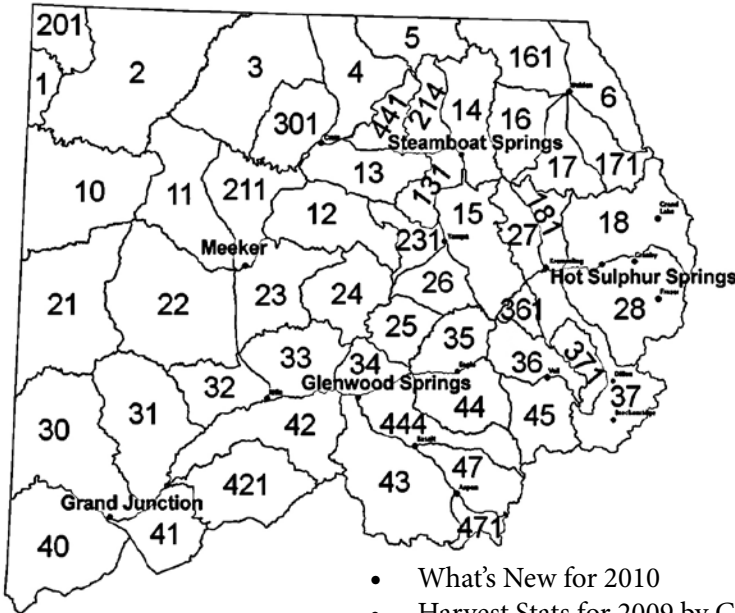


# 2010-2011 Big Game Hunting in Northwest Colorado



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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 *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 FOR 2010

### *3rd Season Extended*

Beginning in 2010, 3rd rifle season for deer and elk has been extended by two days to run a total of 9 days. This year 3rd rifle season will run Nov. 6 - Nov. 14.

### *New GMU 361*

Game Management Unit 361 is new this year. It was created from the northern portion of GMU 36.

### *Muzzleloader Licenses Go Limited*

Muzzleloader licenses are now limited by unit. To reduce hunter crowding and better manage populations with this rapidly growing hunting method, statewide muzzleloader licenses are no longer offered in Colorado.

### *Moose Season Extended*

Colorado's rifle moose season has been extended to 14 days (Oct. 1 - Oct. 14).

### *Moose on Flattops and Grand Mesa*

Hunters are reminded that Colorado's moose population is thriving. Recent introductions of moose into the White River National Forest east of Meeker and the Grand Mesa National Forest mean that moose can be found throughout northwest Colorado. Prevent the accidental take of a moose. Identify your target.

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

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

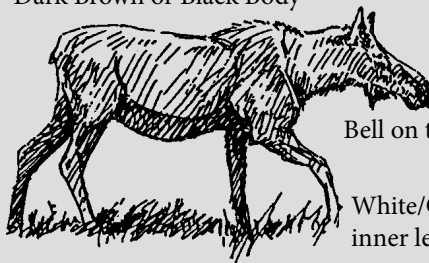
The fine for illegally killing & abandoning a moose starts at \$1,370.

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

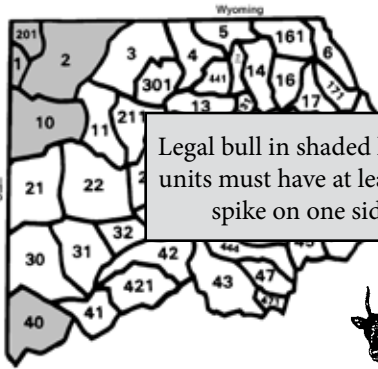
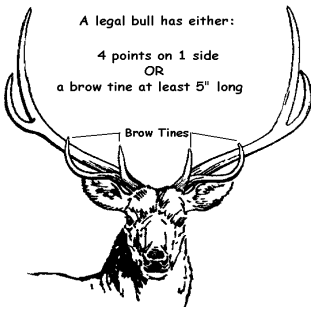
DEER



**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.

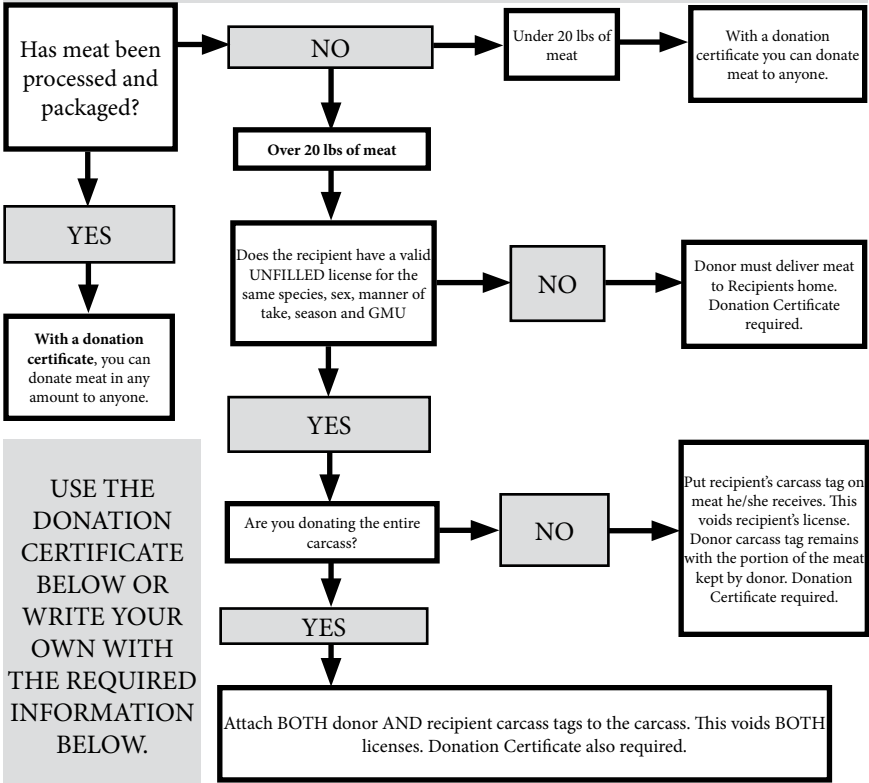


**LIMITED UNITS - Draw Only**  
You may NOT hunt in these areas with an over-the-counter license

**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.



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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 Observed	Buck:Doe Objective	Fawn:Doe Observed	Population Estimate	Population 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.

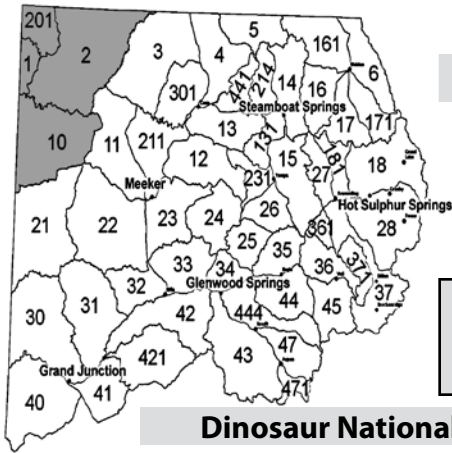
## Harvest Stats

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 three-year and five-year hunter success average columns.



# GREEN RIVER

## GMU

1, 2, 10, 201

CWD has been detected in GMU 10

**LOCAL DOW OFFICE**  
**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 BLM Rangely
AREA INFO	<a href="http://www.rangely.com">www.rangely.com</a>
SHOOTING RANGES	Craig - Bears Ears Sportsmans Club Contact: Jack Garcia (970) 824-8376 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

## 2009 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	38.1:100	15:100	68.2:100	1,838	13,500
Rangely	10	43.4:100	20:100	51.5:100	4,213	7,000

ELK						
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Observed	Bull:Cow Objective	Calf:Cow Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Cold Springs	2, 201	63.4:100	40:100	58.5:100	1,993	950
Green River	1	34.6:100	30:100	50.2:100	170	170
Blue Mtn	10	33.5:100	40:100	56.4:100	3,922	1,200

## 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	2nd Rifle	2	0	0	2	2	100	87	88
2	Archery	0	0	0	0	2	0	71	44
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	5	100	88	77
	2nd Rifle	14	0	0	14	15	93	89	91
	3rd Rifle	5	0	0	5	7	71	89	85
10	Archery	1	0	0	1	5	20	38	42
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	5	40	33	54
	2nd Rifle	40	0	0	40	52	77	75	79
	3rd Rifle	18	0	0	18	19	95	81	87
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	5	100	100	100
201	Archery	3	0	0	3	4	75	89	62
	Muzzle	1	0	0	1	5	20	55	50
	2nd Rifle	15	0	0	15	18	83	90	87
	3rd Rifle	8	0	0	8	8	100	92	96

An agreement with a private landowner and the State Land Board opens several thousand acres in GMU 201 for public hunting access.

See the Craig Chamber of Commerce or the DOW office in Meeker for details.

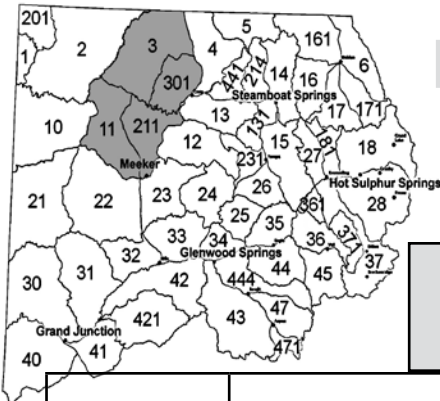
# GREEN RIVER

## 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Archery	1	0	0	1	1	100	44	44
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	9	33	33	38
	Early	8	11	0	19	26	73	71	76
	1st Rifle	2	3	0	5	14	36	20	29
	2nd Rifle	0	15	2	17	34	50	59	57
	3rd Rifle	0	2	0	2	26	8	11	25
	4th Rifle	0	27	4	31	63	49	40	35
2	Archery	7	0	0	7	8	88	77	79
	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	16	38	44	40
	Early	27	4	0	31	50	62	76	78
	1st Rifle	0	40	12	52	108	48	41	39
	2nd Rifle	0	26	2	28	66	42	44	50
	3rd Rifle	0	36	0	36	128	28	38	44
	4th Rifle	0	57	5	62	162	38	35	40
10	Archery	10	0	0	10	15	67	62	47
	Muzzle	3	3	2	8	12	67	79	77
	Early	29	63	4	96	140	69	70	73
	1st Rifle	5	11	2	18	23	78	63	55
	2nd Rifle	0	12	0	12	32	38	41	33
	3rd Rifle	0	131	18	149	402	37	42	41
	4th Rifle	0	54	12	66	157	42	47	51
201	Archery	8	0	0	8	8	100	79	81
	Muzzle	4	5	0	9	17	53	69	60
	Early	23	0	0	23	24	96	94	92
	1st Rifle	0	3	1	4	14	29	53	43
	2nd Rifle	0	22	4	26	40	65	51	51
	3rd Rifle	0	11	1	12	29	41	37	43
	4th Rifle	0	31	4	35	68	51	43	45

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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**

<p>AREA MAPS</p>	<p>BLM Craig BLM Meeker</p>
<p>AREA INFO</p>	<p><a href="http://www.craig-chamber.com">www.craig-chamber.com</a> <a href="http://www.meekerchamber.com">www.meekerchamber.com</a></p>
<p>SHOOTING RANGES</p>	<p>Craig - Bears Ears Sportsmans Club          Contact: Jack Garcia (970) 824-8376          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          Contact: Troy Osborne (970) 878-6014          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 White and Little Snake rivers. The lower elevations of 6,000' consist of sage and sage steepe. 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 buck-doe ratio 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. In 211 and 11, deer are generally found in the Danforth Hills during 2nd rifle season moving to lower elevations in Axial Basin (GMU 211), Bitterbrush SWA and adjacent BLM (GMU 11), and Crooked Wash (GMU 11) by 3rd and 4th rifle. Several thousand acres are open for public hunting in Axial Basin through a coordinated resource management plan (see Meeker DOW office for more details.)

### 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

## 2009 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	22.7:100	22:100	63.8:100	35,947	37,800
White River	11, 211, 12, 22, 23, 24, 13, 131, 231	25.7:100	22:100	58.7:100	61,446	67,500

## 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	10	17	0	27	87	31	26	25
	Muzzle	11	4	0	15	24	63	57	45
	2nd Rifle	357	168	1	526	949	55	62	65
	3rd Rifle	337	167	15	519	654	79	72	73
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	13	85	67	68
11	Archery	8	4	0	12	15	80	33	28
	Muzzle	5	3	3	11	44	25	40	39
	2nd Rifle	134	48	4	186	364	51	50	53
	3rd Rifle	170	78	3	251	434	58	65	71
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	7	57	71	69
211	Archery	0	0	0	0	21	0	25	26
	Muzzle	12	0	0	12	28	43	21	29
	2nd Rifle	163	3	0	166	262	63	48	57
	3rd Rifle	136	45	5	186	323	58	58	66
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	7	86	80	80
301	Archery	0	7	0	7	14	50	57	48
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	5	40	39	43
	2nd Rifle	141	85	1	227	473	48	64	68
	3rd Rifle	256	31	0	287	372	77	71	74
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	11	45	40	53

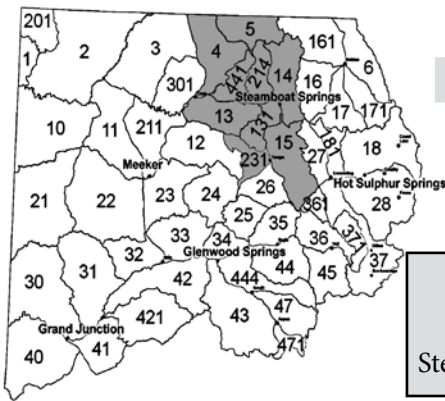
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ELK						
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Observed	Bull:Cow Objective	Calf:Cow Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14	26.9:100	20-25:100	68.8:100	17,673	15,000-18,000
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	28.2:100	22-27:100	64.4:100	42,886	32,000-39,000

## 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	0	4	0	4	84	5	12	11
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	15	20	16	12
	1st Rifle	10	73	10	93	225	41	36	37
	2nd Rifle	18	0	0	18	552	3	8	12
	3rd Rifle	25	3	11	39	821	5	6	13
	4th Rifle	0	146	14	160	888	18	13	22
11	Archery	11	3	0	14	112	13	15	12
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	18	17	9	26
	1st Rifle	172	157	18	347	618	56	40	40
	2nd Rifle	101	31	5	137	633	22	22	24
	3rd Rifle	128	97	15	240	874	27	17	20
	4th Rifle	39	243	58	340	933	36	38	42
211	Archery	55	22	0	77	213	36	34	34
	Muzzle	12	9	3	24	43	56	54	46
	1st Rifle	149	50	0	199	305	65	55	51
	2nd Rifle	97	53	5	155	507	31	27	30
	3rd Rifle	69	31	0	100	595	17	14	18
	4th Rifle	50	204	2	256	615	42	31	36
301	Archery	7	0	0	7	28	25	15	18
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	20
	1st Rifle	10	30	0	40	66	61	38	40
	2nd Rifle	10	0	0	10	230	4	7	14
	3rd Rifle	13	0	0	13	297	4	5	16
	4th Rifle	7	62	3	72	513	14	15	25



# 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> <a href="http://www.ci.steamboat.co.us">www.ci.steamboat.co.us</a>
SHOOTING RANGES	Craig - Bears Ears Sportsmans Club Contact: Jack Garcia (970) 824-8376 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.
	Hayden Shooting Range Contact: DOW Steamboat (970) 870-2197 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.
	Routt County Rifle Club Contact: Ken Constantine (970) 879-7565 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: <a href="http://www.routtcountyrifleclub.com">www.routtcountyrifleclub.com</a>

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.

# UPPER YAMPA

## 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.

### 2009 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	22.7:100	22:100	63.8:100	35,947	37,800
White River	11, 211, 12, 22, 23, 24, 13, 131, 231	25.7:100	22:100	58.7:100	61,446	67,500
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45	28.8:100	26-30 :100	64.8:100	14,800	13,500 - 16,500

### 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	Total Harvest	Total Hunter	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	0	7	0	7	112	6	13	16
	Muzzle	6	14	3	23	55	42	36	39
	2nd Rifle	253	112	0	365	828	44	47	49
	3rd Rifle	160	133	11	304	539	56	51	55
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	15	73	66	75
5	Archery	0	0	0	0	73	0	14	12
	Muzzle	4	3	0	7	36	19	22	33
	2nd Rifle	85	25	0	110	347	32	46	45
	3rd Rifle	75	11	0	86	145	59	65	71
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	4	75	89	86
13	Archery	4	0	0	4	28	14	20	24
	Muzzle	12	9	0	21	24	88	61	49
	2nd Rifle	91	5	0	96	183	52	53	51
	3rd Rifle	92	7	0	99	152	65	37	44
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	5	80	63	56

# UPPER YAMPA

## 2009 Deer Harvest Stats (continued)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	Total Harvest	Total Hunter	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
14	Archery	0	7	0	7	90	8	27	25
	Muzzle	2	8	0	10	33	30	38	40
	Early	10	0	0	10	29	34	29	28
	2nd Rifle	39	32	0	71	318	22	20	15
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	59	0	7	8
15	Archery	10	0	0	10	144	7	7	11
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	93	4	19	21
	2nd Rifle	63	35	6	104	317	33	33	36
	3rd Rifle	92	8	0	100	219	46	45	43
	4th Rifle	15	0	0	15	19	79	63	70
131	Archery	0	4	0	4	29	14	11	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	17	0	16	25
	2nd Rifle	7	2	0	9	76	12	23	25
	3rd Rifle	12	0	0	12	21	57	28	21
214	Archery	7	17	0	24	97	25	35	31
	Muzzle	4	8	0	12	23	52	51	38
	2nd Rifle	37	18	8	63	213	30	32	34
	3rd Rifle	5	6	0	11	46	24	8	16
231	Archery	13	0	0	13	52	25	13	17
	Muzzle	0	11	0	11	76	14	22	22
	2nd Rifle	4	4	0	8	49	16	20	17
	3rd Rifle	3	0	0	3	13	23	13	15
441	Archery	0	7	0	7	40	18	17	18
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	6	33	22	23
	2nd Rifle	67	12	0	79	204	39	53	45
	3rd Rifle	38	19	0	57	139	41	39	43

### 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.





# UPPER YAMPA

## 2009 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	26.9:100	20-25:100	68.8:100	17,673	15,000-18,000
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	28.2:100	22-27:100	64.4:100	42,866	32,000-39,000
Gore Pass	15, 27	27.4:100	24-28:100	46.5:100	4,222	3,500-4,500

### 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	39	20	5	64	331	19	17	17
	Muzzle	16	13	0	29	174	17	25	25
	1st Rifle	101	265	32	398	887	45	43	44
	2nd Rifle	119	24	17	160	967	17	18	20
	3rd Rifle	68	24	0	92	543	17	12	16
	4th Rifle	35	61	11	107	365	29	17	25
5	Archery	19	15	3	37	155	24	23	21
	Muzzle	18	4	0	22	61	36	32	26
	1st Rifle	37	65	39	141	391	36	43	37
	2nd Rifle	68	25	3	96	366	26	19	19
	3rd Rifle	44	20	2	66	212	31	29	29
	4th Rifle	2	1	3	6	69	9	16	20
13	Archery	8	22	0	30	186	16	21	21
	Muzzle	11	5	1	17	55	31	31	25
	1st Rifle	74	81	19	174	262	66	56	55
	2nd Rifle	81	79	16	176	454	39	36	39
	3rd Rifle	54	41	6	101	317	32	32	41
	4th Rifle	57	98	17	172	360	48	52	60
14	Archery	85	36	0	121	609	20	17	16
	Muzzle	31	27	0	58	231	25	26	24
	1st Rifle	18	27	7	52	271	19	24	22
	2nd Rifle	55	27	0	82	578	14	17	17
	3rd Rifle	25	19	11	55	253	22	17	16
	4th Rifle	6	16	2	24	98	24	32	37

# UPPER YAMPA

## 2009 Elk Harvest Stats (continued)

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	Total Harvest	Total Hunter	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
15	Archery	95	30	3	128	728	18	14	13
	Muzzle	18	27	3	48	227	21	22	19
	1st Rifle	38	49	0	87	446	20	24	24
	2nd Rifle	100	92	0	192	1180	16	15	15
	3rd Rifle	75	18	0	93	713	13	12	14
	4th Rifle	10	32	2	44	194	23	23	28
131	Archery	21	15	4	40	250	16	19	21
	Muzzle	9	9	3	21	58	36	22	22
	1st Rifle	18	17	0	35	138	25	28	36
	2nd Rifle	54	48	18	120	354	34	32	30
	3rd Rifle	10	19	4	33	141	23	24	34
	4th Rifle	5	33	3	41	99	41	32	34
214	Archery	25	43	0	68	339	20	20	21
	Muzzle	18	15	0	33	114	29	28	31
	1st Rifle	14	35	0	49	117	42	48	50
	2nd Rifle	72	31	9	112	385	29	24	24
	3rd Rifle	3	3	5	11	62	18	19	15
	4th Rifle	0	12	0	12	43	28	29	35
231	Archery	42	20	4	66	374	18	12	12
	Muzzle	21	3	0	24	117	21	16	14
	1st Rifle	44	35	0	79	275	29	27	31
	2nd Rifle	48	17	2	67	398	17	18	20
	3rd Rifle	25	5	1	31	148	21	18	16
	4th Rifle	4	9	8	21	69	30	28	32
441	Archery	13	26	0	39	143	27	27	24
	Muzzle	5	4	1	10	65	15	29	27
	1st Rifle	33	71	38	142	302	47	43	47
	2nd Rifle	42	7	0	49	300	16	21	21
	3rd Rifle	16	4	0	20	153	13	24	24
	4th Rifle	12	37	17	66	161	41	25	30

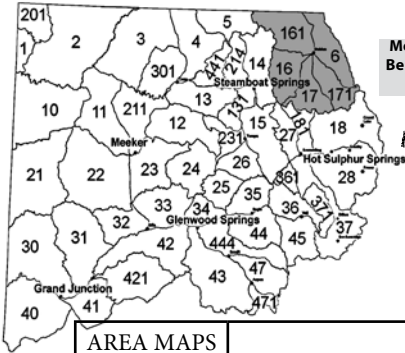
# NORTH PARK

## GMU

6, 16, 17, 161, 171

CWD has been detected in these units

Moose in area  
Be sure of your  
target!



**LOCAL DOW OFFICE**  
Steamboat Springs  
(970) 870-2197

AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest
AREA INFO	<a href="http://www.ci.steamboat.co.us">www.ci.steamboat.co.us</a>
SHOOTING RANGES	Walden Public Shooting Area Contact: DOW Walden Workcenter (970) 723-4625 Area is located 4 miles east of Walden on County Rd 12E. Range is on north side of road. Open year-round. No supervision. Benches from 50 - 300 yards. No trash service—shooters are responsible for removing their own brass, shell casings, targets & trash. Please be aware of other users of public lands such as hikers, horse riders, and OHV operators.

North Park borders Wyoming between the Continental Divide and Medicine Bow Mtns. The valley floor at 7,880' supports ag lands and sage. 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. The area is generally windy and colder than 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 State Trust Lands and Wilderness Areas is non-motorized. Big game can move onto private lands with no public access.

### DEER

If you are patient, you could have success hunting trophy bucks. North Park has an early 9-day deer-only season that begins the last week of September. This season provides additional hunter opportunities as many of the deer in North Park migrate early. Few deer are found in North Park during January classification flights. Small sample sizes lead to higher observed buck:doe ratios than can be expected during the hunting seasons. Use 3-year average success rates for choosing a hunt.

### 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. Computer models likely over-estimate the total North Park elk population due to biased January observed bull:cow ratios resulting from multiple bias factors including state line issues, refuge areas, and low public land hunter success rates.

## 2009 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	39:100	30-40:100	49:100	4,204	5,400 - 6,400
ELK						
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Observed	Bull:Cow Objective	Calf:Cow Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	29:100	20-23:100	49:100	9,197	4,000 - 4,500

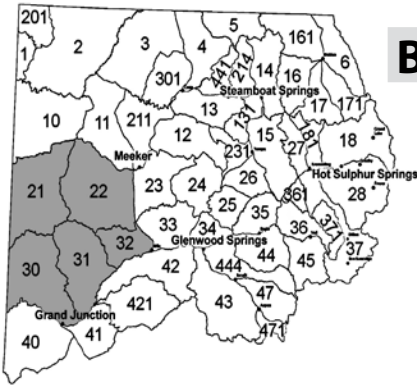
# NORTH PARK

## 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
6	Archery	0	2	0	2	24	8	13	14
	Muzzle	2	8	0	10	31	32	20	33
	2nd Rifle	14	0	0	14	34	41	48	51
	3rd Rifle	13	0	0	13	25	52	54	65
	4th Rifle	16	0	0	16	26	62	70	69
16	Archery	8	10	0	18	28	64	54	43
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	9	44	38	35
	2nd Rifle	6	0	0	6	19	32	25	19
	3rd Rifle	2	0	0	2	17	12	9	25
17	Archery	0	0	0	0	5	0	15	13
	Muzzle	6	8	0	14	32	44	25	28
	2nd Rifle	5	0	0	5	20	25	22	21
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	18	0	9	20
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	7	57	33	43
161	Archery	2	12	0	14	30	47	45	42
	Muzzle	4	6	0	10	25	40	38	36
	2nd Rifle	13	0	0	13	32	41	55	51
	3rd Rifle	2	0	0	2	18	11	13	23
	4th Rifle	2	0	0	2	7	29	20	20
171	Archery	0	0	0	0	10	0	23	30
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	6	33	14	25
	2nd Rifle	6	0	0	6	31	19	22	25
	3rd Rifle	4	0	0	4	18	22	28	29

## 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
6	Archery	17	4	0	21	330	6	10	11
	Muzzle	6	6	3	15	88	17	11	8
	1st Rifle	23	16	0	39	297	13	16	17
	2nd Rifle	21	36	7	64	712	9	12	14
	3rd Rifle	23	2	0	25	346	7	9	11
	4th Rifle	0	12	3	15	151	10	10	14
16	Archery	25	15	0	40	362	11	10	10
	Muzzle	6	9	0	15	75	20	23	20
	1st Rifle	29	29	0	58	246	24	19	19
	2nd Rifle	30	22	7	59	363	16	15	13
	3rd Rifle	8	10	3	21	117	18	13	14
	4th Rifle	8	16	0	24	105	23	17	19
17	Archery	0	4	3	7	243	3	6	7
	Muzzle	6	3	0	9	95	9	12	15
	1st Rifle	24	17	19	60	312	19	24	22
	2nd Rifle	42	14	0	56	555	10	8	11
	3rd Rifle	22	43	0	65	275	24	16	15
	4th Rifle	3	16	1	20	114	18	13	19
161	Archery	21	10	0	31	359	9	8	9
	Muzzle	9	6	9	24	128	19	22	23
	1st Rifle	6	23	13	42	211	20	24	21
	2nd Rifle	30	0	0	30	488	6	7	11
	3rd Rifle	15	8	4	27	377	7	6	10
	4th Rifle	0	13	3	16	202	8	7	12
171	Archery	3	7	4	14	259	5	9	9
	Muzzle	9	0	0	9	122	7	12	12
	1st Rifle	25	37	11	73	246	30	29	28
	2nd Rifle	25	28	0	53	296	18	11	12
	3rd Rifle	0	12	6	18	107	17	10	12
	4th Rifle	2	3	0	5	87	6	6	9



# 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 occurring in these units.** Pinyon-juniper with pockets of sagebrush cover most of area. Terrain varies from rolling sagebrush to steep-sided canyons. 75% of area is BLM land. There are remote hunting areas accessible by foot, horseback or ATV. Get maps and study BLM access points. Some areas are steep & rugged, especially in southern portion. Weather is generally mild. Rains bring muddy roads. High elevation snows make roads impassible without chains.

AREA MAPS	BLM Douglas Pass BLM Meeker BLM Grand Junction	BLM Rangely 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	<p>Meeker Sportsman's Club Contact: Troy Osborne (970) 878-6014</p> <p>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.</p>	
	<p>Grand Junction BLM Public Ranges Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000 <b>27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport.</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road.</b></p> <p>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, brush and targets. No glass targets.</p>	
	<p>Rifle Sportsman's Club Contact: John Getty (970) 625-4389</p> <p>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></p>	
	<p>Orchard Mesa Gun Club Contact: Tom Matthews (970) 242-3793</p> <p>Private range has several free sight-in days prior to the big game seasons. 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>	

# 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. GMUs 21 and 30 are managed as quality deer units and licenses are separate from licenses that are valid in units 22, 31 or 32.

### 2009 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER						
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Observed	Buck:Doe Objective	Fawn:Doe Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bookcliffs	21, 30	40.8:100	30-35:100	57.5:100	12,094	10,000 - 12,000
Logan Mountain	31, 32	27.8:100	20:100	69.2:100	7,962	16,500

### 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	32	0	0	32	64	50	52	49
	Muzzle	18	0	0	18	25	72	64	64
	2nd Rifle	234	0	0	234	260	90	89	88
	3rd Rifle	55	0	0	55	59	93	92	94
22	Archery	15	13	0	28	76	37	38	41
	Muzzle	50	3	0	53	110	48	48	49
	2nd Rifle	166	36	0	202	320	63	60	58
	3rd Rifle	155	22	4	181	294	62	69	70
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	4	100	80	83
30	Archery	30	12	0	42	119	35	41	38
	Muzzle	9	0	0	9	23	39	52	59
	2nd Rifle	66	0	0	66	92	72	86	86
	3rd Rifle	51	0	0	51	54	94	92	92
31	Archery	12	0	0	12	83	14	17	27
	Muzzle	54	0	0	54	70	77	74	71
	2nd Rifle	99	0	0	99	217	46	52	53
	3rd Rifle	105	0	0	105	176	60	64	64
32	Archery	9	0	0	9	53	17	14	12
	Muzzle	21	0	0	21	28	75	65	54
	2nd Rifle	34	0	0	34	59	58	50	58
	3rd Rifle	31	0	0	31	46	67	66	69

# 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.

### 2009 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	22.5:100	18-22:100	55.1:100	11,759	8,000 - 10,000

### 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	39	12	0	51	356	14	19	18
	Muzzle	6	6	0	12	60	20	17	12
	1st Rifle	82	44	0	126	485	26	32	30
	2nd Rifle	80	55	0	135	815	17	17	18
	3rd Rifle	38	30	0	68	395	17	17	16
	4th Rifle	12	26	7	45	177	25	20	21
22	Archery	33	20	3	56	306	18	15	19
	Muzzle	6	6	0	12	77	16	22	25
	1st Rifle	84	56	15	155	325	48	40	37
	2nd Rifle	108	63	14	185	989	19	22	21
	3rd Rifle	118	79	22	219	839	26	23	23
	4th Rifle	23	85	20	128	358	36	27	30
30	Archery	15	7	3	25	118	21	11	9
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	9	0	19	16
	1st Rifle	45	10	0	55	141	39	36	40
	2nd Rifle	7	12	0	19	226	8	12	14
	3rd Rifle	41	37	5	83	276	30	20	22
	4th Rifle	22	7	0	29	88	33	20	20

## BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

### 2009 Elk Harvest Stats (continued)

31	Archery	27	3	4	34	174	20	14	15
	Muzzle	9	0	3	12	43	28	36	43
	1st Rifle	38	21	3	62	145	43	44	42
	2nd Rifle	29	14	0	43	299	14	16	17
	3rd Rifle	49	4	0	53	260	20	22	22
	4th Rifle	2	14	0	16	100	16	16	16
32	Archery	25	4	0	29	306	9	12	14
	Muzzle	12	0	0	12	72	17	15	20
	1st Rifle	29	6	0	35	110	32	36	41
	2nd Rifle	44	2	0	46	337	14	14	17
	3rd Rifle	18	5	6	29	224	13	12	14
	4th Rifle	5	2	0	7	36	19	23	29

### Important Note for Bookcliffs / Piceance Hunters

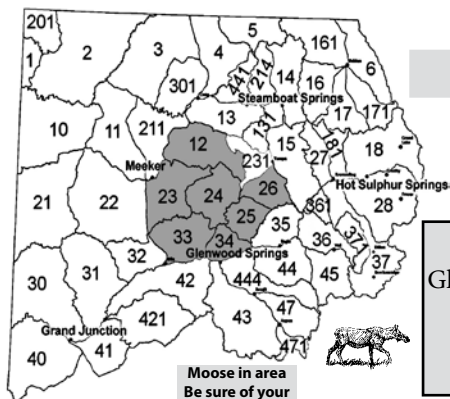
In 1986, the federal government sold thousands of acres of public land in the Piceance/Roan area (GMUs 22 and 32) to energy companies. The agreement required that the companies keep the land open to the public for 20 years. The public access agreement ended in 2006. These parcels, known as the “Girls 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 2010 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.





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# 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          Contact: DOW Glenwood Springs (970) 947-2920          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          Contact: (970) 945-7401          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          Contact: Troy Osborne (970) 878-6014          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          Contact: John Getty (970) 625-4389          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          Contact: DOW Grand Junction (970) 255-6100          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 HAVE BEEN 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. Jensen State Wildlife Area is good during most seasons. Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area is good during 3rd and 4th rifle seasons. Both properties are limited to foot or horseback travel.

### 2009 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER						
HERD	GMUs	Buck:Doe Observed	Buck:Doe Objective	Fawn:Doe Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Rifle Creek	33	36.8:100	30-35:100	56.7:100	8,319	7,700 - 9,400
White River	11, 211, 12, 22, 23, 24, 13, 131, 231	25.7:100	22:100	58.7:100	61,446	67,500
Sweetwater Creek	25, 26, 34	28.1:100	24:100	80:100	4,686	8,100

ELK						
HERD	GMUs	Bull:Cow Observed	Bull:Cow Objective	Calf:Cow Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	28.2:100	22-27:100	64.4:100	42,886	32,000- 39,000

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

# WHITE RIVER

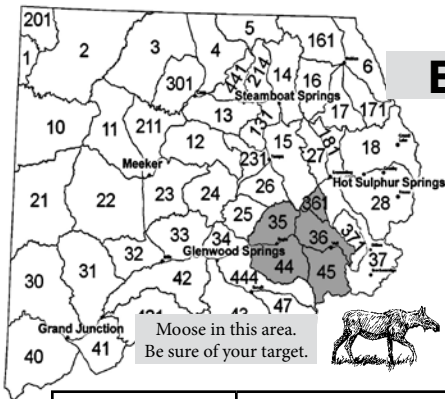
## 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	3	3	0	6	106	6	11	10
	Muzzle	2	6	2	10	52	19	29	31
	2nd Rifle	127	67	0	194	462	42	36	38
	3rd Rifle	153	7	3	163	257	63	35	37
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	9	44	64	65
23	Archery	0	0	0	0	101	0	8	12
	Muzzle	8	6	0	14	69	20	22	25
	2nd Rifle	90	34	0	124	397	31	29	32
	3rd Rifle	52	3	3	58	131	44	24	29
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	9	33	45	51
24	Archery	4	3	0	7	82	9	8	11
	Muzzle	5	2	0	7	43	16	12	11
	2nd Rifle	31	5	0	36	225	16	16	16
	3rd Rifle	6	3	0	9	77	12	14	12
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
25	Archery	2	3	0	5	56	9	11	9
	Muzzle	5	5	0	10	62	16	15	17
	2nd Rifle	46	28	0	74	294	25	29	31
	3rd Rifle	54	27	5	86	201	43	31	34
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	17	24	36	46
26	Archery	0	0	0	0	37	0	6	5
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	41	12	11	9
	2nd Rifle	15	40	1	56	125	45	42	40
	3rd Rifle	30	8	0	38	108	35	35	40
	4th Rifle	7	0	0	7	13	54	44	49
33	Archery	2	14	0	16	195	8	8	8
	Muzzle	18	6	0	24	105	23	24	27
	2nd Rifle	166	0	0	166	656	25	25	31
	3rd Rifle	121	0	0	121	342	35	35	42
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	8	75	48	46
34	Archery	1	5	0	6	59	10	14	11
	Muzzle	10	6	0	16	82	20	15	16
	2nd Rifle	8	11	0	19	193	10	16	17
	3rd Rifle	24	0	0	24	87	28	20	24
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	18	50	46	48

# WHITE RIVER

## 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	113	27	3	143	567	25	30	26
	Muzzle	22	18	3	43	165	26	27	29
	1st Rifle	325	393	76	794	1763	45	42	43
	2nd Rifle	154	126	34	314	1461	21	22	23
	3rd Rifle	107	118	18	243	731	33	22	25
	4th Rifle	38	107	9	154	482	32	24	37
23	Archery	66	37	7	110	384	29	24	22
	Muzzle	10	10	1	21	65	32	18	22
	1st Rifle	133	81	26	240	913	26	26	30
	2nd Rifle	147	72	12	231	1190	19	16	17
	3rd Rifle	106	125	24	255	669	38	22	22
	4th Rifle	6	34	4	44	327	13	18	26
24	Archery	81	7	0	88	497	18	16	19
	Muzzle	13	3	0	16	63	25	23	23
	1st Rifle	168	146	18	332	1191	28	33	32
	2nd Rifle	92	88	12	192	1380	14	17	18
	3rd Rifle	49	24	0	73	440	17	15	13
	4th Rifle	4	13	0	17	106	16	14	24
25	Archery	23	3	3	29	258	11	10	11
	Muzzle	0	6	0	6	74	8	18	11
	1st Rifle	17	27	0	44	165	27	24	27
	2nd Rifle	48	37	4	89	734	12	17	18
	3rd Rifle	76	23	0	99	459	22	13	16
	4th Rifle	3	18	2	23	82	28	17	24
26	Archery	14	3	0	17	208	8	12	11
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	34	9	12	17
	1st Rifle	18	10	0	28	203	14	29	28
	2nd Rifle	41	4	0	45	455	10	14	15
	3rd Rifle	31	6	0	37	258	14	14	18
	4th Rifle	4	4	0	8	73	11	9	11
33	Archery	102	0	0	102	580	18	17	19
	Muzzle	20	11	0	31	148	21	25	25
	1st Rifle	88	68	9	165	566	29	28	25
	2nd Rifle	93	127	15	235	1223	19	16	16
	3rd Rifle	24	35	5	64	486	13	11	15
	4th Rifle	6	35	5	46	199	23	19	27
34	Archery	11	3	0	14	258	5	11	11
	Muzzle	3	0	3	6	109	6	12	10
	1st Rifle	18	9	9	36	227	16	24	18
	2nd Rifle	24	21	0	45	468	10	12	11
	3rd Rifle	8	2	0	10	176	6	7	13
	4th Rifle	0	9	0	9	44	20	8	18



# EAGLE RIVER VALLEY GMU

## 35, 36, 44, 45, 361

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 Pay to shoot with limited hours. Open prior to hunting season for sight-in. Range visible from I-70. North-side of Interstate, west of interchange.
	Vail Rod and Gun Club, Ltd. Contact: (970) 926-3472 Range is located south of I70 at 001 Sporting Clay Way, Wolcott exit Pay to shoot. Open to the public for sporting clays during summer months. In fall, archery, pistol and 100 yard rifle range open to public for a fee.

These units are bordered by the Colorado River, the Gore Range, the Red Table Mtns and the Continental Divide. Elevation climbs from 6,000' with sage and pinyon to over 14,000' with alpine vegetation starting at 10,500'. Weather varies widely with heavy high country snow. Motorized travel restricted to designated routes. GMUs 35 & 44 have some public access, however the northern part of GMU 44 between Edwards and Eagle is primarily private property with no hunting allowed. Check your map and contact the BLM/USFS office regarding off road travel.

## 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.

## 2009 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, 361	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

ELK						
HERD	GMUs	Bull:Cow Observed	Bull:Cow Objective	Calf:Cow Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Piney River	35, 36, 361	39:100	16:100	41.8:100	3,778	2,950
Frying Pan	44, 45, 47, 444	25.9:100	20:100	37.3:100	7,200	5,100

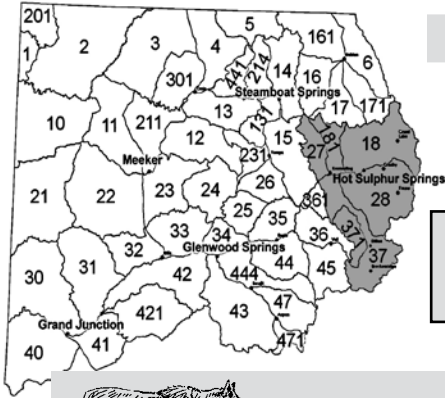
# EAGLE RIVER VALLEY

## 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	5	6	0	11	68	16	16	11
	Muzzle	4	10	0	14	70	20	30	33
	2nd Rifle	42	6	0	48	144	33	42	42
	3rd Rifle	55	6	2	63	161	39	35	40
	4th Rifle	7	0	0	7	17	41	38	48
36	Archery	5	1	0	6	61	10	7	9
	Muzzle	11	2	0	13	53	25	18	21
	2nd Rifle	74	19	0	93	269	35	32	34
	3rd Rifle	59	6	2	67	189	35	33	38
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	17	65	41	54
44	Archery	7	0	0	7	38	18	14	20
	Muzzle	12	4	0	16	55	29	31	28
	2nd Rifle	28	7	0	35	75	47	51	52
	3rd Rifle	22	6	2	30	48	63	51	54
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	6	100	71	79
45	Archery	26	1	0	27	50	54	27	16
	Muzzle	9	5	0	14	55	25	21	29
	2nd Rifle	34	22	3	59	152	39	39	34
	3rd Rifle	2	0	0	2	36	6	6	15
361	This is a new unit in 2010 so there are no previous hunt statistics								

## 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	11	15	3	29	288	10	10	11
	Muzzle	6	3	0	9	50	18	17	14
	1st Rifle	15	8	0	23	122	19	32	29
	2nd Rifle	35	18	1	54	389	14	10	10
	3rd Rifle	28	56	7	91	376	24	22	24
36	4th Rifle	0	7	0	7	54	13	6	19
	Archery	32	12	0	44	493	9	8	8
	Muzzle	6	6	0	12	163	7	11	10
	1st Rifle	25	16	2	43	125	34	29	24
	2nd Rifle	109	72	0	181	820	22	16	15
44	3rd Rifle	43	24	2	69	578	12	15	16
	4th Rifle	2	12	2	16	98	16	11	16
	Archery	25	7	3	35	437	8	9	10
	Muzzle	6	9	0	15	130	12	15	17
	1st Rifle	23	40	10	73	269	27	26	23
	2nd Rifle	48	19	0	67	602	11	14	16
45	3rd Rifle	48	18	2	68	473	14	12	15
	4th Rifle	15	15	3	33	187	18	17	23
	Archery	38	0	0	38	441	9	7	9
	Muzzle	9	3	3	15	107	14	9	11
	1st Rifle	14	26	0	40	140	29	33	27
	2nd Rifle	34	15	0	49	533	9	12	16
361	3rd Rifle	4	11	3	18	129	14	10	10
	4th Rifle	19	7	2	28	140	20	23	29
361	This is a new unit in 2010 so there are no previous hunt statistics								



# 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**



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AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest USFS White River National Forest USFS Arapahoe/Roosevelt National Forest
AREA INFO	<a href="http://www.kremmlingchamber.com">www.kremmlingchamber.com</a> <a href="http://www.granbychamber.com">www.granbychamber.com</a>
SHOOTING RANGES	Byers Canyon Rifle Range, Hot Sulphur Springs Contact: DOW Hot Sulphur Springs (970) 725-6200 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.

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. 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.

## 2009 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	38.5:100	30-35:100	67.7:100	12,277	10,500 - 12,500

## 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	8	8	0	16	215	7	5	6
	Muzzle	24	0	0	24	138	17	21	15
	2nd Rifle	80	68	10	158	593	27	28	27
	3rd Rifle	86	62	0	148	552	27	27	32
	4th Rifle	25	0	0	25	82	30	30	48
27	Archery	25	8	0	33	154	21	31	23
	Muzzle	15	10	0	25	83	30	32	36
	2nd Rifle	47	48	13	108	300	36	43	40
	3rd Rifle	35	32	3	70	272	26	33	38
	4th Rifle	17	0	0	17	37	46	41	44
28	Archery	0	0	0	0	156	0	11	13
	Muzzle	19	4	0	23	102	23	18	19
	2nd Rifle	60	36	0	96	357	27	24	25
	3rd Rifle	34	61	18	113	377	30	27	38
	4th Rifle	22	0	0	22	62	35	35	45
37	Archery	17	17	0	34	159	21	13	17
	Muzzle	11	0	0	11	68	16	19	23
	2nd Rifle	48	30	34	112	325	34	37	34
	3rd Rifle	56	39	0	95	224	42	32	43
	4th Rifle	13	0	0	13	24	54	35	46
181	Archery	0	0	0	0	81	0	6	11
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	24	0	17	36
	2nd Rifle	17	11	0	28	175	16	22	29
	3rd Rifle	39	15	0	54	247	22	28	32
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	27	11	11	45
371	Archery	0	0	0	0	45	0	8	8
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	37	5	25	15
	2nd Rifle	49	2	0	51	179	28	29	30
	3rd Rifle	8	3	0	11	40	28	41	33
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	12	33	32	53



# MIDDLE PARK

## ELK

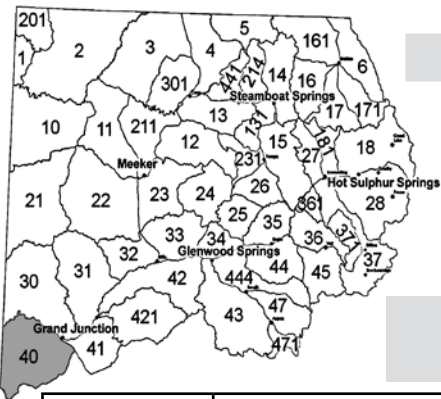
Elk are well distributed in all units. Bull to cow ratios are good because the area is fairly steep and heavily timbered. Generally, trophy bulls are rare (a few are taken every year) because bulls are managed for hunter opportunity. With hunting pressure and snow, elk head for the inaccessible timber 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.

### 2009 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

ELK						
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Observed	Bull:Cow Objective	Calf:Cow Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Gore Pass	15, 27	27.4:100	24-28:100	46.5:100	4,222	3,500-4,500
Troublesome Creek	18, 181	14.2:100	24:100	58.7:100	3,967	2,700
Williams Fork	28, 37, 371	33.5:100	23:100	56.7:100	4,743	3,000

### 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	40	22	0	62	815	8	8	8
	Muzzle	22	19	3	44	217	20	18	13
	1st Rifle	69	123	4	196	906	22	23	21
	2nd Rifle	61	18	2	81	944	9	11	13
	3rd Rifle	64	37	10	111	721	15	10	10
	4th Rifle	24	33	0	57	818	7	8	14
27	Archery	3	7	4	14	266	5	6	9
	Muzzle	9	6	3	18	85	21	15	10
	1st Rifle	18	14	3	35	121	29	27	20
	2nd Rifle	22	36	9	67	561	12	15	14
	3rd Rifle	3	8	0	11	344	3	5	8
	4th Rifle	0	14	1	15	79	19	19	24
28	Archery	36	22	4	62	541	11	11	10
	Muzzle	3	6	0	9	125	7	14	11
	1st Rifle	21	99	12	132	695	19	20	20
	2nd Rifle	54	39	7	100	898	11	11	11
	3rd Rifle	29	44	10	83	627	13	10	12
	4th Rifle	2	18	0	20	522	4	11	15
37	Archery	46	26	0	72	414	17	11	11
	Muzzle	9	6	0	15	132	11	18	20
	1st Rifle	7	15	8	30	243	12	23	26
	2nd Rifle	51	45	2	98	440	22	19	19
	3rd Rifle	21	41	0	62	354	18	15	14
	4th Rifle	0	33	0	33	255	13	18	23
181	Archery	3	0	0	3	153	2	5	5
	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	68	9	12	10
	1st Rifle	14	6	0	20	90	22	14	16
	2nd Rifle	17	12	0	29	381	8	17	13
	3rd Rifle	0	9	4	13	188	7	9	7
	4th Rifle	0	20	0	20	224	9	11	15
371	Archery	3	7	0	10	235	4	6	6
	Muzzle	6	3	0	9	57	16	18	18
	1st Rifle	22	16	0	38	225	17	21	21
	2nd Rifle	10	19	0	29	279	10	14	16
	3rd Rifle	4	10	0	14	179	8	11	13
	4th Rifle	3	9	0	12	170	7	9	16



# GLADE PARK

GMU

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<p>AREA MAPS</p>	<p>USFS Uncompahgre National Forest BLM Delta                      BLM Grand Junction BLM Moab                      BLM Westwater</p>
<p>AREA INFO</p>	<p><a href="http://www.visitgrandjunction.com">www.visitgrandjunction.com</a></p>
<p>SHOOTING RANGES</p>	<p>Grand Junction BLM Public Ranges Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000 <b>27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport.</b> 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. <b>East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road.</b> 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, brash and targets. No glass targets.</p> <p>Orchard Mesa Gun Club Contact: Tom Matthews (970) 242-3793 Private range has several free sight-in days prior to the big game seasons. 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 hard to locate. The upper end of the Little Dolores drainage is a good place for quality mule deer bucks but there is considerable private land. Late season hunters may have success near Seiber Canyon, but it is foot or horseback only. Areas along the Utah border and north of Gateway can be good during the rifle seasons however be aware of private land and the state line.

# GLADE PARK

## 2009 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER						
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Observed	Buck:Doe Objective	Fawn:Doe Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	34.8:100	25:100	64.6:100	5,702	12,000

### 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
40	Archery	45	0	0	45	96	47	49	40
	Muzzle	23	0	0	23	43	53	45	41
	2nd Rifle	132	0	0	132	207	64	64	56
	3rd Rifle	102	0	0	102	161	63	68	68

### 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 - elk will not be there. Successful hunters do a lot of walking and looking.

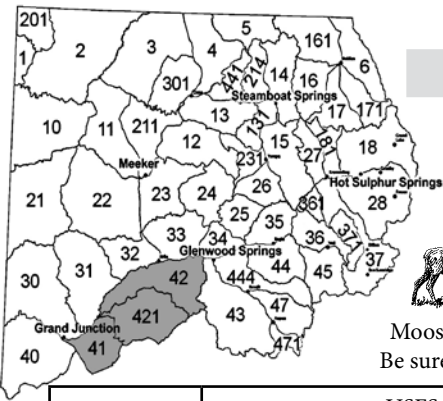
**You can NOT hunt elk in GMU 40 with an unlimited bull elk license.  
GMU 40 is a limited unit. You must apply in the draw.**

### ELK

ELK						
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Observed	Bull:Cow Objective	Calf:Cow Observed	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	39:100	35:100	53.6:100	3,301	2,400

### 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
40	Archery	49	0	0	49	84	58	48	38
	Muzzle	31	7	3	41	106	39	46	39
	1st Rifle	29	11	0	40	70	57	53	41
	2nd Rifle	22	16	2	40	71	56	48	39
	3rd Rifle	22	9	2	33	72	46	44	39
	4th Rifle	5	27	0	32	100	32	36	36



# 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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**Grand Junction**  
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AREA MAPS	USFS Grand Mesa National Forest 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            Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000  <b>27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport.</b>            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.  <b>East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road.</b>            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            Contact: Tom Matthews (970) 242-3793            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></p>
	<p>Plateau Creek State Wildlife Area            Contact: DOW Grand Junction (970) 255-6100            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.</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. 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 GMUs 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.

### 2009 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	21.9:100	25-30:100	64:100	20,753	28,000-30,000

### 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	10	0	0	10	79	13	32	27
	Muzzle	14	8	0	22	104	21	34	39
	2nd Rifle	80	62	0	142	390	36	43	44
	3rd Rifle	116	35	0	151	342	44	46	52
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	10	30	24	36
42	Archery	10	21	0	31	180	17	27	26
	Muzzle	28	5	0	33	108	31	36	39
	2nd Rifle	213	26	0	239	605	40	45	49
	3rd Rifle	295	68	6	369	623	59	56	61
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	9	89	83	79
421	Archery	24	14	0	38	184	21	21	24
	Muzzle	42	26	0	68	114	60	42	39
	2nd Rifle	230	76	0	306	735	42	43	43
	3rd Rifle	105	28	6	139	304	46	52	58
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	12	42	49	56



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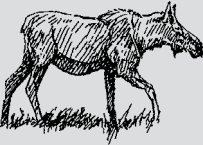
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# GRAND MESA

## ELK



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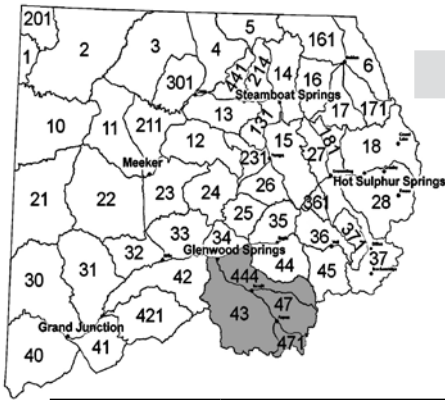
The elk herd is well distributed with good hunting success expected. Elk are scattered throughout the forest and on private lands. Most elk stay at higher elevations (8500- 10,000') in thick timber and oakbrush. There is no migration during the season, movement to the more remote areas is in response 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.

### 2009 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	18.2:100	18-22:100	52.6:100	18,116	9,000-11,000

### 2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	11	11	0	22	266	8	11	11
	Muzzle	0	9	3	12	66	18	18	20
	1st Rifle	35	36	0	71	185	38	40	37
	2nd Rifle	45	10	6	61	381	16	15	17
	3rd Rifle	29	18	0	47	182	26	17	15
	4th Rifle	0	11	0	11	83	13	15	17
42	Archery	52	44	0	96	624	15	13	14
	Muzzle	15	25	0	40	181	22	24	25
	1st Rifle	31	22	8	61	158	39	33	32
	2nd Rifle	137	29	1	167	812	21	20	20
	3rd Rifle	61	54	12	127	449	28	21	21
	4th Rifle	0	30	9	39	149	26	25	29
421	Archery	59	60	4	123	639	19	15	15
	Muzzle	15	20	6	41	158	26	24	19
	1st Rifle	19	30	4	53	194	27	33	29
	2nd Rifle	120	53	3	176	937	19	17	17
	3rd Rifle	36	30	6	72	351	21	19	19
	4th Rifle	6	0	3	9	46	20	17	28



# ROARING FORK

**GMU**

**43, 47, 444, 471**

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

<b>AREA MAPS</b>	<b>USFS White River National Forest</b>
<b>AREA INFO</b>	<b><a href="http://www.glenwoodchamber.com">www.glenwoodchamber.com</a></b>
<b>SHOOTING RANGES</b>	Basalt State Wildlife Area Range Contact: DOW Glenwood Springs (970) 947-2920 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.
	Glenwood Springs Gun Club Contact: (970) 945-7401 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 part of GMU 44.



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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 and East Snowmass 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.

### 2009 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	29.2:100	23:100	58.8:100	6,409	11,100
Basalt	444	36.9:100	30:100	77:100	3,941	5,300

### 2009 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS%		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	11	9	0	20	170	12	15	17
	Muzzle	25	3	0	28	134	21	21	18
	2nd Rifle	88	33	0	121	299	40	34	33
	3rd Rifle	69	21	7	97	229	42	37	42
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	10	100	63	71
47	Archery	0	15	0	15	46	33	26	24
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	15	13	19	18
	2nd Rifle	6	3	0	9	30	30	16	26
	3rd Rifle	3	7	0	10	72	14	23	24
444	Archery	17	2	0	19	88	22	23	21
	Muzzle	8	11	0	19	64	30	27	28
	2nd Rifle	75	25	2	102	333	31	33	32
	3rd Rifle	59	26	3	88	197	45	38	35
	4th Rifle	7	0	0	7	10	70	64	64
471	Archery	0	0	0	0	24	0	6	11
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	15	13	31	43
	2nd Rifle	6	0	0	6	11	55	21	8
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	2	0	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, Difficult Creek, McFarland 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	19.2:100	19:100	39.8:100	4,242	3,300
Frying Pan	44, 45, 47, 444	25.9:100	20:100	37.3:100	7,200	5,100

## 2008 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	42	29	6	77	553	14	12	14
	Muzzle	19	6	0	25	156	16	19	17
	1st Rifle	24	48	2	74	420	18	23	24
	2nd Rifle	91	68	17	176	1085	16	18	18
	3rd Rifle	72	55	0	127	492	26	17	15
	4th Rifle	30	50	3	83	314	26	21	25
47	Archery	25	4	3	32	210	15	16	15
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	61	5	14	14
	1st Rifle	2	7	0	9	61	15	14	20
	2nd Rifle	26	31	9	66	282	23	23	23
	3rd Rifle	21	17	2	40	267	15	16	17
	4th Rifle	6	13	0	19	72	26	31	32
444	Archery	24	3	0	27	294	9	12	13
	Muzzle	12	3	0	15	107	14	14	18
	1st Rifle	21	22	2	45	200	23	29	28
	2nd Rifle	104	46	8	158	852	19	20	20
	3rd Rifle	17	10	10	37	327	11	14	16
	4th Rifle	4	15	0	19	145	13	19	23
471	Archery	4	0	0	4	71	6	13	19
	Muzzle	0	0	3	3	28	11	20	26
	1st Rifle	6	4	0	10	37	27	25	26
	2nd Rifle	8	12	2	22	56	39	19	16
	3rd Rifle	3	3	0	6	16	38	11	8
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	41	0	10	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	30.5:100	68:100	36.1:100	1,225	3,200
Great Divide	3, 301, 4, 5, 13, 14, 131, 214, 441	51.4:100	55:100	61.3:100	12,792	15,800
North Park	6, 16, 161, 17, 171	25:100	25-35:100	35:100	1,620	1,500 - 1,600
Maybell	11	57.2:100	40:100	37.4:100	2,343	1,400
Axial Basin	12, 211	63.7:100	40:100	31.5:100	532	300
Middle Park	18, 181, 27, 28, 37, 371	52:100	40:100	39:100	502	630

## 2009 Pronghorn Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
2	Rifle	27	0	0	27	35	77	82	78
201	Rifle	8	22	0	30	40	75	79	76
3	Rifle	399	230	50	679	847	80	85	85
301	Rifle	150	152	15	371	441	72	86	86
4	Rifle	94	203	16	313	390	80	83	83
441	Rifle	16	13	7	36	47	77	81	83
5	Rifle	11	5	8	24	35	69	56	53
6	Rifle	14	15	6	35	37	95	89	84
10	Rifle	6	6	0	12	13	92	92	93
11	Rifle	65	69	6	140	152	92	94	95
211	Rifle	22	17	0	39	70	56	67	69
12	Rifle	16	12	0	28	41	68	68	67
13	Rifle	85	120	27	232	266	87	83	84
214	Rifle	16	25	3	44	59	75	67	59
15	Rifle	0	3	0	3	3	100	100	100
16	Rifle	12	30	0	42	57	74	63	66

# PRONGHORN, BEAR and MOOSE

## 2008 Pronghorn Harvest Stats (continued)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
161	Rifle	9	22	2	33	42	79	77	80
17	Rifle	3	10	0	13	23	57	70	68
171	Rifle	7	3	0	10	26	38	62	67
18	Rifle	16	23	3	42	65	65	38	45
181	Rifle	11	13	0	24	48	50	42	44
27	Rifle	3	6	3	12	19	63	68	60
28	Rifle	5	0	0	5	21	24	17	24

## 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.

### 2009 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	44:100	60-70:100	44:100	480	500-600
Middle Park	18, 28, 36, 37, 181, 371	71:100	65:100	70:100	323	190
Grand Mesa	41, 42, 43, 52, 411, 421, 521	60:100	50:100	65:100	150	450
Flattops	12, 23, 24, 33	(recent introduction)			<30	(undeter.)

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

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

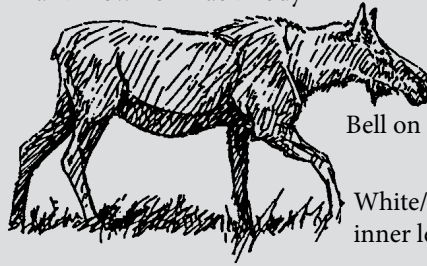
The fine for illegally killing & abandoning a moose starts at \$1,370.

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

**2009 Moose Harvest Stats**

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	BULL HUNTERS	COW HUNTERS	SUCCESS %	
						BULL	COW
6	All	13	15	14	18	93	83
16	All	3	5	1	4	33	80
17	All	6	10	6	9	100	90
18	All	11	12	11	11	100	92
28	All	6	5	5	5	83	100
36	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
37	All	0	1	0	1	0	100
42	All	1	0	0	0	0	0
161	All	4	4	4	3	100	75
171	All	14	22	11	16	79	73
181	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
371	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
421	All	2	0	2	0	100	0

**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.

2009 Black Bear Harvest Statistics						
Population	GMUs	Licenses Issued	Boar Harvest	Sow Harvest	Total Harvest	Success %
B-1	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	456	24	16	40	9
B-4	4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	414	18	3	21	5
B-10	12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 231	623	19	15	34	5
B-11	35, 36, 43, 44, 45, 47, 444, 471	606	23	10	33	5
B-15	1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 201, 211, 301	95	5	0	5	5
B-16	15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	282	14	6	20	7
B-17	41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	1393	65	58	123	9

### CAMP TIPS

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

Land Management Agencies			
<p>Bureau of Land Management BLM</p> <p>www.co.blm.gov/offices.htm</p>	Grand Junction Field Office 2815 H Road		(970) 244-3000
	Glenwood Springs Field Office (Silt) 2300 River Frontage Road		(970) 876-9000
	White River Field Office (Meeker) 220 E. Market Street		(970) 878-3800
	Little Snake Field Office (Craig) 455 Emerson Street		(970) 826-5000
	Kremmling Field Office 2103 East Park Avenue		(970) 724-3000
<p>United States Forest Service USFS</p> <p>www.fs.fed.us/r2/whiteriver www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr</p>	<p>White River National Forest</p>	Blanco RD (Meeker) 220 E. Market Street	(970) 878-4039
		Rifle RD (Rifle) 0094 County Rd 244	(970) 625-2371
		Aspen RD (Carbondale) 620 Main St.	(970) 963-2266
		Eagle RD (Eagle) 125 West 5th St.	(970) 328-6388
		Holy Cross RD (Minturn) 24747 Hwy 24	(970) 827-5715
		Dillon RD (Silverthorne) 680 Blue River Pkwy	(970) 468-5400
	<p>Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre &amp; Gunnison National Forest</p> <p>2250 Hwy 50, Delta (970) 874-6600</p>	Grand Valley RD (Grand Junction) 2777 Crossroads Blvd #1	(970) 242-8211
	Other Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, & Gunnison National Forest Ranger Districts are located in the DOW's SW Region, see <i>Big Game Hunting in SW Colorado</i> booklet.		
	<p>Routt &amp; Medicine Bow National Forest</p> <p>2468 Jackson St. Laramie WY (307) 745-2300</p>	Hahns Peak/Bears Ears (Steamboat Springs) 925 Weiss Dr	(970) 879-1870
		Parks RD (Walden) 100 Main Street	(970) 723-8204
		Parks RD (Kremmling) 2103 East Park Ave	(970) 724-3000
		Yampa RD (Yampa) 300 Roselawn Ave	(970) 638-4516
<p>Arapaho National Forest</p>	Sulphur RD (Granby) 9 Ten Mile Drive	(970) 887-4100	

## General Visitor Information

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

## Roads and Weather

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

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

## Guide and Outfitter Information

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