

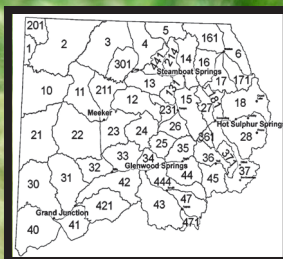
# COLORADO

## BIG GAME HUNT GUIDE

### NORTHWEST REGION



**HUNT GUIDE: 2019-2020** 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**

NW REGION OFFICE  
711 INDEPENDENT AVE  
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81505  
970-255-6100

# CONTENTS

NEW IN THE NORTHWEST	1
ANTLER POINTS & UNLIMITED ELK UNITS	2
DONATION CERTIFICATE	3
ATV & OHV INFORMATION	4
ELK VS. MOOSE INFO	5
USING STATISTICS TO HELP YOUR HUNT	6
ELK AND DEER HARVEST STATS & POPULATION OBJECTIVES	
Green River	7
Lower Yampa	11
Upper Yampa	14
North Park	19
Bookcliffs/Piceance	22
White River	27
Eagle River Valley	32
Middle Park	35
Glade Park	39
Grand Mesa, North	42
Roaring Fork	45
PRONGHORN, MOOSE AND BEAR HARVEST STATS AND POPULATION OBJECTIVES	
Pronghorn	48
Moose	49
Black Bear	51
LOCAL GUN RANGES	52
MANAGEMENT AGENCIES - PHONE LISTINGS & INFORMATION	57
GENERAL VISITORS INFORMATION	58
SURVIVAL TIPS	59
CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE	60
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM	61

**MAPS**  
**WWW.HUNTDATA.COM**  
**COLORADOHUNTINGMAPS.COM**

# NEW IN THE NORTHWEST - 2019

## ***OVER-THE-COUNTER BULL ELK ARCHERY LICENSES***

An unlimited number of List A, OTC bull elk archery licenses are available in units 44, 45, 47 and 444. These are not available in the draw. They go on sale beginning at 8 a.m., Aug. 9, 2019. Hunt code is E-M-044-U1-A. The either sex elk OTC license, is no longer valid in these units. For more information, go to Page 35 of the 2019 Colorado Big Game Brochure.

## ***BEAR LICENSES***

In 2019, non-resident bear license fees have been reduced to \$100 to help CPW increase harvest and meet management objectives.

## ***LICENSING SYSTEM CHANGES:***

CPW transitioned to an integrated licensing, pass and reservation system in Jan. 2018. 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](http://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](http://www.recreation.gov).

## ***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](mailto: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.

## ***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.

***FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DETAILS,  
PLEASE REFER TO THE 2019 COLORADO BIG GAME BROCHURE***

# ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS

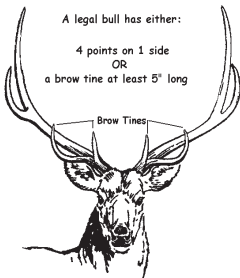
Deer



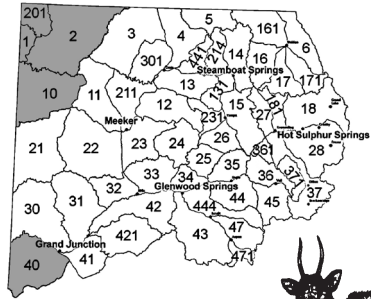
**Spike Buck  
(at least 5")**

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

## ELK



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



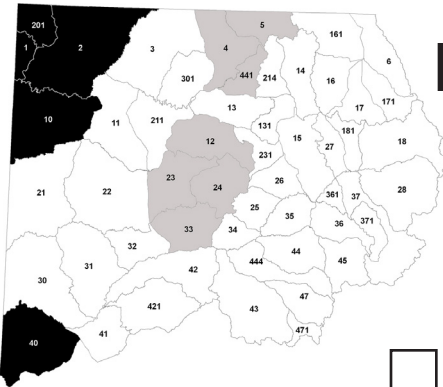
Legal bull in shaded limited units must have at least a 5 inch spike on one side.



# 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.

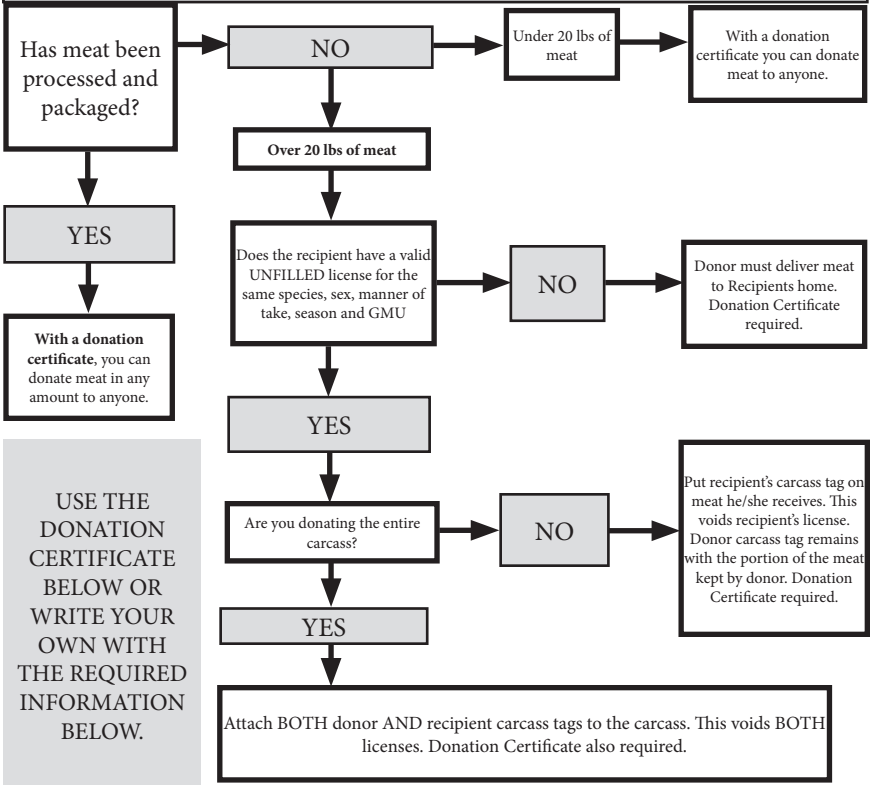


**LIMITED UNITS - Draw Only**  
You may NOT hunt in these areas with an over-the-counter license

**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)



[STAYTHETRAIL.ORG](http://STAYTHETRAIL.ORG)

# 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](http://cpw.state.co.us).

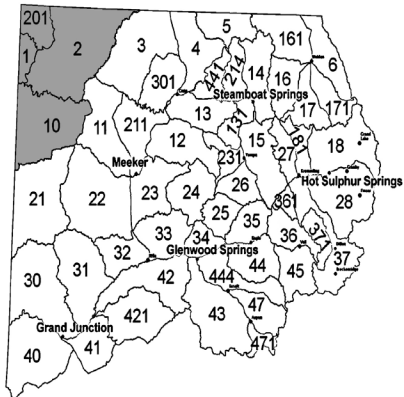
When reading the harvest stats, keep in mind that the statistics are derived utilizing statistical sampling techniques. With more than 300,000 hunting licenses sold in Colorado each year, it’s impossible to contact every hunter. So a statistical sample is matched with license sales data and an estimate 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	<a href="http://www.rangely.com">www.rangely.com</a>

**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

**D**eer 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.

## 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objectives	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Little Snake	1, 2, 201	15:100	1,990	13,500
Rangely	10	20:100	1,010	7,000

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Archery	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	50
	Muzzle	1	0	0	1	1	100	50	25
	2nd Rifle	12	0	0	12	12	100	100	100
	3rd Rifle	5	0	0	5	5	100	100	100
2	Archery	2	0	0	2	3	67	40	40
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	7	57	75	83
	2nd Rifle	17	0	0	17	18	94	93	94
	3rd Rifle	13	0	0	13	13	100	94	89
10	Archery	1	0	0	1	3	33	50	50
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	3	100	80	80
	2nd Rifle	22	0	0	22	23	96	91	88
	3rd Rifle	8	0	0	8	8	100	100	92
201	Archery	7	0	0	7	8	88	70	62
	Muzzle	7	0	0	7	8	88	86	89
	2nd Rifle	25	0	0	25	25	100	97	97
	3rd Rifle	15	0	0	15	15	100	100	99
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	5	100	100	100

# GREEN RIVER ELK INFORMATION

**B**ig, 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.

2018 ELK OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Green River	1	30:100	200	170
Rangely - Blue Mt.	10	40:100	1,640	1,200
Cold Springs	2, 201	40:100	1,630	700-1,700

2018 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	7	43	38	39
	Early	7	2	0	9	16	56	69	59
	1st Rifle	0	0	0	0	4	0	18	29
	2nd Rifle	0	11	0	11	22	50	28	26
	3rd Rifle	0	4	0	4	15	27	31	31
	4th Rifle	0	7	0	7	25	28	28	31
2	Archery	4	0	0	4	7	57	56	63
	Muzzle	7	1	0	8	13	62	60	60
	Early	25	3	0	28	41	68	76	74
	1st Rifle	0	8	1	9	26	35	43	46
	2nd Rifle	0	10	0	10	20	50	57	52
	3rd Rifle	0	8	2	10	33	30	53	52
	4th Rifle	0	21	3	24	42	57	60	56



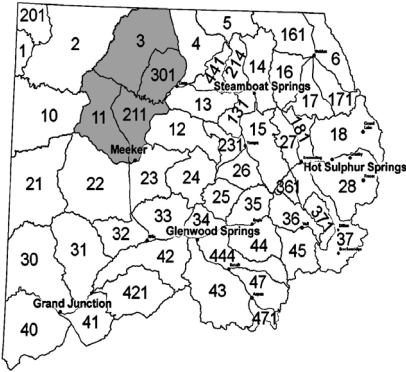
*Cont. on next page*

# GREEN RIVER ELK INFORMATION

## 2018 ELK HARVEST (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
<b>10</b>	Archery	7	1	0	8	15	53	66	77
	Muzzle	3	1	0	4	8	50	68	58
	Early	25	56	4	85	139	61	68	65
	1st Rifle	0	21	0	21	57	37	58	55
	2nd Rifle	0	20	2	22	58	38	41	42
	3rd Rifle	0	31	2	33	66	50	39	46
	4th Rifle	0	79	7	86	211	41	45	46
<b>201</b>	Archery	3	0	0	3	10	30	64	72
	Muzzle	8	1	0	9	14	64	70	76
	Early	25	0	0	25	28	89	94	95
	1st Rifle	0	6	0	6	23	26	45	51
	2nd Rifle	0	31	2	33	53	62	52	55
	3rd Rifle	0	9	0	9	23	39	38	42
	4th Rifle	0	11	0	11	39	28	21	35





# LOWER YAMPA

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

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

AREA MAPS	BLM Craig BLM Meeker
AREA INFO	<a href="http://www.craig-chamber.com">www.craig-chamber.com</a> <a href="http://www.meekerchamber.com">www.meekerchamber.com</a>

## GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

**T**he 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.)

2018 DEER OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bear's Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301,441	22:100	43,360	37,800
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211,231	22:100	37,370	67,500

2018 DEER HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
<b>3</b>	Archery	0	0	0	0	69	0	21	32
	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	16	38	37	50
	2nd Rifle	352	43	5	400	610	66	70	72
	3rd Rifle	496	100	10	606	799	76	79	81
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	14	79	79	81
<b>11</b>	Archery	5	0	0	5	40	13	19	15
	Muzzle	9	0	0	9	16	56	40	37
	2nd Rifle	163	10	2	175	265	66	64	64
	3rd Rifle	280	11	2	293	408	72	80	79
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	9	89	95	82
<b>211</b>	Archery	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	9	33	46	51
	2nd Rifle	186	7	2	195	338	58	62	63
	3rd Rifle	165	24	0	189	257	74	76	75
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	13	85	69	71
	Late	0	3	0	3	5	60	62	74
<b>301</b>	Archery	35	10	0	45	46	98	60	56
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	9	44	64	57
	2nd Rifle	232	42	5	279	438	64	68	71
	3rd Rifle	333	37	0	370	538	69	73	76
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	8	38	56	58

# 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.**

## 2018 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	20-25:100	24,080	15,000-18,000
White River	11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 211, 231	20-27:100	45,870	32,000 - 39,000

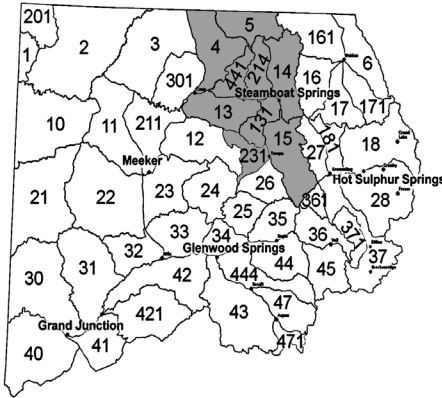
## 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	7	0	0	7	87	8	6	10
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
	Early	0	69	0	69	183	38	31	43
	1st Rifle	42	57	7	106	368	29	35	35
	2nd Rifle	14	9	0	23	503	5	10	11
	3rd Rifle	71	52	4	127	1124	11	8	11
	4th Rifle	47	210	23	280	1126	25	17	21
11	Archery	25	7	0	32	243	13	14	15
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	28	7	6	3
	Early	0	14	14	28	140	20	35	46
	1st Rifle	265	122	30	417	1549	27	28	29
	2nd Rifle	57	42	0	99	670	15	17	15
	3rd Rifle	95	108	0	203	1090	19	15	16
	4th Rifle	52	133	4	189	1039	18	19	23
211	Archery	57	14	0	71	303	23	26	22
	Muzzle	0	8	0	8	30	27	17	19
	Early	0	25	0	25	67	37	29	41
	1st Rifle	87	42	0	129	400	32	42	40
	2nd Rifle	58	23	14	95	554	17	21	22
	3rd Rifle	65	36	0	101	851	12	14	17
	4th Rifle	22	60	14	96	414	23	22	23
301	Archery	7	0	0	7	53	13	15	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
	Early	0	46	0	46	113	41	33	38
	1st Rifle	25	0	0	25	102	25	34	34
	2nd Rifle	18	15	0	33	277	12	11	15
	3rd Rifle	76	34	0	110	602	18	9	14
	4th Rifle	39	79	20	138	553	25	17	18

# 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	<a href="http://www.craig-chamber.com">www.craig-chamber.com</a> <a href="http://www.ci.steamboat.co.us">www.ci.steamboat.co.us</a>

## GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

**F**rom 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

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





# 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.

## 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	22:100	43,360	37,800
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45, 361	26-30:100	13,720	13,500 - 16,500
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	22:100	37,370	67,500

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	10	0	10	20	143	14	9	13
	Muzzle	20	1	0	21	34	62	42	43
	2nd Rifle	389	75	5	469	880	53	60	60
	3rd Rifle	371	23	6	400	473	85	83	84
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	16	50	73	77
5	Archery	25	0	0	25	110	23	25	27
	Muzzle	9	6	0	15	30	50	47	35
	2nd Rifle	65	2	0	67	150	45	53	58
	3rd Rifle	70	3	0	73	86	85	89	85
	4th Rifle	14	0	0	14	14	100	100	100
13	Archery	0	0	0	0	5	0	21	31
	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	11	55	57	34
	2nd Rifle	148	7	0	155	240	65	64	65
	3rd Rifle	106	2	0	108	217	50	58	60
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	6	100	100	100
14	Archery	21	17	0	38	127	30	38	33
	Muzzle	13	0	0	13	15	87	36	42
	Early	18	0	0	18	30	60	54	47
	2nd Rifle	31	7	0	38	223	17	30	38
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	4

# UPPER YAMPA DEER INFORMATION

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
15	Archery	11	11	0	22	290	8	16	18
	Muzzle	5	11	0	16	173	9	15	18
	2nd Rifle	204	94	0	298	821	36	37	37
	3rd Rifle	148	42	12	202	549	37	43	46
	4th Rifle	32	0	0	32	51	63	63	65
131	Archery	11	3	0	14	27	52	35	23
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	10	0	9	22
	2nd Rifle	9	3	0	12	38	32	28	35
	3rd Rifle	2	0	0	2	20	10	13	19
214	Archery	18	10	0	28	52	54	43	31
	Muzzle	2	1	0	3	5	60	39	38
	2nd Rifle	28	2	0	30	161	19	35	40
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	14	0	25	32
441	Archery	4	0	0	4	29	14	13	18
	2nd Rifle	128	14	0	142	241	59	60	60
	3rd Rifle	37	0	0	37	65	57	52	64
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	3	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.

2018 ELK OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	20-25:100	24,080	15,000-18,000
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	20-27:100	45,870	32,000-39,000
Gore Pass	15, 27	24-28:100	5,750	3,5000-4,500

2018 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	44	22	5	71	344	21	20	19
	Muzzle	0	22	0	22	80	28	24	23
	Early	0	163	24	187	336	56	49	48
	1st Rifle	171	140	0	311	843	37	40	38
	2nd Rifle	182	92	8	282	1506	19	18	18
	3rd Rifle	207	63	12	282	1170	24	19	23
	4th Rifle	59	51	0	110	532	21	16	23
5	Archery	54	9	4	67	237	28	22	23
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	33	9	20	22
	Early	0	24	11	35	47	74	54	70
	1st Rifle	129	46	9	184	392	47	38	36
	2nd Rifle	86	15	2	103	591	17	19	22
	3rd Rifle	83	14	0	97	320	30	24	28
	4th Rifle	2	35	12	49	94	52	25	27
13	Archery	44	22	0	66	285	23	23	22
	Muzzle	0	7	0	7	20	35	29	32
	Early	0	68	29	97	233	42	36	47
	1st Rifle	63	56	10	129	277	47	37	37
	2nd Rifle	95	45	0	140	389	36	31	32
	3rd Rifle	65	35	5	105	463	23	25	30
	4th Rifle	54	77	9	140	344	41	35	45

# UPPER YAMPA ELK INFORMATION

## 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

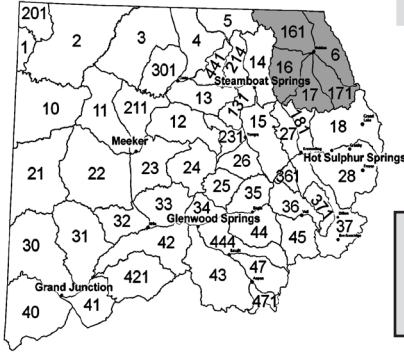
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
14	Archery	100	36	19	155	1541	10	11	12
	Muzzle	0	5	2	7	47	15	14	11
	1st Rifle	28	22	2	52	241	22	23	21
	2nd Rifle	75	7	0	82	732	11	11	14
	3rd Rifle	35	19	0	54	386	14	15	15
	4th Rifle	13	12	0	25	91	27	18	21
	Late	0	17	9	26	60	43	46	44
15	Archery	32	7	4	43	1117	4	6	9
	Muzzle	0	7	0	7	30	23	7	8
	1st Rifle	49	38	4	91	480	19	22	20
	2nd Rifle	68	51	0	119	1159	10	10	9
	3rd Rifle	54	64	11	129	1011	13	9	10
	4th Rifle	12	33	0	45	230	20	17	19
	Late	0	40	0	40	105	38	34	38
131	Archery	57	12	10	79	407	19	19	16
	Muzzle	0	12	0	12	28	43	26	26
	1st Rifle	25	26	6	57	138	41	32	29
	2nd Rifle	22	31	2	55	297	19	17	20
	3rd Rifle	8	20	4	32	169	19	15	24
	4th Rifle	9	13	0	22	61	36	31	31
	Late	0	34	0	34	105	32	33	40
214	Archery	61	36	0	97	683	14	14	14
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	20	15	16	15
	Early	0	66	11	77	88	88	61	65
	1st Rifle	53	40	0	93	199	47	35	37
	2nd Rifle	36	47	13	96	492	20	21	24
	3rd Rifle	31	22	0	53	231	23	21	21
	4th Rifle	0	6	0	6	46	13	22	27
	Late	0	26	18	44	77	57	52	49
441	Archery	28	9	0	37	218	17	20	21
	Muzzle	0	11	0	11	41	27	14	22
	Early	0	71	0	71	141	50	45	52
	1st Rifle	83	38	9	130	250	52	48	45
	2nd Rifle	54	24	0	78	438	18	15	17
	3rd Rifle	38	16	0	54	313	17	19	25
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	141	3	23	29
	Late	0	55	11	66	125	53	56	64

# 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](http://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

**BE PATIENT!**

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



# 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.

## 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	30-40:100	6,530	5,400 - 6,600

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
<b>6</b>	Archery	14	0	0	14	39	36	16	20
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	17	24	26	27
	Early	22	0	0	22	35	63	61	61
	2nd Rifle	14	0	0	14	18	78	77	76
	3rd Rifle	17	0	0	17	20	85	84	84
	4th Rifle	15	0	0	15	15	100	88	90
<b>16</b>	Archery	2	0	0	2	22	9	26	18
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	11	18	41	49
	Early	27	0	0	27	47	57	61	59
	2nd Rifle	3	0	0	3	23	13	19	34
	3rd Rifle	5	0	0	5	10	50	35	31
<b>17</b>	Archery	3	0	0	3	20	15	5	8
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	9	56	33	50
	Early	17	0	0	17	33	52	46	52
	2nd Rifle	0	0	0	0	14	0	10	13
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	9	0	24	21
<b>161</b>	Archery	15	0	0	15	36	42	33	39
	Muzzle	9	0	0	9	18	50	44	49
	Early	22	0	0	22	39	56	63	66
	2nd Rifle	28	0	0	28	32	88	61	68
	3rd Rifle	9	0	0	9	12	75	74	64
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	5	60	50	54
<b>171</b>	Archery	0	0	0	0	17	0	24	25
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	8	50	38	39
	Early	13	0	0	13	21	62	58	58
	2nd Rifle	1	0	0	1	11	9	58	56
	3rd Rifle	9	0	0	9	14	64	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.

## 2018 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	20-23:100	6,480	4,000 - 4,500

## 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
<b>6</b>	Archery	24	14	0	38	860	4	6	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	45	0	3	9
	Early	0	15	5	20	37	54	46	50
	1st Rifle	55	50	0	105	702	15	17	16
	2nd Rifle	45	21	0	66	1069	6	10	9
	3rd Rifle	46	44	0	90	555	16	12	12
	4th Rifle	10	51	4	65	186	35	29	27
<b>16</b>	Archery	32	24	3	59	664	9	10	13
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	4
	Early	0	41	15	56	73	77	55	52
	1st Rifle	23	32	6	61	277	22	22	19
	2nd Rifle	32	26	0	58	548	11	11	12
	3rd Rifle	19	13	1	33	370	9	16	14
	4th Rifle	0	3	0	3	119	3	11	13
<b>17</b>	Archery	35	4	0	39	535	7	7	7
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	13	23	9	6
	Early	0	20	5	25	64	39	32	37
	1st Rifle	36	42	9	87	350	25	25	22
	2nd Rifle	29	9	9	47	486	10	13	14
	3rd Rifle	35	34	2	71	500	14	13	14
	4th Rifle	3	12	9	24	174	14	12	15
<b>161</b>	Archery	59	17	6	82	1153	7	8	9
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	40	10	9	13
	Early	0	13	0	13	20	65	43	31
	1st Rifle	21	29	0	50	356	14	13	14
	2nd Rifle	77	36	18	131	856	15	16	12
	3rd Rifle	50	55	9	114	715	16	15	11
	4th Rifle	20	106	0	126	241	52	46	36
<b>171</b>	Archery	20	3	0	23	592	4	5	6
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	21	0	6	9
	Early	0	15	0	15	32	47	68	69
	1st Rifle	3	15	0	18	276	7	8	14
	2nd Rifle	22	27	12	61	561	11	9	11
	3rd Rifle	39	13	4	56	390	14	11	11
	4th Rifle	3	33	0	36	142	25	15	13

## BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

GMU

21, 22, 30, 31, 32

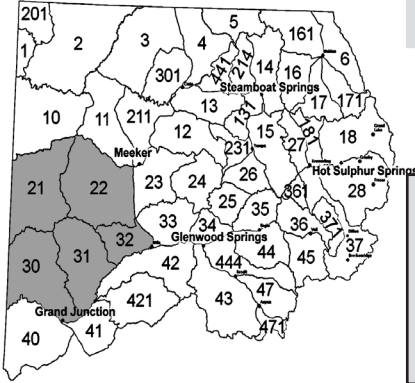
### LOCAL CPW OFFICES

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	<a href="http://www.visitgrandjunction.com">www.visitgrandjunction.com</a> or <a href="http://www.rangely.com">www.rangely.com</a>	

## 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

**BE PATIENT!**

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





## **BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE**

### **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR HUNTERS**

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

Caerus Oil and Gas recently 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.

## 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bookcliffs	21, 30	30-35:100	7,570	10,000 - 12,000
Logan Mountain	31, 32	25-30:100	5,610	6,500 - 8,500
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	22-25:100	37,370	67,500

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	30	0	0	30	41	73	53	46
	Muzzle	7	0	0	7	13	54	42	47
	2nd Rifle	225	0	0	225	292	77	85	84
	3rd Rifle	58	0	0	58	69	84	86	87
22	Archery	14	0	0	14	67	21	27	32
	Muzzle	28	0	0	28	81	35	52	53
	2nd Rifle	231	27	4	262	343	76	69	70
	3rd Rifle	213	12	0	225	304	74	77	77
	4th Rifle	15	0	0	15	20	75	64	61
30	Archery	9	0	0	9	29	31	30	29
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	11	36	48	52
	2nd Rifle	35	5	0	40	105	38	55	57
	3rd Rifle	32	6	0	38	62	61	73	71
31	Archery	22	0	0	22	71	31	38	41
	Muzzle	17	0	0	17	37	46	57	57
	2nd Rifle	96	0	0	96	171	56	61	59
	3rd Rifle	149	0	0	149	204	73	70	68
32	Archery	13	10	0	23	53	43	49	43
	Muzzle	20	0	0	20	37	54	44	44
	2nd Rifle	12	0	0	12	39	31	49	59
	3rd Rifle	20	0	0	20	26	77	60	68

# 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.

## 2018 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Yellow Creek	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	18-22:100	11,070	7,000 - 9,000

## 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

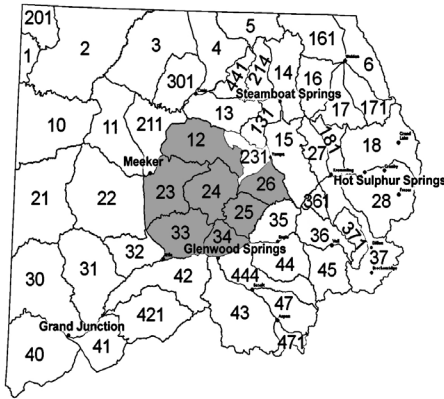
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	18	10	0	28	429	7	12	15
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	69	3	2	8
	1st Rifle	97	17	3	117	521	22	28	22
	2nd Rifle	38	30	9	77	514	15	16	13
	3rd Rifle	19	67	0	86	475	18	19	18
	4th Rifle	12	29	7	48	254	19	18	19
22	Archery	56	27	0	83	473	18	16	19
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	26	8	12	12
	Early	0	84	11	95	183	52	41	40
	1st Rifle	56	15	0	71	254	28	29	29
	2nd Rifle	71	25	13	109	626	17	18	15
	3rd Rifle	82	39	4	125	757	17	16	15
	4th Rifle	26	54	11	91	300	30	32	32
30	Archery	17	11	0	28	189	15	12	9
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	15	0	10	8
	1st Rifle	17	0	0	17	76	22	8	8
	2nd Rifle	25	0	9	34	146	23	17	16
	3rd Rifle	27	31	0	58	320	18	10	12
	4th Rifle	0	48	0	48	228	21	16	18

## 2018 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	32	17	0	49	303	16	16	19
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	21	0	8	16
	Early	0	3	0	3	14	21	26	35
	1st Rifle	47	3	0	50	143	35	39	40
	2nd Rifle	43	10	0	53	334	16	17	18
	3rd Rifle	47	9	0	56	332	17	17	18
	4th Rifle	54	65	12	131	370	35	25	25
32	Archery	29	3	0	32	253	13	14	13
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	18	22	9	6
	Early	0	48	0	48	56	86	58	43
	1st Rifle	14	0	0	14	87	16	28	36
	2nd Rifle	17	15	3	35	194	18	18	18
	3rd Rifle	16	5	0	21	109	19	14	14
	4th Rifle	0	6	0	6	30	20	32	24





# 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	<a href="http://www.glenwoodchamber.com">www.glenwoodchamber.com</a> or <a href="http://www.meekerchamber.com">www.meekerchamber.com</a>

## GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

**W**hite 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**

**BE PATIENT!**

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



# 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.

## 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Rifle Creek	33	30-35:100	7,980	7,700 - 9,400
Sweetwater Creek	25,26,34	28-32:100	5,000	5,000-6,000
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	22-25:100	32,370	67,500

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	2	0	0	2	62	3	11	16
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	31	10	31	28
	Early	2	0	0	2	2	100	67	33
	2nd Rifle	150	3	0	153	428	36	44	49
	3rd Rifle	223	1	0	224	405	55	57	59
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	6	100	93	85
23	Archery	24	11	3	38	157	24	21	24
	Muzzle	10	3	0	13	73	18	24	25
	2nd Rifle	104	0	0	104	316	33	40	45
	3rd Rifle	58	8	0	66	188	35	49	52
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	7	43	69	63



# WHITE RIVER DEER INFORMATION

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
24	Archery	6	6	0	12	67	18	12	15
	Muzzle	2	3	0	5	39	13	18	16
	Early	0	0	0	0	3	0	13	18
	2nd Rifle	25	3	0	28	116	24	31	33
	3rd Rifle	0	2	0	2	35	6	23	25
	4th Rifle	3	3	0	6	122	5	10	13
25	Archery	0	3	0	3	90	3	13	14
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	7
	Early	100	24	7	131	437	30	28	30
	2nd Rifle	138	32	0	170	370	46	43	45
	3rd Rifle	24	0	0	24	33	73	50	54
	4th Rifle	11	6	0	17	95	18	11	11
26	Archery	5	3	0	8	56	14	11	13
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	20
	2nd Rifle	97	33	0	130	332	39	40	37
	3rd Rifle	78	32	4	114	258	44	46	47
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	41	27	30	31
33	Archery	6	23	0	29	111	26	18	22
	Muzzle	37	7	0	44	135	33	29	33
	2nd Rifle	132	1	0	133	540	25	34	33
	3rd Rifle	172	0	0	172	474	36	45	46
	4th Rifle	13	0	0	13	29	45	63	63
34	Archery	6	1	0	7	85	8	10	10
	Muzzle	22	11	0	33	117	28	25	20
	2nd Rifle	21	4	4	29	284	10	15	18
	3rd Rifle	31	9	0	40	216	19	21	20
	4th Rifle	17	0	0	17	50	34	32	30
231	Archery	0	11	0	11	39	28	30	19
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	6	0	23	35
	2nd Rifle	7	0	0	7	56	13	27	32
	3rd Rifle	10	0	0	10	37	27	31	32

# 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.

2018 ELK OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
White River	12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 211, 231	20-27:100	45,870	32,000-39,000

2018 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	48	53	10	111	660	17	23	24
	Muzzle	0	23	5	28	76	37	30	29
	Early	0	125	0	125	232	54	46	52
	1st Rifle	182	132	9	323	1413	23	32	32
	2nd Rifle	134	86	33	253	1448	17	18	19
	3rd Rifle	110	113	20	243	1232	20	17	20
	4th Rifle	30	102	11	143	499	29	23	26
23	Archery	61	18	0	79	455	17	20	21
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	25	16	14	15
	Early	0	54	28	82	152	54	46	48
	1st Rifle	149	65	0	214	982	22	24	21
	2nd Rifle	71	52	0	123	1137	11	12	12
	3rd Rifle	80	57	28	165	1117	15	15	15
	4th Rifle	30	155	22	207	507	41	30	29
24	Late	0	56	4	60	78	77	52	59
	Archery	58	20	0	78	522	15	15	16
	Muzzle	0	7	0	7	40	18	13	10
	Early	0	29	0	29	42	69	47	44
	1st Rifle	172	38	9	219	1362	16	20	21
	2nd Rifle	42	52	21	115	1149	10	10	12
	3rd Rifle	31	76	0	107	605	18	11	10
4th Rifle	0	53	0	53	207	26	18	16	

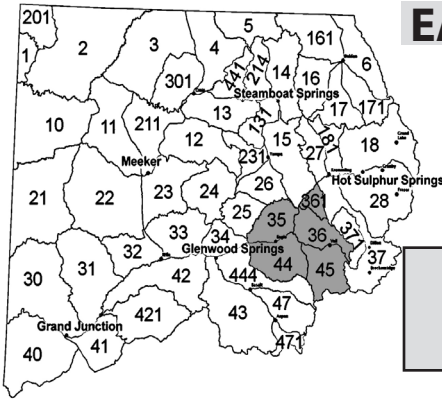


# WHITE RIVER ELK INFORMATION

## 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
25	Archery	31	17	4	52	549	9	10	10
	Muzzle	0	9	0	9	39	23	11	8
	Early	0	8	8	16	68	24	26	28
	1st Rifle	11	9	0	20	281	7	15	16
	2nd Rifle	44	3	0	47	448	10	10	10
	3rd Rifle	38	5	0	43	285	15	14	13
	4th Rifle	8	7	0	15	45	33	20	17
26	Archery	14	9	0	23	401	6	6	8
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	36	6	2	9
	Early	0	8	0	8	41	20	40	48
	1st Rifle	47	11	0	58	333	17	18	19
	2nd Rifle	28	0	0	28	297	9	9	12
	3rd Rifle	19	11	0	30	255	12	16	16
	4th Rifle	18	2	0	20	77	26	14	13
33	Archery	63	33	0	96	584	16	14	15
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	63	0	11	11
	1st Rifle	45	0	0	45	517	9	15	13
	2nd Rifle	57	26	0	83	875	9	11	11
	3rd Rifle	32	56	3	91	572	16	12	12
	4th Rifle	7	17	4	28	178	16	14	14
	Late	0	11	0	11	28	39	40	40
34	Archery	30	3	4	37	339	11	8	10
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	3
	Early	0	12	0	12	23	52	46	45
	1st Rifle	11	0	0	11	186	6	14	16
	2nd Rifle	28	3	0	31	285	11	8	8
	3rd Rifle	8	10	0	18	187	10	6	6
	4th Rifle	3	7	0	10	43	23	11	14
231	Archery	38	7	4	49	738	7	10	10
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	19	11	9	9
	Early	0	40	0	40	82	49	33	36
	1st Rifle	48	52	11	111	549	20	21	23
	2nd Rifle	14	21	0	35	339	10	11	11
	3rd Rifle	19	28	0	47	259	18	17	17
	4th Rifle	8	4	0	12	52	23	14	15

# EAGLE RIVER VALLEY



## GMU

35, 36, 44, 45, 361

LOCAL CPW OFFICE  
Glenwood Springs  
(970) 947-2920

AREA MAPS	USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	<a href="http://www.glenwoodchamber.com">www.glenwoodchamber.com</a>

## 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

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



# 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.

### 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Red Table Mountain	44	35:100	2,070	7,000
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45	26-30:100	13,720	13,500-16,500

### 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	17	3	0	20	126	16	12	12
	Muzzle	6	6	0	12	106	11	21	25
	2nd Rifle	86	19	0	105	540	19	20	25
	3rd Rifle	208	30	4	242	499	48	46	50
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	22	41	40	52
36	Archery	13	6	0	19	183	10	15	12
	Muzzle	15	6	0	21	141	15	28	31
	Early	3	0	0	3	15	20	26	31
	2nd Rifle	99	61	0	160	505	32	26	31
	3rd Rifle	73	13	0	86	338	25	34	39
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	21	43	41	42
44	Archery	7	7	0	14	50	28	21	22
	Muzzle	10	2	0	12	49	24	31	29
	Early	2	0	0	2	2	100	32	36
	2nd Rifle	37	1	3	41	72	57	56	57
	3rd Rifle	19	3	2	24	34	71	70	67
	4th Rifle	14	0	0	14	19	74	78	76
45	Archery	10	0	0	10	155	6	15	17
	Muzzle	6	18	0	24	89	27	33	35
	Early	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	4
	2nd Rifle	34	12	0	46	163	28	35	38
	3rd Rifle	0	4	0	4	49	8	33	34
361	Archery	0	7	0	7	21	33	27	20
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	11
	2nd Rifle	13	6	0	19	107	18	30	38
	3rd Rifle	64	13	0	77	159	48	47	45

# EAGLE RIVER VALLEY ELK INFORMATION

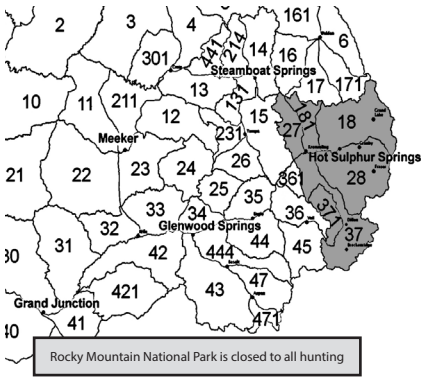
Elk are scattered from about 7,000' to above timberline. As hunting pressure increases, they seek the deeper canyons and dark timber areas way from roads. Concentrating on the large stands of dark timber and the larger wilderness areas will increase your chance of finding a big bull on public lands.

## 2018 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Frying Pan	44, 45, 47, 444	18-30:100	6,060	5,500-8,500
Piney River	35, 36	22-44:100	3,730	3,000-4,600

## 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	10	7	4	21	316	7	5	8
	Muzzle	10	3	0	13	87	15	10	12
	Early	0	6	0	6	37	16	38	43
	1st Rifle	27	36	0	63	168	38	26	25
	2nd Rifle	10	3	3	16	214	7	3	6
	3rd Rifle	46	4	3	53	312	17	16	19
	4th Rifle	3	3	0	6	34	18	11	20
36	Archery	10	9	0	19	566	3	6	6
	Muzzle	15	4	0	19	163	12	9	9
	Early	0	10	0	10	20	50	41	40
	1st Rifle	5	8	0	13	86	15	18	22
	2nd Rifle	71	6	0	77	512	15	13	13
	3rd Rifle	46	10	0	56	399	14	11	10
	4th Rifle	7	3	3	13	27	48	19	20
44	Archery	14	6	0	20	355	6	6	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	93	0	14	11
	Early	0	3	0	3	3	100	45	47
	1st Rifle	22	10	0	32	68	47	24	19
	2nd Rifle	14	1	0	15	236	6	6	8
	3rd Rifle	48	2	0	50	307	16	9	9
	4th Rifle	0	2	0	2	9	22	13	17
45	Archery	26	6	0	32	537	6	5	5
	Muzzle	8	0	0	8	86	9	9	11
	Early	0	7	0	7	20	35	22	31
	1st Rifle	4	0	0	4	26	15	24	19
	2nd Rifle	32	5	0	37	240	15	12	10
	3rd Rifle	53	0	0	53	262	20	11	9
	4th Rifle	2	4	0	6	10	60	11	11
361	Archery	7	6	0	13	161	8	6	4
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	46	11	7	5
	Early	0	5	0	5	15	33	22	18
	1st Rifle	5	0	0	5	28	18	18	14
	2nd Rifle	3	0	0	3	91	3	6	5
	3rd Rifle	8	0	0	8	59	14	8	9
	4th Rifle	0	2	0	2	16	13	27	25



# MIDDLE PARK

## GMU

18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371

LOCAL CPW OFFICE  
Hot Sulphur Springs  
(970) 725-6200

AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest USFS White River National Forest USFS Arapahoe/Roosevelt National Forest
AREA INFO	<a href="http://www.kremmlingchamber.com">www.kremmlingchamber.com</a> <a href="http://www.granbychamber.com">www.granbychamber.com</a>

## 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 [SRDUupdates@fs.fed.us](mailto:SRDUupdates@fs.fed.us).

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

## 2018 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

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	34	22	0	56	369	15	17	15
	Muzzle	31	40	0	71	386	18	20	23
	2nd Rifle	63	144	28	235	1266	19	17	20
	3rd Rifle	363	184	29	576	1362	42	35	34
	4th Rifle	62	0	0	62	168	37	43	50
27	Archery	0	12	0	12	102	12	23	24
	Muzzle	4	10	0	14	65	22	33	30
	2nd Rifle	40	29	5	74	368	20	27	26
	3rd Rifle	68	11	0	79	308	26	27	27
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	15	27	49	51
28	Archery	9	17	0	26	201	13	12	12
	Muzzle	17	30	10	57	275	21	25	21
	2nd Rifle	98	75	9	182	807	23	23	22
	3rd Rifle	167	47	6	220	734	30	25	25
	4th Rifle	25	0	0	25	69	36	32	38
37	Archery	3	22	3	28	229	12	17	16
	Muzzle	9	40	0	49	221	22	25	22
	2nd Rifle	102	65	9	176	595	30	33	30
	3rd Rifle	174	45	38	257	483	53	45	41
	4th Rifle	31	0	0	31	56	55	50	47

# MIDDLE PARK DEER INFORMATION

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
<b>181</b>	Archery	0	17	0	17	63	27	19	14
	Muzzle	13	10	0	23	103	22	15	15
	2nd Rifle	63	62	5	130	396	33	26	25
	3rd Rifle	154	101	11	266	506	53	42	35
	4th Rifle	15	0	0	15	29	52	61	63
<b>371</b>	Archery	9	9	0	18	136	13	14	12
	Muzzle	13	0	0	13	79	16	17	14
	2nd Rifle	14	9	0	23	196	12	21	20
	3rd Rifle	16	0	0	16	69	23	36	30
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	18	33	34	34



# 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.

## 2018 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Gore Pass	15, 27	24-28:100	5,750	3,500-4,500
Troublesome Creek	18, 181	21-26:100	4,480	3,600-4,300
Williams Fork River	28, 37, 371	21-31:100	5,880	4,700-5,500

# MIDDLE PARK

## ELK INFORMATION

### 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

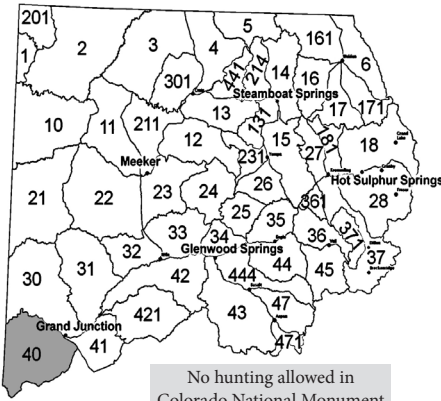
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	73	22	3	98	1496	7	6	5
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	59	3	2	3
	Early	0	41	0	41	78	53	53	53
	1st Rifle	107	57	11	175	1025	17	18	16
	2nd Rifle	49	110	0	159	1288	12	10	10
	3rd Rifle	122	67	21	210	1327	16	12	11
	4th Rifle	26	72	0	98	843	12	9	8
27	Archery	17	11	0	28	335	8	7	9
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	14	0	4	7
	1st Rifle	19	13	0	32	98	33	28	23
	2nd Rifle	25	22	0	47	416	11	11	10
	3rd Rifle	27	28	3	58	291	20	8	7
	4th Rifle	0	3	0	3	94	3	6	9
28	Archery	43	23	3	69	1255	5	7	7
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	54	6	5	10
	Early	0	24	6	30	72	42	42	42
	1st Rifle	55	17	0	72	601	12	16	17
	2nd Rifle	55	63	6	124	1048	12	12	12
	3rd Rifle	87	65	0	152	1035	15	10	10
	4th Rifle	12	101	26	139	690	20	16	17
37	Archery	34	29	3	66	897	7	6	7
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	23	13	11	12
	Early	0	0	6	6	12	50	50	50
	1st Rifle	10	12	0	22	181	12	13	17
	2nd Rifle	13	88	12	113	584	19	15	16
	3rd Rifle	60	48	0	108	614	18	12	11
	4th Rifle	16	82	23	121	420	29	21	19
181	Archery	7	3	3	13	328	4	9	8
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	8	25	4	2
	Early	0	6	0	6	29	21	21	21
	1st Rifle	31	9	0	40	170	24	15	16
	2nd Rifle	24	4	0	28	342	8	7	6
	3rd Rifle	52	51	3	106	430	25	15	13
	4th Rifle	14	156	19	189	507	37	17	14
371	Archery	27	0	0	27	443	6	6	7
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	4
	Early	0	7	7	14	28	50	50	50
	1st Rifle	39	23	1	63	243	26	20	21
	2nd Rifle	7	8	0	15	266	6	6	6
	3rd Rifle	20	18	4	42	258	16	11	10
	4th Rifle	9	13	0	22	230	10	11	15



# 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	<a href="http://www.visitgrandjunction.com">www.visitgrandjunction.com</a>

## 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.

## 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
<b>Glade Park</b>	<b>40</b>	30-35:100	4,810	6,500-8,500

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
<b>40</b>	Archery	43	0	0	43	75	57	54	52
	Muzzle	24	0	0	24	35	69	68	65
	2nd Rifle	61	0	0	61	134	46	58	61
	3rd Rifle	84	0	0	84	116	72	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.

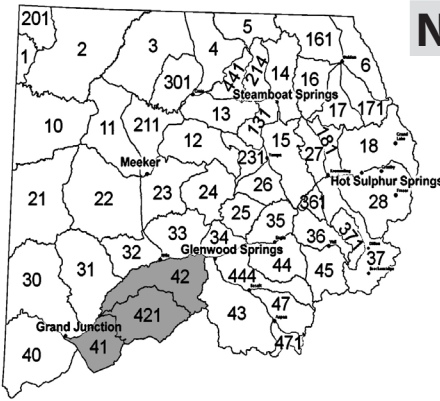
**GMU 40 is a limited unit. You must apply in the draw.**

2018 ELK OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	30-35:100	3,400	2,800-3,800

2018 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
<b>40</b>	Archery	26	0	0	26	64	41	43	47
	Muzzle	0	8	0	8	25	32	30	19
	Early	0	35	0	35	80	44	49	43
	1st Rifle	22	19	0	41	60	68	64	59
	2nd Rifle	12	13	0	25	51	49	64	61
	3rd Rifle	13	6	2	21	52	40	45	53
	4th Rifle	11	6	0	17	46	37	38	45



# 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	<a href="http://www.visitgrandjunction.com">www.visitgrandjunction.com</a>

## 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

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



# NORTH GRAND MESA DEER INFORMATION

The deer population has declined in recent years. The fourth, buck-only season was eliminated in 2018. 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.

## 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Grand Mesa	41, 42, 421	25-30:100	16,550	17,000-23,000

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
<b>41</b>	Archery	14	9	5	28	118	24	26	26
	Muzzle	35	0	0	35	82	43	39	36
	2nd Rifle	83	2	0	85	212	40	43	39
	3rd Rifle	137	2	0	139	409	34	46	47
<b>42</b>	Archery	9	5	0	14	99	14	26	22
	Muzzle	43	0	0	43	63	68	36	34
	2nd Rifle	44	2	0	46	170	27	43	44
	3rd Rifle	290	2	0	292	584	50	59	58
<b>421</b>	Archery	24	10	0	34	128	27	28	27
	Muzzle	27	7	0	34	91	37	28	26
	2nd Rifle	149	0	0	149	429	35	43	44
	3rd Rifle	230	0	0	230	416	55	53	56



# NORTH GRAND MESA

## ELK INFORMATION

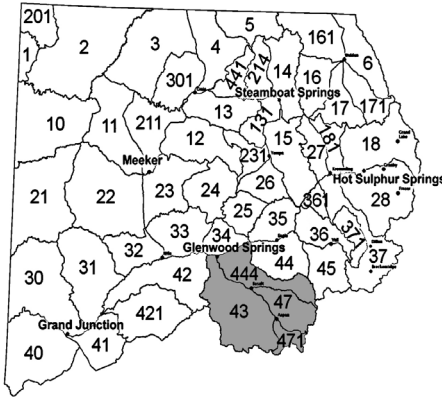
The elk herd is well distributed with good hunting success expected. Elk are scattered throughout the forest and on private lands. Most elk stay at higher elevations (8500- 10,000') in thick timber and oakbrush. There is no migration during the season, movement to the more remote areas is in response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

### 2018 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMU	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Grand Mesa	41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	20-25:100	13,340	15,000-19,000

### 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	34	14	0	48	328	15	7	10
	Muzzle	11	13	0	24	143	17	10	18
	Early	0	63	6	69	166	42	41	37
	1st Rifle	55	31	0	86	380	23	19	20
	2nd Rifle	29	17	0	46	366	13	15	14
	3rd Rifle	16	12	9	37	355	10	10	12
	4th Rifle	33	2	0	35	145	24	13	15
42	Archery	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
	Muzzle	88	38	0	126	925	14	11	14
	Early	13	21	0	34	218	16	13	18
	1st Rifle	58	20	5	83	240	35	22	23
	2nd Rifle	87	57	9	153	1004	15	17	19
	3rd Rifle	57	124	13	194	981	20	17	18
	4th Rifle	9	22	14	45	273	16	18	20
421	Archery	87	83	0	170	1117	15	15	15
	Muzzle	32	0	0	32	191	17	13	16
	Early	0	117	20	137	256	54	37	39
	1st Rifle	51	35	0	86	336	26	24	22
	2nd Rifle	67	49	7	123	1055	12	14	14
	3rd Rifle	35	13	0	48	414	12	9	14
	4th Rifle	8	7	0	15	95	16	15	13



# ROARING FORK

GMU  
43, 47, 444, 471

LOCAL CPW OFFICE  
Glenwood Springs  
(970) 947-2920

AREA MAPS	USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	<a href="http://www.glenwoodchamber.com">www.glenwoodchamber.com</a>

## 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**

**BE PATIENT!**

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



# 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.

## 2018 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Basalt	444	30:100	4,440	5,300
Maroon Bells	43, 47, 471	30-35:100	7,260	7,500-8,500

## 2018 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	18	4	0	22	132	17	11	13
	Muzzle	33	4	0	37	151	25	27	33
	Early	16	0	0	16	35	46	53	52
	2nd Rifle	86	7	0	93	274	34	35	37
	3rd Rifle	105	4	0	109	169	64	50	50
	4th Rifle	12	0	0	12	18	67	56	60
47	Archery	0	3	0	3	42	7	12	16
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	17	18	24	18
	Early	7	0	0	7	32	22	24	29
	2nd Rifle	32	0	0	32	52	62	43	46
	3rd Rifle	39	0	0	39	52	75	56	51
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	3	100	59	61
444	Archery	33	9	0	42	100	42	31	30
	Muzzle	26	8	0	34	60	57	48	46
	Early	2	0	0	2	7	29	11	10
	2nd Rifle	87	15	0	102	283	36	42	48
	3rd Rifle	79	4	0	83	137	61	50	51
	4th Rifle	12	0	0	12	21	57	66	74
471	Archery	12	3	0	15	38	39	33	25
	Early	7	0	0	7	27	26	39	39
	3rd Rifle	6	0	0	6	12	50	57	48



# 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.

### 2018 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Avalanche Creek	43, 471	17-27:100	4,240	3,600-5,400
Frying Pan River	44, 45, 47, 444	18-30:100	6,060	5,500-8,500

### 2018 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	55	10	3	68	955	7	8	8
	Muzzle	19	1	0	20	180	11	19	17
	Early	0	50	5	55	95	58	36	43
	1st Rifle	27	17	0	44	215	20	22	22
	2nd Rifle	92	39	0	131	854	15	14	14
	3rd Rifle	67	37	18	122	620	20	15	16
	4th Rifle	17	23	0	40	158	25	25	26
47	Archery	10	16	0	26	283	9	10	10
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	26	0	12	12
	Early	0	6	3	9	29	31	41	45
	1st Rifle	0	0	0	0	7	0	19	18
	2nd Rifle	38	1	0	39	224	17	16	15
	4th Rifle	0	6	3	9	27	33	26	25
444	Archery	18	3	0	21	339	6	6	7
	Muzzle	19	0	0	19	72	26	26	16
	Early	0	4	0	4	18	22	31	33
	1st Rifle	27	0	0	27	46	59	26	20
	2nd Rifle	26	3	0	29	233	12	13	12
	3rd Rifle	20	0	0	20	267	7	9	9
	4th Rifle	2	7	0	9	32	28	25	17
471	Archery	10	3	0	13	210	6	9	9
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	16	19	8	5
	Early	0	10	0	10	10	100	62	49
	1st Rifle	0	5	0	5	31	16	28	21
	2nd Rifle	4	8	0	12	84	14	23	22
	3rd Rifle	4	4	0	8	51	16	16	16
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	25	0	8	10

# 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.

### 2018 PRONGHORN OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6,16,17,161,171	30-40:100	1,660	1,500-1,600
Great Divide	3,4,5,13,14,214,301,441	55:100	17,010	15,800
Maybell	11	40:100	360	1,400
Sand Wash	1,2,201	68:100	1,010	3,200
Axial Basin	12,23,211	20-25:100	1,010	1,000-1,200
Middle Park	18,27,28,37,181,371	20-25:100	650	550-650

### 2018 PRONGHORN STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
2	Rifle	31	0	0	31	40	78	78	71
3	Rifle	389	179	13	581	747	78	82	83
4	Rifle	106	72	3	181	229	79	78	80
5	Rifle	1	0	0	1	16	6	47	44
6	Rifle	18	15	0	33	33	100	94	96
11	Rifle	19	12	0	31	35	89	88	83
12	Rifle	0	2	0	2	5	40	57	44
13	Rifle	22	28	2	52	105	50	58	64
15	Rifle	3	0	0	3	8	38	38	38
16	Rifle	13	7	2	22	34	65	69	72
17	Rifle	20	3	0	23	29	79	56	59
18	Rifle	18	21	0	39	118	33	39	44
23	Rifle	6	3	0	9	19	47	68	61
26	Rifle	0	4	0	4	15	27	27	27
27	Rifle	10	21	0	31	50	62	50	48
28	Rifle	4	0	0	4	16	25	43	43
37	Rifle	0	3	0	3	3	100	65	64
131	Rifle	4	2	1	7	7	100	78	70
161	Rifle	21	12	2	35	37	95	98	94
171	Rifle	5	0	0	5	16	31	57	52
181	Rifle	11	7	3	21	78	27	31	37
201	Rifle	11	17	0	28	46	61	71	74
211	Rifle	8	3	2	13	16	81	82	78
214	Rifle	3	6	0	9	23	39	48	51
231	Rifle	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
301	Rifle	177	46	10	233	310	75	76	77
441	Rifle	16	8	0	24	45	53	69	65

# 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

## 2018 MOOSE OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	60-70:100	780	500-600
Gore	15,18, 28, 36, 37, 181, 371	65:100	340	190
N. Grand Mesa	41, 42, 43, 52, 411, 421, 521	55-65:100	840	300-400
White River	12, 23, 24	(n/a)	150	100-200
Yampa North	14	(n/a)	90	40-100
Cold Springs	201	(n/a)	20	15
Eagle/ Fryingpan	45	(n/a)	20	20

## 2018 MOOSE HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	BULL HUNTERS	COW HUNTERS	SUCCESS %	
						BULL	COW
6	All	20	14	19	22	105	64
12	All	0	1	0	3	0	33
14	All	9	7	9	9	100	78
15	All	4	4	4	7	100	57
16	All	11	8	10	11	110	73
17	All	5	3	7	10	71	30
18	All	11	6	11	11	100	55
24	All	3	1	4	3	75	33
28	All	13	11	13	12	100	92
36	All	3	0	3	0	100	0
37	All	7	7	9	12	78	58
41	All	1	0	3	9	33	0
42	All	2	2	2	3	100	67
43	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
45	All	2	0	2	0	100	0
161	All	14	7	14	12	100	58
171	All	7	12	9	16	78	75
181	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
201	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
371	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
421	All	7	4	8	15	88	27

# 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.

## 2018 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>B-1</b>	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	954	33	10	43	5
<b>B-4</b>	4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	1564	43	33	76	5
<b>B-10</b>	12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 231	1866	65	45	110	6
<b>B-11</b>	35, 36, 361, 43, 44, 45, 47, 444, 471	1772	57	31	88	5
<b>B-15</b>	1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 201, 211, 301	253	11	11	22	9
<b>B-16</b>	15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	746	40	24	64	9
<b>B-17</b>	41, 42, 52, 53, 63, 411, 421, 521	2952	143	70	213	7

# SHOOTING 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.

# SHOOTING 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. Take Exit 45 off Interstate 70.

This nearly 2,00 acre 'world-class' shooting facility is now open to the public.  
For more information call 970-464-1339 , or visit [CPW.STATE.CO.US/CAMEO](http://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.

# SHOOTING 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.



# SHOOTING 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.

# SHOOTING RANGES

## **Summit County Public Shooting Range**

**639 County Rd 66**

**Dillon, CO 80435**

**[www.summitrange.org](http://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

<b>Bureau of Land Management BLM</b>  <a href="http://www.co.blm.gov/offices.htm">www.co.blm.gov/offices.htm</a>	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
<b>United States Forest Service USFS</b>  <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver">www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver</a> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug">www.fs.usda.gov/gmug</a> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/mbr">www.fs.usda.gov/mbr</a>	<b>White River National Forest</b>	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
	<b>Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre &amp; Gunnison National Forest</b>  <b>2250 Hwy 50, Delta (970) 874-6600</b>	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.	
	<b>Medicine Bow &amp; Routt National Forest</b>  <b>2468 Jackson St. Laramie, WY (307) 745-2300</b>	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
	<b>Arapaho National Forest</b>	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

## 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

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 for help, like everything else in survival, is not a spur-of-the-moment thing and you must prepare so you are ready when needed.
- You must have a way to find, purify and drink water
- Dress for weather but remember, weather 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<sup>®</sup> OR METAL MATCH<sup>®</sup>
- 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 2019, 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 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](http://cpw.state.co.us/CWD).

# HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



**T**he 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.

**T**he Habitat Partnership Program is a unique collaboration between sportsmen, landowners and land managing agencies, including the BLM, US Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Many other organizations and gov't agencies are also partners with HPP in projects.

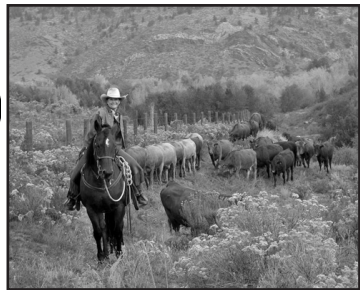
HPP's purposes are to reduce conflicts caused by deer, elk, pronghorn and moose to agricultural operators and to assist CPW to meet game management objectives for those same animals. One way HPP does this is by developing more and better habitat on both public and private lands. Nearly 3/4 of HPP's funds are spent on habitat improvements each year. Typical projects include tree cutting, prescribed burns, weed control and water developments. These projects benefit many wildlife species, not just big game.

HPP receives 5% of hunting license revenue from deer, elk, pronghorn and moose licenses sold within HPP areas. This money (over \$2 million dollars annually) is matched with other people's money and time, generally at a 50/50 rate. This allows HPP to get more done at a lower cost for everyone.

HPP is helping increase private landowner's tolerance for big game animals on their private property as well as increasing CPW's knowledge about those animals, their movements and habitat. If HPP didn't exist, it's likely there would be fewer animals overall and much reduced hunting opportunities than what is available 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.cpw.state.co.us/hpp](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/hpp)



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](http://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.



***POACHERS STEAL FROM EVERYONE***  
REPORT POACHING OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

**CALL 1-877-COLO OGT (265-6648)**

Verizon Cellular Users  
#OGT

Questions or Suggestions?  
Mike Porras - NW Region Public Information Officer  
(970) 255-6162  
[mike.porras@state.co.us](mailto:mike.porras@state.co.us)