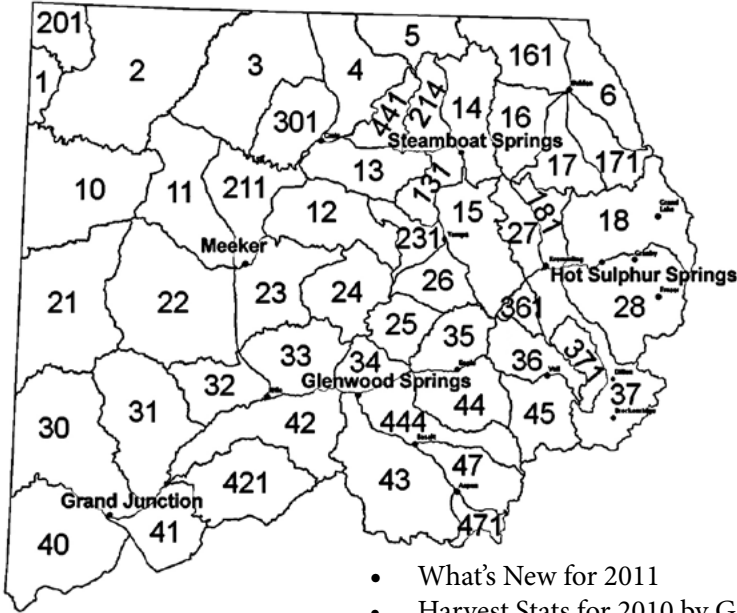


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ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

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.

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!

If you have questions about this booklet or suggestions to make it better contact:

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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 2011

One Habitat Stamp Per Year

Anyone 18-64 MUST purchase a \$10 habitat stamp prior to buying or applying for a hunting or fishing license. They are valid from April 1- March 31.

Private Land Bear Hunts

There are new, limited private land only hunts in UNITS 31 AND 32. There are also new private land only hunts in UNITS 14, 20, 29, 38, 39, 46, 49, 500 AND 501.

Muzzleloader Licenses Are Limited

Muzzleloader licenses continue to be limited by unit. To reduce hunter crowding and better manage populations with this rapidly growing hunting method, statewide muzzleloader licenses were changed to limited licenses beginning in 2010.

Moose Preference Points

A new regulation allows hunters to keep moose preference points on record for 10 years. As with other big game, if you get a first-choice moose licenses, all of your accumulated points will be purged for that species.

Moose on Flattops and Grand Mesa

Recent introductions of moose into the White River National Forest east of Meeker and also the Grand Mesa National Forest mean that moose can be found throughout northwest Colorado. Prevent the accidental take of a moose. Identify your target.

New Ammunition Restrictions in Wildlife areas

A new regulation prohibits the possession of the following ammunition and/or firearms: tracer rounds, armor piercing rounds, military hardened round with explosive or radioactive substances, .50 caliber BMG rounds or fully automatic firearms.

MOOSE CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT WESTERN COLORADO!

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

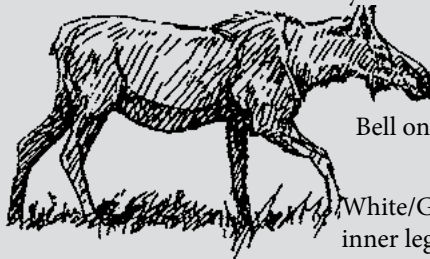
The fine for illegally killing & abandoning a moose starts at \$1,370.

Take care not to mistake a moose for an elk.

Know Your Target!

Cow Moose

Dark Brown or Black Body



Bell on throat

White/Gray
inner legs

ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS

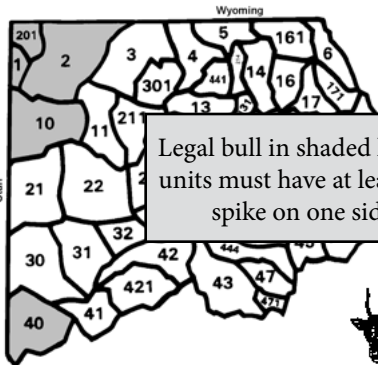
DEER



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

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

ELK



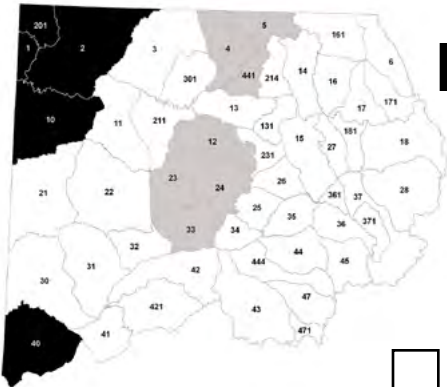
Legal bull in shaded limited units must have at least a 5" spike on one side.



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.

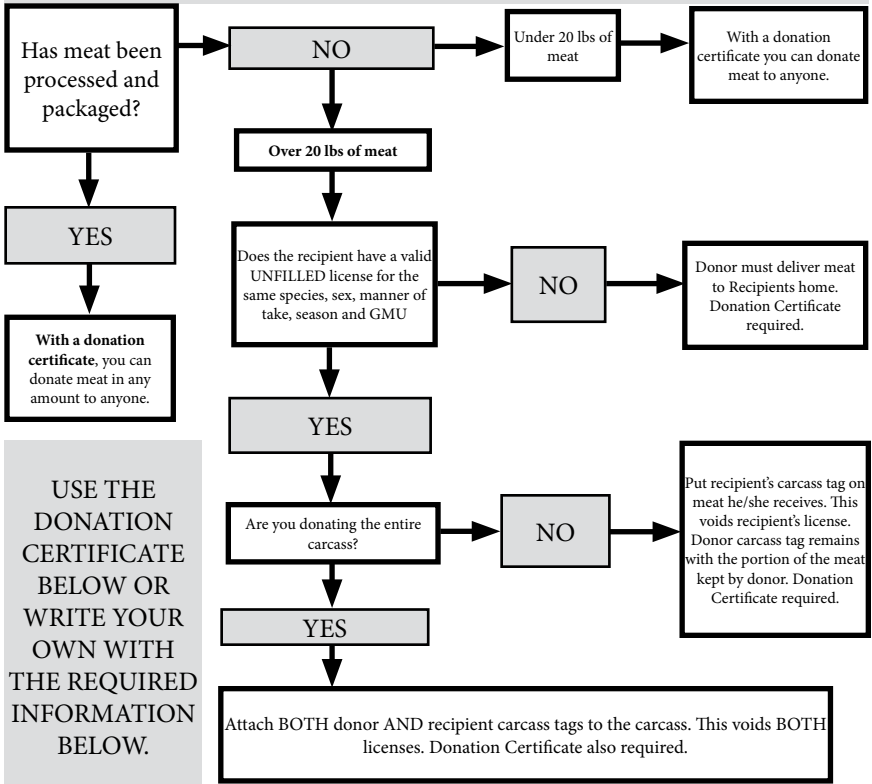


LIMITED UNITS - Draw Only
You may NOT hunt in these areas with an over-the-counter license

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.

Keep Your Wheels Where They Belong™



For info and tips visit
www.staythetrail.org

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

For more information on OHV regulations contact Colorado State Parks.



303-791-1920
www.parks.state.co.us

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 Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
A	B	C	D	E

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 Buck:Doe Objective - 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.

D Population Estimate - 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.

E Population Objective - 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.

**Buck:Doe and Fawn:Doe observed ratios are no longer reported.*

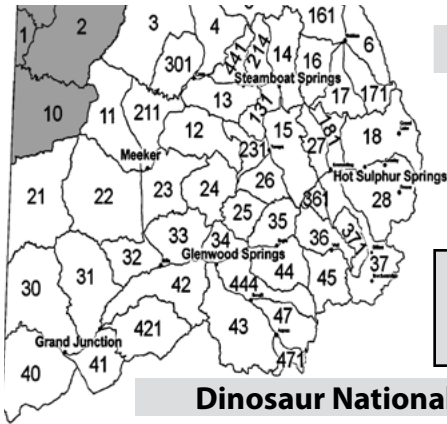
Harvest Stats

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.

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	www.rangely.com
SHOOTING RANGES	<p style="text-align: center;">Craig - Bears Ears Sportsmans Club Contact: Jack Garcia (970) 824-8376</p> <p>300-yard rifle and handgun range for members. Open to the public the first Sunday and Monday of each month. Also open 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.</p>

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

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Little Snake	1, 2, 201	15:100	1,490	13,500
Rangely	10	20:100	3,690	7,000

ELK				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Cold Springs	2, 201	40:100	1,680	950
Green River	1	30:100	170	170
Blue Mtn	10	40:100	3,400	1,200

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Muzzle	1	0	0	1	1	100	20	14
	2nd Rifle	6	0	0	6	10	60	67	77
2	Archery	1	0	0	1	2	50	50	53
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	5	100	92	94
	2nd Rifle	16	0	0	16	17	94	87	92
	3rd Rifle	9	0	0	9	9	100	89	89
10	Archery	1	0	0	1	4	25	33	54
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	4	0	17	45
	2nd Rifle	21	0	0	21	44	48	64	71
	3rd Rifle	14	0	0	14	14	100	86	86
	4th Rifle	1	0	0	1	5	20	71	81
201	Archery	0	0	0	0	1	0	78	57
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	4	100	67	59
	2nd Rifle	15	0	0	15	19	79	87	85
	3rd Rifle	10	0	0	10	10	100	100	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.

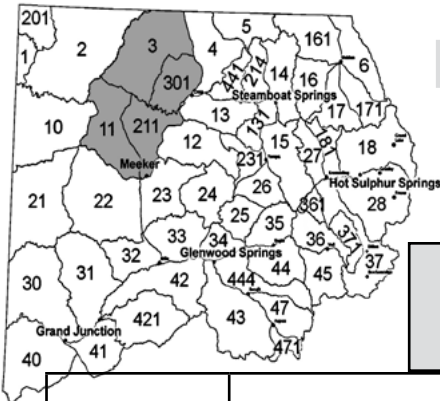
GREEN RIVER

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Archery	0	0	0	0	2	0	22	36
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	7	0	33	26
	Early	9	0	0	9	18	50	64	69
	1st Rifle	3	2	0	5	12	42	30	27
	2nd Rifle	0	2	0	2	46	4	35	45
	3rd Rifle	0	9	2	11	36	31	21	22
	4th Rifle	0	29	5	34	68	50	41	38
2	Archery	10	0	0	10	12	83	84	78
	Muzzle	7	2	0	9	10	90	59	46
	Early	26	5	0	31	51	61	66	74
	1st Rifle	0	42	8	50	105	48	45	42
	2nd Rifle	0	21	0	21	74	28	36	41
	3rd Rifle	0	51	2	53	114	46	42	45
	4th Rifle	0	67	11	78	161	48	39	39
10	Archery	8	0	0	8	13	62	64	49
	Muzzle	3	1	3	7	11	64	66	74
	Early	29	73	2	104	139	75	69	72
	1st Rifle	4	4	0	8	24	33	56	55
	2nd Rifle	0	11	3	14	33	42	40	34
	3rd Rifle	0	150	14	164	430	38	39	40
	4th Rifle	0	52	4	56	151	37	42	50
201	Archery	5	0	0	5	6	83	73	81
	Muzzle	5	2	0	7	11	64	69	63
	Early	24	0	0	24	26	92	92	94
	1st Rifle	0	8	1	9	17	53	54	47
	2nd Rifle	0	22	9	31	46	67	62	53
	3rd Rifle	0	15	0	15	28	54	47	41
	4th Rifle	0	37	4	41	84	49	44	44

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LOWER YAMPA

GMU

3, 11, 211, 301

CWD has been detected in these units

LOCAL DOW OFFICE
Meeker (970) 878-6090

AREA MAPS	BLM Craig BLM Meeker
AREA INFO	www.craig-chamber.com www.meekerchamber.com
SHOOTING RANGES	<p style="text-align: center;">Craig - Bears Ears Sportsmans Club Contact: Jack Garcia (970) 824-8376</p> <p>300-yard rifle and handgun range for members. Open to the public the first Sunday and Monday of each month. Also open for hunter sight-in during daylight hours the Thursday and Friday prior to each big game season. For more information, pick up brochures at the Craig Sportsman's Center.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">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. 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

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3,301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14	22:100	35,270	37,800
White River	11, 211, 12, 22, 23, 24, 13, 131, 231	22:100	50,140	67,500

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	9	9	0	18	85	21	22	26
	Muzzle	6	0	3	9	29	31	45	47
	2nd Rifle	231	79	10	320	516	62	56	64
	3rd Rifle	434	37	13	484	635	76	70	74
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	12	75	59	69
11	Archery	5	7	0	12	23	52	51	32
	Muzzle	9	0	0	9	45	20	30	37
	2nd Rifle	148	43	0	191	368	52	46	53
	3rd Rifle	172	78	12	262	396	66	55	70
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	8	38	54	65
211	Archery	0	0	0	0	19	0	8	17
	Muzzle	9	0	0	9	39	23	23	24
	2nd Rifle	153	14	0	167	356	47	48	54
	3rd Rifle	168	51	0	219	346	63	54	64
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	6	83	73	80
301	Muzzle	3	3	0	6	6	100	56	46
	2nd Rifle	220	54	0	274	447	61	57	64
	3rd Rifle	282	52	0	334	438	76	72	73
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	5	100	46	59

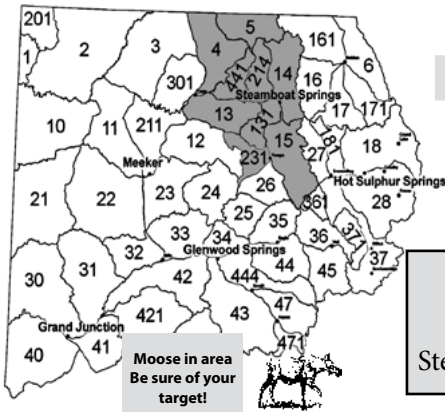
LOWER YAMPA

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

ELK				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14	20-25:100	14,570	15,000-18,000
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	20-27:100	42,370	32,000-39,000

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	4	0	0	4	72	6	13	10
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	15
	1st Rifle	55	28	7	90	276	33	39	36
	2nd Rifle	19	12	0	31	365	8	4	11
	3rd Rifle	39	14	9	62	708	9	7	11
	4th Rifle	59	149	31	239	751	32	15	18
11	Archery	22	11	0	33	200	17	15	13
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	19	0	10	16
	1st Rifle	57	51	19	127	772	16	36	34
	2nd Rifle	137	41	17	195	511	38	24	26
	3rd Rifle	105	58	0	163	851	19	19	21
	4th Rifle	63	245	11	319	738	43	29	40
211	Archery	79	25	0	104	288	36	31	32
	Muzzle	0	1	0	1	22	5	44	41
	1st Rifle	72	43	0	115	287	40	53	48
	2nd Rifle	132	19	15	166	650	26	25	30
	3rd Rifle	100	79	17	196	743	26	19	19
	4th Rifle	53	184	34	271	574	47	37	33
301	Archery	0	0	0	0	23	0	9	10
	1st Rifle	7	6	0	13	58	22	38	39
	2nd Rifle	42	5	0	47	254	19	8	12
	3rd Rifle	44	6	11	61	466	13	6	14
	4th Rifle	46	83	45	174	593	29	14	21



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	www.craig-chamber.com www.ci.steamboat.co.us
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: www.routtcountyrifleclub.com

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.

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DEER				
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Bears Ears	3,301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14	22:100	35,270	37,800
White River	11, 211, 12, 22, 23, 24, 13, 131, 231	25:100	50,446	67,500
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45, 361	28:100	14,640	13,500 - 16,500

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	Total Harvest	Total Hunter	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	9	9	0	18	103	17	11	14
	Muzzle	6	3	0	9	46	20	27	35
	2nd Rifle	230	51	7	288	629	46	43	48
	3rd Rifle	240	6	3	249	378	66	48	55
	4th Rifle	14	0	0	14	16	88	71	77
5	Archery	9	9	0	18	79	23	15	14
	Muzzle	0	6	0	6	23	26	18	27
	2nd Rifle	101	12	0	113	246	46	42	46
	3rd Rifle	87	4	0	91	135	67	59	70
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	4	100	91	89
13	Archery	9	5	0	14	23	61	33	29
	Muzzle	12	7	0	19	30	63	62	53
	2nd Rifle	105	2	5	112	243	46	49	50
	3rd Rifle	83	3	3	89	172	52	47	40
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	8	38	54	52

UPPER YAMPA

2010 Deer Harvest Stats (continued)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	Total Harvest	Total Hunter	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
14	Archery	6	9	9	24	110	22	16	25
	Muzzle	9	6	0	15	50	30	30	37
	Early	3	0	0	3	29	10	24	25
	2nd Rifle	62	15	7	84	291	29	24	19
	3rd Rifle	10	0	0	10	32	31	14	10
15	Archery	16	14	0	30	164	18	12	8
	Muzzle	7	4	2	13	98	13	14	18
	2nd Rifle	159	23	3	185	342	54	39	36
	3rd Rifle	101	12	2	115	232	50	46	44
	4th Rifle	12	0	0	12	18	67	76	65
131	Archery	7	0	0	7	28	25	22	10
	Muzzle	0	0	3	3	13	23	19	20
	2nd Rifle	5	0	0	5	46	11	26	22
	3rd Rifle	8	0	0	8	23	35	31	24
214	Archery	0	0	0	0	70	0	17	27
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	12	25	46	39
	2nd Rifle	54	8	0	62	191	32	28	30
	3rd Rifle	7	0	0	7	30	23	16	15
231	Archery	0	0	0	0	47	0	12	13
	Muzzle	0	16	0	16	54	30	20	23
	2nd Rifle	8	0	0	8	48	17	22	17
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	15	0	20	12
441	Archery	6	0	0	6	83	7	11	14
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	9	33	28	32
	2nd Rifle	44	40	0	84	291	29	41	41
	3rd Rifle	49	0	0	49	73	67	40	45

ELK



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

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2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

ELK				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 301, 4, 5, 441, 214, 14	22-25:100	14,570	15,000-18,000
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	22-27:100	42,370	32,000-39,000
Gore Pass	15, 27	24-28:100	6,460	3,500-4,500

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	27	23	4	54	292	18	17	18
	Muzzle	0	17	2	19	70	27	21	25
	1st Rifle	136	229	24	389	774	50	44	45
	2nd Rifle	181	62	6	249	992	25	17	21
	3rd Rifle	65	18	0	83	450	18	15	15
	4th Rifle	45	59	15	119	413	29	21	23
5	Archery	29	7	0	36	188	19	20	23
	Muzzle	0	7	0	7	20	35	31	28
	1st Rifle	52	29	6	87	185	47	44	38
	2nd Rifle	50	29	10	89	324	27	22	21
	3rd Rifle	17	16	4	37	160	23	25	29
	4th Rifle	0	44	11	55	88	63	37	30
13	Archery	47	15	0	62	225	28	21	23
	Muzzle	0	8	2	10	33	30	28	32
	1st Rifle	151	67	0	218	506	43	50	53
	2nd Rifle	158	49	8	215	427	50	39	42
	3rd Rifle	154	53	10	217	457	47	38	40
	4th Rifle	36	105	33	174	282	62	53	57
14	Archery	97	23	11	131	1067	12	15	15
	Muzzle	0	14	0	14	86	16	23	25
	1st Rifle	11	49	7	67	311	22	22	23
	2nd Rifle	70	45	3	118	625	19	15	18
	3rd Rifle	29	20	4	53	331	16	17	16
	4th Rifle	16	27	0	43	89	48	40	37

UPPER YAMPA

2010 Elk Harvest Stats (continued)

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	Total Harvest	Total Hunter	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
15	Archery	64	44	0	108	868	12	14	13
	Muzzle	0	21	0	21	139	15	19	20
	1st Rifle	29	56	1	86	419	21	21	23
	2nd Rifle	98	122	0	220	1133	19	15	16
	3rd Rifle	23	46	4	73	736	10	11	12
	4th Rifle	16	34	8	58	181	32	28	26
131	Archery	22	24	0	46	359	13	17	17
	Muzzle	0	3	3	6	40	15	21	19
	1st Rifle	46	21	0	67	155	43	36	34
	2nd Rifle	41	59	13	113	324	35	34	32
	3rd Rifle	10	31	2	43	222	19	23	27
	4th Rifle	8	36	12	56	112	50	39	37
214	Archery	46	23	4	73	380	19	18	21
	Muzzle	0	13	3	16	56	29	24	30
	1st Rifle	26	12	3	41	127	32	41	45
	2nd Rifle	69	42	7	118	436	27	25	25
	3rd Rifle	29	4	0	33	159	21	20	16
	4th Rifle	7	15	0	22	51	43	30	32
231	Archery	33	22	0	55	551	10	13	11
	Muzzle	0	0	3	3	60	5	14	13
	1st Rifle	57	89	30	176	438	40	32	33
	2nd Rifle	18	37	6	61	341	18	18	21
	3rd Rifle	7	25	5	37	190	19	18	17
	4th Rifle	3	10	3	16	60	27	32	29
441	Archery	37	22	4	63	203	31	27	26
	Muzzle	0	5	0	5	32	16	23	27
	1st Rifle	72	33	10	115	248	46	46	46
	2nd Rifle	102	8	0	110	343	32	22	24
	3rd Rifle	63	11	0	74	199	37	28	26
	4th Rifle	19	85	7	111	199	56	40	34



NORTH PARK

GMU

6, 16, 17, 161, 171

CWD has been detected in these units

LOCAL DOW OFFICE
Steamboat Springs
(970) 870-2197

AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest
AREA INFO	www.ci.steamboat.co.us
SHOOTING RANGES	<p style="text-align: center;">Walden Public Shooting Area Contact: DOW Walden Workcenter (970) 723-4625</p> <p>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.</p>

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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	30-40:100	4,204	5,400 - 6,400
ELK				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	20-23:100	13,320	4,000 - 4,500

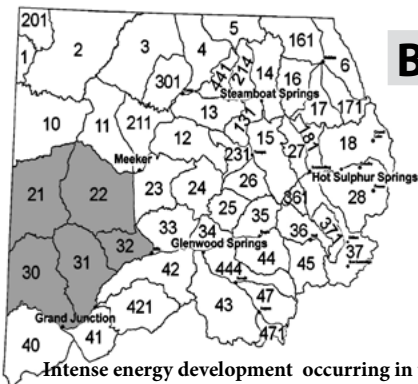
NORTH PARK

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
6	Archery	2	3	0	5	20	25	9	16
	Muzzle	4	4	2	10	14	71	34	29
	2nd Rifle	18	0	0	18	32	56	47	51
	3rd Rifle	16	0	0	16	25	64	52	63
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	14	79	70	70
16	Archery	2	8	0	10	20	50	48	50
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	11	18	33	33
	2nd Rifle	7	0	0	7	22	32	34	21
	3rd Rifle	2	0	0	2	13	15	9	16
17	Archery	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	6
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	16	13	30	24
	2nd Rifle	8	0	0	8	17	47	38	23
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	20	0	4	15
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	9	33	33	39
161	Archery	7	5	0	12	22	55	46	47
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	22	14	36	33
	2nd Rifle	20	0	0	20	35	57	46	50
	3rd Rifle	2	0	0	2	17	12	12	17
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	2	0	22	19
171	Archery	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	26
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	11	18	19	22
	2nd Rifle	7	0	0	7	22	32	23	24
	3rd Rifle	3	0	0	3	17	18	27	22

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
6	Archery	36	4	4	44	455	10	10	10
	Muzzle	0	14	0	14	108	13	13	12
	1st Rifle	26	89	2	117	323	36	21	22
	2nd Rifle	76	10	0	86	570	15	12	13
	3rd Rifle	22	31	12	65	443	15	11	12
	4th Rifle	9	33	2	44	139	32	18	15
16	Archery	41	8	12	61	521	12	12	10
	Muzzle	0	10	0	10	28	36	26	20
	1st Rifle	20	34	8	62	308	20	20	18
	2nd Rifle	29	29	0	58	342	17	16	15
	3rd Rifle	20	13	0	33	223	15	15	14
	4th Rifle	14	25	0	39	92	42	30	21
17	Archery	34	4	0	38	273	14	8	7
	Muzzle	0	12	0	12	65	18	11	12
	1st Rifle	28	32	0	60	255	24	22	23
	2nd Rifle	26	23	0	49	401	12	11	11
	3rd Rifle	32	37	4	73	410	18	18	17
	4th Rifle	7	9	3	19	82	23	20	19
161	Archery	15	16	0	31	485	6	7	8
	Muzzle	0	22	0	22	90	24	22	22
	1st Rifle	3	28	3	34	216	16	20	21
	2nd Rifle	43	23	12	78	510	15	10	12
	3rd Rifle	34	12	0	46	405	11	9	11
	4th Rifle	4	43	0	47	164	29	15	12
171	Archery	4	8	0	12	309	4	6	7
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	47	0	8	9
	1st Rifle	14	68	0	82	326	25	29	27
	2nd Rifle	32	18	0	50	426	12	12	12
	3rd Rifle	22	4	2	28	273	10	10	11
	4th Rifle	14	1	0	15	82	18	9	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. **Several prescribed burns are scheduled for this area in the fall, check with Forest Service or BLM for more information.**

AREA MAPS	BLM Douglas Pass BLM Meeker BLM Grand Junction	BLM Rangely BLM Glenwood Springs BLM Roan Plateau Travel Map
AREA INFO	www.visitgrandjunction.com or www.rangely.com	
SHOOTING RANGES	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. Memberships are \$20 per family and include full use of range, including archery, trap, rifle and pistol.	
	Grand Junction BLM Public Ranges Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000 27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport. 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. East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road. 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.	
	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 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 http://www.riflesportsmensclub.org	
	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 http://www.omgunclub.org	

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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bookcliffs	21, 30	30-35:100	10,180	10,000 - 12,000
Logan Mountain	31, 32	20:100	7,960	16,500

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	29	0	0	29	78	37	50	45
	Muzzle	10	0	0	10	23	43	65	58
	2nd Rifle	230	0	0	230	262	88	88	89
	3rd Rifle	61	0	0	61	69	88	91	92
22	Archery	23	0	0	23	56	41	37	38
	Muzzle	45	10	0	55	147	37	42	45
	2nd Rifle	165	31	1	197	280	70	65	59
	3rd Rifle	166	35	5	206	297	69	63	71
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	5	100	88	86
30	Archery	27	18	0	45	140	32	37	37
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	13	38	46	52
	2nd Rifle	74	30	3	107	156	69	74	83
	3rd Rifle	46	7	0	53	66	80	88	89
31	Archery	13	0	0	13	93	14	15	24
	Muzzle	28	0	0	28	70	40	65	65
	2nd Rifle	128	0	0	128	214	60	50	54
	3rd Rifle	151	0	0	151	192	79	66	68
32	Archery	13	0	0	13	32	41	21	18
	Muzzle	11	0	0	11	46	24	48	45
	2nd Rifle	36	0	0	36	56	64	56	55
	3rd Rifle	26	0	0	26	37	70	64	66

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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

ELK				
HERD	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Yellow Creek	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	18-22:100	11,440	8,000 - 10,000

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	58	24	0	82	468	18	17	18
	Muzzle	0	6	0	6	80	8	15	13
	1st Rifle	163	38	0	201	569	35	35	33
	2nd Rifle	60	12	6	78	772	10	13	16
	3rd Rifle	34	52	11	97	417	23	19	17
	4th Rifle	0	21	0	21	186	11	19	21
22	Archery	49	19	0	68	361	19	16	16
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	33	0	18	20
	1st Rifle	59	38	0	97	370	26	37	35
	2nd Rifle	87	119	15	221	982	23	21	22
	3rd Rifle	105	84	16	205	934	22	24	22
	4th Rifle	10	141	22	173	470	37	30	32
30	Archery	15	4	0	19	165	12	16	9
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	14	29	29	23
	1st Rifle	20	3	0	23	70	33	34	36
	2nd Rifle	29	0	18	47	291	16	12	13
	3rd Rifle	38	11	16	65	311	21	23	22
	4th Rifle	8	67	11	86	182	47	37	30

BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

2010 Elk Harvest Stats (continued)

31	Archery	30	4	0	34	236	14	17	14
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	29	14	25	39
	1st Rifle	36	3	0	39	123	32	40	38
	2nd Rifle	52	8	3	63	235	27	18	19
	3rd Rifle	44	18	2	64	295	22	21	22
	4th Rifle	8	9	2	19	80	24	19	19
32	Archery	29	4	0	33	166	20	12	14
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	6	0	13	18
	1st Rifle	0	5	0	5	38	13	29	37
	2nd Rifle	30	13	5	48	152	32	18	19
	3rd Rifle	10	26	3	39	149	26	17	15
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	6	0	11	24

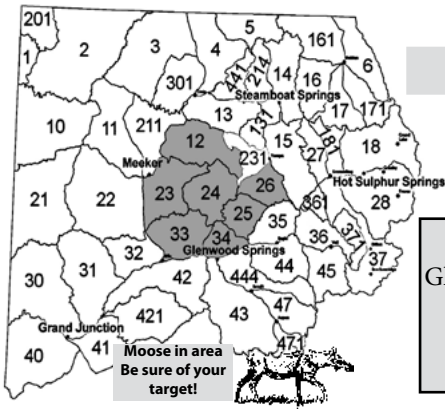
Important Note for Bookcliffs / Piceance Hunters

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 2011 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.



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	www.glenwoodchamber.com or www.meekerchamber.com
SHOOTING RANGES	<p style="text-align: center;">Basalt State Wildlife Area Range</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: DOW Glenwood Springs (970) 947-2920</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">Glenwood Springs Gun Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: (970) 945-7401</p> <p>Public welcome to shoot when range is open. Sporting clays, trap, black powder, rifle and pistol ranges up to 200 yards.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeker Sportsman's Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 Meeker during hunting seasons. Memberships are \$20 per family and include use of archery, trap, rifle and pistol ranges.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Rifle Sportsman's Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 membership can be purchased for \$50/yr. Info at http://www.riflesportsmensclub.org</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Rifle Creek State Wildlife Area Range</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: DOW Grand Junction (970) 255-6100</p> <p>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 ACCIDENTAL 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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
HERD	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Rifle Creek	33	30-35:100	7,840	7,700 - 9,400
White River	11, 211, 12, 22, 23, 24, 13, 131, 231	22:100	50,140	67,500
Sweetwater Creek	25, 26, 34	28-32:100	4,250	5,000-6,000

ELK				
HERD	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	20-27:100	42,370	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

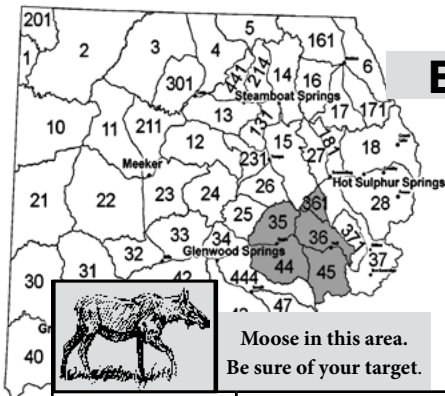
2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	6	6	0	12	96	13	10	10
	Muzzle	2	7	0	9	50	18	20	29
	2nd Rifle	151	12	9	172	397	43	39	38
	3rd Rifle	123	6	0	129	221	58	40	36
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	9	33	54	61
23	Archery	22	3	14	39	144	27	14	15
	Muzzle	14	9	0	23	57	40	23	27
	2nd Rifle	121	35	0	156	493	32	28	30
	3rd Rifle	72	3	0	75	178	42	31	28
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	6	0	24	44
24	Archery	0	0	0	0	119	0	5	6
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	25	16	11	14
	2nd Rifle	24	12	0	36	156	23	19	16
	3rd Rifle	5	3	0	8	63	13	8	13
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
25	Archery	0	0	0	0	63	0	10	7
	Muzzle	5	9	0	14	63	22	17	18
	2nd Rifle	57	31	10	98	279	35	30	31
	3rd Rifle	81	12	0	93	168	55	38	36
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	15	53	35	47
26	Archery	4	3	0	7	37	19	9	8
	Muzzle	0	0	2	2	28	7	13	10
	2nd Rifle	19	34	0	53	161	33	36	38
	3rd Rifle	54	10	0	64	128	50	40	40
	4th Rifle	7	0	0	7	14	50	45	49
33	Archery	31	46	0	77	207	37	17	14
	Muzzle	9	15	0	24	124	19	22	23
	2nd Rifle	117	0	0	117	571	20	26	29
	3rd Rifle	183	0	0	183	403	45	37	40
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	10	80	60	53
34	Archery	0	0	0	0	62	0	7	11
	Muzzle	3	11	0	14	88	16	17	16
	2nd Rifle	14	3	0	17	195	9	14	15
	3rd Rifle	28	0	0	28	106	26	20	21
	4th Rifle	2	0	0	2	13	15	47	44

WHITE RIVER

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	111	35	0	146	586	25	27	26
	Muzzle	0	22	0	22	89	25	26	28
	1st Rifle	228	404	51	683	1659	41	40	42
	2nd Rifle	207	108	38	353	1279	28	22	25
	3rd Rifle	165	141	0	306	886	35	29	26
	4th Rifle	73	155	6	234	398	59	38	36
23	Archery	64	24	4	92	411	22	22	22
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	28	0	19	17
	1st Rifle	205	103	0	308	890	35	29	28
	2nd Rifle	148	128	49	325	1284	25	20	19
	3rd Rifle	83	87	11	181	790	23	25	23
	4th Rifle	14	86	0	100	269	37	24	25
24	Archery	70	0	0	70	497	14	15	17
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	34	6	21	20
	1st Rifle	112	64	40	216	957	23	30	30
	2nd Rifle	71	108	58	237	871	27	17	20
	3rd Rifle	33	55	11	99	581	17	17	13
	4th Rifle	7	44	0	51	91	56	29	23
25	Archery	12	8	0	20	332	6	8	9
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	38	0	12	14
	1st Rifle	20	10	0	30	151	20	23	25
	2nd Rifle	44	53	9	106	679	16	14	18
	3rd Rifle	43	58	12	113	526	21	17	16
	4th Rifle	6	6	0	12	56	21	23	21
26	Archery	15	16	0	31	353	9	9	11
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	27	11	8	13
	1st Rifle	19	15	9	43	159	27	25	29
	2nd Rifle	62	7	0	69	357	19	13	16
	3rd Rifle	29	58	14	101	422	24	15	17
	4th Rifle	10	18	0	28	78	36	19	16
33	Archery	43	41	0	84	518	16	18	17
	Muzzle	0	5	7	12	48	25	22	23
	1st Rifle	63	46	15	124	533	23	26	25
	2nd Rifle	86	59	15	160	1007	16	17	16
	3rd Rifle	58	77	4	139	572	24	17	16
	4th Rifle	8	45	3	56	169	33	24	27
34	Archery	8	8	0	16	223	7	9	10
	Muzzle	0	3	3	6	37	16	8	13
	1st Rifle	11	21	10	42	269	16	21	20
	2nd Rifle	25	12	0	37	395	9	9	13
	3rd Rifle	13	12	5	30	196	15	9	11
	4th Rifle	0	7	0	7	26	27	16	14



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	www.glenwoodchamber.com
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 I-70 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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45, 361	26-30:100	14,640	13,500-16,500
Red Table Mountain	44	35:100	3,567	7,000
ELK				
HERD	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Piney River	35, 36, 361	16:100	3,640	2,950
Frying Pan	44, 45, 47, 444	20:100	7,560	5,100

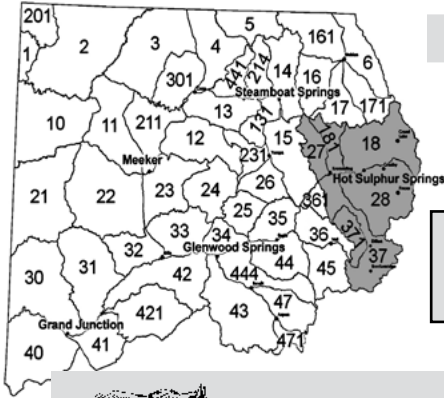
EAGLE RIVER VALLEY

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	6	2	0	8	57	14	10	12
	Muzzle	6	6	0	12	92	13	17	30
	2nd Rifle	52	10	3	65	132	49	35	43
	3rd Rifle	80	5	0	85	203	42	38	37
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	10	100	51	51
36	Archery	6	2	0	8	64	13	8	9
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	25	16	27	19
	2nd Rifle	46	3	3	52	194	27	31	31
	3rd Rifle	72	9	0	81	199	41	33	34
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	13	69	49	48
44	Archery	8	2	0	10	57	18	15	18
	Muzzle	16	5	0	21	65	32	28	30
	2nd Rifle	28	12	0	40	81	49	39	54
	3rd Rifle	22	4	0	26	49	53	60	51
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	7	86	90	73
45	Archery	30	2	0	32	72	44	39	25
	Muzzle	4	6	0	10	44	23	21	23
	2nd Rifle	49	5	0	54	171	32	40	35
	3rd Rifle	13	0	0	13	41	32	23	16
361	GMU 361 new in 2010...see GMU36 for comparable information								

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	16	8	4	28	298	9	11	10
	Muzzle	13	9	0	22	84	26	20	17
	1st Rifle	21	17	2	40	143	28	30	30
	2nd Rifle	45	7	1	53	264	20	13	12
	3rd Rifle	44	81	8	133	489	27	22	22
	4th Rifle	5	11	2	18	55	33	17	19
36	Archery	32	4	0	36	410	9	8	8
	Muzzle	11	6	0	17	127	13	13	12
	1st Rifle	17	16	0	33	121	27	29	26
	2nd Rifle	23	29	0	52	582	9	15	14
	3rd Rifle	24	60	8	92	437	21	17	17
44	4th Rifle	7	3	0	10	37	27	18	17
	Archery	23	12	0	35	499	7	9	9
	Muzzle	11	3	0	14	162	9	11	13
	1st Rifle	13	14	5	32	222	14	21	23
	2nd Rifle	53	14	0	67	532	13	11	17
45	3rd Rifle	45	22	5	72	468	15	13	14
	4th Rifle	26	19	2	47	174	27	20	23
	Archery	16	24	0	40	600	7	8	7
	Muzzle	11	3	0	14	134	10	10	9
	1st Rifle	7	24	0	31	160	19	26	27
	2nd Rifle	50	35	9	94	529	18	13	16
361	3rd Rifle	34	13	1	48	200	24	16	13
	4th Rifle	17	15	2	34	133	26	26	25
361	GMU 361 new in 2010...see GMU36 for comparable information								



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



Moose in this area.
Be sure of your target.

Rocky Mountain National Park is
closed to all hunting

AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest USFS White River National Forest USFS Arapahoe/Roosevelt National Forest
AREA INFO	www.kremmlingchamber.com www.granbychamber.com
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 over-concentrate. 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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Middle Park	18, 181, 27, 271, 28, 37, 371	30-35:100	14,980	10,500 - 12,500

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	21	0	0	21	204	10	6	7
	Muzzle	7	11	0	18	174	10	17	17
	2nd Rifle	66	89	0	155	462	34	32	31
	3rd Rifle	94	48	15	157	512	31	27	29
	4th Rifle	57	0	0	57	85	67	44	46
27	Archery	0	9	0	9	33	27	12	8
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	38	5	10	18
	2nd Rifle	38	24	0	62	261	24	21	25
	3rd Rifle	29	15	5	49	266	18	19	28
	4th Rifle	20	0	0	20	36	56	27	39
28	Archery	0	0	0	0	49	0	25	24
	Muzzle	11	5	2	18	58	31	27	33
	2nd Rifle	31	24	10	65	260	25	38	39
	3rd Rifle	38	15	0	53	233	23	26	34
	4th Rifle	14	0	0	14	23	61	46	48
37	Archery	30	0	0	30	169	18	13	14
	Muzzle	12	2	0	14	102	14	21	17
	2nd Rifle	100	62	3	165	541	30	25	26
	3rd Rifle	101	58	0	159	404	39	31	35
	4th Rifle	56	0	0	56	71	79	49	52
181	Archery	33	19	0	52	231	23	20	18
	Muzzle	14	11	0	25	98	26	21	23
	2nd Rifle	53	0	13	66	202	33	34	37
	3rd Rifle	55	60	12	127	277	46	40	37
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	22	18	30	44
371	Archery	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	4
	Muzzle	2	5	0	7	55	13	16	20
	2nd Rifle	0	27	0	27	149	18	24	28
	3rd Rifle	4	0	0	4	37	11	15	33
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	19	0	17	18

MIDDLE PARK

ELK

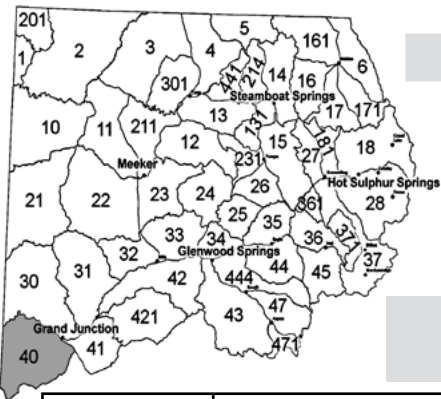
Elk are well distributed in all units. Bull to cow ratios are good because the area is fairly steep and heavily timbered. Generally, trophy bulls are rare (a few are taken every year) because bulls are managed for hunter opportunity. With hunting pressure and snow, elk head for the inaccessible timber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

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

ELK				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Gore Pass	15, 27	24-28:100	6,460	3,500-4,500
Troublesome Creek	18, 181	21-26:100	4,980	3,600-4,300
Williams Fork	28, 37, 371	24-31:100	3,380	4,700-5,500

2009 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	53	28	0	81	958	8	8	8
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	115	3	14	14
	1st Rifle	37	62	1	100	885	11	20	20
	2nd Rifle	80	91	1	172	1070	16	12	14
	3rd Rifle	65	30	12	107	862	12	12	11
	4th Rifle	33	78	11	122	689	18	11	12
27	Archery	0	8	0	8	371	2	5	7
	Muzzle	0	6	0	6	38	16	16	12
	1st Rifle	8	2	0	10	142	7	18	20
	2nd Rifle	34	49	6	89	495	18	14	16
	3rd Rifle	18	4	2	24	283	8	6	6
	4th Rifle	6	5	5	16	79	20	20	20
28	Archery	50	24	4	78	925	8	10	10
	Muzzle	0	5	2	7	84	8	12	13
	1st Rifle	34	98	3	135	639	21	20	20
	2nd Rifle	86	63	3	152	1001	15	12	13
	3rd Rifle	83	48	0	131	921	14	13	11
	4th Rifle	16	20	8	44	483	9	11	11
37	Archery	42	16	4	62	576	11	12	11
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	33	12	17	20
	1st Rifle	16	48	2	66	267	25	22	24
	2nd Rifle	56	39	0	95	529	18	18	20
	3rd Rifle	34	23	4	61	409	15	18	14
	4th Rifle	10	52	0	62	227	27	19	20
181	Archery	15	4	0	19	172	11	7	5
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	11
	1st Rifle	19	6	0	25	194	13	16	14
	2nd Rifle	21	32	4	57	375	15	12	15
	3rd Rifle	5	16	2	23	324	7	8	7
	4th Rifle	25	80	23	128	282	45	24	17
371	Archery	19	16	0	35	404	9	7	7
	Muzzle	0	9	0	9	37	24	20	17
	1st Rifle	25	33	6	64	205	31	23	23
	2nd Rifle	4	23	6	33	352	9	11	14
	3rd Rifle	3	7	0	10	177	6	8	10
	4th Rifle	11	14	0	25	144	17	10	11



GLADE PARK

GMU

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LOCAL DOW OFFICE
Grand Junction (970) 255-6100

No hunting allowed in
Colorado National Monument

<p>AREA MAPS</p>	<p>USFS Uncompahgre National Forest BLM Delta BLM Grand Junction BLM Moab BLM Westwater</p>
<p>AREA INFO</p>	<p>www.visitgrandjunction.com</p>
<p>SHOOTING RANGES</p>	<p>Grand Junction BLM Public Ranges Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000 27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport. 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. East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road. This shooting area is open to the public year around. There are several no-shoot zones to protect nearby residences, nearby communication equipment and a power sub-station. It is a federal offense to shoot in or through these areas. Do not shoot across a road or trail. Establish a safe shooting location with a good backstop down range. Please remove trash, brush and targets. No glass targets.</p> <p>Orchard Mesa Gun Club 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 http://www.omgclub.org</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

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	30-35:100	5,702	6,500-8,500

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
40	Archery	40	9	0	49	94	52	48	46
	Muzzle	21	0	0	21	38	55	51	45
	2nd Rifle	98	0	0	98	186	53	59	58
	3rd Rifle	109	0	0	109	137	80	69	70

ELK

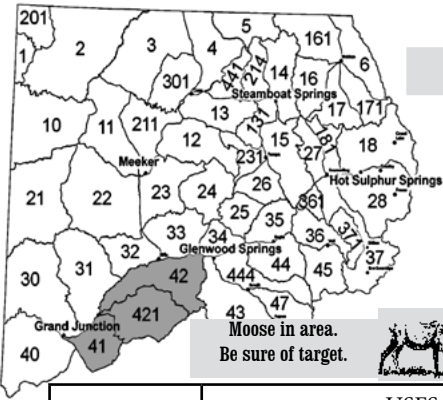
Bulls will be bugling from mid-Sept through 1st rifle opening weekend. Elk are widely distributed. Most stay high until hunting pressure pushes them to lower elevations and less accessible drainages. Do not hunt areas that have previously received heavy hunting pressure - elk will not be there. Successful 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				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	30-35:100	3,130	2,800-3,800

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
40	Archery	35	0	0	35	86	41	53	40
	Muzzle	17	13	2	32	100	32	43	38
	1st Rifle	24	5	0	29	66	44	52	51
	2nd Rifle	26	11	4	41	66	62	54	50
	3rd Rifle	20	15	0	35	53	66	51	48
	4th Rifle	11	35	2	48	94	51	44	40



GRAND MESA

GMU

41, 42, 421

CWD has been detected in GMU 42 and 421

LOCAL DOW OFFICE

Grand Junction
(970) 255-6100

AREA MAPS	USFS Grand Mesa National Forest USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.visitgrandjunction.com
SHOOTING RANGES	<p>Grand Junction BLM Public Ranges Contact: BLM Grand Junction Field Office (970) 244-3000 27 1/4 Road Range, 5 miles north of Grand Junction Airport. 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. East Orchard Mesa Shooting Area, east on C Road past 34 Road. 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>
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	<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 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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Grand Mesa	41, 42, 421	25-30:100	20,200	17,000-23,000

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	14	0	0	14	115	12	21	26
	Muzzle	24	14	0	38	111	34	30	37
	2nd Rifle	86	47	0	133	476	28	39	42
	3rd Rifle	184	67	11	262	554	47	45	50
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	10	100	53	51
42	Archery	29	14	0	43	120	36	26	29
	Muzzle	15	7	0	22	63	35	31	40
	2nd Rifle	185	123	2	310	647	48	44	48
	3rd Rifle	289	127	0	416	706	59	55	58
	4th Rifle	7	0	0	7	10	70	86	77
421	Archery	57	14	0	71	224	32	26	26
	Muzzle	30	7	0	37	183	20	35	35
	2nd Rifle	153	156	0	309	679	46	46	44
	3rd Rifle	220	69	12	301	537	56	52	57
	4th Rifle	12	0	0	12	15	80	61	61



POACHING TAKES FROM LEGAL HUNTERS
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Verizon Cellular #OGT

e-mail:
write:

game.thief@state.co.us
 Operation Game Thief
 Colorado Division of Wildlife
 6060 Broadway
 Denver CO 80216

GRAND MESA

ELK



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

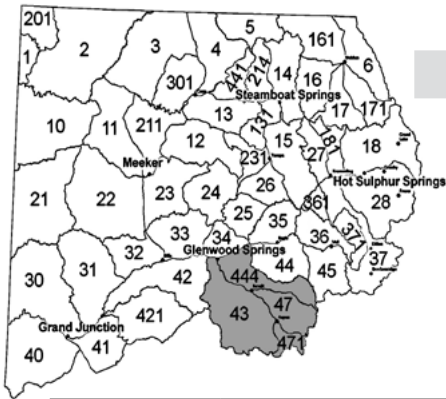
OVER THE COUNTER ARCHERY LICENSES FOR COW ELK ARE NO LONGER VALID IN THESE UNITS. The elk herd is well distributed with good hunting success expected. Elk are scattered throughout the forest and on private lands. Most elk stay at higher elevations (8500- 10,000') in thick timber and oakbrush. There is 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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

ELK				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Grand Mesa	41, 411, 42, 421, 52, 521	20-25:100	20,430	15,000-19,000

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	22	8	4	34	265	13	11	11
	Muzzle	16	12	0	28	166	17	16	17
	1st Rifle	33	23	0	56	395	14	29	31
	2nd Rifle	28	13	3	44	295	15	15	17
	3rd Rifle	14	11	4	29	223	13	18	16
	4th Rifle	2	9	2	13	107	12	15	18
42	Archery	47	26	0	73	693	11	12	12
	Muzzle	7	11	0	18	124	15	24	23
	1st Rifle	40	41	2	83	366	23	28	29
	2nd Rifle	70	57	4	131	766	17	18	20
	3rd Rifle	58	57	14	129	770	17	20	19
	4th Rifle	2	30	2	34	191	18	24	22
421	Archery	50	56	4	110	838	13	15	14
	Muzzle	45	40	0	85	309	28	27	23
	1st Rifle	59	20	11	90	343	26	30	29
	2nd Rifle	67	61	0	128	866	15	17	17
	3rd Rifle	46	50	18	114	465	25	22	20
	4th Rifle	12	17	0	29	58	50	34	27



ROARING FORK

GMU

43, 47, 444, 471

LOCAL DOW OFFICE
Glenwood Springs
(970) 947-2920

AREA MAPS	USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.glenwoodchamber.com
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 weekdays 7am-7pm, weekends and holidays 9am-7pm. 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>

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.



Safe Hunting is No Accident!

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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

DEER				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Maroon Bells	43, 47, 471	30-35:100	6,670	7,500-8,500
Basalt	444	30:100	3,970	5,300

2010 Deer Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS%		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	16	5	0	21	173	12	10	18
	Muzzle	30	2	0	32	148	22	20	20
	2nd Rifle	61	41	3	105	296	35	39	33
	3rd Rifle	89	29	0	118	222	53	40	44
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	10	50	67	68
47	Archery	0	0	0	0	50	0	12	15
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	28	7	20	15
	2nd Rifle	24	3	0	27	53	51	43	26
	3rd Rifle	21	3	0	24	53	45	25	23
444	Archery	6	4	0	10	83	12	19	21
	Muzzle	4	13	2	19	61	31	29	29
	2nd Rifle	99	36	4	139	299	46	35	36
	3rd Rifle	74	23	3	100	202	50	44	38
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	8	75	65	67
471	Archery	0	0	0	0	37	0	5	3
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	19	0	16	31
	2nd Rifle	0	0	0	0	15	0	31	9
	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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics

ELK				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Avalanche Creek	43, 471	19:100	4,260	3,300
Frying Pan	44, 45, 47, 444	20:100	7,200	5,100

2010 Elk Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	61	12	4	77	801	10	11	13
	Muzzle	21	19	0	40	185	22	19	18
	1st Rifle	46	54	7	107	374	29	23	24
	2nd Rifle	79	94	16	189	851	22	20	19
	3rd Rifle	36	94	8	138	667	21	22	16
	4th Rifle	18	63	7	88	365	24	24	22
47	Archery	19	0	0	19	226	8	14	14
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	59	8	7	15
	1st Rifle	9	17	0	26	116	22	17	19
	2nd Rifle	16	28	0	44	250	18	21	21
	3rd Rifle	20	31	2	53	256	21	16	19
	4th Rifle	4	9	0	13	59	22	32	31
444	Archery	26	8	0	34	401	8	11	12
	Muzzle	14	0	0	14	81	17	16	17
	1st Rifle	25	11	0	36	185	19	24	25
	2nd Rifle	70	40	7	117	627	19	19	20
	3rd Rifle	29	13	4	46	350	13	14	14
	4th Rifle	19	14	0	33	137	24	22	22
471	Archery	0	0	0	0	122	0	6	14
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	15	0	19	16
	1st Rifle	14	5	0	19	76	25	18	21
	2nd Rifle	5	11	0	16	47	34	27	23
	3rd Rifle	10	0	0	10	34	29	21	17
	4th Rifle	0	3	0	3	19	16	11	12

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.

2010 Post-Hunt Pronghorn Herd Statistics				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doer Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Sand Wash	1, 2, 201	68:100	1,310	3,200
Great Divide	3, 301, 4, 5, 13, 14, 131, 214, 441	55:100	10,400	15,800
North Park	6, 16, 161, 17, 171	30-40:100	890	1,500 - 1,600
Maybell	11	40:100	2,040	1,400
Axial Basin	12,23, 211	40:100	600	300
Middle Park	18, 181, 27, 28, 37, 371	40:100	500	630

2010 Pronghorn Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
2	Rifle	22	0	0	22	28	79	80	80
201	Rifle	17	29	0	46	57	81	78	77
3	Rifle	392	232	19	643	771	83	83	84
301	Rifle	159	187	31	377	466	81	79	83
4	Rifle	134	235	27	396	475	83	84	83
441	Rifle	16	10	4	30	36	83	80	81
5	Rifle	14	8	3	25	33	76	73	55
6	Rifle	6	5	0	11	15	73	89	83
11	Rifle	74	67	5	146	146	100	95	95
211	Rifle	28	19	0	47	67	70	65	69
12	Rifle	13	8	0	21	30	70	68	69
13	Rifle	88	72	16	176	202	87	84	85
214	Rifle	15	31	0	46	76	61	68	60
16	Rifle	6	5	0	11	18	61	66	63
161	Rifle	8	5	2	15	15	100	79	82
17	Rifle	8	3	0	11	17	65	62	65

PRONGHORN, BEAR and MOOSE

2010 Pronghorn Harvest Stats (continued)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR

171	Rifle	4	0	3	7	11	64	55	59
18	Rifle	8	3	0	11	21	52	44	46
181	Rifle	129	92	4	225	391	58	65	68
27	Rifle	3	0	0	3	6	50	64	59
28	Rifle	3	0	0	3	5	60	24	23

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.

2010 Post-Hunt Herd Statistics				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	60-70:100	510	500-600
Gore	14,18, 28, 36, 37, 181, 371	65:100	323	190
Grand Mesa	41, 42, 43, 52, 411, 421, 521	50:100	240	300-400
Flattops	12, 23, 24, 33		call darby <30	(undeter.)

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

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

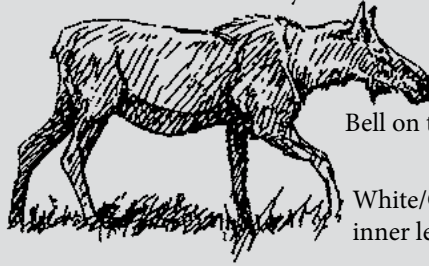
The fine for illegally killing & abandoning a moose starts at \$1,370.

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

2010 Moose Harvest Stats

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	BULL HUNTERS	COW HUNTERS	SUCCESS %	
						BULL	COW
6	All	11	8	12	10	92	80
16	All	3	1	3	3	100	33
17	All	5	5	5	6	100	83
18	All	14	11	14	14	100	79
28	All	8	5	9	7	89	71
36	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
37	All	0	0	1	0	0	0
161	All	3	3	4	4	75	75
171	All	10	10	12	12	83	83
181	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
371	All	1	1	1	2	100	50
421	All	3	0	3	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.

2010 Black Bear Harvest Statistics						
Population	GMUs	Licenses Issued	Boar Harvest	Sow Harvest	Total Harvest	Success %
B-1	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	496	27	9	36	7
B-4	4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	441	18	13	31	7
B-10	12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 231	441	18	13	31	7
B-11	35, 36, 43, 44, 45, 47, 444, 471	907	48	21	69	8
B-15	1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 201, 211, 301	145	8	3	11	8
B-16	15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	290	10	7	17	6
B-17	41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	1336	90	38	128	10

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 & Gunnison National Forest</p>	Grand Valley RD (Grand Junction) 2777 Crossroads Blvd #1	(970) 242-8211
	2250 Hwy 50, Delta (970) 874-6600	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 & 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
www.parks.state.co.us
(800) 678-2267 Reservations
(970) 434-6862 Info

Colorado Tourism Board
www.colorado.com
(800) COLORADO

US National Park Service
www.nps.gov

Campground and cabin info
www.coloradodirectory.com

Roads and Weather

Colorado Dept. of Transportation
www.cotrip.org
toll free (877) 315-ROAD

www.crh.noaa.gov/gjt/

www.weather.com

Maps

TOPO Maps
US Geological Survey
http://topomaps.usgs.gov
(800) 435-7627

BLM Maps
www.co.blm.gov
(303) 239-3600

US Forest Service Maps
www.nationalforeststore.com
(303) 275-5350

Guide and Outfitter Information

For a list of registered guides and
outfitters
CO Dept of Regulatory Agencies
www.dora.state.co.us/outfitters
(303) 894-7778

Colorado Outfitters Association
www.coloradooutfitters.org
(970) 824-2468

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
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
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.