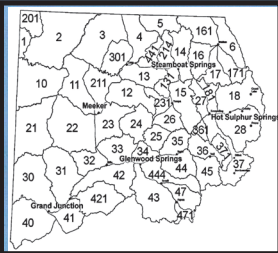


COLORADO BIG GAME HUNT GUIDE NORTHWEST REGION



HUNT GUIDE: 2018-2019 DEER ELK MOOSE PRONGHORN BEAR



INCLUDES:

- Harvest Stats by GMU
- Hunter Success Rates by GMU
- Game Sex/Age Ratios by Herd
- Important Phone Numbers
- Shooting Range Info
- Survival Tips

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

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NEW IN THE NORTHWEST - 2018

MANDATORY CWD TESTING IN SELECT GMUS

In 2018, CPW will require mandatory submission of CWD test samples(heads) from all buck deer harvested during rifle seasons from select GMUs. Hunters that harvest a buck deer in the specified hunt codes(see pages 20-29 of the 2018 Colorado Big Game Brochure) will be required to submit their deer head to a CPW submission site for testing at select regional or area offices, listed in the Big Game Brochure. There will be no charge for mandatory testing. Get more information about where and how to submit a CWD sample at: cpw.state.co.us/CWD.

LICENSING SYSTEM CHANGES:

CPW transitioned to an integrated licensing, pass and reservation system in Jan. 2017. All customers will need their CID (Customer Identification Number), driver's license or other unique identifier to create an online account. A unique email is no longer required for login, meaning families can now use the same email address for all purchases and applications. See the insert in this brochure for step-by-step instructions on how to create your account, or find the guide and how-to video online at: cpw.state.co.us/CPWshop.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING PERMIT REQUIRED FOR CONUNDRUM HOT SPRINGS AREA OF MAROON BELLS-SNOWMASS WILDERNESS:

Hunters who plan to hunt or scout in this portion of GMU 43 should be aware that a limited number of overnight camping permits will now be issued for the Conundrum Creek Valley. These federally-required camping permits are necessary year-round, cost \$10 and will be available online at www.recreation.gov.

ROUND-BALL BULLETS FOR MUZZLELOADERS - MINIMUM OF .50 CALIBER:

This applies to deer, pronghorn and bear; round-ball bullets for muzzleloaders are now a minimum of .54 caliber for elk and moose. See page 13 of the 2017 Big Game Brochure.

SHED ANTLER/HORN COLLECTING ANNUAL CLOSURE:

The public lands west of I-25 are open to collecting shed antlers or horns from May 1–Dec. 31 ONLY, except in GMUs 54, 55, 66, 67 and 551, where collecting antlers or horns is further restricted to between legal sunset and 10:00 a.m., May 1–May 15. Possession of antlers/horns on public lands west of I-25 from Jan. 1–April 30, and possession of antlers/horns on private property without lawful access is prohibited. See Hunt Programs on page 10 of the Big Game Brochure for more details about antler collecting on public and private lands, west and east of I-25.

HOOF OVERGROWTH

CPW's Wildlife Health Program is Investigating 'Hoof Overgrowth' in Moose and Elk. If you harvest an animal with overgrown hooves, please report it immediately to a wildlife officer, your local CPW office or by email to karen.fox@state.co.us. Include your closest estimation of where the animal was harvested. GPS coordinates are helpful.

'GIRLS CLAIMS' NO LONGER OPEN TO HUNTERS

Recently, Caerus Oil and Gas acquired several thousand acres, known as the 'Girls Claims', from Encana. Encana previously allowed hunting to take place on this property; however, Caerus representatives have indicated they are no longer allowing access to hunters. See page 23 of this publication for details.

***FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DETAILS,
PLEASE REFER TO THE 2018 COLORADO BIG GAME BROCHURE***

ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS

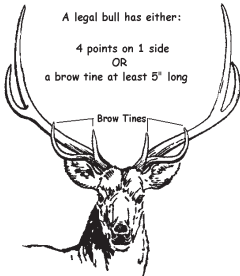
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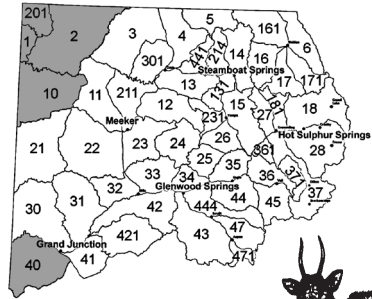
**Spike Buck
(at least 5")**

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

ELK



Legal bulls in white units must have at least one brow tine that is at least 5 inches



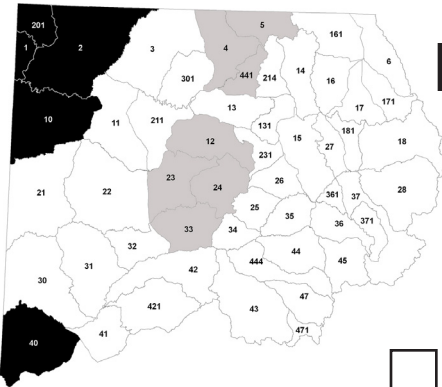
Legal bull in shaded limited units must have at least a 5 inch spike on one side.



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.

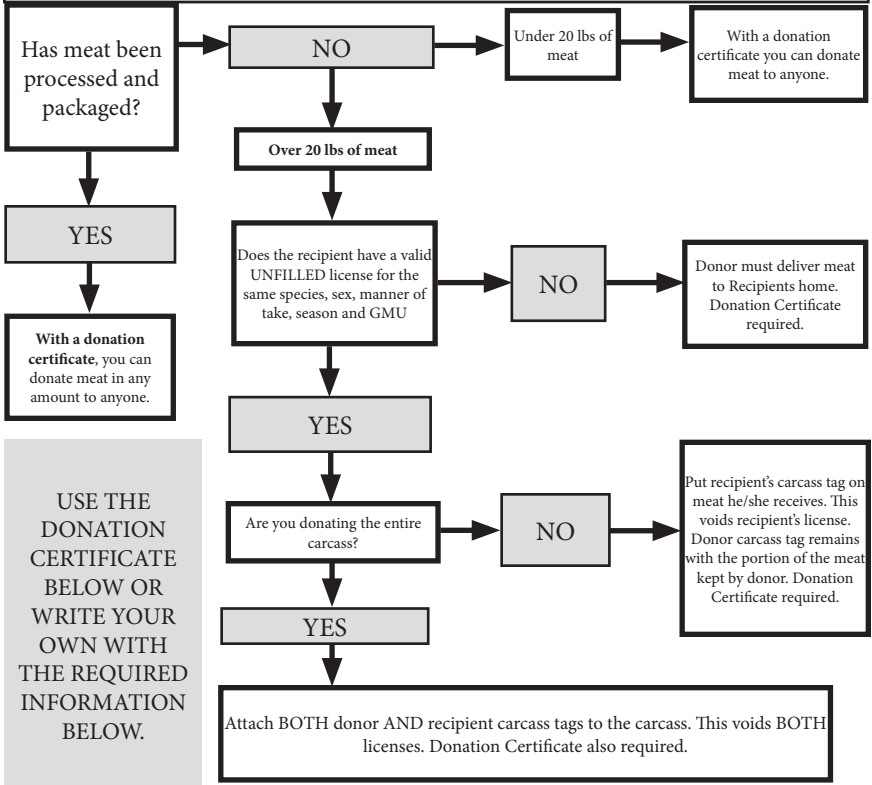


LIMITED UNITS - Draw Only
You may NOT hunt in these areas with an over-the-counter license

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

Who Needs to Register

All OHVs owned and operated in Colorado (including motor vehicles and motorcycles that are not licensed for public road access) must display current Colorado OHV registration stickers when in a person's possession in an OHV staging area or operated on designated OHV trails or routes in Colorado.

All OHVs and motor vehicles (including motorcycles) that display a valid Colorado or out-of-state license plate must also display a current Colorado OHV use permit sticker when operated on designated OHV trails in Colorado.

All out of state OHVs (including OHVs that display an out of state OHV registration) must also display a current Colorado OHV use permit sticker when operated on designated OHV trails or routes in Colorado.

Out-Of-State OHVs

Out-of-state residents who bring OHVs into Colorado must purchase a Colorado Non-Resident OHV permit which is valid from the date of purchase through the following March 31. These permits can be purchased anywhere you get your hunting/fishing licenses in Colorado, via mail-in request, or you can order one online.

Once purchased, this sticker should be placed on the vehicle's outside face of the right front fender or fork. Since this is only a use permit, no renewal notice will be sent to non-resident permit holders; you must purchase a new permit each year you come to Colorado with your OHV.

For more information about OHVs from CPW, go to

[www.cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/
RegistrationsOHV.aspx](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/RegistrationsOHV.aspx)



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USING FIREARMS SAFELY IS YOUR *RESPONSIBILITY*

Pay Attention, or Pay the Price!



ALWAYS BE SAFE WITH YOUR FIREARM



IF YOU ARE NOT 100 PERCENT SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT'S BEYOND, DO NOT AIM! DO NOT SHOOT!

Your careless mistake can cause severe injuries or death.

THE BASIC RULES

- Treat every firearm as if it's loaded.
- Don't point the muzzle at anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you're on target and ready to shoot.
- Always be 100 percent sure of your target, and what's beyond.



Always use a good pair of binoculars.
Rifle scopes are for aiming only.

***BE PATIENT AND USE GOOD OPTICS!
SAFE HUNTING IS NO ACCIDENT!***



**REPORT POACHING OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO
OPERATION GAME THIEF
1-877-COLO OGT (265-6648)**

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	Male:Female 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 - Male:Female Objective - The ratio of male animals to female animals that CPW 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.

E - Population Objective - Often given as a range, this is the population that CPW 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.

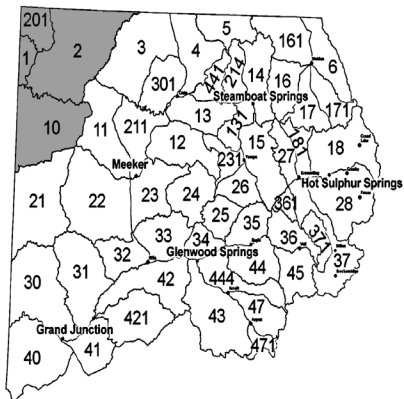
Because space is limited in the booklet, we generally only include the major seasons (archery, muzzleloader and four rifle seasons). In units where early or late seasons are critical, we’ve tried to list those numbers. Additional harvest stats can be found on our web site at cpw.state.co.us.

When reading the harvest stats, 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.

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.

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

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Meeker (970) 878-6090

AREA MAPS	BLM Canyon of Lodore BLM Rangely
AREA INFO	www.rangely.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

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.

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

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

Dinosaur National Park Is Closed To All Hunting.

GREEN RIVER DEER INFORMATION

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.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objectives	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Little Snake	1, 2, 201	15:100	2,060	13,500
Rangely	10	20:100	950	7,000

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Archery	1	0	0	1	1	100	67	67
	2nd Rifle	11	0	0	11	11	100	100	100
	3rd Rifle	4	0	0	4	4	100	100	100
2	Archery	1	0	0	1	3	33	40	36
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	4	100	92	85
	2nd Rifle	15	0	0	15	15	100	95	91
	3rd Rifle	8	0	0	8	9	89	88	86
10	Archery	2	0	0	2	2	100	60	43
	Muzzle	1	0	0	1	1	100	50	50
	2nd Rifle	20	0	0	20	23	87	90	88
	3rd Rifle	6	0	0	6	6	100	100	87
201	Archery	5	0	0	5	7	71	60	52
	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	7	86	85	83
	2nd Rifle	19	0	0	19	20	95	95	95
	3rd Rifle	14	0	0	14	14	100	100	88
	4th Rifle	1	0	0	1	1	100	100	100



GREEN RIVER ELK INFORMATION

Big, 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.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Green River	1	30:100	200	170
Rangely - Blue Mt.	10	40:100	3,880	1,200
Cold Springs	2, 201	58:100	860	700-1,700

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Archery	2	0	0	2	2	100	83	71
	Muzzle	4	1	0	5	9	56	33	42
	Early	6	3	3	12	19	63	69	61
	1st Rifle	0	1	0	1	5	20	18	39
	2nd Rifle	0	3	0	3	19	16	19	20
	3rd Rifle	0	7	0	7	9	78	36	42
	4th Rifle	0	6	0	6	21	29	39	26
2	Archery	6	0	0	6	10	60	54	70
	Muzzle	5	1	0	6	15	40	68	57
	Early	29	2	0	31	39	79	77	73
	1st Rifle	0	10	2	12	20	60	53	51
	2nd Rifle	0	15	0	15	20	75	58	49
	3rd Rifle	0	14	0	14	31	45	63	53
	4th Rifle	0	16	7	23	44	52	61	49



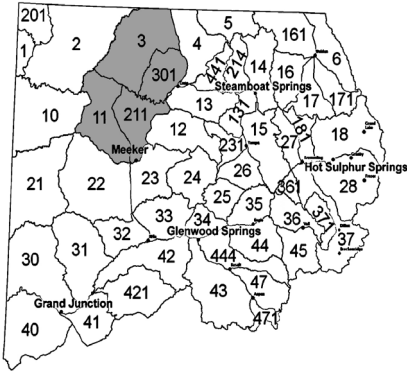
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GREEN RIVER ELK INFORMATION

2017 ELK HARVEST (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
10	Archery	9	0	0	9	15	60	81	79
	Muzzle	3	5	0	8	9	89	72	61
	Early	24	68	7	99	143	69	69	66
	1st Rifle	0	32	0	32	54	59	62	54
	2nd Rifle	0	26	0	26	63	41	42	44
	3rd Rifle	0	25	6	31	59	53	41	46
	4th Rifle	0	111	0	111	230	48	44	47
201	Archery	7	0	0	7	9	78	80	83
	Muzzle	7	1	0	8	15	53	75	77
	Early	25	0	0	25	27	93	96	94
	1st Rifle	0	11	2	13	30	43	52	58
	2nd Rifle	0	24	2	26	51	51	51	50
	3rd Rifle	0	10	0	10	30	33	42	49
	4th Rifle	0	5	0	5	46	11	33	39





LOWER YAMPA

**GMU
3, 11, 211, 301**

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

AREA MAPS	BLM Craig BLM Meeker
AREA INFO	www.craig-chamber.com www.meekerchamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

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 steppe. Pinyon and juniper cover the upper elevations up to 8,500'.

Expect zero to light snow cover in 1st & 2nd seasons. The later seasons may bring moderate snow and a potential for near zero temperatures. If the weather is mild, deer and elk will not be present in high numbers until the later seasons.

Overall access is easy and 4WD is not necessary in most areas. Hunting pressure is heavy.

Outside of GMU 301, 70 percent of the Lower Yampa is public land.

MOOSE IN AREA

BE PATIENT!
ALWAYS BE 100% SURE OF YOUR TARGET!



LOWER YAMPA DEER INFORMATION

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 CPW office for more details.)

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bear's Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301,441	22:100	40,410	37,800
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211,231	22-25:100	32,500	67,500

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	9	0	0	9	52	17	38	41
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	10	20	55	54
	2nd Rifle	382	17	6	405	517	78	74	72
	3rd Rifle	611	26	2	639	753	85	82	81
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	12	83	79	74
11	Archery	7	0	0	7	43	16	23	14
	Muzzle	9	0	0	9	31	29	42	30
	2nd Rifle	167	3	4	174	319	55	64	62
	3rd Rifle	256	4	2	262	307	85	81	82
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	8	100	75	78
211	Archery	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	5	40	50	46
	2nd Rifle	146	3	0	149	219	68	66	65
	3rd Rifle	148	4	0	152	210	72	79	75
	4th Rifle	2	0	0	2	8	25	62	62
	Late	0	3	0	3	5	60	69	76
301	Archery	7	3	0	10	35	29	41	40
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	8	38	64	46
	2nd Rifle	214	19	0	233	284	82	72	73
	3rd Rifle	248	0	0	248	308	81	78	78
	4th Rifle	2	0	0	2	5	40	73	62

LOWER YAMPA ELK INFORMATION

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. **Youth hunting participation during the late seasons in these GMUs is now limited. Please see big game brochure for details.**

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	20-25:100	24,250	15,000-18,000
White River	11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 211, 231	20-27:100	42,600	32,000 - 39,000

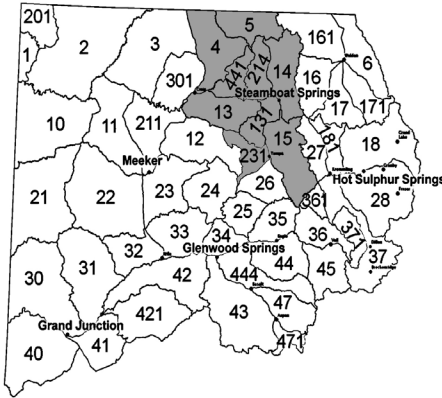
2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	8	0	0	8	79	10	9	12
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
	Early	0	42	0	42	203	21	41	48
	1st Rifle	51	46	0	97	318	31	38	35
	2nd Rifle	28	18	0	46	481	10	13	14
	3rd Rifle	47	13	4	64	1150	6	8	11
	4th Rifle	17	76	8	101	1092	9	20	21
11	Archery	31	4	0	35	210	17	18	15
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	31	10	3	6
	Early	0	57	9	66	196	34	48	48
	1st Rifle	142	65	10	217	1062	20	28	29
	2nd Rifle	73	49	10	132	583	23	16	16
	3rd Rifle	51	67	14	132	1027	13	16	16
	4th Rifle	63	132	14	209	1022	20	26	23
211	Archery	61	44	0	105	337	31	25	23
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	18	11	7	15
	Early	0	21	0	21	91	23	32	34
	1st Rifle	132	19	13	164	228	72	51	40
	2nd Rifle	83	20	10	113	584	19	23	23
	3rd Rifle	73	66	0	139	795	17	18	18
	4th Rifle	38	85	12	135	511	26	24	20
301	Archery	0	4	0	4	23	17	12	6
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	Early	0	29	0	29	156	19	34	37
	1st Rifle	26	27	5	58	108	54	34	34
	2nd Rifle	16	0	0	16	253	6	11	14
	3rd Rifle	11	4	0	15	652	2	10	14
	4th Rifle	11	24	4	39	562	7	15	17

UPPER YAMPA

GMUs

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



LOCAL CPW OFFICE
GMUs 4 & 5-Meeker office
(970) 878-6090
Others - Steamboat Springs
(970) 870-2197

AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest
AREA INFO	www.craig-chamber.com www.ci.steamboat.co.us

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

From a low of 6,300 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.

Domestic sheep grazing typically occurs on parts of the Routt National Forest through the months of August and September. Elk will typically avoid areas actively used by sheep but often are not far away. Hunters can use this knowledge to their advantage. To learn more about sheep management and actively grazed areas, archery and muzzleloader hunters are encouraged to contact the Hahns Peak-Bears Ranger District in Steamboat Springs at 970-870-2299, or visit the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

MOOSE IN AREA

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UPPER YAMPA DEER INFORMATION

The deer herd has declined in the upper Yampa units due to a variety of factors. 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.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	22:100	40,410	37,800
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45, 361	26-30:100	13,730	13,500 - 16,500
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	22-25 :100	32,500	67,500

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	9	0	0	9	85	11	11	19
	Muzzle	10	0	0	10	28	36	33	40
	2nd Rifle	384	17	4	405	629	64	64	63
	3rd Rifle	390	18	0	408	479	85	84	84
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	11	100	88	90
5	Archery	9	16	0	25	87	29	29	24
	Muzzle	10	0	0	10	18	56	42	34
	2nd Rifle	67	6	0	73	113	65	63	65
	3rd Rifle	39	0	0	39	44	89	83	84
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	10	100	100	100
13	Archery	2	0	0	2	9	22	30	29
	Muzzle	7	0	0	7	10	70	28	39
	2nd Rifle	72	4	0	76	125	61	65	63
	3rd Rifle	101	4	0	105	157	67	64	65
14	Archery	25	34	0	59	155	38	35	35
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	13	23	30	33
	Early	16	0	0	16	31	52	47	42
	2nd Rifle	120	2	0	122	208	59	42	41
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	9

UPPER YAMPA DEER INFORMATION

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
15	Archery	33	23	0	56	250	22	24	20
	Muzzle	15	12	0	27	189	14	19	20
	2nd Rifle	143	98	7	248	736	34	36	38
	3rd Rifle	189	58	9	256	512	50	51	55
	4th Rifle	25	0	0	25	36	69	71	71
131	Archery	5	2	0	7	20	35	13	22
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	9	22	31	24
	2nd Rifle	9	0	0	9	34	26	38	34
	3rd Rifle	4	0	0	4	18	22	26	24
214	Archery	15	11	0	26	56	46	25	19
	Muzzle	2	3	0	5	17	29	34	41
	2nd Rifle	52	12	0	64	135	47	46	43
	3rd Rifle	9	0	0	9	23	39	43	38
441	Archery	7	8	0	15	53	28	25	22
	Muzzle	2	6	0	8	11	73	54	46
	2nd Rifle	96	5	5	106	222	48	56	54
	3rd Rifle	32	0	0	32	72	44	69	65
	4th Rifle	1	0	0	1	1	100	100	100



UPPER YAMPA ELK INFORMATION

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. CPW 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. Within the Upper Yampa GMU's, private lands access is primarily available on a fee hunting basis.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES									
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective					
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	20-25:100	24,250	15,000-18,000					
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	20-27:100	42,600	32,000-39,000					
Gore Pass	15, 27	24-28:100	6,200	3,5000-4,500					

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	39	7	0	46	323	14	18	21
	Muzzle	0	5	2	7	61	11	24	24
	Early	0	137	10	147	313	47	45	45
	1st Rifle	148	218	21	387	950	41	39	38
	2nd Rifle	140	96	15	251	1344	19	18	18
	3rd Rifle	123	41	4	168	1099	15	19	25
	4th Rifle	51	23	12	86	554	16	23	23
5	Archery	8	8	8	24	155	15	18	23
	Muzzle	0	8	0	8	35	23	25	26
	Early	0	10	0	10	20	50	53	77
	1st Rifle	81	10	0	91	315	29	33	35
	2nd Rifle	81	18	2	101	553	18	20	23
	3rd Rifle	47	12	0	59	217	27	22	27
	4th Rifle	3	3	0	6	68	9	13	14
13	Archery	42	20	0	62	252	25	21	20
	Muzzle	0	4	2	6	16	38	31	29
	Early	0	42	18	60	212	28	43	51
	1st Rifle	65	35	13	113	348	32	35	38
	2nd Rifle	78	36	12	126	430	29	32	31
	3rd Rifle	95	18	6	119	522	23	29	34
	4th Rifle	36	73	16	125	321	39	42	47

UPPER YAMPA ELK INFORMATION

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

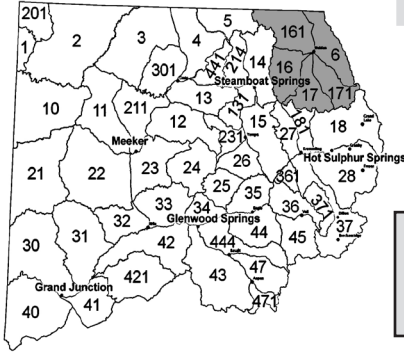
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
14	Archery	97	38	4	139	1254	11	11	12
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	42	0	10	13
	1st Rifle	30	13	3	46	255	18	22	22
	2nd Rifle	69	13	6	88	642	14	13	13
	3rd Rifle	53	14	1	68	291	23	15	17
	4th Rifle	8	5	3	16	89	18	19	21
	Late	0	45	0	45	120	38	50	47
15	Archery	82	36	4	122	1215	10	8	10
	Muzzle	0	0	2	2	31	6	5	8
	1st Rifle	87	41	12	140	479	29	21	20
	2nd Rifle	74	42	0	116	1175	10	9	8
	3rd Rifle	56	39	6	101	1130	9	9	10
	4th Rifle	8	28	2	38	251	15	20	18
	Late	0	26	0	26	158	16	36	37
131	Archery	31	20	0	51	315	16	16	16
	Muzzle	0	10	0	10	36	28	19	22
	1st Rifle	46	10	0	56	206	27	26	23
	2nd Rifle	9	36	0	45	276	16	20	23
	3rd Rifle	12	19	0	31	191	16	18	28
	4th Rifle	1	19	3	23	78	29	31	30
	Late	0	28	5	33	127	26	45	45
214	Archery	42	17	0	59	446	13	15	15
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	27	7	10	23
	Early	0	29	10	39	89	44	56	61
	1st Rifle	22	14	5	41	143	29	36	35
	2nd Rifle	40	47	14	101	493	20	25	25
	3rd Rifle	17	26	7	50	206	24	21	23
	4th Rifle	6	10	6	22	74	30	25	29
	Late	0	28	0	28	96	29	48	48
441	Archery	16	34	0	50	247	20	24	22
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	34	9	20	23
	Early	0	40	0	40	89	45	50	54
	1st Rifle	109	50	0	159	342	46	47	38
	2nd Rifle	25	24	4	53	490	11	16	17
	3rd Rifle	58	14	0	72	319	23	23	28
	4th Rifle	33	64	0	97	200	49	38	31
	Late	0	64	0	64	115	56	67	67

NORTH PARK

GMU

6, 16, 17, 161, 171

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Steamboat Springs
(970) 870-2197



AREA MAPS

USFS Routt National Forest

AREA INFO

www.ci.steamboat.co.us

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

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.

MOOSE IN AREA

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NORTH PARK DEER INFORMATION

If you are patient, you could have success hunting trophy bucks. North Park has an early rifle, deer-only season that begins as soon as possible after archery closes. 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.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	30-40:100	6,560	5,400 - 6,600

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
6	Archery	2	0	0	2	28	7	9	13
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	12	25	31	30
	Early	17	0	0	17	24	71	62	59
	2nd Rifle	14	0	0	14	18	78	75	67
	3rd Rifle	17	0	0	17	19	89	87	82
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	15	73	84	87
16	Archery	2	0	0	2	6	33	28	24
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	6	0	58	53
	Early	28	0	0	28	43	65	62	60
	2nd Rifle	2	0	0	2	24	8	36	41
	3rd Rifle	1	0	0	1	10	10	17	21
	4th Rifle	2	0	0	2	2	100	100	100
17	Archery	0	0	0	0	21	0	6	8
	Muzzle	1	0	0	1	7	14	27	44
	Early	10	0	0	10	21	48	51	48
	2nd Rifle	2	0	0	2	13	15	10	16
	3rd Rifle	5	0	0	5	10	50	30	23
161	Archery	9	0	0	9	30	30	37	38
	Muzzle	7	0	0	7	17	41	52	44
	Early	27	0	0	27	40	68	67	64
	2nd Rifle	16	0	0	16	32	50	58	63
	3rd Rifle	10	0	0	10	13	77	62	54
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	5	60	50	50
171	Archery	0	0	0	0	14	0	35	34
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	5	0	29	44
	Early	17	0	0	17	23	74	55	57
	2nd Rifle	14	0	0	14	15	93	70	68
	3rd Rifle	4	0	0	4	18	22	36	49

NORTH PARK ELK INFORMATION

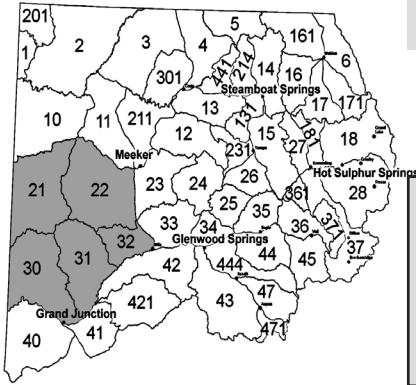
Elk are distributed evenly throughout these units. During the day, the bulls will be in dark timber - glass in the early morning and evening. The herd tends to stay in the coniferous timbered areas until late in the season, moving to lower elevations with snow and hunting pressure.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	20-23:100	4,150	4,000 - 4,500

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
6	Archery	8	28	4	40	791	5	7	8
	Muzzle	0	7	0	7	106	7	5	10
	Early	0	15	0	15	39	38	49	53
	1st Rifle	41	56	23	120	794	15	18	17
	2nd Rifle	83	37	0	120	849	14	10	10
	3rd Rifle	28	48	5	81	564	14	12	12
	4th Rifle	7	50	7	64	183	35	28	21
16	Archery	46	23	0	69	680	10	12	14
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	26	0	7	3
	Early	0	32	5	37	92	40	44	45
	1st Rifle	14	27	10	51	233	22	23	21
	2nd Rifle	20	0	11	31	401	8	11	14
	3rd Rifle	30	52	0	82	277	30	18	15
	4th Rifle	11	12	6	29	112	26	13	16
17	Archery	31	4	8	43	505	9	7	7
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	23	0	7	3
	Early	0	17	0	17	67	25	31	33
	1st Rifle	15	51	0	66	283	23	26	21
	2nd Rifle	56	18	11	85	509	17	13	14
	3rd Rifle	43	31	3	77	518	15	14	14
	4th Rifle	2	22	6	30	182	16	14	14
161	Archery	58	11	4	73	827	9	9	11
	Muzzle	0	3	3	6	68	9	8	14
	Early	0	0	0	0	7	0	15	15
	1st Rifle	17	27	10	54	448	12	13	15
	2nd Rifle	61	21	11	93	566	16	14	12
	3rd Rifle	28	48	3	79	498	16	11	9
	4th Rifle	27	57	11	95	214	44	35	24
171	Archery	24	4	4	32	554	6	7	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	24	0	14	7
	Early	0	27	0	27	44	61	70	60
	1st Rifle	12	26	0	38	335	11	13	15
	2nd Rifle	28	18	0	46	418	11	9	11
	3rd Rifle	21	15	0	36	340	11	7	10
	4th Rifle	7	12	0	19	111	17	8	8



BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

GMU
21, 22, 30, 31, 32

LOCAL CPW OFFICES
 Meeker (GMU 21, 22)
(970) 878-6090
 Grand Junction (GMU 30, 31, 32)
(970) 255-6100

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	

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

Pinyon-juniper, with pockets of sagebrush, cover most of area at lower elevations. Higher elevations are characterized by sagebrush interspersed with aspen stands and some dark timber. Terrain varies from rolling sagebrush to steep-sided canyons. Some areas are steep & rugged, especially in southern portion..

Rains bring muddy roads. High elevation snows make roads impassible without chains.

75% of area is BLM land.

There are remote hunting areas accessible by foot, horseback or ATV. Get maps and study BLM access points.

Weather is generally mild.

Significant energy development occurring in these units.

MOOSE IN AREA

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BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR HUNTERS

DO NOT ASSUME PRIVATE LANDS REMAIN OPEN EACH YEAR, even if you have hunted there for years.

Recently, Caerus Oil and Gas acquired several thousand acres, known as the 'Girls Claims', from Encana. Encana previously allowed hunting to take place on this property; however, Caerus representatives have indicated they are no longer allowing access to hunters.

In addition, Shell Oil Company previously allowed access on their property located on the western edge of GMU 22. The property was recently acquired by a new owner that is no longer allowing public access to this area.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife respects the rights of private landowners to use their lands in their own interests. CPW does not have the authority to direct any private landowner to provide access for hunting. Any decision to allow access is solely at the discretion of the landowner.

CPW continues to work closely with all landowners, including oil and gas companies, to pursue management objectives and allow hunting access where possible.

Remember, trespassing is a serious crime. Always be sure about the status of these properties before you enter private lands. Check signage or verify with landowners prior to hunting in these areas. Make sure you have current maps.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the landowner.

BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE DEER INFORMATION

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 lower elevations to the north and 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.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bookcliffs	21, 30	30-35:100	6,720	10,000 - 12,000
Logan Mountain	31, 32	25-30:100	5,950	6,500 - 8,500
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	22-25:100	32,500	67,500

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	18	0	0	18	40	45	40	44
	Muzzle	15	0	0	15	29	52	45	49
	2nd Rifle	241	0	0	241	272	89	88	87
	3rd Rifle	54	0	0	54	64	84	85	89
22	Archery	11	7	0	18	50	36	34	37
	Muzzle	27	3	0	30	49	61	63	57
	2nd Rifle	148	17	1	166	310	54	68	70
	3rd Rifle	250	0	0	250	328	76	76	79
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	15	60	59	58
30	Archery	9	0	0	9	27	33	36	29
	2nd Rifle	57	5	4	66	89	74	63	58
	3rd Rifle	33	8	0	41	57	72	80	73
31	Archery	35	6	0	41	110	37	46	43
	Muzzle	31	0	0	31	71	44	58	60
	2nd Rifle	124	0	0	124	199	62	60	59
	3rd Rifle	113	0	0	113	169	67	67	66
32	Archery	28	13	0	41	65	63	48	40
	Muzzle	20	0	0	20	43	47	42	46
	2nd Rifle	34	0	0	34	49	69	61	58
	3rd Rifle	29	0	0	29	59	49	65	62

BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE ELK INFORMATION

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 Rat 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. Elk normally concentrate on the north side of Douglas Pass during the archery, muzzleloader, and early rifle seasons. Movement of large numbers of elk into GMU-30 generally does not occur until early November.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Yellow Creek	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	18-22:100	11,420	7,000 - 9,000

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

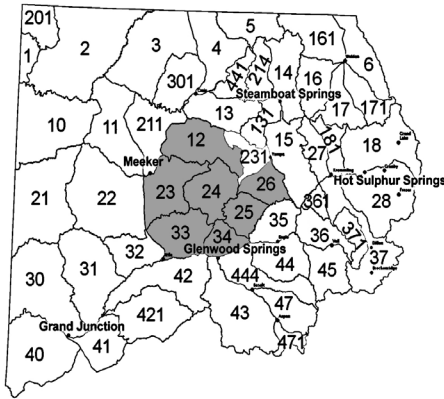
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	54	8	0	62	468	13	14	15
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	63	3	7	9
	1st Rifle	109	24	0	133	368	36	26	23
	2nd Rifle	57	39	0	96	583	16	15	14
	3rd Rifle	29	74	9	112	588	19	20	18
	4th Rifle	0	13	0	13	173	8	16	19
22	Archery	43	25	4	72	428	17	17	19
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	41	5	15	13
	Early	0	43	26	69	229	30	38	39
	1st Rifle	85	0	10	95	286	33	31	29
	2nd Rifle	84	19	10	113	660	17	16	14
	3rd Rifle	71	25	3	99	791	13	14	14
	4th Rifle	3	68	2	73	249	29	30	32
30	Archery	19	4	0	23	179	13	10	8
	Muzzle	0	0	2	2	9	22	14	8
	1st Rifle	0	0	0	0	68	0	2	20
	2nd Rifle	16	13	4	33	267	12	15	14
	3rd Rifle	17	0	0	17	310	5	8	11
	4th Rifle	13	21	0	34	320	11	17	20

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE ELK INFORMATION

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
31	Archery	35	17	0	52	303	17	18	20
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	16	0	28	20
	Early	0	16	0	16	68	24	27	42
	1st Rifle	47	6	0	53	152	35	39	39
	2nd Rifle	23	18	8	49	317	15	16	18
	3rd Rifle	47	17	12	76	403	19	17	19
	4th Rifle	9	40	23	72	446	16	25	22
32	Archery	34	12	4	50	264	19	17	13
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
	Early	0	2	0	2	51	4	29	45
	1st Rifle	26	0	0	26	130	20	42	35
	2nd Rifle	33	15	0	48	231	21	17	18
	3rd Rifle	8	17	5	30	138	22	16	14
	4th Rifle	9	24	0	33	76	43	29	26





WHITE RIVER

GMU

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

LOCAL CPW 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

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

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).

MOOSE IN AREA

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WHITE RIVER DEER INFORMATION

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. **UNIT 33 ARCHERY & MUZZLELOADER LICENSES NO LONGER VALID IN 23 & 24**— If you purchase an archery or muzzleloader license for unit 33, you can no longer also hunt in unit 23 and 24, and vice versa. There are now separate tags for these units. See the hunt tables for corresponding hunt codes.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Rifle Creek	33	30-35:100	7,730	7,700 - 9,400
Sweetwater Creek	25,26,34	28-32:100	5,840	5,000-6,000
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	22-25:100	32,550	67,500

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	0	3	0	3	70	4	18	19
	Muzzle	14	3	0	17	43	40	32	28
	Early	2	0	0	2	2	100	33	18
	2nd Rifle	166	5	0	171	349	49	55	55
	3rd Rifle	158	3	0	161	306	53	60	60
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	10	100	92	81
23	Archery	22	9	0	31	142	22	24	26
	Muzzle	15	0	0	15	75	20	28	28
	2nd Rifle	158	2	0	160	311	51	48	45
	3rd Rifle	122	14	0	136	254	54	56	52
	4th Rifle	2	0	0	2	2	100	75	85



WHITE RIVER DEER INFORMATION

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
24	Archery	2	5	0	7	82	9	11	14
	Muzzle	8	0	0	8	30	27	15	19
	2nd Rifle	62	2	0	64	134	48	34	33
	3rd Rifle	13	0	0	13	48	27	29	32
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
25	Archery	3	5	0	8	83	10	14	17
	Muzzle	7	6	0	13	78	17	18	18
	Early	0	0	0	0	2	0	17	6
	2nd Rifle	105	31	3	139	476	29	29	30
	3rd Rifle	106	32	0	138	357	39	45	46
	4th Rifle	17	0	0	17	55	31	51	50
26	Archery	3	3	0	6	59	10	10	12
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	44	0	11	14
	2nd Rifle	30	40	14	84	249	34	40	34
	3rd Rifle	82	24	0	106	218	49	47	50
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	22	36	37	40
33	Archery	12	5	0	17	140	12	18	23
	Muzzle	22	3	0	25	113	22	31	32
	2nd Rifle	191	0	0	191	503	38	39	37
	3rd Rifle	164	0	0	164	361	45	51	50
	4th Rifle	12	0	0	12	15	80	79	76
34	Archery	4	0	0	4	104	4	10	10
	Muzzle	21	13	0	34	129	26	19	19
	2nd Rifle	40	10	0	50	295	17	20	20
	3rd Rifle	21	9	0	30	221	14	22	21
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	43	19	31	29
231	Archery	10	5	0	15	44	34	22	16
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	21	24	35	35
	2nd Rifle	17	3	0	20	52	38	36	37
	3rd Rifle	8	2	0	10	27	37	34	36



WHITE RIVER ELK INFORMATION

Generally all of GMUs 12, 23 and 24 are considered very good elk hunting. They are generally at higher elevations in the eastern portions of GMUs 12 and 24 during early seasons, and 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. 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.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
White River	11, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 211, 231	20-27:100	42,600	32,000-39,000

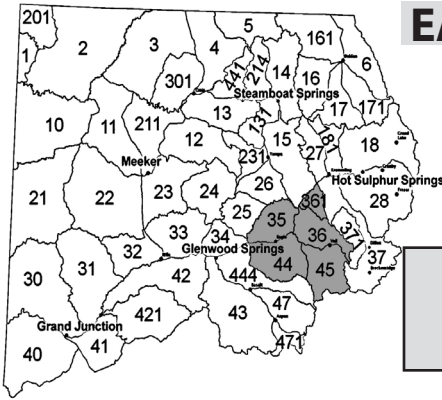
2017 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	99	19	20	138	566	24	27	26
	Muzzle	0	15	0	15	69	22	26	26
	Early	0	54	9	63	181	35	47	52
	1st Rifle	294	276	10	580	1550	37	35	33
	2nd Rifle	150	142	0	292	1514	19	18	20
	3rd Rifle	75	72	12	159	1024	16	18	24
	4th Rifle	41	46	10	97	493	20	24	26
23	Archery	80	14	0	94	527	18	22	21
	Muzzle	0	3	3	6	35	17	15	14
	Early	0	33	0	33	118	28	38	49
	1st Rifle	153	61	0	214	930	23	25	19
	2nd Rifle	71	54	11	136	1177	12	12	13
	3rd Rifle	77	97	12	186	1115	17	16	16
	4th Rifle	12	55	10	77	446	17	24	24
24	Late	0	11	6	17	83	20	46	55
	Archery	43	15	0	58	449	13	16	15
	Muzzle	0	5	0	5	47	11	12	8
	Early	0	0	0	0	12	0	34	36
	1st Rifle	248	41	0	289	1145	25	23	23
	2nd Rifle	69	11	11	91	1099	8	11	11
	3rd Rifle	23	8	8	39	571	7	9	12
4th Rifle	12	19	12	43	262	16	15	14	
Late	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	28	

WHITE RIVER ELK INFORMATION

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
25	Archery	31	7	4	42	384	11	8	10
	Muzzle	0	8	0	8	45	18	6	5
	Early	0	7	0	7	68	10	27	31
	1st Rifle	21	9	0	30	271	11	15	16
	2nd Rifle	38	8	0	46	439	10	10	10
	3rd Rifle	47	10	0	57	337	17	12	13
	4th Rifle	1	2	0	3	33	9	13	14
26	Archery	11	16	0	27	402	7	7	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	27	0	3	11
	Early	0	7	0	7	44	16	49	48
	1st Rifle	32	0	0	32	236	14	23	19
	2nd Rifle	16	4	0	20	308	6	10	13
	3rd Rifle	32	26	0	58	300	19	19	17
	4th Rifle	3	1	0	4	79	5	10	13
33	Archery	81	16	0	97	602	16	13	14
	Muzzle	0	6	2	8	62	13	17	15
	1st Rifle	140	10	0	150	662	23	15	15
	2nd Rifle	40	58	4	102	934	11	11	12
	3rd Rifle	36	30	0	66	607	11	9	11
	4th Rifle	4	10	0	14	221	6	14	12
	Late	0	10	0	10	20	50	37	38
34	Archery	12	11	0	23	324	7	7	10
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	21	0	2	4
	Early	0	6	0	6	21	29	43	45
	1st Rifle	41	0	8	49	326	15	20	16
	2nd Rifle	16	10	0	26	341	8	8	7
	3rd Rifle	4	2	0	6	169	4	6	9
	4th Rifle	0	1	0	1	42	2	12	14
231	Archery	50	24	8	82	644	13	10	11
	Muzzle	0	6	0	6	60	10	9	7
	Early	0	15	0	15	68	22	28	39
	1st Rifle	52	89	0	141	528	27	22	24
	2nd Rifle	31	28	0	59	429	14	12	12
	3rd Rifle	4	14	3	21	166	13	17	18
	4th Rifle	1	4	0	5	61	8	11	11

EAGLE RIVER VALLEY



GMU

35, 36, 44, 45, 361

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
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AREA MAPS	USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.glenwoodchamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

These units are bordered by the Colorado River, the Gore Range, the Red Table Mountains 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 plenty of 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.

MOOSE IN AREA

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EAGLE RIVER VALLEY

DEER INFORMATION

Deer herds are scattered from 6,500' to timberline, moving down to the lower elevation pinyon-juniper areas as heavy snow arrives. Over 18" of snow will move the deer. Hunt the aspen, open parks and shrublands. GMUs 35 and 36 have the most mule 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 available.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Red Table Mountain	44	35:100	2,320	7,000
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45	26-30:100	13,730	13,500-16,500

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	14	0	0	14	65	22	8	13
	Muzzle	14	7	0	21	153	14	26	30
	2nd Rifle	46	27	0	73	583	13	23	32
	3rd Rifle	136	34	0	170	407	42	48	51
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	19	26	52	57
36	Archery	10	2	0	12	109	11	13	15
	Muzzle	28	7	0	35	102	34	32	36
	Early	8	0	0	8	12	67	23	49
	2nd Rifle	37	68	0	105	554	19	27	31
	3rd Rifle	176	12	6	194	458	42	41	46
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	14	43	48	52
44	Archery	3	7	0	10	59	17	16	25
	Muzzle	15	6	0	21	51	41	32	29
	Early	4	0	0	4	13	31	29	29
	2nd Rifle	38	2	0	40	81	49	56	56
	3rd Rifle	17	3	0	20	32	63	69	64
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	15	73	78	81
45	Archery	23	10	10	43	197	22	18	21
	Muzzle	23	23	0	46	135	34	35	38
	Early	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	19
	2nd Rifle	110	16	0	126	296	43	38	40
	3rd Rifle	17	18	6	41	105	39	37	42
361	Archery	0	10	0	10	31	32	20	14
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	21	0	8	27
	2nd Rifle	20	19	0	39	89	44	44	43
	3rd Rifle	28	12	0	40	83	48	42	41
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	7	43	33	27

EAGLE RIVER VALLEY ELK INFORMATION

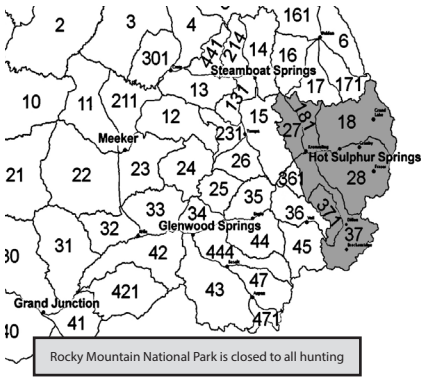
Elk are scattered from about 7,000' to above timberline. As hunting pressure increases, they seek the deeper canyons and dark timber areas way from roads. Concentrating on the large stands of dark timber and the larger wilderness areas will increase your chance of finding a big bull on public lands.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Frying Pan	44, 45, 47, 444	18-30:100	4,610	5,500-8,500
Piney River	35, 36	22-44:100	3,120	3,000-4,600

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	8	12	0	20	310	6	7	8
	Muzzle	12	2	0	14	110	13	9	12
	Early	0	24	0	24	48	50	50	50
	1st Rifle	5	24	5	34	142	24	24	21
	2nd Rifle	4	3	0	7	373	2	3	9
	3rd Rifle	37	6	0	43	369	12	17	19
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	47	0	15	23
36	Archery	32	12	0	44	531	8	7	7
	Muzzle	10	0	0	10	196	5	8	8
	Early	0	10	0	10	33	30	39	38
	1st Rifle	22	6	0	28	147	19	23	20
	2nd Rifle	47	8	0	55	474	12	12	14
	3rd Rifle	26	11	0	37	389	10	9	10
	4th Rifle	0	1	0	1	24	4	13	16
44	Archery	12	8	0	20	422	5	6	8
	Muzzle	20	3	0	23	141	16	13	11
	Early	0	2	0	2	19	11	45	50
	1st Rifle	12	9	3	24	115	21	16	17
	2nd Rifle	33	3	0	36	263	14	9	9
	3rd Rifle	9	0	0	9	293	3	8	9
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	10	40	17	16
45	Archery	16	0	0	16	546	3	5	6
	Muzzle	12	0	0	12	70	17	9	12
	Early	0	2	0	2	19	11	31	28
	1st Rifle	16	7	0	23	106	22	24	21
	2nd Rifle	21	0	0	21	289	7	10	9
	3rd Rifle	13	0	0	13	229	6	6	8
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	9	0	6	10
361	Archery	0	8	0	8	77	10	3	2
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	48	4	4	2
	Early	0	0	0	0	15	0	14	20
	1st Rifle	2	0	0	2	21	10	13	14
	2nd Rifle	8	0	0	8	100	8	8	6
	3rd Rifle	4	3	0	7	105	7	9	9
	4th Rifle	3	14	0	17	59	29	25	23



MIDDLE PARK

GMU

18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
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AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest USFS White River National Forest USFS Arapahoe/Roosevelt National Forest
AREA INFO	www.kremmlingchamber.com www.granbychamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

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. 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 at (970) 724-3000 for information. Horses/pack animals are recommended for remote tracts and for Wilderness Areas.

Due to the proximity to Denver, there are many weekend hunters & recreationalists (bikers, hikers, ATVers).

The past decade's mountain pine beetle killed an estimated 80 percent of mature lodgepole pine trees in Grand County, creating numerous hazards along public roadways as these trees begin to fall.

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. However be aware of possible falling trees when hiking, or setting up camp in pine beetle kill sections! Set up camps etc, in cleared areas away from dead trees. These dead trees can fall on their own without wind, or warning!

Road closures for tree removal will likely occur this season and next in this area. To avoid disappointment, be sure to call the Sulphur Ranger District's Visitor's Information Hotline at 970-887-4100, the Kremmling BLM office at 970-724-3000, the Yampa Forest Service Office at 970-638-4516 or the Dillon Ranger District Office at 970-468-5400 BEFORE planning your hunting trip or setting up camp. You can also sign up for updates by emailing SRDUpdates@fs.fed.us.

You can stop by the visitor's center at 9 Ten Mile Drive in Granby, visit www.fs.usda.gov/arp; or follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/usfsarp."

MIDDLE PARK DEER INFORMATION

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.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Middle Park	18, 181, 27, 28, 37, 371	30-35:100	15,410	10,500 - 12,500

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	35	11	0	46	327	14	13	14
	Muzzle	35	52	8	95	349	27	21	24
	2nd Rifle	101	123	0	224	996	22	19	21
	3rd Rifle	240	157	20	417	929	45	32	32
	4th Rifle	70	0	0	70	157	45	53	51
27	Archery	20	44	0	64	172	37	26	23
	Muzzle	9	41	0	50	176	28	35	31
	2nd Rifle	75	66	12	153	512	30	28	29
	3rd Rifle	93	30	5	128	410	31	29	28
	4th Rifle	15	0	0	15	38	39	59	46
28	Archery	11	9	0	20	348	6	11	11
	Muzzle	28	33	8	69	215	32	24	21
	2nd Rifle	123	84	11	218	807	27	23	22
	3rd Rifle	120	46	0	166	742	22	24	26
	4th Rifle	19	0	0	19	69	28	35	37
37	Archery	18	20	0	38	176	22	21	15
	Muzzle	32	16	8	56	162	35	25	24
	2nd Rifle	159	95	0	254	666	38	32	30
	3rd Rifle	131	120	0	251	549	46	41	37
	4th Rifle	40	0	0	40	72	56	51	46

MIDDLE PARK DEER INFORMATION

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
181	Archery	0	0	0	0	18	0	13	8
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	42	7	9	15
	2nd Rifle	48	37	0	85	378	22	22	22
	3rd Rifle	105	52	5	162	312	52	34	32
	4th Rifle	40	0	0	40	53	75	68	60
371	Archery	9	9	0	18	112	16	12	10
	Muzzle	7	0	0	7	73	10	12	14
	2nd Rifle	59	11	0	70	363	19	23	26
	3rd Rifle	14	9	0	23	84	27	37	26
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	13	77	39	37



MIDDLE PARK ELK INFORMATION

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.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Gore Pass	15, 27	24-28:100	6,200	3,500-4,500
Troublesome Creek	18, 181	21-26:100	5,240	3,600-4,300
Williams Fork River	28, 37, 371	21-31:100	6,440	4,700-5,500

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MIDDLE PARK ELK INFORMATION

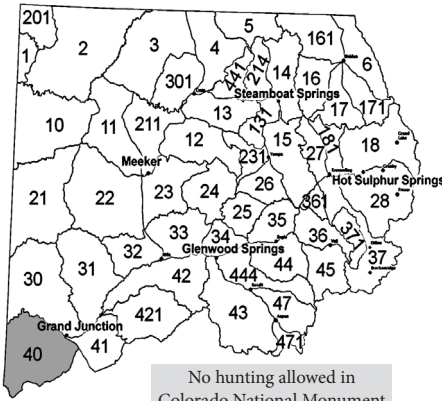
2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	15	39	0	54	1204	4	5	5
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	60	5	3	2
	1st Rifle	133	57	27	217	1043	21	16	17
	2nd Rifle	52	40	6	98	1154	8	9	10
	3rd Rifle	88	27	2	117	1132	10	10	11
	4th Rifle	25	33	7	65	947	7	8	8
27	Archery	12	15	0	27	413	7	6	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	16	0	10	11
	1st Rifle	11	31	11	53	175	30	24	22
	2nd Rifle	25	30	9	64	586	11	11	11
	3rd Rifle	4	6	0	10	337	3	3	5
	4th Rifle	0	15	0	15	113	13	11	11
28	Archery	94	28	0	122	1306	9	7	7
	Muzzle	0	5	0	5	48	10	8	10
	1st Rifle	72	57	5	134	604	22	17	20
	2nd Rifle	88	55	0	143	1055	14	12	12
	3rd Rifle	35	36	0	71	1016	7	9	10
	4th Rifle	42	41	14	97	681	14	17	15
37	Archery	32	16	8	56	910	6	6	7
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	18	0	6	12
	1st Rifle	3	17	0	20	208	10	12	16
	2nd Rifle	25	66	0	91	550	17	13	13
	3rd Rifle	37	3	0	40	522	8	8	9
	4th Rifle	0	47	0	47	355	13	15	14
181	Archery	23	5	0	28	225	12	9	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
	1st Rifle	10	0	0	10	165	6	13	14
	2nd Rifle	17	12	0	29	324	9	7	5
	3rd Rifle	12	22	5	39	318	12	10	10
	4th Rifle	5	11	0	16	375	4	5	7
371	Archery	23	8	0	31	466	7	6	6
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	19	0	8	6
	1st Rifle	20	13	0	33	238	14	16	21
	2nd Rifle	8	8	0	16	250	6	7	7
	3rd Rifle	9	5	2	16	262	6	7	10
	4th Rifle	3	19	3	25	209	12	14	17

GLADE PARK

GMU
40

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Grand Junction (970) 255-6100



AREA MAPS	USFS Uncompahgre National Forest BLM Delta BLM Grand Junction BLM Moab BLM Westwater
AREA INFO	www.visitgrandjunction.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

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.

GLADE PARK DEER INFORMATION

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.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	30-35:100	4,820	6,500-8,500

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
40	Archery	43	0	0	43	74	58	53	51
	Muzzle	24	0	0	24	31	77	70	64
	2nd Rifle	98	0	0	98	149	66	62	65
	3rd Rifle	99	0	0	99	117	85	80	77



GLADE PARK ELK INFORMATION

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.

GMU 40 is a limited unit. You must apply in the draw.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	30-35:100	3,100	2,800-3,800

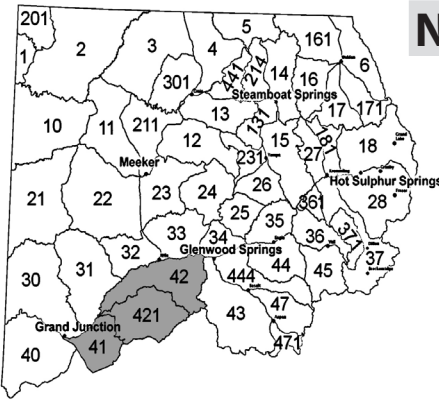
2017 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
40	Archery	32	0	0	32	60	53	47	52
	Muzzle	0	5	0	5	20	25	21	13
	Early	0	40	0	40	77	52	46	44
	1st Rifle	21	16	0	37	61	61	60	54
	2nd Rifle	18	19	3	40	54	74	67	61
	3rd Rifle	15	12	0	27	52	52	51	52
	4th Rifle	8	8	0	16	47	34	47	43



NORTH GRAND MESA

GMU
41, 42, 421

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Grand Junction
(970) 255-6100



AREA MAPS	USFS Grand Mesa National Forest USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.visitgrandjunction.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

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.

Contact the USFS Grand Valley Ranger District, 970-242-8211 for more details on energy development in this area.

MOOSE IN AREA

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NORTH GRAND MESA DEER INFORMATION

The deer population has declined in recent years. The fourth, buck-only season was eliminated in 2017. However deer are still abundant and at the lower end of the population objective range. 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 to lower elevations in mid-Nov, 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.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Grand Mesa	41, 42, 421	25-30:100	16,450	17,000-23,000

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	7	14	0	21	78	27	23	28
	Muzzle	14	2	0	16	68	24	38	34
	2nd Rifle	70	3	0	73	151	48	37	39
	3rd Rifle	161	0	0	161	344	47	50	51
42	Archery	23	0	0	23	92	25	24	26
	Muzzle	14	0	0	14	64	22	22	27
	2nd Rifle	159	6	0	165	342	48	50	44
	3rd Rifle	368	0	0	368	577	64	63	60
421	Archery	36	14	3	53	135	39	26	28
	Muzzle	11	3	0	14	112	13	23	29
	2nd Rifle	150	0	0	150	299	50	47	43
	3rd Rifle	162	0	0	162	329	49	51	55



NORTH GRAND MESA

ELK INFORMATION

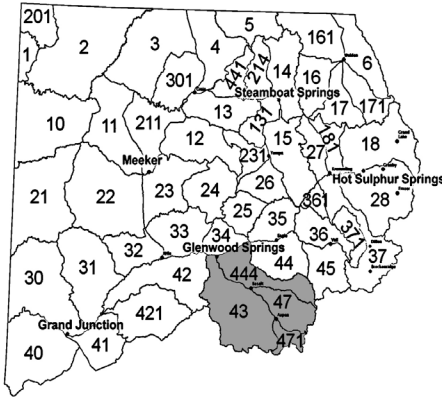
The elk herd is well distributed with good hunting success expected. Elk are scattered throughout the forest and on private lands. Most elk stay at higher elevations (8500- 10,000') in thick timber and oakbrush. There is no migration during the season, movement to the more remote areas is in response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

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMU	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Grand Mesa	41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	20-25:100	14,040	15,000-19,000

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	8	8	4	20	339	6	7	10
	Muzzle	18	0	0	18	233	8	14	17
	Early	0	69	0	69	196	35	40	33
	1st Rifle	30	29	5	64	338	19	18	21
	2nd Rifle	32	24	21	77	502	15	15	15
	3rd Rifle	22	16	0	38	436	9	12	13
	4th Rifle	0	20	5	25	307	8	13	13
42	Archery	50	51	0	101	956	11	12	15
	Muzzle	25	0	0	25	226	11	14	18
	Early	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
	1st Rifle	46	33	0	79	424	19	20	24
	2nd Rifle	109	130	3	242	1207	20	19	20
	3rd Rifle	85	59	20	164	1117	15	18	17
	4th Rifle	14	45	6	65	330	20	21	20
421	Archery	73	51	0	124	1006	12	15	15
	Muzzle	18	7	0	25	238	11	14	15
	Early	0	37	14	51	294	17	38	38
	1st Rifle	80	20	5	105	444	24	23	22
	2nd Rifle	86	75	0	161	1093	15	14	15
	3rd Rifle	37	5	0	42	633	7	13	15
	4th Rifle	12	8	0	20	156	13	14	15



ROARING FORK

GMU
43, 47, 444, 471

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
 Glenwood Springs
 (970) 947-2920

AREA MAPS	USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.glenwoodchamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

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 444.

MOOSE IN AREA

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ROARING FORK DEER INFORMATION

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.

2017 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Basalt	444	30:100	4,370	5,300
Maroon Bells	43, 47, 471	30-35:100	6,130	7,500-8,500

2017 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	2	4	0	6	137	4	12	14
	Muzzle	26	2	0	28	141	20	32	31
	Early	20	0	0	20	34	59	51	55
	2nd Rifle	100	4	0	104	299	35	37	39
	3rd Rifle	94	2	0	96	205	47	47	50
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	17	53	54	54
47	Archery	7	0	0	7	26	27	17	17
	Muzzle	8	1	0	9	24	38	19	16
	Early	5	0	0	5	31	16	27	31
	2nd Rifle	14	0	0	14	49	29	39	38
	3rd Rifle	18	0	0	18	43	42	40	47
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	6	83	56	63
444	Archery	24	7	0	31	98	32	25	26
	Muzzle	17	7	0	24	65	37	45	46
	Early	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
	2nd Rifle	122	26	0	148	339	44	49	49
	3rd Rifle	68	4	0	72	150	48	49	49
	4th Rifle	20	0	0	20	32	63	71	70
471	Archery	4	0	0	4	16	25	20	16
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	6	50	15	20
	Early	10	0	0	10	24	42	41	46
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	4	0	23	28

ROARING FORK

ELK INFORMATION

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 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.

2017 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Avalanche Creek	43, 471	17-27:100	4,330	3,600-5,400
Frying Pan River	44, 45, 47, 444	18-30:100	4,610	5,500-8,500

2017 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	43	4	0	47	868	5	8	9
	Muzzle	43	3	0	46	173	27	20	19
	Early	0	10	0	10	113	9	36	39
	1st Rifle	22	24	2	48	242	20	25	24
	2nd Rifle	49	20	8	77	810	10	15	15
	3rd Rifle	50	30	0	80	641	12	14	16
47	4th Rifle	4	35	0	39	166	23	26	23
	Archery	12	8	4	24	257	9	11	10
	Muzzle	12	0	0	12	22	55	13	11
	Early	0	9	2	11	35	31	40	48
	1st Rifle	0	9	3	12	32	38	19	18
	2nd Rifle	42	7	2	51	212	24	11	13
444	3rd Rifle	22	0	0	22	156	14	10	14
	4th Rifle	8	2	0	10	35	29	19	22
	Archery	24	8	0	32	441	7	8	8
	Muzzle	8	3	0	11	68	16	18	15
	Early	0	35	0	35	124	28	33	33
	1st Rifle	5	5	0	10	69	14	15	16
471	2nd Rifle	57	17	8	82	431	19	12	13
	3rd Rifle	24	6	0	30	280	11	10	11
	4th Rifle	15	8	0	23	74	31	18	13
	Archery	0	15	0	15	147	10	12	11
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	7
	Early	0	0	6	6	11	55	26	41
471	1st Rifle	13	0	0	13	29	45	38	16
	2nd Rifle	9	9	0	18	62	29	27	24
	3rd Rifle	0	4	0	4	28	14	18	18
	4th Rifle	0	2	0	2	18	11	10	13

PRONGHORN

PRONGHORN INFORMATION

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. The pronghorn season in GMUs 41, 62, and 411 is closed (new this year) to manage the population.

2017 PRONGHORN OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doer Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6,16,17,161,171	30-40:100	1,840	1,500-1,600
Great Divide	3,4,5,13,14,214,301,441	55:100	21,260	15,800
Maybell	11	40:100	500	1,400
Sand Wash	1,2,201	68:100	1,200	3,200
Axial Basin	12,23,211	35:100	350	300
Middle Park	18,27,28,37,181,371	40:100	890	630

2017 PRONGHORN STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
2	Rifle	16	0	0	16	23	70	71	73
3	Rifle	349	114	9	472	606	78	86	84
4	Rifle	89	54	9	152	198	77	79	79
5	Rifle	8	3	0	11	18	61	57	49
6	Rifle	14	3	0	17	22	77	93	94
11	Rifle	30	25	4	59	63	94	87	85
12	Rifle	2	1	0	3	6	50	38	56
13	Rifle	27	40	2	69	124	56	67	67
16	Rifle	19	3	0	22	32	69	75	70
17	Rifle	8	0	0	8	31	26	40	54
18	Rifle	21	29	0	50	105	48	43	49
23	Rifle	11	13	2	26	35	74	67	62
27	Rifle	9	0	0	9	30	30	46	41
28	Rifle	4	0	0	4	14	29	49	53
37	Rifle	0	0	0	0	7	0	53	52
131	Rifle	4	0	0	4	6	67	52	68
161	Rifle	25	10	0	35	35	100	95	95
171	Rifle	6	2	4	12	16	75	65	59
181	Rifle	16	11	0	27	68	40	36	43
201	Rifle	19	20	0	39	49	80	74	78
211	Rifle	2	1	1	4	6	67	76	75
214	Rifle	8	13	0	21	30	70	55	55
301	Rifle	108	35	9	152	213	71	78	76
441	Rifle	20	4	0	24	29	83	77	68

MOOSE

MOOSE INFORMATION

Northwest Colorado's moose population is thriving since moose were first re-introduced by the CPW into North Park in 1978, with sportsmen's dollars, providing increasing opportunity each year.

1. ALL MOOSE LICENSE HOLDERS must complete and return a harvest questionnaire provided by CPW within 30 days after their hunting season ends. Anyone who does not complete and return it will not be eligible for a future moose license or point, including those who were unsuccessful or did not hunt.
2. ALL MOOSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON FOR INSPECTION within five working days of harvest. A mandatory report will be completed during inspection. Hunters must submit the head of antlerless moose or head of antlered moose with antlers attached to a CPW office during normal business hours.
3. TOOTH EXTRACTION IS MANDATORY. An incisor will be extracted and retained to determine age. Heads must be unfrozen for inspection.
4. VOLUNTARY CWD TESTING. During inspection, hunters may choose to have their moose tested for chronic wasting disease. Testing cost is \$25.



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.

MOOSE

2017 MOOSE OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	60-70:100	760	500-600
Gore	15,18, 28, 36, 37, 181, 371	65:100	350	190
N. Grand Mesa	41, 42, 43, 52, 411, 421, 521	55-65:100	780	300-400
White River	12, 23, 24	(n/a)	150	100-200
Yampa North	14	(n/a)	60	40-100
Cold Springs	201	(n/a)	15	15
Eagle/ Fryingpan	45	(n/a)	20	20

2017 MOOSE HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	BULL HUNTERS	COW HUNTERS	SUCCESS %	
						BULL	COW
6	All	16	16	16	24	100	67
12	All	0	0	0	3	0	0
14	All	6	10	6	11	100	91
15	All	3	4	3	5	100	80
16	All	8	5	8	8	100	63
17	All	5	5	5	11	100	45
18	All	10	10	13	12	77	83
24	All	4	2	4	3	100	67
27	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
28	All	14	10	13	13	108	77
36	All	2	0	2	0	100	0
37	All	3	7	5	11	60	64
41	All	1	0	9	19	11	0
43	All	0	0	1	0	0	0
44	All	0	0	1	0	0	0
45	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
161	All	11	4	11	7	100	57
171	All	7	8	8	14	88	57
201	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
211	All	0	0	0	1	0	0
371	All	4	1	4	1	100	100
421	All	6	2	6	8	100	25

BLACK BEAR

MANDATORY BEAR INSECTIONS AND SEALS

Hunters must personally present bears to a CPW office listed on the inside cover) for a free inspection, check report and sealing within five working days after the kill.

Bear heads and hides must be unfrozen when presented for inspection. Seals must be attached to the hide until tanned.

Contact the nearest CPW office or CPW officer for inspection and sealing. At inspection, the CPW is authorized to extract and keep a premolar tooth. If the head and hide are frozen, the CPW may keep them long enough to thaw so that a tooth can be removed. Hunters can help by making sure the jaw is propped open with a stick before rigor sets in.

Bears cannot be taken out of Colorado until hide and skull are inspected and sealed. Having a bear hide without a seal after the five-day period is illegal, and the hide becomes state property.

To transport a bear or parts to a foreign country, you must first obtain CITES documents. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 303-342-7430. Do not call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about inspections or seals for bears.

2017 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 16,000 and 18,000 black bears statewide. Success rates for bear hunters tend to be lower than other big game animals, and requires the issuance of a large number of licenses to achieve a relatively small harvest.

Population	GMUs	Licenses Issued	Boar Harvest	Sow Harvest	Total Harvest	Success %
B-1	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	1016	42	33	75	7
B-4	4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	1384	37	27	64	5
B-10	12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 231	1750	40	28	68	4
B-11	35, 36, 361, 43, 44, 45, 47, 444, 471	1593	48	38	86	5
B-15	1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 201, 211, 301	209	5	6	11	5
B-16	15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	484	17	12	29	6
B-17	41, 42, 52, 53, 63, 411, 421, 521	3040	126	77	203	7

GUN RANGES IN THE NW REGION

Basalt State Wildlife Area Shooting Range

Basalt

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Glenwood Springs Office

970 - 947-2920

The range is located in the Christine unit of the Basalt SWA. Take Highway 82 to Two Rivers Road, turn on to Homestead Drive and then turn into the Basalt SWA entrance that is on the west end of Homestead Drive. There is a large green/white CPW sign at the bottom of the hill on the road up to the shooting range.

Public pistol range, 100 yard rifle and shotgun ranges. Open weekdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. year 'round. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited. Not including muzzleloader and shotgun, rifles on the range must be .50 caliber or lower. For a fee, the Roaring Fork Valley Sportsman's Association offers trap and skeet shooting on Wednesday evenings and weekends from noon to 5 p.m. The range is otherwise unsupervised.

Bears Ears Sportsman Club

P.O. Box 622, Craig

970-824-8376

300-yard rifle and handgun range for members. Open to the public the first Sunday/Monday of each month. Also open during daylight hour, 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.

Byers Canyon Rifle Range

Hot Sulphur Springs

970-725-6200

Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Hot Sulphur Springs Office. This range is closed during winter months to provide winter forage to big game. This closure is generally in effect beginning the first week in January. The range will remain closed until deer move toward higher ground in the spring, which typically occurs in early April.

Open daily, sunrise to sunset (except as noted, above). Range improvements include new benches and the addition of four rifle lanes, a 50-yard lane for .22 rifles and two additional handgun lanes, including a 100-yard handgun range. 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.

GUN RANGES

Castle Peak Gun Club P.O. Box 319, Gypsum

Open prior to hunting season for hunter sight-in. Range visible from I-70; north-side of the Interstate, west of the interchange.

CAMEO SHOOTING AND EDUCATION COMPLEX

Located east of Palisade off Interstate 70,

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For more information call 970-255-6100, or visit CPW.STATE.CO.US/CAMEO

Glenwood Springs Gun Club Glenwood Springs 970-945-7401

Public welcome to shoot when range is open. Sporting clays, trap, black powder, rifle and pistol ranges up to 200 yards. Hunter education courses are available also.

Grand Junction BLM Public Shooting Ranges

North of Grand Junction Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction Field Office 970 -244-3000

From Grand Junction, take Horizon Drive northeast to H Road; west on H Road approximately 1.25 miles to 27¼ Road; north on 27¼ Road 5 miles to the rifle range or 5.8 miles to the pistol range. Open to the public year-round; no supervision provided. The rifle range has a sheltered firing line with 25 stations and 8 benches with range distances from 50 to 500 yards. The pistol range has 4 benches with range distances up to 150 yards. There is no trash service—shooters are responsible for removing their own brass, shell casings, targets and trash. Please be aware of other users of these public lands such as hikers, horseback riders, and OHV operators.

East of Grand Junction Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction Field Office 970 -244-3000

(Acquire a map of this shooting area at the Grand Junction BLM office.)

Shooting area is located on East Orchard Mesa. To reach the shooting area, travel east on C Road past 34 Road.

This public land shooting area is open to the public year around. There are several no-shoot zones to protect nearby residences, nearby FAA 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. Users are responsible for removing all targets, shells, brass and trash. No glass targets.

GUN RANGES

Grand Junction Trap and Skeet Club, Inc.

116 32 Rd., Grand Junction

970-245-0780

Public and league trap and skeet shooting.

Grand Mesa Bowmen

PO Box 752, Grand Junction

970-244-2977

Bowhunting club with 42 outdoor targets near Colorado National Monument. Family memberships are \$36 per year.

Hayden Shooting Range

2 miles south of Hayden

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Steamboat Springs Office

970-870-2197

100-, 200- and 300-yard rifle and pistol range is open to the public 7 days a week from dawn until dusk.

Meeker Sportsman's Club

4.5 miles southwest of Meeker on Colorado Highway 13

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 ranges. Write for more information.

Plateau Creek State Wildlife Area

West of Collbran

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Grand Junction Office

970-255-6100

From Grand Junction, take I-70 east to Highway 65 (Exit 49), then 8 miles east to Highway 330, then about 7.5 miles east to county road V, then north .25 mile to the range. The range, operated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, is open year 'round 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.

GUN RANGES

Red Rock Archery
3193 Hill Ave., Grand Junction
970-241-2697

Open to the public. 20 and 30 yard indoor archery range, 3D shoots on Tuesdays and Thursdays and DART Video Target System

West Rifle Creek State Wildlife Area
North of Rifle
970-255-6100

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Grand Junction Office Range distance: 200 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; shooters are responsible for removing trash including brass, shell casings, and targets. Directions: 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 and travel approximately 2 miles; shooting range is on a dirt road off to the left just before reaching the intersection with CR 210.

Rifle Sportsmen's Club
West of Rifle
970-876-2133

Range is located north of the US Forest Service office on Fravert Road. 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. Membership includes access to large and small bore range, long distance range, pistol range, archery targets, action pistol and trap/skeet/five-stand range. Hunter safety and concealed carry classes available.

Routt County Rifle & Pistol Club
P.O. Box 3116, Steamboat Springs
970-870-0298

Call for dates and times that the club is open to the public. Facilities include trap, skeet, sporting clays, indoor .22, outdoor pistol, 25-, 50-, 100- and 200-yard rifle ranges.

GUN RANGES

Summit County Public Shooting Range

639 County Rd 66

Dillon, CO 80435

www.summitrange.org

There are limited facilities at range. There is now a porta-potty, but there is no running water or electricity. Take note before planning your day at the range.

The ground beneath the range is compacted recycled asphalt. Driving a target stand into the ground is not advised as it may damage the surface. Self-supporting stands with sandbags are one useful method of creating a target stand. Try making a 2x4 stand and drill holes in the stand for your stake-equipped targets.

Vail Rod & Gun Club, Ltd.

001 Sporting Clay Way, Wolcott

970-926-3472

Open to the public for sporting clays during summer months. In fall, archery, pistol and 100 yard rifle range open to the public.

Walden Public Shooting Area

East of Walden

970-723-4625

Take Jackson CR 12E east out of Walden. Go four miles. Shooting range is on the north side of the road and is marked with a white sign displaying the range rules and small CPW and BLM emblems.

Open to the public year-round; no supervision provided. The range has benches with range distances from 50 to 300 yards. There is no trash service—shooters are responsible for removing their own brass, shell casings, targets and trash. Please be aware of other users of these public lands such as hikers, horseback riders, and OHV operators.

White River Bowmen

Post Office Box 32, Rangely

970-675-8559

Bowhunting club with 14 outdoor targets and clubhouse. Memberships \$30 per year.



LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

Bureau of Land Management BLM www.co.blm.gov/offices.htm	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
United States Forest Service USFS www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver www.fs.usda.gov/gmug www.fs.usda.gov/mbr	White River National Forest	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) 925-3445
		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
	Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forest 2250 Hwy 50, Delta (970) 874-6600	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 CPW's SW Region, see <i>Big Game Hunting in SW Colorado</i> booklet.	
	Medicine Bow & Routt National Forest 2468 Jackson St. Laramie, WY (307) 745-2300	Hahns Peak/Bears Ears (Steamboat Springs) 925 Weiss Dr	(970) 870-2299
		Parks RD (Walden) 100 Main Street	(970) 723-2700
		Yampa RD (Yampa) 300 Roselawn Ave	(970) 638-4516
	Arapaho National Forest	Sulphur RD (Granby) 9 Ten Mile Drive	(970) 887-4100

GENERAL VISITORS INFORMATION

State Parks Reservations www.cpw.state.co.us Reservations (800) 678-2267 General Info (970) 255-6100	Colorado Tourism Board www.colorado.com (800) COLORADO 800-265-6723
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
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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

CO Dept of Regulatory Agencies www.dora.state.co.us/outfitters (303) 894-7778	Colorado Outfitters Association www.coloradooutfitters.org P.O. Box 10 Silt, CO 81652 (970) 824-2468
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IMPORTANT - If you are hunting or fishing on BLM or U.S. 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.

BE SAFE AND RETURN TO YOUR FAMILY

This is a basic, preliminary list of survival tips, suggestions and equipment. There are many survival guides and manuals that provide much more detailed information. ***Be sure to pick one up, and read it.***

REMEMBER THESE TIPS

- Inspect your survival kit each season
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return!
- Always stick to your plan, stay put if you become lost or stranded!
- Always take someone with you - avoid going out alone.
- You must have shelter each night.
- The ability to build a fire is paramount.
- Signaling, like everything else in survival, is not a spur-of-the-moment thing and you must prepare for it so that it is ready when you need it.
- You must have a way to find, purify and drink water
- Dress for weather but remember it can change *suddenly and drastically!*

BASIC SURVIVAL KIT

SHELTER PACKAGE:

- 1 GOLD AND 1 SILVER EMERGENCY BLANKETS (SPACE BLANKETS)
- 1 SHEET PLASTIC, 3 MIL., 6 FOOT BY 6 FOOT
- 50 FEET PARACHUTE CORD
- ELECTRICIAN'S TAPE, MUST BE COLD RESISTANT

FIRE PACKAGE:

- 2 CONTAINERS OF MATCHES, STRIKE ANYWHERE TYPE, IN WATERPROOF CONTAINERS
- MAGNESIUM FIRESTARTING TOOL[®] OR METAL MATCH[®]
- COTTON BALLS IMPREGNATED WITH PETROLEUM JELLY
- 1 CANDLE

SIGNAL PACKAGE:

- 1 GLASS 'G.I.'-TYPE SIGNAL MIRROR (EVEN AN OLD COMPACT DISC MAY WORK)
- 1 PLASTIC WHISTLE
- 1 DAYLIGHT FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTH SIGNAL PANEL, 3 FOOT BY 3 FOOT

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:

- FIRST-AID KIT THAT ADDRESSES WILDERNESS EMERGENCIES.
- A GOOD KNIFE—THIS IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SURVIVAL TOOL!
- RAIN GEAR—PONCHO PREFERRED.
- BACKPACK HYDRATION SYSTEM OR CANTEEN, AND WATER PURIFICATION TABLETS.
- HIGH ENERGY, LIGHTWEIGHT FOOD BARS AND SNACKS.
- A CELL-PHONE WITH A CHARGED BATTERY - YOU *MIGHT* HAVE CELL COVERAGE

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

CWD is a neurological disease that can be found in some deer, elk and moose, and is fatal to these animals. The disease has been found throughout northern Colorado, and in a number of other states and provinces. If you have questions about CWD and public health, contact the **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at (303) 692-2700**.

PRECAUTIONS

- Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that appears sick.
- Wear disposable rubber gloves when field dressing and processing animals.
- Bone out the meat from your animal.
- Minimize the handling of brain, spinal tissues, and viscera.
- 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, rinse thoroughly and allow them to air dry.
- Submit harvested animals for testing at a CPW-CWD testing station



MANDATORY CWD TESTING IN SELECT GMUS

In 2018, CPW will require mandatory submission of CWD test samples (heads) from all buck deer harvested during rifle seasons from select GMUs. Hunters that harvest a buck deer in the specified hunt codes (see pages 20-29 of the 2018 Colorado Big Game Brochure) will be required to submit their deer head to a CPW submission site for testing at select regional or area offices, listed in the Big Game Brochure. There will be no charge for mandatory testing. Get more information about where and how to submit a CWD sample at: cpw.state.co.us/CWD.

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



The Habitat Partnership Program is a unique collaboration between sportsmen, landowners and land management agencies, including the BLM, employees of the U.S. Forest Service, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The Habitat Partnership Program's purpose is to reduce conflicts and losses to ranchers and farmers caused by big game.

One way HPP does this is by developing more and better habitat on both public and private lands. Nearly 3/4 of HPP's funds are spent on habitat improvements each year.

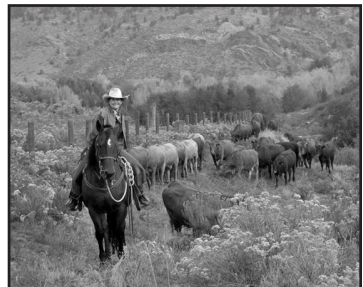
Five percent of revenue generated by the sale of hunting licenses fund HPP projects throughout Colorado. This money (over \$2 million dollars annually) is matched with other people's money and time. This allows HPP to get more done at a lower cost for everyone.

By reducing landowner losses, HPP is helping increase a tolerance for big game animals on private property. Simply put, if HPP didn't exist, hunters could not enjoy the enormous hunting opportunities that they have today. Habitat conditions would be poorer than they are now and landowners and sportsmen wouldn't have the good relationships they do now.

HUNTERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO

www.bit.ly/hppprogram



This book is intended to provide a general overview of big game hunting in Northwest Colorado, and should not be considered a legal document. Despite our best efforts, some errors may exist or information can become outdated. Call your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office with questions or further details.

For specific details on regulations, restrictions, licenses and applications, please refer to the current Colorado Big Game Brochure, or for a full legal document, you can view general and big game regulations on our web site at cpw.state.co.us



Colorado Parks and Wildlife is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 42 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.



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