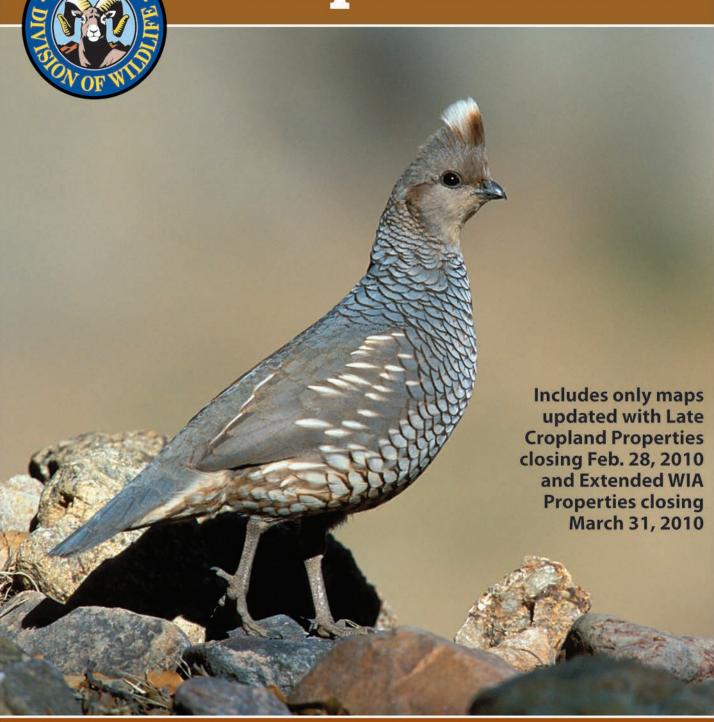
COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

# 2009 Late Cropland Atlas



## 2009 WALK-IN SUPPLEMENTAL ATLAS

The Walk-In Access Program (WIA) is designed to help hunters find good places to hunt, by easing the difficulty and time-consuming task of acquiring permission to hunt private land. To maximize hunter opportunity and convenience, the Division targets a diverse mix of properties, including properties that offer pheasant, scaled quail, dove, cottontail rabbit, and waterfowl hunting. While this land is open for public Walk-In hunting, please remember this is private land. Respect the Land, Respect the Landowner.

NEW FOR 2009: This publication, the Late Cropland Supplemental Atlas, only contains new maps (properties not available for September) and maps that have changed since the 2009 Regular Atlas was published in August. To use the entire suite of WIA properties available, a hunter must reference both the Regular Atlas and the Late Cropland Supplement. For the maps included within the Late Cropland Supplement, all properties, including *Regular*, *Late Cropland*, and *Extended* (if applicable), have been included. All maps and versions of the atlas will be available for download from the Division's Web site at: wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/SmallGame/WalkInAccess/

WIA offers access for small game hunting only, while big game hunting remains completely at the discretion of the landowner. Two properties in southeast Colorado are enrolled in both Small Game WIA and the Big Game Access Program (BGAP). These properties are signed with both small game and big game access signs. Hunters please note: During big game seasons, big game hunting will be occurring on these properties. Small game hunters are encouraged to wear hunter orange during these seasons.

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## WALK-IN ACCESS REGULATIONS

In order to hunt small game, waterfowl or furbearers on Walk-In Access properties, all hunters must first purchase, sign and have in their possession a small game license, a valid Walk-In Access Permit and comply with Habitat stamp regulations. In addition, hunters age 16 and older must possess state and federal migratory bird stamps prior to hunting waterfowl.

- 1. Public Access is permitted from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. For waterfowl hunting, access is allowed from two hours before sunrise to two hours after sunset.
- 2. Statewide, take is restricted to small game, furbearers, and waterfowl. Hunters may not hunt or harvest Gambel's quail, Gunnison sage-grouse, or Greater sage-grouse from WIA properties.
- 3. Access is permitted:
  - a. Sept. 1 through the end of February annually for lands enrolled and posted as Regular Season Walk-In Access properties.
  - b. From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of February annually for lands enrolled and posted as Late Season Cropland Walk-In Access properties.
  - c. From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of March annually for lands enrolled and posted as Extended Walk-In Access properties.
- 4. Access shall be by foot only. Entry by horseback, motorized vehicle, or other means is prohibited.
- 5. Access is permitted for hunting only; all other activities are prohibited. Individuals may accompany hunters without obtaining or possessing a Walk-In Access permit provided they do not hunt.
- 6. Walk-In Access permits are not transferable to any other person, nor do they confer hunting privileges to any person other than the purchaser of the permit.

The Walk-In Access Program depends on private landowners that enroll property for Walk-In hunting, and maintaining good relations with those landowners and their neighbors. There are some additional guidelines, that if followed, will improve the opportunities for all hunters and contribute to future WIA enrollments.

- Where designated parking areas are established, use them. Do not block gates or roads for the landowner or his agents that may need to work on the property. Do not park along highways. Do not park in tall grassy or weedy areas where your catalytic converter can cause a fire. Do not smoke or extinguish cigarettes in these areas either, and make sure to completely extinguish cigarettes if you do smoke.
- Don't litter or clean harvested birds on WIA properties or along roadsides. If trash is present, please pick it up.
- Don't shoot near or towards houses, farm buildings, livestock or equipment.
- Don't hunt if cattle are in or adjacent to enrolled parcels.

## **LANDOWNERS!**

Interested in enrolling land in the small game Walk-In Access Program? The Division of Wildlife is interested in enrolling quality small game hunting lands across the state. To offer land for the 2010-11 season, please contact your local CDOW office, or detach this form, complete, and mail to the address included below.

Please contact me with more information on enrolling my land in the Small Game Walk-In Access Program.				
Name:	_			
Address:	_	Send to:		
City, State, Zip:	_	CDOW		
Day Phone:	_	Attn: WIA 8118 CR 370		
Evening Phone:	_	Sterling, CO 80751		
Property is located in	County			
Type of Land:				

## 2009 WALK-IN SUPPLEMENTAL ATLAS

Some small game season dates are included within this atlas for your convenience, however, all season dates are not listed. A complete synopsis of hunting season dates can be found within the 2009 Small Game and 2009 Waterfowl brochures. These brochures are available at license agents, Division of Wildlife Offices and on the internet at:

www.wildlife.state.co.us

## NORTHERN BOBWHITE, GAMBEL'S AND SCALED QUAIL

1. Dates: Nov. 14-Jan. 3, 2010

**Areas:** A. Units east of I-25 and north of I-70 from I-25 east to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas.

B. All units west of I-25 except Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano and Las Animas Counties.

2. Dates: Nov. 14-Jan. 31, 2010

**Areas:** Units east of I-25 and south of I-70 from I-25 to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas, and parts of Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano and Las Animas Counties west of I-25.

**Daily bag limit:** 8 of each species **Possession Limit:** 24 of each species

#### **PHEASANT**

1. Dates: Nov. 14-Jan. 31, 2010

Areas: Units east of I-25

2. Dates: Nov. 14-Jan. 3, 2010

Areas: Units west of I-25 Daily bag limit: 3 cocks Possession limit: 9 cocks

## COTTONTAILS, SNOWSHOE HARE, WHITE-TAILED & BLACK-TAILED JACKRABBITS

Dates: Oct. 1 - end of February, 2010

**Areas:** Statewide

**Daily bag limit:** 10 of each species **Possession limit:** 20 of each species

#### SPECIES IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED

A fully feathered wing or head must be attached to all birds in transit to hunter's home or commercial processor. For pheasants, a foot with a visible spur can be substituted.

#### **BANDED SCALED QUAIL**

Scaled quail are being banded on some WIA properties as part of a management experiment. Please check harvested quail for leg bands and report the band numbers and the date of harvest by leaving a message at (719) 227-5280.

#### CDOW OFFICES

Division of Wildlife Headquarters 6060 Broadway Denver, CO 80216 (303) 297-1192

Northeast Region Service Center 6060 Broadway Denver, CO 80216 (303) 291-7227

Northwest Region Service Center 711 Independent Ave. Grand Junction, CO 81505 (970) 255-6100

Southeast Region Service Center 4255 Sinton Road Colorado Springs, CO 80907 (719) 227-5200

Southwest Region Service Center 151 East 16th St. Durango, CO 81301 (970) 247-0850

Brush Service Center 122 East Edison, Box 128 Brush, 80723 (970) 842-6300

Fort Collins Service Center 317 W. Prospect Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80526 (970) 472-4300

Glenwood Springs Service Center 50633 Hwys. 6 and 24 Glenwood Springs, 81601 (970) 947-2920

Gunnison Service Center 300 W. New York Ave. Gunnison, 81230 (970) 641-7060 Hot Sulphur Springs Serv. Center 346 Grand County Road 362 Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451 (970) 725-6200

Lamar Service Center 2500 S. Main Lamar, 81052 (719) 336-6600

Meeker Service Center 73485 Hwy 64 Meeker, 81641 (970) 878-6090

Monte Vista Service Center 0722 S Road 1E Monte Vista, 81144 (719) 587-6900

Montrose Service Center 2300 S. Townsend Montrose, 81401 (970) 252-6000

Pueblo Service Center 600 Reservoir Road Pueblo, 81005 (719) 561-5300

Salida Service Center 7405 Hwy. 50 Salida, 81201 (719) 530-5520

Steamboat Springs Serv. Center 925 Weiss Drive Steamboat Springs, 80477 (970) 870-2197

For recordings on season dates and other information:

Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear	(303) 291-7529
Fishing	(303) 291-7533
Small Game, Upland Game	(303) 291-7546
Turkey	(303) 291-7547
Waterfowl	(303) 291-7548
Hunter Education	(303) 291-7530
Mobility Impaired Licenses	(303) 291-7528
For a list of recordings	(303) 291-1192

www.wildlife.state.co.us

# SMALL GAME HUNTING INFORMATION

#### **HUNTING HOURS**

One half hour before sunrise to sunset, except furbearers, which can be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. See sunrise/sunset chart below.

#### **GUIDE TO LEGAL HUNTING HOURS**

The table below is valid for Denver, CO. Subtract one minute from the opening and closing time for each  $12^{1/2}$  miles east of Denver. Add one minute to opening and closing time for each  $12^{1/2}$  miles west of Denver. The above changes are based on the assumption that each degree of longitude equals 50 miles and that a change of 1 degree of longitude equals 4 minutes change in sunrise and sunset times.

	2009 Sunrise/Sunset Table				
DAY	SEPT. Rise Set A.M. P.M. (DST)	OCT. Rise Set A.M. P.M. (DST)	NOV. Rise Set A.M. P.M.	DEC. Rise Set A.M. P.M.	JAN. Rise Set A.M. P.M.
1	6:27 7:31	6:55 6:42	6:28 4:58	7:01 4:35	7:20 4:45
2	6:28 7:30	6:56 6:41	6:29 4:56	7:02 4:35	7:21 4:45
3	6:29 7:28	6:57 6:39	6:30 4:55	7:03 4:35	7:21 4:46
4	6:30 7:27	6:58 6:38	6:31 4:54	7:04 4:34	7:21 4:47
5	6:31 7:25	6:59 6:36	6:32 4:53	7:05 4:34	7:21 4:48
6	6:32 7:23	7:00 6:34	6:33 4:52	7:06 4:34	7:21 4:49
7	6:33 7:22	7:01 6:33	6:35 4:51	7:07 4:34	7:21 4:50
8	6:34 7:20	7:02 6:31	6:36 4:50	7:08 4:34	7:20 4:51
9	6:34 7:18	7:03 6:30	6:37 4:49	7:09 4:34	7:20 4:52
10	6:35 7:17	7:04 6:28	6:38 4:48	7:09 4:34	7:20 4:53
11	6:36 7:15	7:05 6:27	6:39 4:47	7:10 4:34	7:20 4:54
12	6:37 7:14	7:06 6:25	6:40 4:46	7:11 4:35	7:20 4:55
13	6:38 7:12	7:07 6:23	6:41 4:45	7:12 4:35	7:19 4:56
14	6:39 7:10	7:08 6:22	6:43 4:44	7:12 4:35	7:19 4:57
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#### **SMALL GAME HARVEST SURVEYS**

The Division of Wildlife conducts several small game harvest surveys each year which are designed to estimate harvest, hunter numbers and recreation days. Harvest surveys are critical to monitor changing wildlife populations and are extremely valuable to hunters wanting to learn more about hunting small game in Colorado. Harvest survey reports are available on the Division's Web site. Hunters are randomly selected to participate in specific small game surveys. All small game surveys are conducted by telephone, however, some also employ notification by e-mail. If contacted, your participation is not required in any way, but responding to the survey, even if you did not hunt or harvest those specific species is encouraged to help the Division better manage our small game resources.

#### 2009 LICENSE COSTS

I	Resident	Non Resident
Small Game	\$21.00	\$56.00
Small Game (one-day)	\$11.00	\$11.00
Combo Small Game and Fishing	\$41.00	
Youth Small Game	\$ 1.00	\$1.00
Walk-In Access Permit	\$20.00	\$20.00
Youth Walk-In Access Permit	free	free
Federal Duck Stamp	\$15.00	\$15.00
Colorado Duck Stamp	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Habitat Stamp	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Annual Maximum of \$10; Lifeti	ime \$200.00;	Hunters 18 and
under and over 65 do not need a	Habitat Star	np
License costs include a 25-cent sea	arch and resc	ue fee and a

75-cent surcharge for the Wildlife Management Education Fund.

#### HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM

If you hunt small game, furbearers, or migratory birds in Colorado, including by falconry, you must sign up with HIP before your license is valid. Hunters must write their HIP number in the space provided on the license. Hunters will be asked basic questions about their hunting, including how many birds they harvested the previous season and what species they plan to hunt this year. Both the phone line and Web site run 24 hours a day, every day, and the process takes about five minutes. To sign up for HIP, hunters need to call 1-866-265-6447 (1-866-COLOHIP) or go to www.colohip.com. For help getting your HIP number, call 1-800-368-4683, Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. MST.

#### **HUNTER ORANGE**

Hunter orange is not required by law to hunt small game in Colorado, however, its use is highly recommended to increase your safety and visibility in the field.

#### **REGULAR WIA MAPS**

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## 2009 WIA - HUNTERS PLEASE NOTE

#### CRP EXPIRATIONS, HAYING AND GRAZING

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields, which make up a large percentage of the land enrolled in WIA, are governed by the United States Department of Agriculture. As of Sept. 30, 2009, thousands of acres will expire and potentially return to cropland. While the Division has done everything possible to ensure that expiring CRP has not been enrolled, it is possible that some will be converted to cropland between the signup period and the end of the small game season. In accordance, WIA payments rates will be adjusted to compensate for the loss in hunting access. In addition, some properties that remain in CRP were hayed as part of a mid-contract management provision within the CRP program. In some cases, these areas might be posted as Walk-In hunting properties, however, Walk-In Access rental rates are only being paid on the undisturbed acres.

#### BEWARE OF HITCHHIKING SEEDS

Many 'noxious' weeds reproduce primarily by seed. These seeds are often transported by wind, and occasionally by birds, rodents and other animals, but they could be carried in the shoelaces or pant cuffs of humans. Please help control their spread by taking a few minutes, as you leave the field, to clean your shoelaces and pant cuffs of any seed. Also, don't forget to give your hunting dog a quick brush over to remove any hitchhiking seeds before traveling to a new hunting spot!

#### NO HUNTING DURING ACTIVE HARVEST

To promote safe hunting and to help landowners efficiently harvest crops, some WIA properties, primarily grass sprinkler corners adjacent to irrigated corn fields, will be closed to WIA hunting when landowners are actively harvesting crops. Specifically, when harvesting machines

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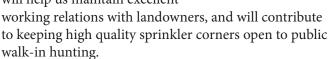
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are harvesting the associated corn field, sprinkler corners are **CLOSED** to all WIA hunting. In most cases, corners will only be closed for a day or two while the landowner completes harvest. All sprinkler corners will be posted with closure signs in addition to regular boundary signs. Adhering to this temporary closure will help us maintain excellent



#### **EXTENDED WALK-IN ACCESS PROPERTIES**

The Division of Wildlife is happy to offer additional waterfowl hunting opportunity through the 'Extended' WIA provision. Access dates for these properties, depicted in green on WIA maps for Logan, Sedgwick, Kiowa, Lincoln/Crowley/Otero, and Prowers County, begins on the opening day of pheasant season (2009) and continues through the end of March, 2010, encompassing the regular goose season and the majority of the light goose Conservation Order. All normal WIA regulations apply. These properties are for FOOT ACCESS only. Driving decoys into the field with a vehicle is not permitted. To assist with decoy setting and retrieval, properties can be accessed from two hours before sunrise to two hours after sunset.

The Walk-In Access Program depends on private landowners that enroll property for walk-in hunting, and maintaining good relations with those landowners and their neighbors. There are some additional guidelines, that if followed, will improve the opportunities for all hunters and contribute to future WIA enrollments.

- •Park in established parking areas only. Do not block other vehicles into the parking area. When the parking area is full, do not access or hunt the property. Do not block gates or roads for the landowner or his agents that may need to work on the property. Do not park along highways.
- •Fields enrolled for waterfowl hunting were primarily enrolled for field goose hunting. Small fields may only be large enough for a single decoy spread. Larger fields may be capable of having two hunting parties at the same time, however, please be considerate of neighboring hunting parties and leave a significant distance between your decoy spread and theirs.
- •Don't litter or clean harvested birds on the WIA properties or along roadsides. If someone else left a mess, please pick it up.
- •Don't shoot near or towards houses, farm buildings, livestock or equipment.
- •Do not disturb cattle that may be grazing in or adjacent to enrolled parcels.
- •NO SKYBUSTING! Do not pass shoot geese or ducks that appear to be attracted to another hunting party's decoy spread.
- ABSOLUTELY NO PIT DIGGING or permanent blinds! Hunters are encouraged to use layout blinds instead.

## 2009 WALK-IN ACCESS

#### SAFE HANDLING OF GAME MEAT

Concern has grown recently about diseases affecting wild animals that could potentially make humans sick. Most of the time, properly handled and prepared game meat poses no greater risk than domestic meat of causing disease in humans. Hunters are encouraged to contact their local public health department or DOW office for information on wildlife diseases that may be present where they plan to hunt. Public health officials recommend the following precautions when handling and preparing game meat:

- Do not handle animals that are obviously sick or found dead. Report sick or dead animals you find to a DOW office.
- •Keep game cool, clean and dry.

- •Do not eat, drink or smoke while dressing game.
- •Use disposable gloves when cleaning game.
- •Wash your hands with soap and water, or use alcohol wipes after dressing game.
- •Clean all tools and surfaces immediately afterward. Use hot soapy water, then disinfect with a 10% chlorine bleach solution.
- •Cook game meat to an internal temperature of at least 165° F to kill disease organisms and parasites. Juices from adequately cooked game meat should be clear.

PHEASANT HABITAT PROJECT

NO ENTRY WITHOUT LANDOWNER PERMISSION!

- •Do not eat any raw portions of wild game.
- •Do not feed raw wild game to domestic pets.

# A GUIDE TO WALK-IN ACCESS SIGNS

### Look for these signs at WIA properties:



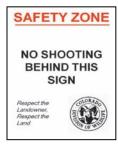




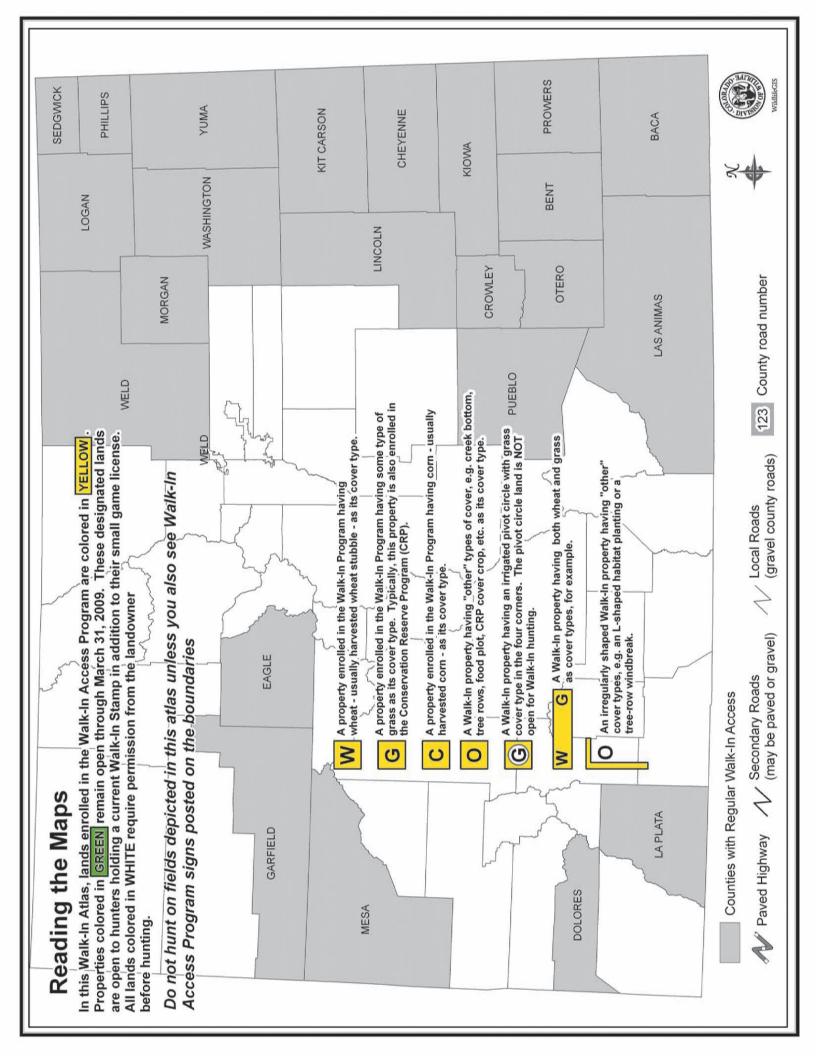
Walk-In Access Program Boundary signs come in three varieties. In the field you will see signs that have an access date of Sept. 1 through the end of February and signs that have an access date of "The opening day of pheasant season" through the end of February. Properties that are posted to open on the opening day of pheasant season cannot be accessed prior to Nov. 14, 2009. Extended Access properties are posted to close at the end of March, annually. Two other signs are used on or near Walk-In Access Properties. Parking signs are used to designate where hunters should park at some Walk-In areas. A large majority of WIA properties do not have established parking areas, instead hunters should park along the road, taking care to stay out of the traveled portion of the road but also not park in tall weeds and grass where a fire hazard exists. Safety Zone signs are also common on or near WIA properties. These signs are used to deliniate safety zones around buildings, homesteads, livestock corrals or neighboring landowners homes and properties. Please respect safety zone signs wherever you find them posted. Rarely, it becomes necessary to remove a property from the Walk-In Access Program after this brochure is posted. When that happens, Walk-In Access boundary signs are removed and replaced with yellow Warning signs to notify hunters that the property is no longer available for Walk-In hunting. Do not hunt if fields are posted with yellow WARNING SIGNS! And remember, if you find a WIA property depicted in the brochure but boundary signs are not present at the field corners, please do not hunt that field!

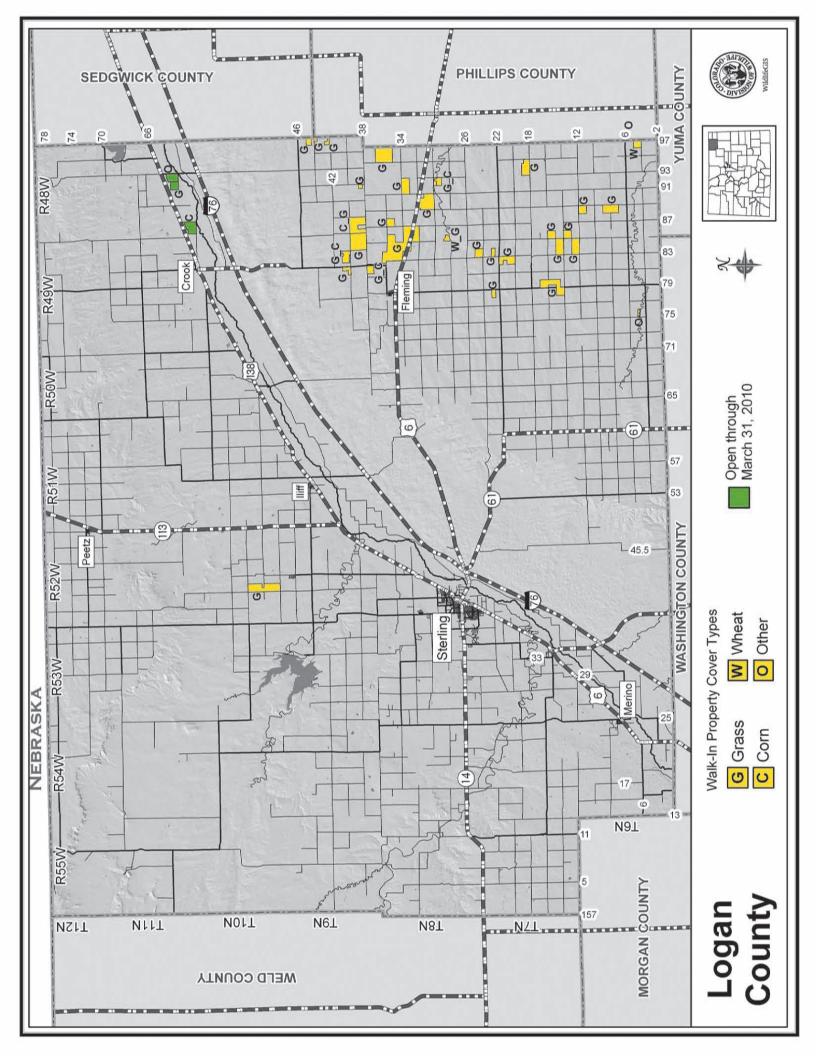
You may also see Pheasant Habitat Project Signs when hunting in eastern Colorado. These signs **DO NOT** open the land or habitat project to public WIA hunting, unless the orange **HABITAT PROJECT** signs are also accompanied by a WIA Boundary Sign.

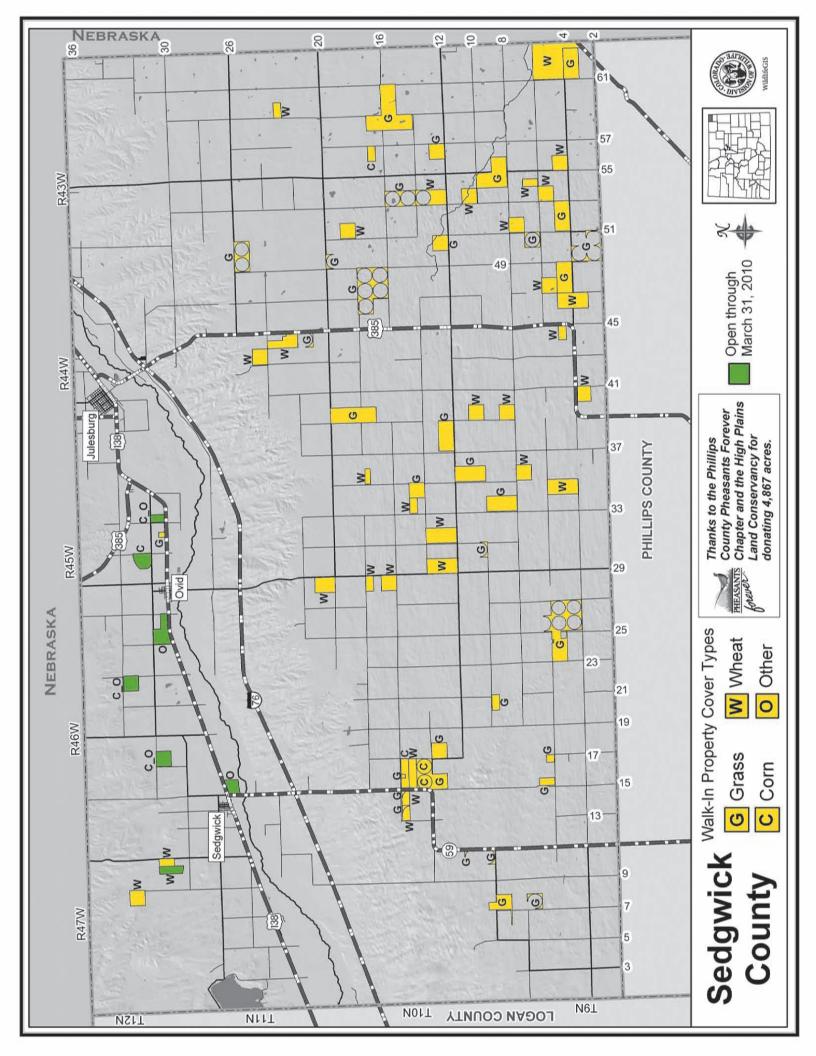


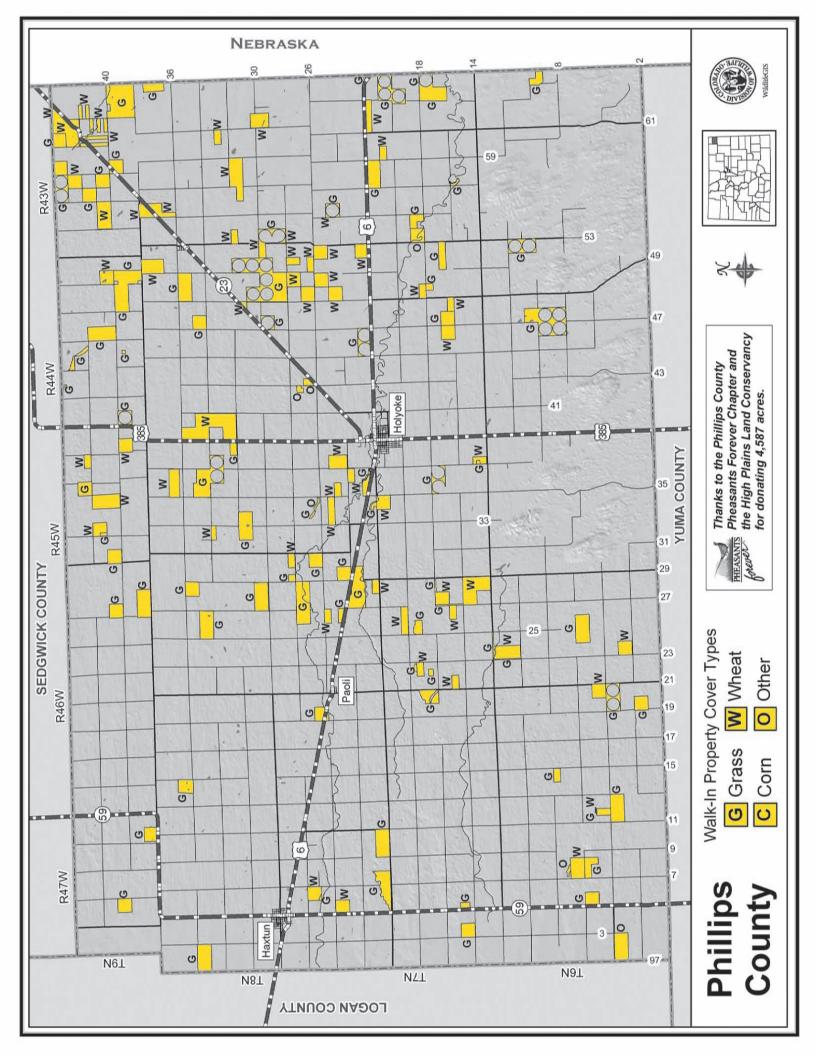


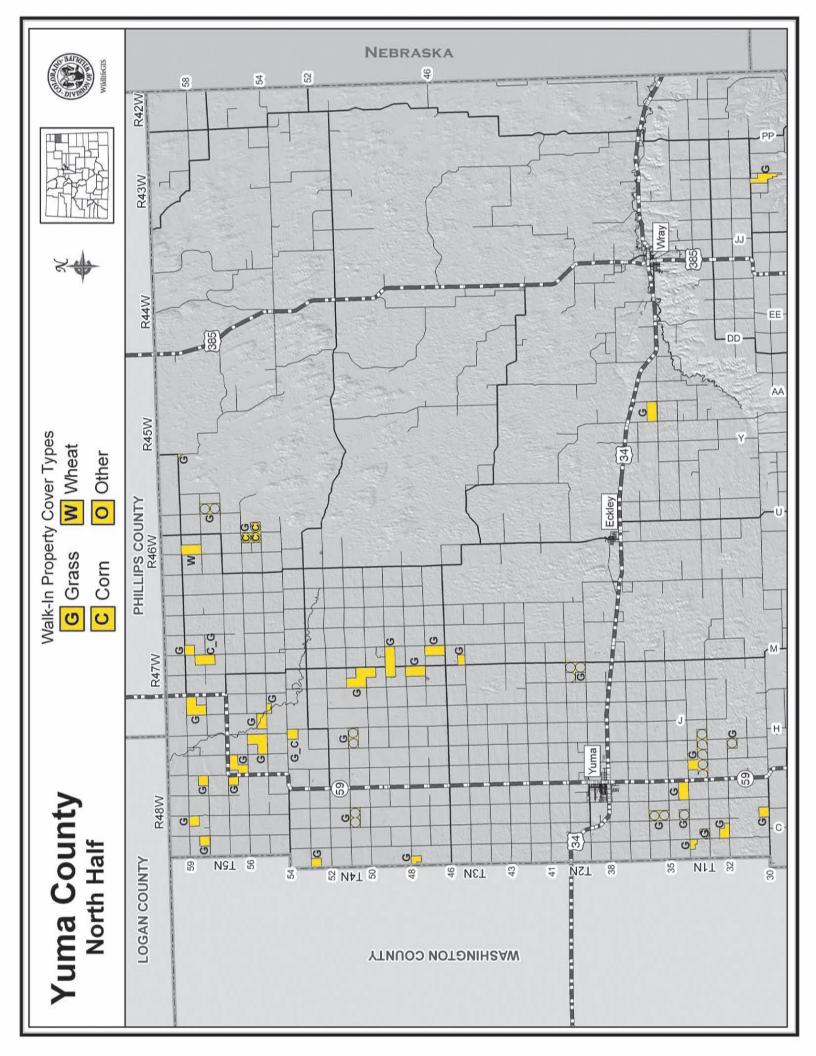


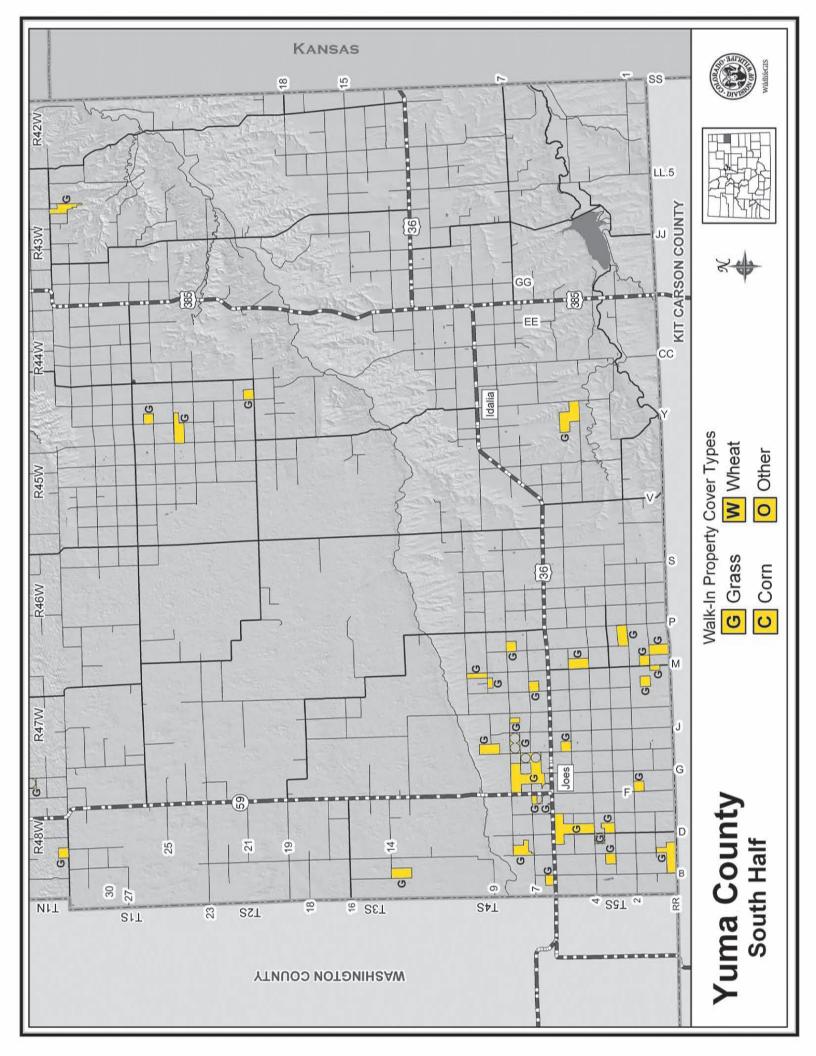












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Walk-In Property Cover Types



C Corn
W Wheat











