrush. Extensive willow stands line the streams - a favorite moose habitat, so be sure of your target. The forest surrounding the basin varies from aspen/lodgepole to spruce/fir. Alpine occurs above 10,500'; peaking at 12,970'. The area is generally windy and colder than many places in western Colorado. Prepare for snow during your hunt. 4WD is helpful, as are chains. Over 2/3 of North Park is public land. Mt. Zirkel (west) and Never Summer (southeast) are the Wilderness Areas. Access to all State Trust Lands and the Wilderness Areas is non-motorized. Big game can move onto private lands with no public access.

## DEER

If you are a patient hunter, you could have success hunting trophy bucks. The units in North Park have an early 10 day deer-only season that begins the last weekend of September. This season provides additional hunter opportunities as many of the deer in North Park migrate early. Deer can be found throughout these units in the aspen/conifer forest

## ELK

Elk are distributed evenly throughout these units. During the day, the bulls will be in dark timber - glass in the early morning and evening. The herd tends to stay in the coniferous timbered areas until late in the season, moving to lower elevations with snow and hunting pressure.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER       |                     |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd       | GMUs                | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| North Park | 6, 16, 17, 161, 171 | 50:100            | 30:100             | 70:100            | 5793                | 6,000                |
| ELK        |                     |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
| Herd       | GMUs                | Bull:Cow Observed | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| North Park | 6, 16, 17, 161, 171 | 19.4:100          | 20:100             | 48.4:100          | 10,133              | 4,500                |

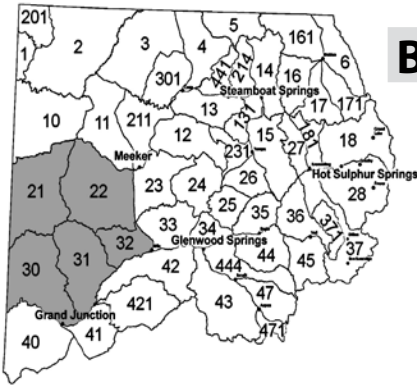
# NORTH PARK

## 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 6    | Archery   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 34            | 0         | 15     |
|      | Muzzle    | 5    | 2   | 0    | 7             | 34            | 21        | 24     |
|      | Early     | 10   | 24  | 5    | 39            | 120           | 33        | 43     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 17   | 0   | 0    | 17            | 38            | 45        | 53     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 8    | 0   | 0    | 8             | 21            | 38        | 67     |
| 16   | Archery   | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 16            | 19        | 45     |
|      | Muzzle    | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7             | 19            | 37        | 34     |
|      | Early     | 19   | 19  | 0    | 38            | 81            | 47        | 53     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 9    | 0   | 0    | 9             | 24            | 38        | 17     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 13            | 0         | 18     |
| 17   | Archery   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 7             | 0         | 8      |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 4   | 0    | 4             | 18            | 22        | 21     |
|      | Early     | 14   | 5   | 0    | 19            | 60            | 32        | 47     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 9    | 0   | 0    | 9             | 21            | 43        | 18     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 2    | 0   | 0    | 2             | 13            | 15        | 27     |
| 161  | Archery   | 3    | 7   | 0    | 10            | 26            | 38        | 47     |
|      | Muzzle    | 13   | 2   | 0    | 15            | 31            | 48        | 35     |
|      | Early     | 18   | 28  | 5    | 51            | 98            | 52        | 48     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 13   | 0   | 0    | 13            | 34            | 38        | 51     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 2    | 0   | 0    | 2             | 15            | 13        | 20     |
| 171  | Archery   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 17            | 0         | 34     |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 4             | 0         | 22     |
|      | Early     | 7    | 0   | 5    | 12            | 51            | 24        | 47     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 8    | 0   | 0    | 8             | 37            | 22        | 23     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7             | 16            | 44        | 23     |

## 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 6    | Archery   | 30   | 15  | 4    | 49            | 388           | 13        | 12     |
|      | Muzzle    | 10   | 3   | 0    | 13            | 135           | 10        | 11     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 11   | 22  | 0    | 33            | 282           | 12        | 19     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 43   | 21  | 6    | 70            | 629           | 11        | 14     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 13   | 22  | 2    | 37            | 391           | 9         | 12     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 7    | 13  | 0    | 20            | 148           | 14        | 11     |
| 16   | Archery   | 27   | 16  | 0    | 43            | 367           | 12        | 9      |
|      | Muzzle    | 26   | 9   | 0    | 35            | 132           | 27        | 19     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 14   | 19  | 0    | 33            | 203           | 16        | 16     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 32   | 18  | 0    | 50            | 362           | 14        | 14     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 17   | 3   | 3    | 23            | 168           | 14        | 13     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 5    | 17  | 2    | 24            | 92            | 26        | 14     |
| 17   | Archery   | 7    | 12  | 0    | 19            | 321           | 6         | 7      |
|      | Muzzle    | 6    | 3   | 0    | 9             | 102           | 9         | 12     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 28   | 30  | 8    | 66            | 269           | 25        | 24     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 19   | 28  | 4    | 51            | 514           | 10        | 11     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 25   | 13  | 2    | 40            | 285           | 14        | 15     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 2    | 15  | 3    | 20            | 94            | 21        | 18     |
| 161  | Archery   | 12   | 11  | 0    | 23            | 431           | 5         | 8      |
|      | Muzzle    | 22   | 12  | 3    | 37            | 167           | 22        | 22     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 13   | 31  | 15   | 59            | 248           | 24        | 23     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 21   | 13  | 7    | 41            | 519           | 8         | 12     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 18   | 21  | 0    | 39            | 434           | 9         | 11     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 19  | 0    | 19            | 191           | 10        | 9      |
| 171  | Archery   | 8    | 4   | 8    | 20            | 249           | 8         | 9      |
|      | Muzzle    | 6    | 3   | 0    | 9             | 56            | 16        | 11     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 24   | 48  | 6    | 78            | 226           | 35        | 28     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 15   | 10  | 2    | 27            | 396           | 7         | 11     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 4    | 3   | 3    | 10            | 172           | 6         | 10     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 3    | 2   | 0    | 5             | 103           | 5         | 8      |



# BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

## GMU

21, 22, 30, 31, 32

CWD has been detected in these areas

### LOCAL DOW OFFICES

Meeker (GMU 21, 22) (970) 878-6090

Grand Junction(GMU 30, 31, 32) (970) 255-6100

**Intense energy development is occurring in these units.** Pinyon-juniper woodlands with pockets of sagebrush cover most of this area. The terrain varies from open rolling sagebrush to steep-sided canyon country. Seventy-five percent of this area is BLM land. There are some excellent remote hunting areas accessible by foot, horseback or ATV. Get maps and study BLM access points. Some areas are very steep & rugged, especially in the southern portion. Weather is generally mild. Rains bring muddy roads. At high elevations, typical 3rd season snows make roads impassible without chains.

| AREA MAPS       | BLM Douglas Pass<br>BLM Meeker   | BLM Rangely<br>BLM Rifle |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.visitgrandjunction.com">www.visitgrandjunction.com</a> or <a href="http://www.rangely.com">www.rangely.com</a>   |                          |
| SHOOTING RANGES | Meeker Sportsman's Club<br>Contact: Hal Pearce (970) 878-6008<br><br>Hunter sight-in Thursdays and Fridays prior to each big game season. Look for more information on flyers around town. Memberships are \$20 per family and include full use of range, including archery, trap, rifle and pistol.   |                          |
|                 | Grand Junction BLM Public Ranges<br>Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000<br><b>27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport.</b><br><br>Open to the public year-round; no supervision provided. The rifle range has a sheltered firing line with range distances from 50 to 500 yards. There is no trash service—please remove your brass, shell casings, targets and trash.<br><b>East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road.</b><br><br>This shooting area is open to the public year around. There are several no-shoot zones to protect nearby residences, nearby communication equipment and a power sub-station. It is a federal offense to shoot in or through these areas. Do not shoot across a road or trail. Please remove trash, brash and targets. No glass targets. |                          |
|                 | Rifle Sportsman's Club<br>Contact: Mike Grimm (970) 876-2133<br><br>Public can access the range during sight-in days, two days prior to each of the big game seasons, except 4th season when range is open to the public on Friday only. Cost is \$5 per gun during sight-in days. Targets at 25, 100, 200 and 300 yards; gongs at 100-500 yards. Annual memberships available providing access to large and small bore range, long distance range, pistol range, archery targets, action pistol and trap/skeet/five-stand range. Info at <a href="http://www.riflesportsmensclub.org">http://www.riflesportsmensclub.org</a>  |                          |
|                 | Orchard Mesa Gun Club<br>Contact: Tom Matthews (970) 242-3793<br><br>Private range has several free sight-in days prior to the big game seasons. 2008 Free public sight-in dates are Sept. 21, Sept. 28 and Oct. 4 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Range has rifle facilities up to 300 meters and a separate pistol area. Range details are available at <a href="http://www.omgunclub.org">http://www.omgunclub.org</a>   |                          |

# BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

## DEER

The hunting ranges from fair to good in the Bookcliffs and Piceance units. Deer are well-distributed in the northern portion from mid-October. Concentrate on higher elevations in early seasons. If the weather is dry, you'll need to do a lot of walking and looking. Good snows will move the herds to the south. Hunt high early, low later. Cathedral Rim has some big bucks, but tough terrain. Little Hills and Dry Fork of Piceance is better late.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER           |        |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|----------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd           | GMUs   | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Bookcliffs     | 21, 30 | 40.2:100          | 30-35:100          | 53.8:100          | 12,907              | 10,000 - 12,000      |
| Logan Mountain | 31, 32 | 25.4:100          | 20:100             | 67.3:100          | 11,356              | 16,500               |

### 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 21   | Archery   | 48   | 0   | 0    | 48            | 78            | 62        | 47     |
|      | Muzzle    | 16   | 0   | 0    | 16            | 20            | 80        | 59     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 208  | 0   | 0    | 208           | 244           | 85        | 89     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 48   | 0   | 0    | 48            | 52            | 92        | 95     |
| 22   | Archery   | 27   | 9   | 0    | 36            | 104           | 35        | 38     |
|      | Muzzle    | 28   | 15  | 0    | 43            | 101           | 43        | 47     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 190  | 55  | 0    | 245           | 394           | 62        | 57     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 151  | 34  | 0    | 185           | 310           | 60        | 73     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 5    | 0   | 0    | 5             | 7             | 71        | 75     |
| 30   | Archery   | 31   | 10  | 0    | 41            | 87            | 47        | 41     |
|      | Muzzle    | 11   | 0   | 0    | 11            | 18            | 61        | 62     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 74   | 0   | 0    | 74            | 85            | 87        | 93     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 45   | 0   | 0    | 45            | 50            | 90        | 91     |
| 31   | Archery   | 12   | 0   | 0    | 12            | 79            | 15        | 30     |
|      | Muzzle    | 60   | 0   | 0    | 60            | 77            | 78        | 68     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 93   | 0   | 0    | 93            | 211           | 44        | 54     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 104  | 0   | 0    | 104           | 180           | 58        | 67     |
| 32   | Archery   | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 35            | 9         | 13     |
|      | Muzzle    | 15   | 0   | 0    | 15            | 24            | 63        | 47     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 26   | 0   | 0    | 26            | 57            | 46        | 52     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 29   | 0   | 0    | 29            | 52            | 56        | 64     |

# BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

## ELK

Good cow hunting opportunities. The best hunting is in remote areas, mostly at high elevations, where the elk tend to hold up in pockets of green timber and aspen. Check out the Texas Mountain area and Ratt Hole Ridge. Hunting pressure will push some bulls into the large expanses of pinyon-juniper. If snow and hunting pressure are sufficient, some elk will move into the Little Hills and Dry Fork area of Piceance later in the seasons. Most of the GMU 32 elk move into GMU 22 to winter.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| ELK          |                    |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| HERD         | GMUs               | Bull:Cow Observed | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Yellow Creek | 21, 22, 30, 31, 32 | 26.5:100          | 18-22:100          | 54.9:100          | 7,180               | 7,000 - 9,000        |

### 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 21   | Archery   | 69   | 31  | 0    | 100           | 508           | 20        | 18     |
|      | Muzzle    | 10   | 0   | 0    | 10            | 42            | 24        | 13     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 144  | 56  | 27   | 227           | 551           | 41        | 34     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 72   | 15  | 16   | 103           | 787           | 13        | 18     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 58   | 21  | 0    | 79            | 453           | 17        | 16     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 6    | 20  | 3    | 29            | 149           | 19        | 23     |
| 22   | Archery   | 27   | 8   | 0    | 35            | 309           | 11        | 14     |
|      | Muzzle    | 20   | 0   | 0    | 20            | 69            | 29        | 24     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 49   | 47  | 0    | 96            | 258           | 37        | 34     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 101  | 93  | 17   | 211           | 927           | 23        | 23     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 125  | 69  | 5    | 199           | 851           | 23        | 21     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 17   | 13  | 0    | 30            | 309           | 10        | 18     |
| 30   | Archery   | 19   | 7   | 4    | 30            | 191           | 16        | 6      |
|      | Muzzle    | 5    | 0   | 0    | 5             | 8             | 63        | 25     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 48   | 4   | 0    | 52            | 168           | 31        | 36     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 19   | 20  | 0    | 39            | 324           | 12        | 13     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 20   | 16  | 5    | 41            | 223           | 18        | 19     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 5    | 6   | 3    | 14            | 83            | 17        | 18     |

## BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

### 2008 Elk Harvest Stats (continued)

|    |           |    |    |   |    |     |    |    |
|----|-----------|----|----|---|----|-----|----|----|
| 31 | Archery   | 23 | 4  | 0 | 27 | 163 | 17 | 12 |
|    | Muzzle    | 7  | 3  | 0 | 10 | 32  | 31 | 19 |
|    | 1st Rifle | 40 | 18 | 4 | 62 | 142 | 44 | 38 |
|    | 2nd Rifle | 29 | 15 | 0 | 44 | 285 | 15 | 19 |
|    | 3rd Rifle | 15 | 21 | 2 | 38 | 198 | 19 | 23 |
|    | 4th Rifle | 0  | 13 | 0 | 13 | 74  | 18 | 19 |
| 32 | Archery   | 26 | 8  | 0 | 34 | 348 | 10 | 14 |
|    | Muzzle    | 3  | 0  | 0 | 3  | 34  | 9  | 19 |
|    | 1st Rifle | 30 | 5  | 0 | 35 | 108 | 32 | 41 |
|    | 2nd Rifle | 33 | 14 | 0 | 47 | 315 | 15 | 19 |
|    | 3rd Rifle | 25 | 5  | 0 | 30 | 218 | 14 | 13 |
|    | 4th Rifle | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 21  | 0  | 27 |

### Important Note for Bookcliffs / Piceance Hunters

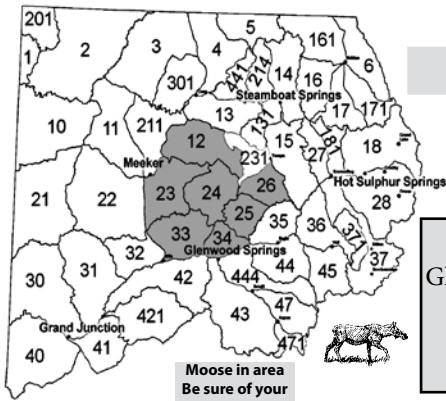
In 1986, the federal government sold thousands of acres of public land in the Piceance/Roan area (GMUs 22 and 32) to energy companies. The agreement required that the companies keep the land open to the public for 20 years. The public access agreement ended in 2006. These parcels, known as the “Girls Claims”, are now private property. Beyond the thousands of acres that are owned by the companies, these parcels also control access to thousands of acres of public land.

The DOW has reached a 10-year \$1/year hunting access agreement with Shell to keep 19,000 private acres open. EnCana has agreed to keep 17,000 acres the company owns open for the 2009 hunting seasons. The DOW appreciates these companies willingness to support the heritage of hunting in western Colorado. Negotiations with other companies for other “Girls Claims” properties have been unsuccessful.

It’s important to note that these access agreements are NOT new lands. They are heavily hunted former public lands where generations of hunters will be displaced as these lands are closed to hunting. If new hunters begin using the lands where access agreements are in place, there is the potential for overcrowding, which may make future agreements more difficult. Please respect Shell and EnCana land so that it will be available in the future.

If you hunt these units, make sure you have current maps. The DOW has no control over closed lands, even if you’ve hunted there for years. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the BLM or energy companies directly.





**Moose in area  
Be sure of your  
target!**

# WHITE RIVER

## GMU

**12, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34**

CWD has been detected in these units

| LOCAL DOW OFFICES                 |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Glenwood Springs (GMU 25, 26, 34) | (970) 947-2920 |
| Meeker (GMU 12, 23, 24)           | (970) 878-6090 |
| Steamboat Springs (GMU 26)        | (970) 870-2197 |
| Grand Junction (GMU 33)           | (970) 255-6100 |

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| AREA MAPS       | USFS White River National Forest  |
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.glenwoodchamber.com">www.glenwoodchamber.com</a> or <a href="http://www.meekerchamber.com">www.meekerchamber.com</a>  |
| SHOOTING RANGES | <p>Basalt State Wildlife Area Range<br/>           Contact: DOW Glenwood Springs (970) 947-2920<br/>           The range is located in the Christine unit of the Basalt SWA. Public pistol range, 100 yard rifle and shotgun ranges. Open year 'round. The range is unsupervised.</p>   |
|                 | <p>Glenwood Springs Gun Club<br/>           Contact: (970) 945-7401<br/>           Public welcome to shoot when range is open. Sporting clays, trap, black powder, rifle and pistol ranges up to 200 yards.</p>   |
|                 | <p>Meeker Sportsman's Club<br/>           Contact: Hal Pearce (970) 878-6008<br/>           Hunter sight-in Thursdays and Fridays prior to each big game season. Look for more information on flyers around Meeker during hunting seasons. Memberships are \$20 per family and include use of archery, trap, rifle and pistol ranges.</p>   |
|                 | <p>Rifle Sportsman's Club<br/>           Contact: Mike Grimm (970) 876-2133<br/>           Public can access the range during sight-in days, two days prior to each of the big game seasons, except 4th season when range is open to the public on Friday only. Cost is \$5 per gun during sight-in days. Targets at 25, 100, 200 and 300 yards; gongs at 100-500 yards. Annual membership can be purchased for \$50/yr. Info at <a href="http://www.riflesportsmensclub.org">http://www.riflesportsmensclub.org</a></p>  |
|                 | <p>Rifle Creek State Wildlife Area Range<br/>           Contact: DOW Grand Junction (970) 255-6100<br/>           From Rifle, take Highway 13 north to Highway 325, then north on 325 to Rifle Gap Reservoir. At the dam turn west on CR 252. Travel about two miles; shooting range is on dirt road off to the left just before reaching County Rd 210. Range is 100 yards. Small bore rifle, large bore rifle, pistol, and shotgun are allowed. Range is open to the public year round; no supervision provided. No trash service, so haul your own trash, brass and targets.</p> |

White River offers variety & extremes. Several peaks in the Flattop Wilderness are 12,200' in elevation. Elevation drops to 5,300' near Rifle. The lower elevation vegetation starts out with sage, progressing to oakbrush/mtn brush, aspen, evergreens and alpine tundra. Expect mild weather with light snow in the 1st season, with roads becoming impassable in the upper half of the area by the 3rd season. The high country in GMU 24 is prone to heavy snowstorms in late seasons. Heavy snowstorms can strand hunters on Flattops after 1st season. While there is a great deal of public land, hunting pressure is heavy especially in northern half of GMUs 23 & 24. 4WD is necessary on all but the few main paved roads. Half of the area is roadless - which makes for very good hunting if you can walk or pack in. You may encounter heavy ATV traffic in GMUs 12, 23 and 33. Hunters in GMU 25 and 26 can gain access using Forest Service Road 610 (Stump Park Rd) or USFS Road 613 (Crescent Lake Rd).

# WHITE RIVER

## DEER

The deer are scattered and will move in response to hunting pressure and weather. On National Forest lands in GMUs 12, 23, and 24, deer hunting is generally better in early seasons. Good public land deer hunting can typically be found in GMU 12 on the Jensen and Indian Run State Wildlife Areas. Jensen SWA is north of Meeker and Indian Run SWA is east of Hamilton. GMU 23 deer hunters can try Hay Flats and Miller Creek southwest of Meeker and the Jensen and Oak Ridge State Wildlife Areas north and east of Meeker. Deer densities are lower across GMU 24 but hunters can find deer on the south facing slopes above the White River.

## ELK

MOOSE ARE BEING INTRODUCED INTO THIS AREA. ELK HUNTERS SHOULD BE SURE OF THEIR TARGET TO AVOID ACCIDENT KILL OF MOOSE. Generally all of GMUs 12, 23 and 24 are considered very good elk hunting. The elk are generally up at higher elevations in the eastern portions of GMUs 12 and 24 during the early seasons, and then move west to lower elevations (and private lands) as hunting pressure and snow depth increase. Try the abundant public lands in eastern GMU 12 and 24 early on. The chance for a trophy bull is low due to unlimited bull elk licenses. Because of access roads, hunting pressure is high on Sleepy Cat, Lost Park and Sand Peak. The Flattops Wilderness Area offers good hunting, but travel is limited to walking or horseback and the potential for heavy snowfall means hunters must be prepared. Successful hunters avoid the main roads and hunt the dark timber and deeper canyons.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER             |   |                      |                       |                      |                        |                         |
|------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| HERD             | GMUs  | Buck:Doe<br>Observed | Buck:Doe<br>Objective | Fawn:Doe<br>Observed | Population<br>Estimate | Population<br>Objective |
| Rifle Creek      | 33  | 40.7:100             | 30-35:100             | 61.4:100             | 9,138                  | 7,700<br>- 9,400        |
| White River      | 11, 211, 12,<br>22, 23, 24,<br>13, 131, 231 | 18.7:100             | 22:100                | 48.3:100             | 69,643                 | 67,500                  |
| Sweetwater Creek | 25, 26, 34                                  | 25:100               | 24:100                | 50:100               | 9,610                  | 8,100                   |

| ELK         |   |                      |                       |                      |                        |                         |
|-------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| HERD        | GMUs  | Bull:Cow<br>Observed | Bull:Cow<br>Objective | Calf:Cow<br>Observed | Population<br>Estimate | Population<br>Objective |
| White River | 11, 211,<br>12, 13,<br>131, 231,<br>23, 24, 25,<br>26, 33, 34 | 24.9:100             | 22-27:100             | 49.6:100             | 38,080                 | 32,000-<br>38,000       |

A limited number of 2nd, 3rd & 4th season cow elk licenses are sold 'over-the-counter' for GMU 25 and 26.

# WHITE RIVER

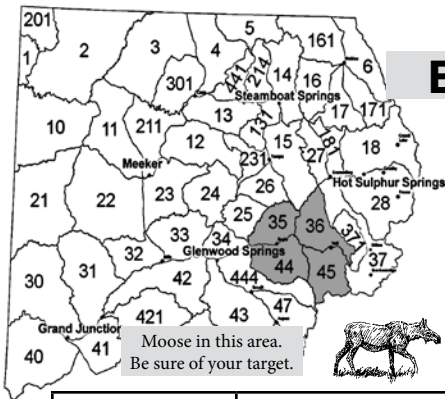
## 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 12   | Archery   | 5    | 13  | 3    | 21            | 202           | 10        | 11     |
|      | Muzzle    | 11   | 10  | 1    | 22            | 101           | 22        | 33     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 243  | 147 | 0    | 390           | 1068          | 37        | 37     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 96   | 159 | 0    | 255           | 899           | 28        | 33     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 14   | 0   | 0    | 14            | 21            | 67        | 68     |
| 23   | Archery   | 7    | 5   | 0    | 12            | 125           | 10        | 15     |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 6   | 0    | 6             | 59            | 10        | 25     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 50   | 119 | 14   | 183           | 759           | 24        | 30     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 134  | 36  | 0    | 170           | 667           | 25        | 26     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 2    | 0   | 0    | 2             | 6             | 33        | 50     |
| 24   | Archery   | 3    | 2   | 0    | 5             | 59            | 8         | 7      |
|      | Muzzle    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 34            | 0         | 12     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 64   | 52  | 0    | 116           | 609           | 19        | 15     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 6    | 6   | 0    | 12            | 230           | 5         | 13     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 2             | 0         | 0      |
| 25   | Archery   | 11   | 6   | 0    | 17            | 69            | 18        | 9      |
|      | Muzzle    | 8    | 3   | 0    | 11            | 84            | 13        | 17     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 47   | 94  | 0    | 141           | 485           | 29        | 32     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 28   | 41  | 4    | 73            | 300           | 24        | 31     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 6    | 0   | 0    | 6             | 20            | 30        | 40     |
| 26   | Archery   | 0    | 6   | 0    | 6             | 71            | 8         | 8      |
|      | Muzzle    | 3    | 6   | 0    | 9             | 54            | 17        | 10     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 32   | 82  | 0    | 114           | 340           | 34        | 39     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 36   | 34  | 0    | 70            | 193           | 36        | 39     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 6    | 0   | 0    | 6             | 17            | 35        | 39     |
| 33   | Archery   | 8    | 8   | 0    | 16            | 229           | 7         | 9      |
|      | Muzzle    | 8    | 13  | 0    | 21            | 85            | 25        | 25     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 197  | 0   | 0    | 197           | 650           | 30        | 33     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 107  | 0   | 0    | 107           | 362           | 30        | 39     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 1    | 0   | 0    | 1             | 7             | 14        | 35     |
| 34   | Archery   | 8    | 4   | 0    | 12            | 126           | 10        | 13     |
|      | Muzzle    | 9    | 19  | 0    | 28            | 170           | 16        | 13     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 39   | 21  | 0    | 60            | 312           | 19        | 17     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 15   | 10  | 0    | 25            | 183           | 14        | 19     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 16   | 0   | 0    | 16            | 26            | 62        | 45     |

# WHITE RIVER

## 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 12   | Archery   | 175  | 16  | 8    | 199           | 655           | 30        | 26     |
|      | Muzzle    | 29   | 12  | 3    | 44            | 170           | 26        | 30     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 238  | 293 | 52   | 583           | 1718          | 34        | 42     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 199  | 111 | 11   | 321           | 1719          | 19        | 25     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 98   | 78  | 10   | 186           | 953           | 20        | 22     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 55   | 27  | 0    | 82            | 402           | 20        | 27     |
| 23   | Archery   | 26   | 4   | 4    | 34            | 289           | 12        | 31     |
|      | Muzzle    | 9    | 4   | 0    | 13            | 82            | 16        | 15     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 129  | 94  | 10   | 233           | 895           | 26        | 27     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 121  | 70  | 9    | 200           | 1374          | 15        | 17     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 81   | 31  | 0    | 112           | 774           | 14        | 18     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 4    | 74  | 12   | 90            | 371           | 24        | 25     |
| 24   | Archery   | 46   | 24  | 0    | 70            | 544           | 13        | 17     |
|      | Muzzle    | 18   | 3   | 1    | 22            | 90            | 24        | 21     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 244  | 216 | 24   | 484           | 1246          | 39        | 33     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 108  | 85  | 0    | 193           | 1332          | 14        | 29     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 57   | 51  | 7    | 115           | 631           | 18        | 12     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 8    | 28  | 0    | 36            | 164           | 22        | 18     |
| 25   | Archery   | 19   | 8   | 0    | 27            | 310           | 9         | 10     |
|      | Muzzle    | 13   | 3   | 0    | 16            | 74            | 22        | 17     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 39   | 0   | 10   | 49            | 230           | 21        | 25     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 64   | 67  | 15   | 146           | 975           | 15        | 20     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 43   | 8   | 7    | 58            | 567           | 10        | 12     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 11   | 10  | 0    | 21            | 103           | 20        | 19     |
| 26   | Archery   | 15   | 20  | 0    | 35            | 344           | 10        | 12     |
|      | Muzzle    | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 47            | 6         | 14     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 12   | 46  | 0    | 58            | 155           | 37        | 34     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 36   | 15  | 0    | 51            | 491           | 10        | 18     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 15   | 0   | 0    | 15            | 372           | 4         | 13     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 6    | 5   | 0    | 11            | 91            | 12        | 11     |
| 33   | Archery   | 86   | 26  | 4    | 116           | 565           | 21        | 18     |
|      | Muzzle    | 19   | 6   | 0    | 25            | 114           | 22        | 24     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 49   | 105 | 10   | 164           | 623           | 26        | 24     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 111  | 58  | 24   | 193           | 1260          | 15        | 15     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 29   | 28  | 6    | 63            | 552           | 11        | 14     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 6    | 28  | 10   | 44            | 237           | 19        | 26     |
| 34   | Archery   | 34   | 7   | 4    | 45            | 353           | 13        | 12     |
|      | Muzzle    | 6    | 3   | 0    | 9             | 106           | 8         | 15     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 40   | 19  | 10   | 69            | 208           | 33        | 23     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 39   | 4   | 2    | 45            | 515           | 9         | 15     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 8    | 5   | 0    | 13            | 223           | 6         | 10     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 2   | 0    | 2             | 42            | 5         | 11     |



# EAGLE RIVER VALLEY

## GMU

**35, 36, 44, 45**

CWD has been detected in GMU 36

**LOCAL DOW OFFICE**  
**Glenwood Springs**  
**(970) 947-2920**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| AREA MAPS       | USFS White River National Forest  |
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.glenwoodchamber.com">www.glenwoodchamber.com</a>  |
| SHOOTING RANGES | Castle Peak Gun Club, Gypsum<br>Open prior to hunting season for hunter sight-in. Range visible from I-70. North-side of Interstate, west of interchange.   |
|                 | Vail Rod and Gun Club, Ltd.<br>Contact: (970) 926-3472<br>Range is located south of I70 at 001 Sporting Clay Way, Wolcott exit<br>Open to the public for sporting clays during summer months. In fall, archery, pistol and 100 yard rifle range open to the public. |

The Eagle River Valley units are bordered by the Colorado River, the Gore Range, the Red Table Mountains and the Continental Divide. Elevation climbs from 6,000' with sagebrush and pinyon to over 14,000' with alpine vegetation starting at 10,500'. Weather can vary tremendously with high country snow exceeding several feet. Much of the public land is open to off road travel. GMUs 35 & 44 have the most public access, however the northern portion of GMU 44 between Edwards and Eagle is primarily private property with no hunting allowed. Check your map and contact the BLM/USFS office because there are some areas that are off limits to vehicles. Hunting pressure is locally heavy, especially around Muddy Pass Road in GMU 36 and Horse Mountain Road in GMU 35 since they are main roads for public land hunters.

### DEER

Deer hunting in these units continues to improve. The herd will be scattered from 6,500' to timberline and will move down to the lower elevation pinyon-juniper areas as heavy snow arrives. Over 18" of snow will move the deer. Try hunting the aspen, open parks and shrublands. GMUs 35 and 36 have the most deer. After the first heavy snow, most GMU 45 deer will move into GMU 36. GMU 44 is managed for trophy deer with limited number of licenses, but it is a good place to take a big buck.

### ELK

Elk are scattered from about 7,000' to above timberline. As hunting pressure increases, they seek the deeper canyons and dark timber areas way from roads. Concentrating on the large stands of dark timber and the larger wilderness areas will increase your chance of finding a big bull on public lands. Large blocks of private land in GMUs 35 and 36 provide refuge areas and can make hunting difficult.

## 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER               |                |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd               | GMUs           | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| State Bridge       | 15, 35, 36, 45 | 28:100            | 23:100             | 51.3:100          | 18,231              | 21,000               |
| Red Table Mountain | 44             | 32.4:100          | 35:100             | 46.7:100          | 3,567               | 7,000                |

# EAGLE RIVER VALLEY

## ELK

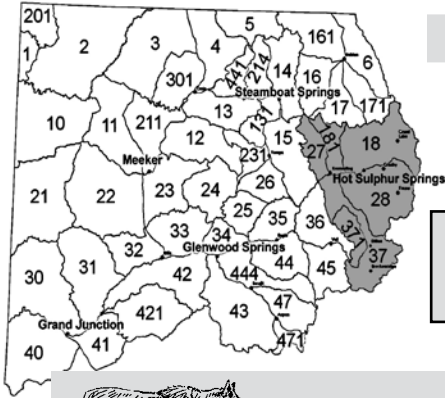
| HERD        | GMUs               | Bull:Cow<br>Observed | Bull:Cow<br>Objective | Calf:Cow<br>Observed | Population<br>Estimate | Population<br>Objective |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Piney River | 35, 36             | 32.4:100             | 16:100                | 39.1:100             | 4,358                  | 2,950                   |
| Frying Pan  | 44, 45, 47,<br>444 | 20.9:100             | 20:100                | 28.4:100             | 6,199                  | 5,100                   |

## 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL<br>HARVEST | TOTAL<br>HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |                  |                  | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 35   | Archery   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0                | 56               | 0         | 17     |
|      | Muzzle    | 7    | 3   | 0    | 10               | 53               | 19        | 36     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 59   | 0   | 0    | 59               | 213              | 28        | 44     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 43   | 14  | 0    | 57               | 176              | 32        | 36     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 8    | 0   | 0    | 8                | 22               | 36        | 38     |
| 36   | Archery   | 5    | 0   | 0    | 5                | 103              | 5         | 8      |
|      | Muzzle    | 14   | 11  | 0    | 25               | 75               | 33        | 19     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 59   | 9   | 0    | 68               | 216              | 31        | 31     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 39   | 3   | 0    | 42               | 182              | 23        | 33     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 1    | 0   | 0    | 1                | 13               | 8         | 33     |
| 44   | Archery   | 3    | 1   | 0    | 4                | 41               | 10        | 19     |
|      | Muzzle    | 8    | 5   | 0    | 13               | 59               | 22        | 30     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 18   | 34  | 0    | 52               | 168              | 31        | 55     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 20   | 23  | 3    | 46               | 73               | 63        | 49     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7                | 8                | 88        | 64     |
| 45   | Archery   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0                | 31               | 0         | 14     |
|      | Muzzle    | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7                | 51               | 14        | 22     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 32   | 12  | 0    | 44               | 70               | 63        | 36     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 8    | 0   | 0    | 8                | 24               | 33        | 15     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0                | 4                | 0         | 0      |

## 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL<br>HARVEST | TOTAL<br>HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |                  |                  | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 35   | Archery   | 19   | 11  | 4    | 34               | 265              | 13        | 10     |
|      | Muzzle    | 9    | 0   | 0    | 9                | 68               | 13        | 13     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 21   | 30  | 5    | 56               | 132              | 42        | 32     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 31   | 5   | 2    | 38               | 429              | 9         | 10     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 7    | 6   | 0    | 13               | 316              | 4         | 14     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 5    | 0   | 0    | 5                | 67               | 7         | 18     |
| 36   | Archery   | 20   | 16  | 4    | 40               | 562              | 7         | 7      |
|      | Muzzle    | 29   | 0   | 0    | 29               | 165              | 18        | 14     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 23   | 15  | 0    | 38               | 147              | 26        | 24     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 58   | 65  | 6    | 129              | 1003             | 13        | 13     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 23   | 34  | 0    | 57               | 630              | 9         | 13     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 2    | 10  | 6    | 18               | 111              | 16        | 16     |
| 44   | Archery   | 46   | 4   | 4    | 54               | 446              | 12        | 10     |
|      | Muzzle    | 13   | 3   | 3    | 19               | 131              | 15        | 16     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 18   | 51  | 0    | 69               | 349              | 20        | 23     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 53   | 14  | 3    | 70               | 648              | 11        | 20     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 4    | 38  | 0    | 42               | 487              | 9         | 14     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 4    | 28  | 0    | 32               | 205              | 16        | 23     |
| 45   | Archery   | 27   | 8   | 0    | 35               | 434              | 8         | 7      |
|      | Muzzle    | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3                | 86               | 3         | 7      |
|      | 1st Rifle | 24   | 13  | 0    | 37               | 114              | 32        | 29     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 29   | 24  | 0    | 53               | 480              | 11        | 18     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 13   | 5   | 4    | 22               | 206              | 11        | 10     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 20   | 15  | 2    | 37               | 114              | 32        | 27     |



# MIDDLE PARK

## GMU

18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371

CWD has been detected in these units

**LOCAL DOW OFFICE**  
**Hot Sulphur Springs DOW**  
 (970) 725-6200

**Rocky Mountain National Park is closed to all hunting**



Moose in this area.  
 Be sure of your target.

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|------------------------|--|
| <p>AREA MAPS</p>       | <p>USFS Routt National Forest<br/>         USFS White River National Forest<br/>         USFS Arapahoe/Roosevelt National Forest</p>   |
| <p>AREA INFO</p>       | <p><a href="http://www.kremmlingchamber.com">www.kremmlingchamber.com</a><br/> <a href="http://www.granbychamber.com">www.granbychamber.com</a></p>  |
| <p>SHOOTING RANGES</p> | <p>Byers Canyon Rifle Range, Hot Sulphur Springs<br/>         Contact: DOW Hot Sulphur Springs (970) 725-6200<br/>         Open daily, sunrise to sunset. Five centerfire rifle 25-, 100-, and 200-yard ranges, one rimfire (.22 cal) rifle range, shotgun (hand traps only – not provided), and one handgun range provided. Range also has straw bales for archery. One rifle range has wheel chair access to 25/100-yard target range. Paper targets only (exception for clay birds for shotgun, and targets for archery). No bowling pins, or other breakables allowed on range. Unsupervised range! Eye and ear protection mandatory. Portable toilet and trash dumpster on site. This range is closed during winter months to provide winter range to big game. This closure is generally in effect beginning the first week in January through the middle of April but is subject to change.</p> |

The Continental Divide and the Gore Range Divide encircle Middle Park. Most of this terrain is steep to very steep. The weather can change rapidly with higher elevations receiving more precipitation. Areas can become snowbound. 4WD is recommended, along with chains. Sagebrush/shrubs are common on southern exposures at lower elevations. The valley bottoms are mostly private lands. The remaining 2/3 of this area is public land. GMU 27 has less public land than the other GMUs. Check USFS maps for ATV closures/restrictions. Hunters around Wolford Mountain (GMU 181 and 27) should be aware that a travel management plan is in place - check with the BLM Kremmling office for information. Horses/pack animals are recommended for remote tracts and for Wilderness Areas. The better hunting will be at least 1/2 mile away from roads. There are pockets where hunters overconcentrate. Due to the proximity to Denver, there are many weekend hunters & recreationalists (bikers, hikers, ATVers). Pine beetles have affected more than 90% of the lodgepole pine stands in Grand and Summit Counties. As a result, fire danger is increased, big game distribution is changing in some areas and logging operations are likely in some spots. Hunters might focus on some of the dead lodgepole areas as increased sunlight to the forest floor creates more forage and these areas tend to hold deer and elk for longer periods of time.

# MIDDLE PARK

## DEER

All GMUs have good numbers of deer. The buck-to-doe ratios continue to increase as a result of limited buck hunting and mild winters. All units are managed for quality bucks. There are good numbers of mature bucks, but they rarely reach trophy status found in lower elevation mtn shrub & mild winter areas. Concentrate on transition zones that have aspen, shrub and coniferous cover in close proximity. Deer tend to move west and down in elevation over the seasons, snow will move them faster and farther. They typically migrate out of GMU 371 with average snowfall. A limited number of 4th season deer licenses available.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER        |                               |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd        | GMUs                          | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Middle Park | 18, 181, 27, 271, 28, 37, 371 | 37.8:100          | 30:100             | 66.9:100          | 12,337              | 10,500               |

### 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 18   | Archery   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 183           | 0         | 61     |
|      | Muzzle    | 25   | 9   | 0    | 34            | 140           | 24        | 18     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 97   | 70  | 0    | 167           | 466           | 36        | 23     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 64   | 16  | 5    | 85            | 394           | 22        | 29     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 26   | 0   | 0    | 26            | 77            | 34        | 44     |
| 27   | Archery   | 26   | 9   | 0    | 35            | 73            | 48        | 29     |
|      | Muzzle    | 2    | 11  | 0    | 13            | 63            | 21        | 36     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 85   | 23  | 0    | 108           | 187           | 58        | 45     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 32   | 18  | 3    | 53            | 169           | 31        | 43     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 17   | 0   | 0    | 17            | 44            | 39        | 46     |
| 28   | Archery   | 11   | 17  | 0    | 28            | 116           | 24        | 18     |
|      | Muzzle    | 12   | 7   | 0    | 19            | 68            | 28        | 16     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 31   | 2   | 2    | 35            | 291           | 12        | 23     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 25   | 18  | 7    | 50            | 242           | 21        | 35     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7             | 41            | 17        | 47     |
| 37   | Archery   | 2    | 17  | 0    | 19            | 140           | 14        | 13     |
|      | Muzzle    | 5    | 14  | 0    | 19            | 96            | 20        | 23     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 37   | 15  | 8    | 60            | 183           | 33        | 30     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 10   | 15  | 0    | 25            | 119           | 21        | 38     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7             | 34            | 21        | 28     |
| 181  | Archery   | 0    | 9   | 0    | 9             | 34            | 26        | 8      |
|      | Muzzle    | 2    | 0   | 5    | 7             | 25            | 28        | 30     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 15   | 13  | 0    | 28            | 122           | 23        | 29     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 14   | 0   | 0    | 14            | 118           | 12        | 34     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 21            | 0         | 41     |
| 371  | Archery   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 67            | 0         | 8      |
|      | Muzzle    | 10   | 0   | 0    | 10            | 29            | 34        | 29     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 13   | 8   | 0    | 21            | 83            | 25        | 33     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 42            | 7         | 41     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 11            | 27        | 25     |



# MIDDLE PARK

## ELK

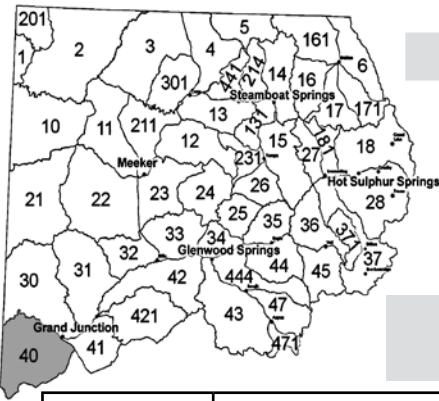
Elk are well distributed in all units. Bull to cow ratios are good because the area is fairly steep and heavily timbered. Generally, trophy bulls are rare (a few are taken every year) because bulls are managed for hunter opportunity. With hunting pressure and snow, elk head for the inaccessible timber and private property. GMU 27 has a lot of private land. Hunt the rough terrain and heavy cover away from roads and trails to increase your success.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| ELK               |             |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd              | GMUs        | Bull:Cow Observed | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Gore Pass         | 15, 27      | 25.4:100          | 20:100             | 45:100            | 5,919               | 4,000-4,500          |
| Troublesome Creek | 18, 181     | 22.8:100          | 24:100             | 39.2:100          | 4,086               | 2,700                |
| Williams Fork     | 28, 37, 371 | 23.6:100          | 23:100             | 47.4:100          | 6,047               | 3,000                |

### 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 18   | Archery   | 50   | 20  | 0    | 70            | 821           | 9         | 7      |
|      | Muzzle    | 24   | 0   | 3    | 27            | 190           | 14        | 14     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 109  | 73  | 5    | 187           | 620           | 30        | 22     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 58   | 25  | 1    | 84            | 758           | 11        | 15     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 8    | 41  | 0    | 49            | 710           | 7         | 9      |
|      | 4th Rifle | 31   | 32  | 6    | 69            | 720           | 10        | 12     |
| 27   | Archery   | 18   | 8   | 0    | 26            | 364           | 7         | 9      |
|      | Muzzle    | 9    | 3   | 0    | 12            | 98            | 12        | 9      |
|      | 1st Rifle | 15   | 11  | 4    | 30            | 158           | 19        | 22     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 35   | 34  | 0    | 69            | 512           | 13        | 17     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 8    | 9   | 0    | 17            | 245           | 7         | 7      |
|      | 4th Rifle | 8    | 13  | 1    | 22            | 74            | 30        | 23     |
| 28   | Archery   | 50   | 7   | 4    | 61            | 607           | 10        | 10     |
|      | Muzzle    | 23   | 3   | 0    | 26            | 147           | 18        | 15     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 59   | 17  | 7    | 83            | 441           | 19        | 21     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 36   | 13  | 1    | 50            | 652           | 8         | 12     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 27   | 47  | 0    | 74            | 627           | 12        | 9      |
|      | 4th Rifle | 15   | 60  | 20   | 95            | 462           | 21        | 14     |
| 37   | Archery   | 24   | 19  | 0    | 43            | 522           | 8         | 9      |
|      | Muzzle    | 10   | 17  | 3    | 30            | 124           | 24        | 23     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 39   | 29  | 0    | 68            | 239           | 28        | 29     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 19   | 18  | 0    | 37            | 302           | 12        | 20     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 35   | 13  | 10   | 58            | 264           | 22        | 12     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 9    | 41  | 0    | 50            | 213           | 23        | 18     |
| 181  | Archery   | 11   | 0   | 0    | 11            | 170           | 6         | 4      |
|      | Muzzle    | 6    | 3   | 0    | 9             | 49            | 18        | 13     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 18   | 10  | 0    | 28            | 173           | 16        | 13     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 24   | 8   | 3    | 35            | 285           | 12        | 18     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 17   | 8   | 0    | 25            | 245           | 10        | 16     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 5    | 30  | 1    | 36            | 234           | 15        | 9      |
| 371  | Archery   | 11   | 8   | 0    | 19            | 308           | 6         | 7      |
|      | Muzzle    | 17   | 0   | 0    | 17            | 78            | 22        | 16     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 18   | 25  | 2    | 45            | 198           | 23        | 23     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 17   | 3   | 0    | 20            | 133           | 15        | 20     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 7    | 9   | 0    | 16            | 135           | 12        | 11     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 9    | 7   | 0    | 16            | 175           | 9         | 13     |



# GLADE PARK

GMU

40

LOCAL DOW OFFICE  
Grand Junction (970) 255-6100

No hunting allowed in  
Colorado National Monument

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| AREA MAPS       | USFS Uncompahgre National Forest   |
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.visitgrandjunction.com">www.visitgrandjunction.com</a>   |
| SHOOTING RANGES | <p>Grand Junction BLM Public Ranges<br/>Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000<br/><b>27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport.</b><br/>Open to the public year-round; no supervision provided. The rifle range has a sheltered firing line with range distances from 50 to 500 yards. There is no trash service—please remove your brass, shell casings, targets and trash.<br/><b>East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road.</b><br/>This shooting area is open to the public year around. There are several no-shoot zones to protect nearby residences, nearby communication equipment and a power sub-station. It is a federal offense to shoot in or through these areas. Do not shoot across a road or trail. Establish a safe shooting location with a good backstop down range. Please remove trash, brush and targets. No glass targets.</p> |
|                 | <p>Orchard Mesa Gun Club<br/>Contact: Tom Matthews (970) 242-3793<br/>Private range has several free sight-in days prior to the big game seasons. 2008 Free public sight-in dates are Sept. 21, Sept. 28 and Oct. 4 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.<br/>Range has rifle facilities up to 300 meters and a separate pistol area. Range details are available at <a href="http://www.omgunclub.org">http://www.omgunclub.org</a></p>  |

This 750 square mile unit consists of a relatively flat summit leading to sloping mesas bisected by deep, rugged canyons. The highest elevation range is approximately 9,800'. Roads provide access to the mesas, but many of the canyons are remote and accessible only by foot or horseback. Weather starts out mild but mud/snow accumulation is likely in later seasons. Early season hunters should favor higher elevations of the USFS land, while later season hunters will do better on the lower BLM lands. Hunters can find many water holes within the dark timber stands on north facing slopes. Elk and deer frequent these areas during warm temperatures and heavy hunting pressure. GMU 40 has a lot of private land, and public access to BLM is often difficult to reach by vehicle.

## DEER

There are some good bucks in GMU 40, but they are difficult to locate. The upper end of the Little Dolores drainage is a great place to find quality mule deer bucks, however there is considerable private land. Late season hunters may have success north of Seiber Canyon to the Colorado River, but it is foot or horseback only in that area. Areas along the Utah border can be good during the rifle seasons, however hunters need to be aware of public land boundaries and the state line.

# GLADE PARK

## 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER          |      |                      |                       |                      |                        |                         |
|---------------|------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Herd          | GMUs | Buck:Doe<br>Observed | Buck:Doe<br>Objective | Fawn:Doe<br>Observed | Population<br>Estimate | Population<br>Objective |
| Glade<br>Park | 40   | 35.4:100             | 25:100                | 58.5:100             | 5,916                  | 12,000                  |

### 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL<br>HARVEST | TOTAL<br>HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |                  |                  | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 40   | Archery   | 41   | 0   | 0    | 41               | 90               | 46        | 44     |
|      | Muzzle    | 19   | 0   | 0    | 19               | 42               | 45        | 41     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 120  | 0   | 0    | 120              | 204              | 59        | 57     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 101  | 0   | 0    | 101              | 152              | 66        | 70     |

### ELK

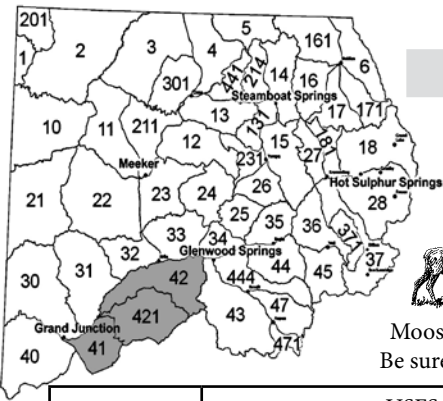
Bulls will be bugling from mid-Sept through 1st rifle opening weekend. Elk are widely distributed. Most stay high until hunting pressure pushes them to lower elevations and less accessible drainages. Do not hunt areas that have previously received heavy hunting pressure - the elk will not be there. During the rifle seasons, elk hunters can expect to see animals concentrating near Black Pine Reservoir, especially during severe weather events. The more successful hunters do a lot of walking and looking.

**You can NOT hunt elk in GMU 40 with an unlimited bull elk license.  
GMU 40 is a limited unit. You must apply in the draw.**

| ELK           |      |                      |                       |                      |                        |                         |
|---------------|------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Herd          | GMUs | Bull:Cow<br>Observed | Bull:Cow<br>Objective | Calf:Cow<br>Observed | Population<br>Estimate | Population<br>Objective |
| Glade<br>Park | 40   | 25.4:100             | 35:100                | 62:100               | 4,184                  | 2,400                   |

### 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL<br>HARVEST | TOTAL<br>HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |                  |                  | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 40   | Archery   | 60   | 5   | 0    | 65               | 111              | 59        | 34     |
|      | Muzzle    | 44   | 17  | 2    | 63               | 109              | 58        | 40     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 30   | 5   | 0    | 35               | 63               | 56        | 51     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 23   | 12  | 2    | 37               | 82               | 45        | 43     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 19   | 10  | 3    | 32               | 73               | 44        | 43     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 11   | 15  | 0    | 26               | 55               | 47        | 40     |



# GRAND MESA

## GMU

41, 42, 421

CWD has been detected in GMU 42 and 421



Moose in area.  
Be sure of target.

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|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| AREA MAPS       | USFS Grand Mesa National Forest<br>USFS White River National Forest   |
| AREA INFO       | <a href="http://www.visitgrandjunction.com">www.visitgrandjunction.com</a>  |
| SHOOTING RANGES | <p>Grand Junction BLM Public Ranges<br/>           Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000<br/> <b>27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport.</b><br/>           Open to the public year-round; no supervision provided. The rifle range has a sheltered firing line with range distances from 50 to 500 yards. There is no trash service—please remove your brass, shell casings, targets and trash.<br/> <b>East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road.</b><br/>           This shooting area is open to the public year around. There are several no-shoot zones to protect nearby residences, nearby communication equipment and a power sub-station. It is a federal offense to shoot in or through these areas. Do not shoot across a road or trail. Establish a safe shooting location with a good backstop down range. Please remove trash, brass and targets. No glass targets.</p> |
|                 | <p>Orchard Mesa Gun Club<br/>           Contact: Tom Matthews (970) 242-3793<br/>           Private range has several free sight-in days prior to the big game seasons. 2008 Free public sight-in dates are Sept. 21, Sept. 28 and Oct. 4 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.<br/>           Range has rifle facilities up to 300 meters and a separate pistol area. Range details are available at <a href="http://www.omgunclub.org">http://www.omgunclub.org</a></p>  |
|                 | <p>Plateau Creek State Wildlife Area<br/>           Contact: DOW Grand Junction (970) 255-6100<br/>           To reach the range, take I-70 to Highway 65 (Exit 49), then 8 miles east to Highway 330. Travel about 7.5 miles east to county road V, then north .25 mile to the range. The range, operated by the Division of Wildlife, is open year around during daylight hours. There are four adjustable shooting benches with 50, 100, 200, and 300 yard ranges. There is no trash service; shooters are asked to remove all trash, targets, and brass after use. The county road leading to this range can be impassable in wet weather.<br/> <b>A Colorado Habitat Stamp is required to use this range.</b></p>  |

Grand Mesa terrain ranges from high elevation (11,000') spruce/fir forests to low elevation (4,800') pinyon-juniper woodlands. Weather can be rainy or snowy, then warm up and dry out the following day. Roads can become very muddy and 4WD is recommended. There is not a lot of road access in GMU 42. Hunters should be prepared to spend time on foot or horseback. Much of the area is public land. Overall, the hunting pressure is heavy. Intensive natural gas development activity is occurring in the Hightower area (GMU 42 and 421). This work includes a major drilling project and a pipeline project. Contact the USFS Grand Valley Ranger District, 970-242-8211 for more details on energy development in this area.

# GRAND MESA

## DEER

Deer hunting is good with the numbers increasing. Deer are found on forest lands and higher elevation private lands during Oct. The resident deer stay in lower agricultural areas year round. The migrating deer herd begins to move off the forest in mid-Nov to lower elevations, often to BLM lands. The best deer hunting is at mid elevations (8,500-9,500'), with more buck opportunities in the later seasons. The number of trophy bucks continues to increase. The Battlements can be good in late seasons, but the terrain is rugged. The open country offers good opportunities for those who get out on foot or horseback.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER             |             |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd             | GMUs        | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| North Grand Mesa | 41, 42, 421 | 24.6:100          | 25:100             | 61.2:100          | 30,652              | 28,000-30,000        |

### 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 41   | Archery   | 24   | 12  | 8    | 44            | 128           | 34        | 33     |
|      | Muzzle    | 23   | 6   | 0    | 29            | 79            | 37        | 45     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 176  | 74  | 8    | 258           | 510           | 51        | 48     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 130  | 40  | 9    | 179           | 424           | 42        | 52     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 10            | 30        | 20     |
| 42   | Archery   | 21   | 13  | 0    | 34            | 120           | 28        | 33     |
|      | Muzzle    | 30   | 6   | 0    | 36            | 118           | 31        | 44     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 189  | 65  | 0    | 254           | 565           | 45        | 51     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 213  | 30  | 7    | 250           | 565           | 44        | 58     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 9    | 0   | 0    | 9             | 9             | 100       | 80     |
| 421  | Archery   | 21   | 17  | 0    | 38            | 158           | 24        | 25     |
|      | Muzzle    | 40   | 16  | 0    | 56            | 157           | 36        | 35     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 222  | 79  | 0    | 301           | 585           | 51        | 44     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 167  | 39  | 0    | 206           | 400           | 52        | 61     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 8    | 0   | 0    | 8             | 14            | 57        | 52     |



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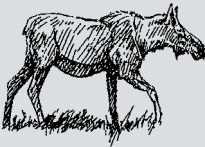
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# GRAND MESA

## ELK



**Moose in area.  
Be sure of target.**

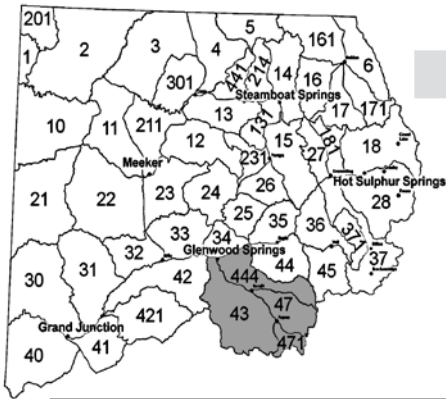
The elk herd is well distributed with good hunting success expected. Elk are scattered throughout the forest and on private lands. Most elk stay at higher elevations (8500- 10,000') in thick timber and oakbrush. There is no migration during the season, movement to the more remote areas is in response to hunting pressure. They will seek classic cover - the heavily wooded, north-facing slopes near water. You will need to get away from the roads. There are lots of legal bulls as the area is managed for quantity of bulls rather than trophy status. Hence, trophy bulls are present but relatively rare.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| ELK        |                           |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd       | GMUs                      | Bull:Cow Observed | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Grand Mesa | 41, 411, 42, 421, 52, 521 | 21.5:100          | 18-22:100          | 43.1:100          | 15,632              | 9,000-11,000         |

### 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 41   | Archery   | 31   | 0   | 7    | 38            | 300           | 13        | 12     |
|      | Muzzle    | 6    | 0   | 0    | 6             | 52            | 12        | 17     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 53   | 60  | 0    | 113           | 246           | 46        | 39     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 30   | 15  | 0    | 45            | 327           | 14        | 18     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 27   | 7   | 0    | 34            | 208           | 16        | 14     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 14   | 4   | 0    | 18            | 111           | 16        | 20     |
| 42   | Archery   | 30   | 28  | 4    | 62            | 658           | 9         | 14     |
|      | Muzzle    | 26   | 28  | 3    | 57            | 176           | 32        | 26     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 30   | 22  | 4    | 56            | 198           | 28        | 30     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 98   | 28  | 4    | 130           | 741           | 18        | 21     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 52   | 31  | 2    | 85            | 505           | 17        | 18     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 7    | 25  | 0    | 32            | 92            | 35        | 22     |
| 421  | Archery   | 68   | 34  | 0    | 102           | 749           | 14        | 13     |
|      | Muzzle    | 33   | 28  | 3    | 64            | 234           | 27        | 20     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 57   | 32  | 10   | 99            | 269           | 37        | 30     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 100  | 51  | 3    | 154           | 936           | 16        | 17     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 36   | 14  | 0    | 50            | 311           | 16        | 14     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 2    | 13  | 0    | 15            | 53            | 28        | 21     |



# ROARING FORK

GMU

43, 47, 444, 471

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|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>AREA MAPS</b>       | <b>USFS White River National Forest</b>  |
| <b>AREA INFO</b>       | <a href="http://www.glenwoodchamber.com">www.glenwoodchamber.com</a>   |
| <b>SHOOTING RANGES</b> | Basalt State Wildlife Area Range<br>Contact: DOW Glenwood Springs (970) 947-2920<br>The range is located in the Christine unit of the Basalt SWA. Public pistol range, 100 yard rifle and shotgun ranges. Open weekdays 7am-7pm, weekends and holidays 9am-7pm. Range is unsupervised.<br><b>You must have a Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp to use range.</b> |
|                        | Glenwood Springs Gun Club<br>Contact: (970) 945-7401<br>Public welcome to shoot when range is open. Sporting clays, trap, black powder, rifle and pistol ranges up to 200 yards.   |

This area encompasses the Roaring Fork, Frying Pan and Crystal River drainages. The lower elevations (6500') are primarily developed or agricultural. Timberline is around 11,500' and there are 14,000' peaks in the Wilderness Areas. Be prepared for daytime highs of 75F dropping to 20F at night. Snow can exceed several feet in the higher elevations and moisture can make roads dangerous or impassible. 4WD is a necessity. About 40% of the area is wilderness (Hunter-Fryingpan, Maroon Bells, Raggeds, Collegiate Peaks) and vehicles are not allowed. These rugged areas offer increased hunting success, but require horseback/pack-in camps. Hunting pressure is moderate. There are large blocks of private lands in GMU 43 east of Hwy 133 & in the western portion of GMU 444.



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# ROARING FORK

## DEER

Deer populations were on the upswing for several years but did decline during the winter of 2007-2008. Fawn:Doe ratios are low while buck:doe ratios are decent. This herd is concentrated in aspen and oakbrush habitats before the snow flies. Hunting pressure does not generally cause herd movement, but they will move to lower elevation woodlands as snow accumulates. Archery and muzzleloader hunters should head to timberline. Early rifle season hunters should focus on high elevation areas around timberline, Capitol Creek, Haystack Mountain, East Snowmass Creek and Thompson Creek. Later season hunters could try "The Crown", Holgate Mesa, Williams Hill and Light Hill, but expect to see other hunters in these areas. Some good bucks can be found if hunters focus in areas away from roads.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| DEER         |             |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd         | GMUs        | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Maroon Bells | 43, 47, 471 | 30.8:100          | 23:100             | 34.6:100          | 9,523               | 11,100               |
| Basalt       | 444         | 39.3:100          | 30:100             | 39.7:100          | 5,447               | 5,300                |

### 2008 Deer Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 43   | Archery   | 5    | 4   | 0    | 9             | 175           | 5         | 21     |
|      | Muzzle    | 18   | 4   | 0    | 22            | 123           | 18        | 22     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 46   | 103 | 5    | 154           | 370           | 42        | 30     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 55   | 26  | 3    | 84            | 293           | 29        | 43     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 3    | 0   | 0    | 3             | 7             | 43        | 50     |
| 47   | Archery   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 25            | 0         | 14     |
|      | Muzzle    | 9    | 4   | 0    | 13            | 40            | 33        | 17     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 4    | 17  | 0    | 21            | 49            | 43        | 21     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 4    | 6   | 0    | 10            | 49            | 20        | 20     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 1    | 0   | 0    | 1             | 2             | 50        | 50     |
| 444  | Archery   | 18   | 6   | 0    | 24            | 110           | 22        | 22     |
|      | Muzzle    | 11   | 24  | 0    | 35            | 128           | 27        | 45     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 68   | 48  | 10   | 126           | 409           | 31        | 35     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 69   | 48  | 4    | 121           | 301           | 40        | 34     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 4    | 0   | 0    | 4             | 8             | 50        | 58     |
| 471  | Archery   | 0    | 4   | 0    | 4             | 17            | 24        | 5      |
|      | Muzzle    | 3    | 4   | 0    | 7             | 22            | 32        | 40     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 0    | 5   | 0    | 5             | 9             | 56        | 5      |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 3             | 0         | 0      |



# ROARING FORK

## ELK

Early seasons find elk anywhere from 7500' to above timberline. With increased hunting pressure and snow, herds tend to move to remote areas or private lands - away from roads and hunters. The wilderness areas are a good bet for success but hunters must hike or horseback in as motorized travel is prohibited. Try Snowmass Creek, Conundrum Creek, Capitol Creek, Avalanche Creek, Maroon Creek, Thompson Creek, Basalt Mountain, Four-mile, the Marble area, and the upper Frying Pan drainages. Kobey Park and Sloans Peak are good but deep snow and bad roads should be expected, especially later in the seasons. Some great opportunities for private land cow hunting exist in GMU43, if you can get permission.

## 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| ELK             |                 |                   |                    |                   |                     |                      |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Herd            | GMUs            | Bull:Cow Observed | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
| Avalanche Creek | 43, 471         | 30.2:100          | 19:100             | 20.9:100          | 4,784               | 3,300                |
| Frying Pan      | 44, 45, 47, 444 | 20.9:100          | 20:100             | 28.7:100          | 6,199               | 5,100                |

## 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON    | BULL | COW | CALF | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|-----------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |           |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 43   | Archery   | 58   | 15  | 0    | 73            | 679           | 11        | 14     |
|      | Muzzle    | 26   | 3   | 0    | 29            | 146           | 20        | 17     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 38   | 50  | 0    | 88            | 370           | 24        | 24     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 107  | 109 | 7    | 223           | 1000          | 22        | 19     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 59   | 46  | 0    | 105           | 531           | 20        | 12     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 18   | 60  | 0    | 78            | 348           | 22        | 20     |
| 47   | Archery   | 38   | 4   | 0    | 42            | 248           | 17        | 15     |
|      | Muzzle    | 6    | 0   | 0    | 6             | 72            | 8         | 20     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 7    | 3   | 0    | 10            | 86            | 12        | 18     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 51   | 30  | 0    | 81            | 370           | 22        | 22     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 13   | 15  | 0    | 28            | 236           | 12        | 19     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 10   | 23  | 0    | 33            | 74            | 45        | 36     |
| 444  | Archery   | 46   | 4   | 8    | 58            | 432           | 13        | 14     |
|      | Muzzle    | 13   | 0   | 0    | 13            | 77            | 17        | 18     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 30   | 23  | 5    | 58            | 183           | 32        | 28     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 76   | 70  | 0    | 146           | 733           | 20        | 22     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 43   | 23  | 2    | 68            | 385           | 18        | 16     |
|      | 4th Rifle | 11   | 24  | 2    | 37            | 123           | 30        | 25     |
| 471  | Archery   | 4    | 8   | 0    | 12            | 72            | 17        | 23     |
|      | Muzzle    | 7    | 0   | 0    | 7             | 10            | 70        | 25     |
|      | 1st Rifle | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 49            | 0         | 17     |
|      | 2nd Rifle | 0    | 8   | 0    | 8             | 70            | 11        | 16     |
|      | 3rd Rifle | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0             | 27            | 0         | 7      |
|      | 4th Rifle | 0    | 6   | 0    | 6             | 21            | 29        | 17     |

# PRONGHORN, BEAR and MOOSE

## Pronghorn

Northwest Colorado offers good pronghorn hunting opportunities. Hunter success varies by GMU. Hunter success is typically higher on private land, but public land pronghorn can still be found.

### 2008 Post-Hunt Pronghorn Herd Statistics

| Herd         | GMUs                           | Buck:Doe Observed | Buck:Doe Objective | Fawn:Doe Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sand Wash    | 1, 2, 201                      | 52.4:100          | 68:100             | 35.1:100          | 1,312               | 3,200                |
| Great Divide | 3, 301, 4, 5, 13, 14, 214, 441 | 54.3:100          | 55:100             | 56.6:100          | 15,721              | 15,800               |
| North Park   | 6, 16, 161, 17, 171            | 30.2:100          | 30:100             | 34.7:100          | 1,412               | 1,500                |
| Blue Mtn.    | 10, 21                         | 51.6:100          | 30:100             | 58.5:100          | 237                 | 300                  |
| Maybell      | 11                             | 70.7:100          | 40:100             | 36.5:100          | 1,439               | 1,400                |
| Axial Basin  | 12, 211                        | 70.8:100          | 40:100             | 38.2:100          | 278                 | 300                  |
| Middle Park  | 18, 181, 27, 28, 37, 371       | 68:100            | 40:100             | 31:100            | 598                 | 630                  |

### 2008 Pronghorn Harvest Stats

| UNIT | SEASON | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|--------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |        |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 2    | Rifle  | 24   | 0   | 0    | 24            | 28            | 86        | 88     |
| 201  | Rifle  | 16   | 13  | 1    | 30            | 39            | 77        | 81     |
| 3    | Rifle  | 585  | 499 | 36   | 1120          | 1302          | 86        | 87     |
| 301  | Rifle  | 237  | 245 | 35   | 517           | 625           | 83        | 88     |
| 4    | Rifle  | 139  | 169 | 32   | 340           | 380           | 89        | 85     |
| 441  | Rifle  | 71   | 25  | 0    | 96            | 111           | 86        | 91     |
| 5    | Rifle  | 25   | 25  | 3    | 53            | 57            | 93        | 83     |
| 6    | Rifle  | 19   | 31  | 5    | 55            | 61            | 90        | 82     |
| 10   | Rifle  | 8    | 8   | 2    | 18            | 20            | 90        | 91     |
| 11   | Rifle  | 53   | 53  | 8    | 114           | 121           | 94        | 95     |
| 211  | Rifle  | 22   | 19  | 0    | 41            | 57            | 72        | 73     |
| 12   | Rifle  | 9    | 7   | 2    | 18            | 28            | 64        | 72     |
| 13   | Rifle  | 104  | 102 | 0    | 206           | 265           | 78        | 81     |
| 214  | Rifle  | 22   | 18  | 0    | 40            | 55            | 73        | 68     |
| 15   | Rifle  | 0    | 3   | 0    | 3             | 5             | 60        | 53     |

# PRONGHORN, BEAR and MOOSE

## 2008 Pronghorn Harvest Stats (continued)

| UNIT | SEASON | BUCK | DOE | FAWN | TOTAL HARVEST | TOTAL HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |        |
|------|--------|------|-----|------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
|      |        |      |     |      |               |               | LAST YR   | 3 YEAR |
| 16   | Rifle  | 14   | 21  | 3    | 38            | 62            | 61        | 68     |
| 161  | Rifle  | 15   | 23  | 0    | 38            | 56            | 68        | 71     |
| 17   | Rifle  | 11   | 21  | 0    | 32            | 50            | 64        | 73     |
| 171  | Rifle  | 3    | 14  | 0    | 17            | 26            | 65        | 72     |
| 18   | Rifle  | 0    | 17  | 0    | 17            | 73            | 23        | 28     |
| 181  | Rifle  | 10   | 21  | 0    | 31            | 71            | 44        | 39     |
| 27   | Rifle  | 13   | 17  | 4    | 34            | 51            | 67        | 69     |
| 28   | Rifle  | 0    | 4   | 0    | 4             | 23            | 17        | 12     |

## MOOSE

Northwest Colorado's moose population is thriving since moose were first re-introduced by the DOW into North Park in 1978. Recent introductions of moose include Grand Mesa (2005) and Flattops Wilderness Area (2009).

For the first time in 2009, moose licenses are being issued on the Grand Mesa. Two bull licenses were issued through the draw process. As the Grand Mesa moose population continues to increase, additional licenses will become available.

The introduction of moose into the Flattops also began in 2009 with the release of 20 moose transplanted from an overpopulated unit in Utah. Future transplants into the Flattops will continue to increase viewing and hunting opportunity.

Big game hunters in all areas in northwest Colorado are reminded to be sure of their target. The accidental kill of moose by elk hunters is a threat to these new populations. In cooperation with Colorado chapters of Safari Club International, an extensive education campaign is being conducted to alert hunters to these new populations.

## 2008 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

| Herd        | GMUs                          | Bull:Cow Observed     | Bull:Cow Objective | Calf:Cow Observed | Population Estimate | Population Objective |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| North Park  | 6, 16, 17, 161, 171           | 31.8:100              | 50:100             | 51.1:100          | 535                 | 500                  |
| Middle Park | 18, 28, 36, 37, 181, 371      | 90:100                | 66:100             | 85:100            | 229                 | 195                  |
| Grand Mesa  | 41, 42, 43, 52, 411, 421, 521 | 60:100                | 50:100             | 40:100            | 125                 | 450                  |
| Flattops    | 12, 23, 24, 33                | (recent introduction) |                    |                   | <50                 | (undeter.)           |

**MOOSE CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT WESTERN COLORADO!**

Moose spend considerable time in forested areas, as well as along streams.

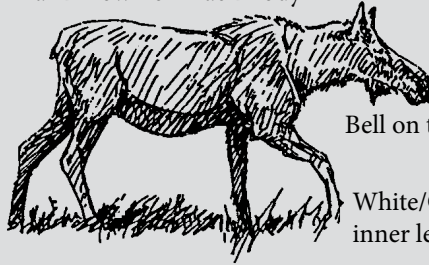
The fine for illegally killing & abandoning a moose starts at \$1,370.

Take care not to mistake a moose for an elk.

**Know your target!**

Dark Brown or Black Body

Cow Moose



Bell on throat

White/Gray inner legs

**2008 Moose Harvest Stats**

| UNIT | SEASON | BULL | COW | BULL HUNTERS | COW HUNTERS | SUCCESS % |     |
|------|--------|------|-----|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
|      |        |      |     |              |             | BULL      | COW |
| 6    | All    | 13   | 17  | 13           | 24          | 100       | 71  |
| 16   | All    | 3    | 5   | 3            | 8           | 100       | 63  |
| 17   | All    | 3    | 10  | 4            | 12          | 75        | 83  |
| 18   | All    | 12   | 9   | 14           | 10          | 86        | 90  |
| 28   | All    | 5    | 4   | 6            | 4           | 83        | 100 |
| 36   | All    | 1    | 0   | 1            | 0           | 100       | 0   |
| 161  | All    | 4    | 4   | 4            | 8           | 100       | 50  |
| 171  | All    | 15   | 20  | 15           | 26          | 100       | 77  |
| 371  | All    | 1    | 1   | 1            | 1           | 100       | 100 |

**BLACK BEAR**

Black bear hunting opportunities are abundant in northwest Colorado. A constitutional amendment passed by voters in Colorado eliminated the spring hunting of bears and prohibits the use of hounds or bait in bear hunting. Bear hunters should be familiar with the regulations regarding the take of bear in Colorado.

September bear season - Hunters can apply for a September bear rifle license in the annual big game draw. These either sex licenses are limited and only available through the draw - rarely as leftovers. These licenses are open to all legal methods of take, meaning the holder can choose to hunt with archery equipment or muzzleloader during this season.

Over-the-counter with caps - Archery, muzzleloader and some rifle bear licenses are sold over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis beginning in July. These licenses require that the holder also possesses a valid deer or elk license for the area and season that the hunter will be hunting bear.

## BEAR HARVEST STATS

Bear harvest stats are reported differently than other big game species. Because bears are relatively reclusive and fewer in number statewide than deer or elk, estimating populations at the local level is problematic. It is estimated that Colorado has between 8,000 and 12,000 black bears statewide. Bear harvest is extremely limited and requires the issuance of a large number of licenses to achieve a relatively small harvest.

| 2008 Black Bear Harvest Statistics |  |                 |              |             |               |           |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| Population                         | GMUs                                     | Licenses Issued | Boar Harvest | Sow Harvest | Total Harvest | Success % |
| B-1                                | 21, 22, 30, 31, 32                       | 505             | 27           | 6           | 33            | 6.5       |
| B-4                                | 4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441  | 460             | 12           | 12          | 24            | 5.2       |
| B-10                               | 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 231 | 680             | 26           | 18          | 44            | 6.5       |
| B-11                               | 35, 36, 43, 44, 45, 47, 444, 471         | 585             | 24           | 19          | 43            | 7.4       |
| B-15                               | 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 201, 211, 301           | 165             | 4            | 2           | 6             | 3.6       |
| B-16                               | 15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371             | 360             | 17           | 12          | 29            | 8.1       |
| B-17                               | 41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521                | 1980            | 66           | 41          | 107           | 5.4       |

### CAMP TIPS

Bears are common throughout Colorado. Whatever your hunting, it's best to not have a bear showing up in camp while you're sleeping. Follow these tips to keep bears out of your camp.

- Stash your trash. Use bear-proof containers or double bag and lock trash in car trunk or camper. Never leave trash outside.
- Store food, beverages and toiletries in air-tight containers. Store containers properly. Don't store food containers in your tent or anywhere a bear can see, smell or reach.
- Keep a clean camp.
- Keep a clean tent. Don't store anything with an odor in your tent. That includes food, beverages, toiletries, gum toothpaste, sunscreen, candles and insect repellent. Don't sleep in the clothes you cook in - store those clothes with your food in an air-tight container.

| Colorado Division of Wildlife - NW Region   |  |   |                |
|---|--|---|----------------|
| <p>Colorado<br/>Division of<br/>Wildlife</p> <p>www.wildlife.state.<br/>co.us</p> | Grand Junction<br>Regional and Area Office | 711 Independent Ave.<br>Grand Junction CO 81505                     | (970) 255-6100 |
|   | Glenwood Springs                           | 50633 Hwy 6 & 24<br>Glenwood Springs CO 81601                       | (970) 947-2920 |
|   | Meeker                                     | 73485 Hwy 64; PO Box 1181<br>Meeker CO 81641                        | (970) 878-6090 |
|   | Hot Sulphur Springs                        | 346 Grand County Rd 362; PO Box 216<br>Hot Sulphur Springs CO 80451 | (970) 725-6200 |
|   | Steamboat Springs                          | 925 Weiss Drive - PO Box 775777<br>Steamboat Springs CO 80477       | (970) 870-2197 |

| Land Management Agencies   |   |   |                |
|--|---|---|----------------|
| <p>Bureau of Land<br/>Management BLM</p> <p>www.co.blm.gov/offices.htm</p>   | Grand Junction Field Office<br>2815 H Road  |   | (970) 244-3000 |
|  | Glenwood Springs Field Office<br>50629 Hwy 6 & 24   |   | (970) 947-2800 |
|  | White River Field Office (Meeker)<br>220 E. Market Street   |   | (970) 878-3800 |
|  | Little Snake Field Office (Craig)<br>455 Emerson Street   |   | (970) 826-5000 |
|  | Kremmling Field Office<br>2103 East Park Avenue   |   | (970) 724-3000 |
| <p>United States<br/>Forest Service<br/>USFS</p> <p>www.fs.fed.us/r2/whiteriver<br/>www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug<br/>www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr</p> | <p>White River<br/>National Forest</p>  | Blanco RD (Meeker)<br>220 E. Market Street  | (970) 878-4039 |
|  |   | Rifle RD (Rifle)<br>0094 County Rd 244  | (970) 625-2371 |
|  |   | Aspen RD (Carbondale)<br>620 Main St.   | (970) 963-2266 |
|  |   | Eagle RD (Eagle)<br>125 West 5th St.  | (970) 328-6388 |
|  |   | Holy Cross RD (Minturn)<br>24747 Hwy 24   | (970) 827-5715 |
|  |   | Dillon RD (Silverthorne)<br>680 Blue River Pkwy   | (970) 468-5400 |
|  | <p>Grand Mesa,<br/>Uncompahgre &amp;<br/>Gunnison<br/>National Forest</p>   | Grand Valley RD<br>(Grand Junction)<br>2777 Crossroads Blvd #1  | (970) 242-8211 |
|  | 2250 Hwy 50, Delta<br>(970) 874-6600  | Other Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, & Gunnison National Forest<br>Ranger Districts are located in the DOW's SW Region, see <i>Big<br/>Game Hunting in SW Colorado</i> booklet. |                |
|  | <p>Routt &amp;<br/>Medicine Bow<br/>National Forest</p> <p>2468 Jackson St.<br/>Laramie WY<br/>(307) 745-2300</p> | Hahns Peak/Bears Ears<br>(Steamboat Springs)<br>925 Weiss Dr  | (970) 879-1870 |
|  |   | Parks RD (Walden)<br>100 Main Street  | (970) 723-8204 |
|  |   | Parks RD (Kremmling)<br>2103 East Park Ave  | (970) 724-3000 |
|  |   | Yampa RD (Yampa)<br>300 Roselawn Ave  | (970) 638-4516 |
|  | <p>Arapaho<br/>National Forest</p>  | Sulphur RD (Granby)<br>9 Ten Mile Drive   | (970) 887-4100 |

## General Visitor Information

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| Colorado State Parks<br><a href="http://www.parks.state.co.us">www.parks.state.co.us</a><br>(800) 678-2267 Reservations<br>(970) 434-6862 Info | Colorado Tourism Board<br><a href="http://www.colorado.com">www.colorado.com</a><br>(800) COLORADO    |
| US National Park Service<br><a href="http://www.nps.gov">www.nps.gov</a>   | Campground and cabin info<br><a href="http://www.coloradodirectory.com">www.coloradodirectory.com</a> |

## Roads and Weather

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| Colorado Dept. of Transportation<br><a href="http://www.cotrip.org">www.cotrip.org</a><br>toll free (877) 315-ROAD | <a href="http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gjt/">www.crh.noaa.gov/gjt/</a><br><br><a href="http://www.weather.com">www.weather.com</a> |
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## Maps

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| TOPO Maps<br>US Geological Survey<br><a href="http://topomaps.usgs.gov">http://topomaps.usgs.gov</a><br>(800) 435-7627 | BLM Maps<br><a href="http://www.co.blm.gov">www.co.blm.gov</a><br>(303) 239-3600   |
|  | US Forest Service Maps<br><a href="http://www.nationalforeststore.com">www.nationalforeststore.com</a><br>(303) 275-5350 |

## Guide and Outfitter Information

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| For a list of registered guides and<br>outfitters<br>CO Dept of Regulatory Agencies<br><a href="http://www.dora.state.co.us/outfitters">www.dora.state.co.us/outfitters</a><br>(303) 894-7778 | Colorado Outfitters Association<br><a href="http://www.coloradooutfitters.org">www.coloradooutfitters.org</a><br>(970) 824-2468 |
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## ATTENTION HUNTERS!

If you are hunting or fishing on BLM or Forest Service public lands, make sure your outfitter is permitted for that activity in that area. Check with your local BLM or Forest Service office before you book a trip.



## POACHING TAKES FROM LEGAL HUNTERS REPORT POACHING OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY **OPERATION GAME THIEF**

CALL 1-877-COLO OGT

Verizon Cellular #OGT

e-mail: [game.thief@state.co.us](mailto:game.thief@state.co.us)  
 write: Operation Game Thief  
 Colorado Division of Wildlife  
 6060 Broadway  
 Denver CO 80216

# CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease found in deer, elk and moose. It belongs to a family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE) or prion diseases. The disease attacks the brains of infected animals, causing them to become emaciated, display abnormal behavior, lose bodily functions and die. The disease has been found in twelve states and two Canadian provinces. CWD has been found sporadically in wild mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk and moose. Units where CWD has been detected are noted in this booklet. Hunters in all units are encouraged to consider submitting heads of harvested animals.

Additional information is available on-line at [www.wildlife.state.co.us/CWD](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/CWD)  
or by calling (303) 291-7CWD (recorded information).

## PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

To date, ongoing investigations by state and federal public health officials have shown no causal relationship between CWD and human health problems. However, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the DOW advise hunters to take precautions when handling deer or elk carcasses. If you have questions about the precautions, or CWD and public health, contact the CDPHE at (303) 692-2700.

## PRECAUTIONS

- Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that appears sick.
- Wear rubber gloves when field dressing and processing animals.
- Bone out the meat from your animal.
- Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.
- Avoid consuming brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils, pancreas and lymph nodes of harvested animals. Normal field dressing, coupled with boning out a carcass, will remove most, if not all, of these body parts.
- Do not consume meat from animals known to be infected with CWD.
- Knives, saws and cutting table surfaces can be disinfected by soaking in a solution of 50 percent unscented household bleach and 50 percent water for an hour. Afterward, allow them to air dry.
- Have harvested animals tested at a DOW CWD testing station. Northwest CWD testing submission sites:

Craig: 1715 N. Yampa Ave. (970) 824-2502

Grand Junction: 711 Independent Ave. (970) 255-6100

Glenwood Springs: 50633 Hwy 6&24 (970) 947-2920

Hot Sulphur Springs: 346 County Road 362 (970) 725-6200

Meeker: 73485 Hwy 64 (970) 878-6090

Rangely: CNCC 500 Kennedy Dr. (970) 878-6090 for info

Steamboat Springs: 925 Weiss Dr. (970) 870 2197

Walden: 285 Grant St. (970) 723-4625

Other locations are available in other regions of the state.