2024 Late Cropland Walk-in Atlas

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6060 Broadway Denver, 80216

REGISTRATION OFFICE Boat, Snowmobile, Off-Highway Vehicle 13787 US Hwy 85 N

303-297-1192 (M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. MT) Littleton, 80125

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28167 County Rd. T Brush, 80723 970-842-6300

4255 Sinton Rd.

COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado Springs, 80907 719-227-5200

970-255-6100

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970-472-4300

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2500 S. Main St.

Lamar, 81052

719-336-6600

LAMAR

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Steamboat Springs, 80487 970-870-3333

WHAT'S NEW: 2024

► HIP REGISTRATION UPDATE

The Harvest Information Program (HIP) is only available through CPW's licensing system at **cpwshop.com** or by calling an automated phone service at 1-855-521-3050. When you purchase your small-game or combo license on **cpwshop.com**, just add HIP to your cart, along with other permits you may need. Once you select HIP, you will need to complete your HIP registration by answering a series of questions. *See page 3 for more information*.

► NEW RECREATIONAL USE WARNING SIGNS

Beginning in 2024, landowners are required by law to post warning signs that the land is open to hunters for recreational hunting purposes as part of the Walk-in Access Program; however, the landowner has made no guarantee that the property is safe. Hunters will now see these warning signs in conjunction with the traditional Walk-In Access boundary signs. See page 6 for more information.

LICENSE INFORMATION

LICENSE FEES & HABITAT STA	MPS	
SMALL GAME	RESIDENT	
► Habitat Stamp (required, ages 18–64)	\$12.15	\$12.15
► Small Game*		
► Small Game (one-day)*	\$16.33	\$19.97
► Small Game (additional-day)*	\$7.82	\$7.82
► Youth Small Game & Furbearer (under 18)		
► Small Game & Fishing Combo	\$60.05	n/a
► Furbearer License Only	\$35.76	\$98.92
► Furbearer Harvest Permit	\$10	\$10
► Colorado Waterfowl Stamp	<u>\$1</u> 2.15	\$12.15
► Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp	<mark>NEW</mark> \$33	NEW \$33
► Senior Small Game/Fishing Combo	\$35.32	n/a
(Residents age 65 and older)		
► Senior Annual Small Game for		
Lifetime Fishing License Holders	\$25.60	n/a
(Senior Columbine or Centennial lifetime fishing	license holders only)	
► First Responder Lifetime		
Small Game/Fishing Combo	free	n/a
(Resident only, permanent occupational disabilit	y, see page 2)	
► Veterans Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo . (Resident only, 60% disabled or Purple Heart red		n/a
► Band-tailed Pigeon Permit	\$5	\$5
BIG GAME		

▶ DEER

Resident adult	\$47.91
Resident youth	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo	
Nonresident vouth/fishing combo	

► ELK

Resident adult	\$66.12
Resident youth	\$18.45
Nonresident bull/fishing combo	\$803.39
Nonresident either-sex/fishing combo	
Nonresident cow/fishing combo	
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$122.91
PROMOTION	

► PRONGHORN

Resident adult	\$47.91
Resident youth	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo	
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$122.91

*Does not include furbearers.

Prices include the **25-cent** search-and-rescue fee and the **\$1.50 fee** for the Wildlife Education Fund if applicable.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

- Online and by phone: Visa, Mastercard, Discover credit/debit cards and CPW gift certificates.
- **CPW offices/parks**: In addition to the above: check, money order, traveler's checks and cash.
- **Sales agents**: Any form of payment the agent accepts. CPW gift certificates are **not** valid.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE

See page 2 for details. ▶

- 1 PROPER IDENTIFICATION and PROOF of residency (for Colorado residents).
- **2 PROOF** of hunter education.
- **HABITAT STAMP:** A 2024 (\$12.15) or lifetime (\$364.63) Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18–64.

NOTE: A Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification number is required for hunters age 12 and older, per federal law.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Hunters must have an annual youth small-game/furbearer, small-game (annual, 1-day or additional day, plus the furbearer harvest permit if applicable; see number 6 below), annual combo small-game/fishing license (plus the furbearer harvest permit if applicable; see number 6 below), or furbearer license. Hunters must carry their license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers. NOTE: Everyone age 16 years or older MUST have a valid hunting or fishing license to be on ANY PART of a state trust land or state wildlife area OR have a valid Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass to be on ANY PART of a state wildlife area, unless specifically noted.
- **2.** Small-game, coyote and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with **HIP EACH YEAR** before their license is valid. *See page 3*.
- 3. Annual fishing, small-game and furbearer licenses, the furbearer harvest permit, and the Colorado Waterfowl Stamps and Habitat Stamps are valid March 1 through March 31 of the following year (13 months). Lifetime combo small-game/fishing licenses are valid as long as you are a Colorado resident.
- **4.** In order to hunt small game in any seasons that continue beyond March 31, 2024, you must purchase a 2024 small-game license.
- 5. TO HUNT & TAKE SMALL GAME, you need a small-game license, a combo small-game/fishing or a lifetime combo small-game/fishing license.
- **6.TO HUNT FURBEARERS,** you will need to purchase either a furbearer license or a small-game license (including daily small-game licenses and combo small-game/fishing licenses) **AND** a \$10 annual furbearer harvest permit. See number 7 below for the exception for coyote.
- 7. TO HUNT COYOTES, you need a small-game license or a furbearer license. An annual furbearer harvest permit is NOT required to hunt or take coyote. During big-game seasons, if you have an unfilled big-game license for the same season and unit, you may hunt coyote without a small-game or furbearer license. You must use the same method of take for coyote as your big-game license allows. Once the big-game license has been filled, hunters must purchase a small-game or furbearer license to continue hunting coyote, and if using a rifle, it must be .23 caliber or smaller.
- **8. TO HUNT EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES,** and other invasive species, you must have a hunter education card; however, a hunting license is not required.
- **9. TO HUNT COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES,** you need a small-game or fishing license.
- 10. TO HUNT WATERFOWL, you need a small-game hunting license. If you are 16 or older, you also must have the NEW \$33 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) AND the \$12.15 Colorado State Waterfowl Stamp to hunt waterfowl. COLORADO WATERFOWL STAMP:

 The state stamp is printed on your hunting license and validated by signing your name in ink on the license. FEDERAL DUCK STAMP: NEW Effective July 1, 2024, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implemented the Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023, allowing an individual to carry an electronic stamp for the entire waterfowl hunting season. The new electronic stamp shall remain valid from the day it is sold through the following June 30, instead of being valid 45 days from the day of sale (fws.gov/service/buy-duck-stamp-or-e-stamp). Traditional methods of purchasing the Federal Duck Stamp will continue. The physical stamp is valid when you sign your name in ink across the face of the stamp. A federal stamp is not required to take light geese during the conservation order season: See the 2024 Small Game & Waterfowl Brochure for more info.
- 11. TO HUNT SANDHILL CRANES, NEW an annual sandhill crane permit (\$0) is required in addition to the small game license and a completed HIP registration.
- **12. TO HUNT BAND-TAILED PIGEONS,** a permit (\$5) is required in addition to the small-game license. The permit is available online, by phone, at CPW offices and at sales agents.
- **13.** If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only that area.
- **14.** Licenses are not transferable.
- 15. False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.
- **16.** All license exchanges will be charged a \$5.00 fee.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

cpw.state.co.us/proofofresidency

- ► The physical residence address you give to buy or apply for a license must be the same as the address given for Colorado state income tax purposes. *A P.O. Box is NOT a valid physical address*.
- ➤ You terminate your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a resident hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country, register to vote outside Colorado or accept a driver's license that shows an address other than in Colorado.

RESIDENCY TYPES

1. STANDARD COLORADO RESIDENT

- **a. Requirements:** You must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months immediately prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product, have your primary residence in Colorado and have not applied for or purchased a resident license or pass outside of Colorado in the last 6 months.
- b. Proof: Current and valid Colorado driver's license/ID with a Colorado address issued 6 or more months prior. If the Colorado driver's license/ID is not 6 months old, you must provide at least two forms of additional residency proof, as outlined in "Additional Residency Proofs" below.

2. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME IN COLORADO

- **a. Requirements:** You must be attending school full time at an accredited Colorado school starting at least 6 months prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product.
- **b. Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, school transcript showing full-time status.

3. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME OUTSIDE OF COLORADO

- **a. Requirements:** You must meet Colorado residency requirements and be attending an accredited school outside of Colorado, paying nonresident tuition.
- **b. Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, proof of out-of-state tuition payment.

4. MILITARY: STATIONED IN COLORADO

- **a. Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed in Colorado. Military member's spouse and/or dependents share the same residency status. Residency begins the date the orders begin.
- b. Proof: Military ID and active orders.

5. MILITARY: COLORADO HOME OF RECORD

- **a. Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed outside of Colorado, but with Colorado as your home of record, paying income tax as a Colorado resident. Military member's spouse and/or dependents share the same residency status.
- **b. Proof:** Military ID and active orders.

6. YOUTH

Children under the age of 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live the majority of the time per court order.

OTHER RESIDENCY INFORMATION

1. ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY PROOFS

If you otherwise meet residency requirements but your Colorado driver's license or ID was issued or renewed less than 6 months ago, or you have a CPW-approved religious exemption to photo identification on your record, you must provide at least two additional proofs of residency showing 6 consecutive months of Colorado residency immediately prior to buying or applying for a license. Those proofs include: income sources (pay stubs), utility bills, state income tax documents (as a full-time resident), lease agreements/rent receipts, motor vehicle registration, voter registration.

2. MULTIPLE HOMES

If you have a home in Colorado and another location, call 303-297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a CPW license or state park pass.

2 HUNTER EDUCATION

HUNTER EDUCATION (SAFETY) REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Anyone born on or after January 1, 1949, must have a hunter education card to hunt in Colorado.
- **2.** A hunter education card is needed to apply for/buy a license.
- **3.** Your hunter education card must be carried while hunting, unless it is verified and your license is marked with a "V." To get your hunter education card verified, take your hunter education card to a CPW office (listed on inside front cover) or state park.
- **4.** CPW honors hunter education cards from other states, provinces and countries.

HUNTER EDUCATION EXEMPTIONS

- Individuals over age 50 or active duty U.S. military and veterans can obtain a hunter education certificate by testing out of hunter education: cpw.info/hunter-education-test-out
- 2. A free apprentice certificate can be obtained for hunters who are at least 10 years old and who must be accompanied by a mentor in the field. This one-year waiver can be obtained twice in a lifetime: cpw.info/apprentice-certificate
- ► For more information on exemptions, go to: cpw.info/hunter-education

3 HABITAT STAMPS

Habitat Stamps are **REQUIRED** for hunters and cost \$12.15; only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. Habitat Stamps are now valid March 1–March 31 of the following year (13 months).

- ► A lifetime stamp is \$364.63.
- ► Anyone buying a one-day or additional-day license for fishing and/or small game is exempt from purchasing the Habitat Stamp with the first two of these licenses. The habitat fee will be assessed when a third one-day or additional-day license is purchased for fishing or small game.
- Anyone who is approved in the Columbine, First Responder, Veteran and/or Big Game Mobility programs is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See cpw.info/accessibility
- ► For more information on Habitat Stamps, go to: cpw.info/habitat-stamp

SPECIAL LICENSE INFORMATION

YOUTH LICENSES & MENTOR HUNTING

People under age 18 must have a license to hunt small game. A youth small-game license is for hunters 17 and younger, and costs \$1.46. If a youth plans on hunting with a youth small-game license, they must be accompanied by a mentor and must meet hunter education requirements. A mentor must be 18 or older and must meet hunter education requirements; mentors aren't required to hunt. While hunting, youths and mentors must be able to see and hear each other without binoculars, radios, or other aids. Youths also have the option to purchase an adult small-game license, which allows them to hunt without a mentor, as long as they meet hunter education requirements.

At age 18, hunters must buy an adult license. Mentors are not permitted to hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots during the youth waterfowl hunt season.

CPW offers several licenses for hunters and anglers with disabilities.

Go to **cpw.info/accessibility** for more license information and how to apply. *These licenses require advance legal paperwork submissions.*

RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Colorado resident first responders who have proof of a permanent occupational disability can qualify for the First Responder program to obtain a lifetime combo small game/fishing license.

RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Military veterans who have a service-connected disability (with an overall combined rating of 60% or more by the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs) or are purple heart recipients and are residents of Colorado can obtain a lifetime combo small game/fishing license.

GENERAL HUNTING LAWS

- 1. Colorado Parks and Wildlife can post firing lines at its properties.
- 2. It is illegal to kill, capture, injure or harass wildlife from a motor vehicle or an aircraft. It is also illegal to operate aircraft with intent to injure, harass, drive or rally wildlife. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from a motor vehicle or an aircraft.
- **3.** It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from, on or across a public road. Hunting with rifles, handguns, shotguns firing a single slug and archery equipment is prohibited within 50 feet on each side of the center line of any public road. On a divided road, the prohibition includes the median, and the 50-foot requirement is measured from the center line of both roads.
- 4. It is illegal to carry or have a firearm, except a pistol or revolver, in or on a motor vehicle unless the chamber is unloaded. While using artificial light from a vehicle, it is illegal to have a firearm with cartridges in the chamber or magazine, or possess a strung bow unless the bow is cased.
- **5.** Except for "furbearers" and "other small-game" species, you must take all edible portions of meat ("small-game birds" and "small-game mammals") from the field and prepare for human consumption. Do not leave wounded wildlife (or wildlife that might be wounded) without attempting to track and kill it.
- **6.** Possession of wildlife is evidence you hunted.
- 7. Small-game and migratory bird hunters are not required to wear solid, fluorescent orange or pink clothes. However, CPW encourages you to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothes for safety.
- 8. You must stop at CPW check stations when told to do so.
- 9. Violations of Colorado wildlife laws carry point values. You can face suspension of license privileges for up to five years or more if you accumulate 20 or more points in five years.
- 10. During deer, elk, pronghorn and bear seasons, firearms (except handguns) must be unloaded in the chamber and magazine when carried on an off-highway vehicle (OHV). Firearms (except handguns) and bows carried on an OHV must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Scabbards or cases with open ends or sides are prohibited. This regulation does not apply to landowners or their agents carrying a firearm on an OHV for the purpose of taking depredating wildlife on property owned or leased by them.
- **11. CALIBER RESTRICTION:** It is illegal to hunt game birds, small-game animals or furbearers with a centerfire rifle larger than .23 caliber in regular rifle deer and elk seasons west of I-25, unless you have an unfilled deer or elk license for the season you are hunting. A small-game license is required

RESTRICTIONS

CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY

State law requires a Social Security number to buy a license. It is not displayed on the license but is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to those suspended for noncompliance with child support. Any current licenses become invalid if held by an individual who is noncompliant with child support.

WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS

Colorado and federal laws prohibit people convicted of certain crimes, such as domestic violence, from possessing weapons even for hunting. If you've been convicted of a crime, check with the appropriate law enforcement authority to find out how the laws apply to you.

WILDLIFE CAUSING DAMAGE

Colorado law allows landowners to protect private property from most wildlife damage. For information, call CPW at 303-297-1192. Also see **cpw.info/regulations**, Chapter W-17: Game Damage, for updated trapping regulations and details on small-game damage.

CORNERS FOR CONSERVATION

Colorado Parks and Wildlife initiated the Corners for Conservation (C4C) program in 2016 to develop highly diverse habitat for wildlife on sprinkler corners and other difficult-to-farm areas in select Eastern Colorado counties. The program creates excellent habitat for wildlife, including upland game birds and pollinating insects, by establishing highly diverse cover, including tall native grasses and flowering forbs, on sprinkler corners. Developed in conjunction with our partners at Pheasants Forever Inc., High Plains Land Conservancy and Muley Fanatics Foundation, C4C has successfully created habitat on 775 corners over the last eight years.



Doubly important, all C4C projects are open to public hunting through the Walk-In Access Program (WIA). C4C projects are primarily located within the sprinkler-irrigated portions of Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, Washington and Kit Carson counties. All of these projects are posted in the Late Cropland Walk-in Access brochure, but they are not specifically identified as C4C projects in the atlas. However, all are posted with WIA boundary signs and C4C signs (pictured above) in the field.

BIG-GAME HUNTING

Continuing in 2024, big-game hunting will be available on certain Walk-In Access (WIA) properties. Big-game access within the program has been expanded to the entire eastern plains, totaling approximately 122,192 acres.

The big game program will allow public access to specified Colorado WIA properties for deer, elk and pronghorn hunting within specified big game season dates, from Sept. 1–Dec. 31, 2024.

Hunters should be aware that many WIA properties will be open for both small game and big game, while other properties will remain small game only. Small/big game combo properties will be shown as **YELLOW** polygons on the printed and mobile maps, and marked in the field with yellow boundary signs. Small game-only signs will be depicted as white polygons on the maps, and will be marked with white boundary signs.

Big game hunters thinking of applying for licenses in 2025, on the basis of hunting on Walk-In Access properties, should consider that each property is enrolled on an annual basis in July of each year. There can be significant turnover in properties that are available each year.

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)

Small-game, coyote and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with HIP **EACH YEAR** before their license is valid. You can get your 2024–2025 HIP validation beginning on April 1 but can get HIP validation anytime after April 1, as long as it's before you hunt small game or coyote during the 2024–2025 season.

NEW The Harvest Information Program (HIP) is available through cpwshop.com (or by calling an automated phone service at 1-855-521-3050). To complete your annual HIP registration (free), log into your cpwshop.com account, click on "Go Hunting and Fishing", and "Buy Small Game and Combo Licenses". Add your preferred small game or combo product to your cart and complete the HIP questionnaire as prompted during checking out. NOTE: If you already have an active small game or combo license on your account, you can add the free HIP registration product, and any other permits you may need, from the "Small Game and Combo Licenses" product menu in your account. When you complete the questionnaire, you will be asked for basic information, including how many birds and small game you harvested the previous season, and the species you plan to hunt this year. NEW A season means March 1 through March 31 of the following year. When you complete your purchase, a HIP validation will print on your license. If you previously purchased a 2024 license (at a license agent, for example) you will need to follow the same online process or call the automated phone service to complete HIP. This information helps CPW manage migratory bird and Colorado small-game species by improving harvest estimates. NOTE: When you complete the HIP survey, you will not receive a HIP number, but you will see a HIP validation on your CPW account. For more information, go to: cpw.info/HIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

SMALL-GAME AND FURBEARER SURVEYS

Colorado Parks and Wildlife conducts several small-game and furbearer harvest surveys annually to estimate harvest, hunter numbers and recreation days, in addition to assessing satisfaction and crowding. Past survey results are available on the CPW website at **cpw.info/small-game-stats** and cpw.info/furbearers. Updated reports are available after annual surveys conclude.

Hunters are selected randomly to participate. Selected hunters are contacted by email, text and live-operator telephone calls. If contacted, your participation is not required, but responding — even if you did not hunt or harvest an animal — helps CPW manage small game and furbearers.

WATCH FOR BANDED BIRDS

Wildlife managers need your help gathering information about migratory bird populations. If you kill or find a banded bird, please report it to the US Geological Survey Bird Banding Lab: reportband.gov



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novice hunters will be posted

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GAMBEL'S QUAIL

REGION FOUND: Western Colorado, primarily in the Grand and Uncompangre valleys. They may inhabit some WIA properties in this area. IDENTIFICATION: A distinctive plume feather on the head. Males have a black face and copper feathers on top of the head. Females have mostly gray plumage with a tannish-gray face and beige plumage underneath.



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SAGE-GROUSE

REGION FOUND: Western Colorado. They may inhabit some WIA properties. IDENTIFICATION: Large, grayish bird with a slow wing beat in flight. They have distinctly pointed tail feathers and black breast feathers, both of which are visible when flushed. Sage-grouse tend to be silent when flushed.



PLAINS SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

REGION FOUND: Weld, western Logan and northern Morgan counties. Plains sharp-tailed grouse are not a legal game bird in Colorado but have been transplanted into some areas to re-establish populations. When hunting in these counties, please take special care to clearly identify the target before shooting. IDENTIFICATION: Much lighter in color than cock pheasants and have a short, distinctly pointed tail, which shows white when in flight. They often emit a low-pitched series of clucks when flushed.

NOVICE HUNTER PROGRAM

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Novice Hunter Program (NHP) provides people new to hunting with a solid foundation of knowledge and skills to instill the confidence that aids in future safe and enjoyable hunting experiences in Colorado.

The novice program includes classroom time, and the curriculum focuses on the fundamentals of pheasant biology, hunting techniques, firearms safety and hunting ethics, as well as practical exercises in the field.

But there's one thing that we can't give you, and that's experience. As part of this program, CPW leases some Walk-In Access properties specifically for novice hunters, to give an opportunity to hunt in good pheasant habitat in a relatively unpressured setting. These lands are not open to the general public and are available to you just for this hunting season.

There are some restrictions on how these lands can be hunted. We ask you to please abide by program regulations and property-specific rules while you are hunting. Remember to plan ahead and be safe. Good luck and have fun!

To hunt these special designated pheasant properties:

- 1. You must be a current-year graduate of the Novice Hunter Program must be present and actively hunting during all hunting activities.
- 2. Up to four additional licensed hunters may accompany and hunt with a graduate of the Novice Hunter Program.
- 3. A valid "student" hang tag must be hung from the rearview mirror from students' vehicles while they are hunting NHP WIA properties.
- 4. A valid "mentor" hang tag must be hung from the rearview mirror of vehicles carrying hunters accompanying an NHP student.
- 5. No more than two vehicles are allowed per NHP hunter.
- 6. Lands enrolled and posted as NHP Walk-In Access properties may be accessed from Nov. 9, 2024 through the end of February 2025. All hunting season dates must be followed.
- 7. Access shall be by foot only. Entry by horseback, motorized vehicle, or other means is prohibited.
- 8. Access is allowed for hunting only; all other activities are prohibited.

See additional walk-in hunting regulations on page 6.

SAFE HANDLING OF GAME MEAT

Concern has grown 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 CPW office for information on wildlife diseases that may be present where they plan to hunt.

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 CPW office.
- 2. Keep game cool, clean and dry.
- **3.** Do not eat, drink or smoke while dressing game.
- **4.** Use disposable gloves when cleaning game.
- Wash your hands with soap and water, or use alcohol wipes after dressing game.
- **6.** Clean all tools and surfaces immediately afterward. Use hot, soapy water, then disinfect with a 10 percent chlorine bleach solution.
- **7.** Cook game meat to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees F to kill disease organisms and parasites. Juices from adequately cooked game meat should be clear.
- 8. Do not eat any raw portions of wild game.
- 9. Do not feed raw wild game to domestic pets.

DONATING GAME MEAT

You can donate edible parts of wildlife to a like-license holder anywhere or to anyone at the recipient's home. A like-license is for the same species, sex, dates and manner of take as the donor's license. Bag and possession limits apply to donors and recipients and birds must be properly tagged. See the 2024 Small Game & Waterfowl brochure for more information.

NO HUNTING DURING ACTIVE HARVEST

To promote safe hunting and 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 are working in 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 hunters and CPW maintain excellent working relations with landowners and will contribute to keeping high-quality sprinkler corners open to public walk-in hunting.

WARNING! THIS PARCEL IS CLOSED TO WALK-IN ACCESS WHEN LANDOWNERS ARE ACTIVELY HARVESTING! Respect the Landowner, Respect the

BE A RESPONSIBLE HUNTER

The WIA program depends on private landowners enrolling property for walk-in hunting and maintaining good relations with those landowners and their neighbors. Here 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 their agents who may need to work on the property. Do not park along highways. Do not park in tall grassy or weedy areas where your vehicle's catalytic converter can cause a fire.
- ► **IF YOU SMOKE**, make sure to completely extinguish cigarettes. Do not smoke or extinguish cigarettes in grassy or weedy areas where you could cause a fire.
- ► DON'T LITTER OR CLEAN GAME 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.
- ► HUNTERS MUST WALK INTO WIA PROPERTIES. Access by vehicle, horseback or other means is prohibited.



Earn a reward payment for reporting wildlife violations by calling
Operation Game Thief Callers can remain appropriate

Operation Game Thief. Callers can remain anonymous.

(This number is not for information requests or emergencies.)

TO DONATE: co.accessgov.com/ogt/Forms/Page/ogt/payments/



GET THE LEAD OUT

 ${\it Colorado Department of Public Health \& Environment and Colorado Parks and Wildlife}$

Go to CDPHE.COLORADO.GOV/LEAD-HEALTH and click "For the public" to see the factsheets on Lead in Harvested Wild Game and Lead in Indoor Shooting and Firing Ranges.

From the field to the table, ensuring your next harvest is safe for your family and non-target wildlife is important. Health risks due to lead poisoning from consuming game meat are low for most people; however, switching to non-lead ammunition may be an option that's right for you. Science tells us that ingesting lead can cause potential human health problems over time.

Additionally, lead-based ammunition can cause adverse impacts on non-target wildlife from lead ingestion while scavenging.

Hunters themselves are conservationists, maintaining species populations and protecting habitats. By switching to non-lead ammunition, hunters can support wildlife by reducing the risk of lead poisoning to non-target wildlife such as eagles and other raptors. For more information on risks to wildlife, visit sportingleadfree.org/wildlife-human-health or huntingwithnonlead.org.

TO HELP REDUCE HUMAN AND WILDLIFE HEALTH IMPACTS, YOU CAN:

- 1. Use lead-free shot or bullets. There are many non-lead options now available.
- 2. Hunters who use lead ammunition should choose quality hunting-grade ammunition with a "bonded" or "partition" construction. Avoid frangible bullet types.
- 3. Use careful shot selection. Bullets that strike the lethal area (heart/lungs) are less likely to fragment than bullets that strike more heavily boned areas.
- 4. Bury or pack out your lead-shot gut piles to avoid lead ingestion by non-target wildlife.
- 5. Avoid eating game meat from animals harvested with lead bullets if you are pregnant. Children younger than 6 should also avoid it.

WALK-IN PROPERTY LAWS

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 1. Lands are open for public access one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. When hunting waterfowl, deer, elk and pronghorn, public access is allowed two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset.
- 2. Species of take will be restricted as follows:
 - a. Lands enrolled and posted as Regular, Late Cropland or Extended Season Walk-In Access properties are open for the take of all small game, furbearers, migratory game birds and Eurasian collared-doves, except Gambel's quail, Gunnison sage-grouse and greater sage-grouse.
 - b. Lands enrolled and posted as Big Game Walk-In Access properties are open for the take of deer, elk and pronghorn by hunters holding a valid license for the GMU in which the property lies.
- **3.** Public access is allowed:
 - a. From September 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 September 1 through the end of the mountain sharp-tailed grouse season annually, for all lands enrolled and posted as Grouse Walk-In Access properties.

- **d.** From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of March annually for lands enrolled and posted as Extended Walk-In Access properties.
- e. From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of February annually for lands enrolled and posted as Novice Hunter Program Walk-In Access properties.
 - 1. A current year's graduate of the Novice Hunter Program must be present and actively hunting with each group during all hunting
 - 2. Up to four additional hunters may accompany and hunt with a graduate of the Novice Hunter Program.
- f. From September 1 through the end of December annually for lands enrolled and posted as Big Game Walk-In Access properties.
- 4. Access shall be by foot only. Entry by horseback, motorized vehicle or other means is prohibited.
- 5. Access is allowed for hunting only; all other activities are prohibited.
- **6.** Access is prohibited as posted when the landowner is actively harvesting

WALK-IN PROPERTY SIGNS

There are a variety of Walk-In Access program boundary signs. Knowing what to look for in the field will help during your hunt.

WALK-IN **HUNTING AREA**

Walking Access for Small Game Hunting Only

September 1 – End of February

Does Not Allow Access for Big Game Hunting

Hunt only within field boundaries

ACCESS SIGNS in the field will have an access date of Sept. 1 through the end of Feb. that tell when the property is open for hunting.

WALK-IN **HUNTING AREA**

Walking Access for Small Game Hunting Only

Hunt only within field boundaries

PHEASANT SEASON

ACCESS SIGNS have an access date of "The opening day of pheasant season" through the end of Feb. Properties that are posted to open on the opening day of pheasant season cannot be accessed prior to Nov. 9, 2024.

WALK-IN **HUNTING AREA**

Walking Access for Small Game Hunting Only

Opening Day of - End of March Does Not Allow Access for Big Game Hunting



Hunt only within field boundaries

EXTENDED ACCESS

properties are posted to close at the end of March, annually. These signs have an access date of "The opening day of pheasant season" through the end of March. These properties cannot be accessed

prior to Nov. 9, 2024.

WAI K-IN **HUNTING AREA**

PARKING AREA NO VEHICLES BEYOND

FOOT ACCESS ONLY



PARKING SIGNS

designate where hunters should park at some walk-in areas. The 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

NO SHOOTING BEHIND THIS SIGN



SAFETY ZONE SIGNS

are common on or near WIA properties. These signs are used to delineate safety zones around buildings, homesteads, livestock corrals or neighboring landowners' homes and properties. Please respect safety zone signs wherever you find them posted.

WARNING!

THIS PROPERTY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR



CLOSED! DO NOT HUNT IF FIELDS **HAVE YELLOW**

"WARNING!" SIGNS. Rarely, it is necessary to

remove a property from the WIA program after this brochure is printed. When that happens, boundary signs are replaced with yellow warning signs to notify hunters the property is no longer available for

walk-in hunting. Remember, if you find a WIA property listed in the brochure but boundary signs are not present at the field corners, please do not hunt that field!

WALK-IN HUNTING AREA

Walking Access for Small Game Hunting ber 1 – End of Fel

Big Game Hunting Allowed for Properly Licensed Hunters



BIG GAME ACCESS PROGRAM

CPW and partnering landowners are offering big game hunting access on many Walk-In Access (WIA) properties in Eastern Colorado. Properties that allow big-game hunting are yellow in the WIA maps in this brochure. These properties will be signed with yellow WIA boundary signs in the field. These properties are open for big-game hunting to properly licensed hunters during established big-game seasons from Sept. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2024, and to small-game hunting from Sept. 1, 2024 through Feb. 29, 2025 Big-game hunters must possess a valid pronghorn, deer or elk license valid for the Game Management Unit (GMU) in which the Walk-In Access property lies. All normal WIA regulations apply. All big-game hunting regulations apply.

NEW RECREATIONAL USE WARNING SIGNS

NEW In 2024 hunters will now see this sign in conjunction with traditional Walk-In Access boundary signs. Colorado law now requires landowners to post a warning sign to maintain a landowner's statutory protection against indemnity in the case that a person is injured while recreating, as granted under Colorado's Recreational Use Statute (CRUS). For your recreational purposes,-- the landowner has opened their land to recreational hunting as part of the Walk-In Access Program; however, the landowner has made no guarantee that the property is "safe".

WARNING!

YOU ARE ENTERING THIS LAND FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, IF YOU LEAVE THE DESIGNATED TRAIL, ROUTE, AREA, OR ROADWAY, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TRESPASSING THERE ARE INHERENT DANGERS AND RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH USING THIS LAND THAT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH, INCLUDING CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS, OPEN AND OBVIOUS VARIATIONS IN STEEPNESS, SURFACE CONDITIONS, AND CONSISTENCY OF TERRAIN, SUCH AS FOREST GROWTH, ROCKS, STUMPS WATERWAYS, STREAMBEDS, CLIFFS, EXTREME TERRAIN, AND TREES: WILDLIFE: AND MINING OR AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES. STRUCTURES, REMNANTS, EQUIPMENT, OR OPERATIONS.

SEASON DATES

Select big-and small-game season dates are included within this atlas for your convenience; however, all season dates are not listed.

A complete synopsis of the big-game hunting season dates can be found in the 2024 Colorado Big Game brochure, while the complete small-game hunting season dates can be found in the 2024 Small Game & Waterfowl brochure. These brochures are available at license agents, CPW offices and online in downloadable PDF and interactive, searchable formats at cpw.info/big-game-brochure and cpw.info/small-game-brochure.

SMALL-GAME SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS

► PHEASANT

SEASON 1: Nov. 9–Jan. 31, 2025 **AREA:** East of I-25

SEASON 2: Nov. 9–Jan. 5, 2025 **AREA:** West of I-25

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 3 cocks **POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9 cocks



Pheasant © Jerry Neal, CPW

NORTHERN BOBWHITE, SCALED SEASON 1: Nov. 9–Jan. 31, 2025 AREA: East of I-25 and south of I-70 from I-25 to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas, and the parts of the following counties

36 from Byers to Kansas, and the parts of the following counties that are west of I-25: Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano, El Paso and Las Animas counties.

SEASON 2: Nov. 9–Jan. 5, 2025 **AREA:** East of I-25 and north of I-70 from I-25 east to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas.

SEASON 3: Nov. 9–Jan. 5, 2025 **AREA:** West of I-25 except those areas west of I-25 in Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano, El Paso and Las Animas counties.

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 8 of each species **POSSESSION LIMIT:** 24 of each species

➤ SQUIRREL: FOX, PINE SEASON: Oct. 1-end of Feb. 2025 DAILY BAG LIMIT: 5 of each species POSSESSION LIMIT: 10 of each species



Pine squirrel © Wayne Lewis, CPW

- ► COTTONTAIL RABBIT
- **► SNOWSHOE HARE**
- ► JACKRABBIT: WHITE-TAILED, BLACK-TAILED

SEASON: Oct. 1-end of Feb. 2025 **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 10 of each

species

POSSESSION LIMIT: 20 of each species



Jackrabbit © Wayne Lewis, CPW

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

Legal hunting times for big game are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, unless specifically restricted. Legal times to hunt small game are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. An exception is made for furbearers, which can be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Refer to the 2024/2025 Sunrise Sunset table on page 4 of the 2024 Small Game & Waterfowl Brochure.

BIG-GAME SEASON DATES

► DEER

PLAINS ARCHERY SEASON: Oct. 1–25, Nov. 6–30, Dec. 15–31* GMUs: 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 116, 117, 122, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 143, 144,

145, 146, 147, 951 **SEASON:** Oct. 1–25, Nov. 6–Dec. 31*

GMUs: 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 128, 133, 134, 135

SEASON: Oct. 1–Nov. 30, Dec. 15–31*

PLAINS MUZZLELOADER

GMUs: 142

SEASON: Oct. 12–20* **GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

PLAINS RIFLE

SEASON: Oct. 26–Nov. 5* **GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

LATE PLAINS RIFLE

SEASON: Dec. 1–14* **GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 116, 117, 122, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951



Mule deer buck © Wavne Lewis, CPW

► PRONGHORN PLAINS RIFLE

SEASON: Oct. 5–13*

GMUs: 87, 88, 89, 90, 93, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

SEASON: Nov. 1–Dec. 31* (doe) **GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 95, 951

SEASON: Dec. 1–14* (doe) **GMUs:** 97

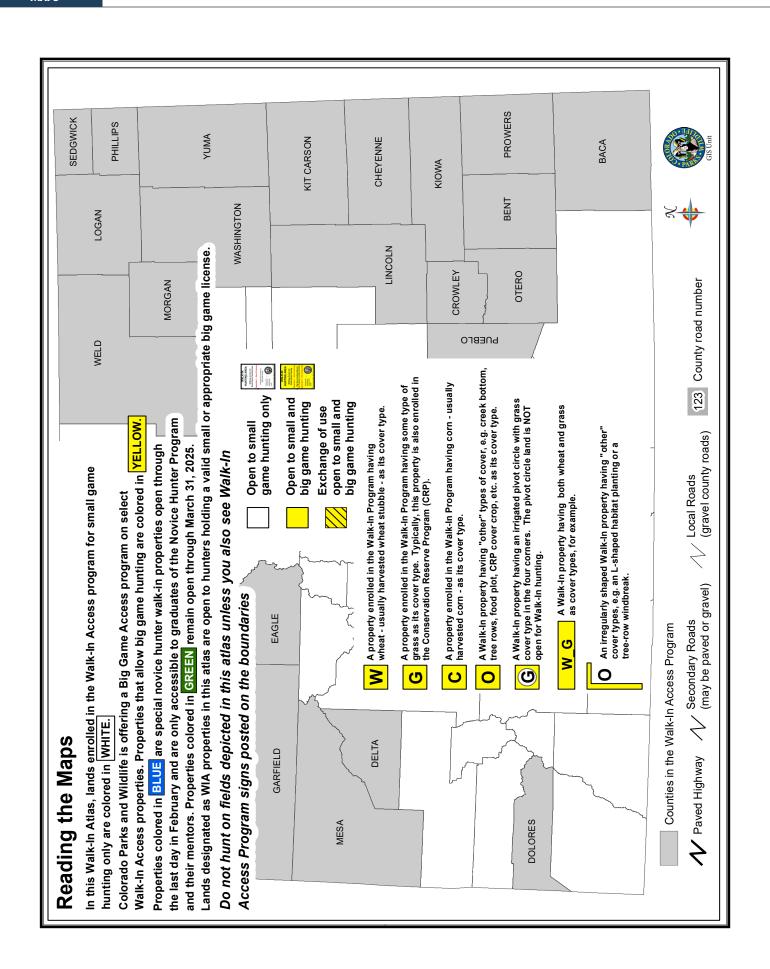
SEASON: Dec. 1–31* (doe) **GMUs:** 105, 110, 111, 116, 117, 118, 119, 122, 123, 124, 127, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 143, 144, 145,

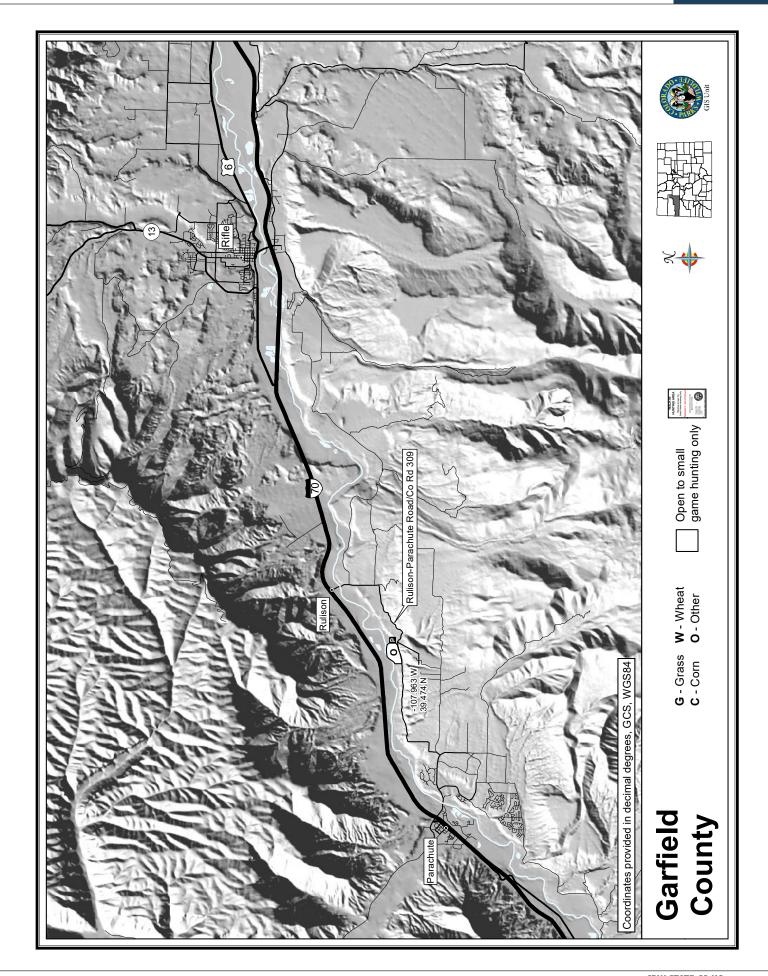
SEASON: Dec. 7-11* (doe) **GMUs:** 128, 127, 133, 134, 140, 141,

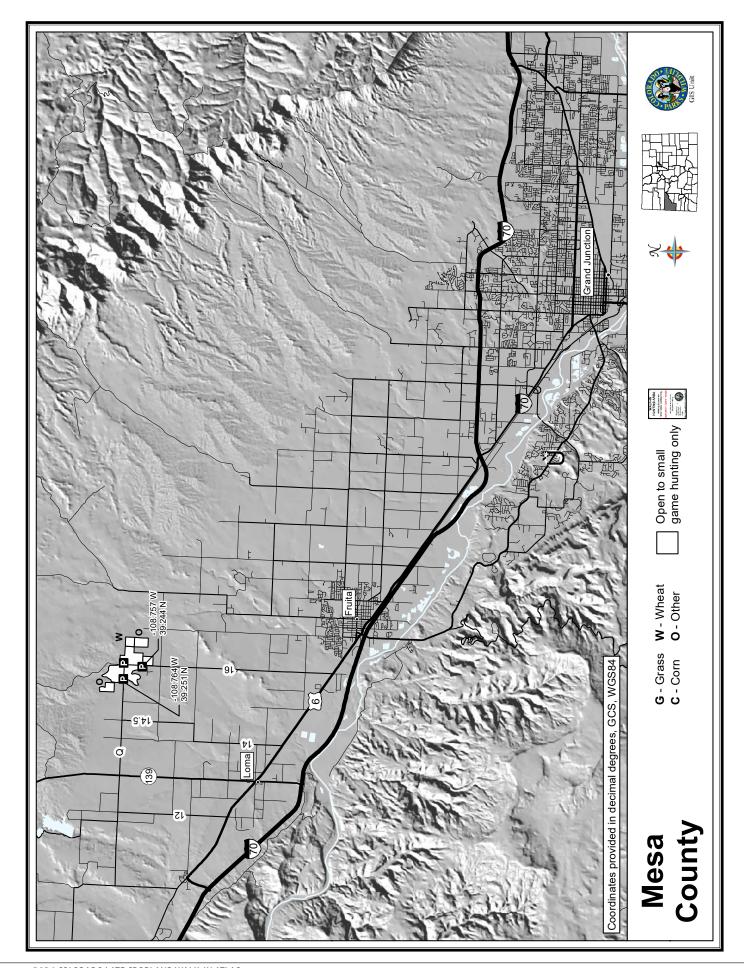
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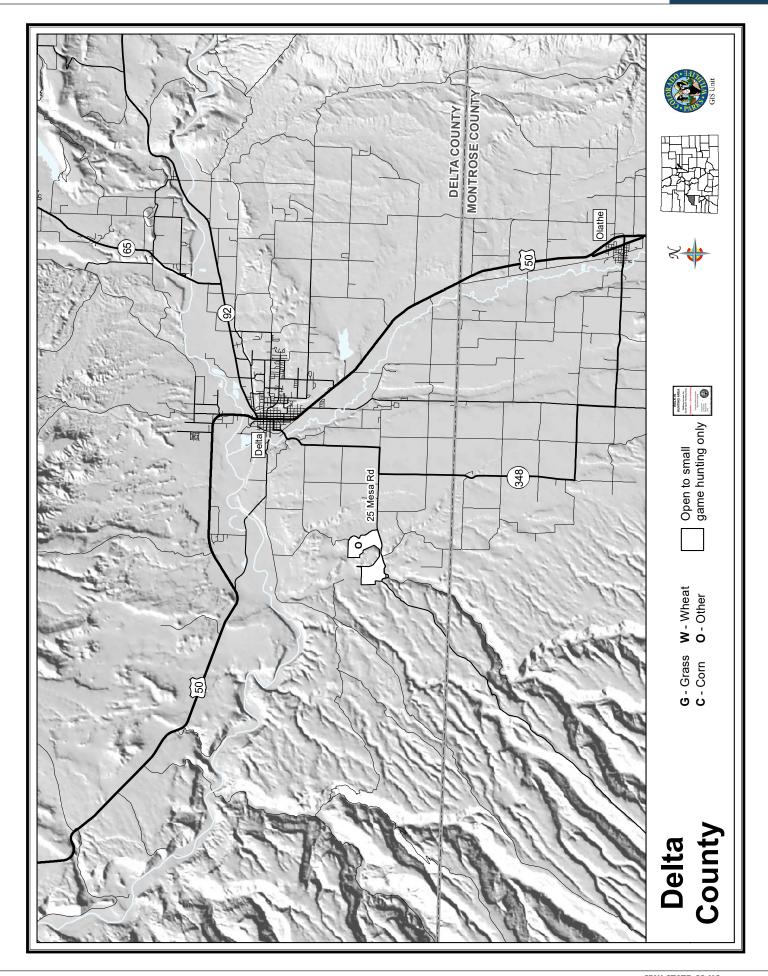
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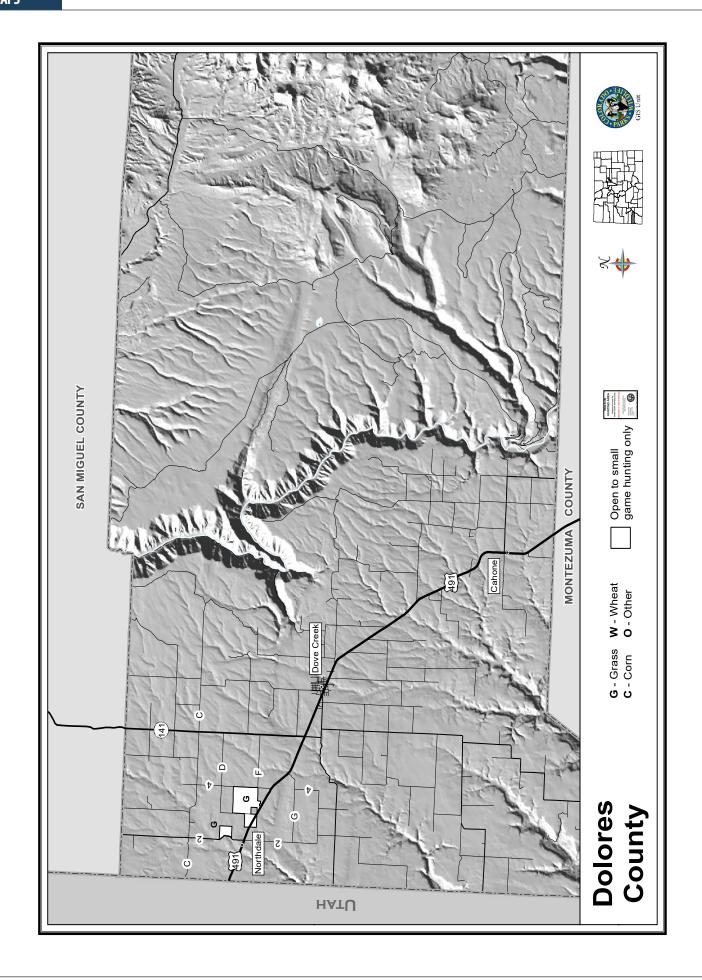


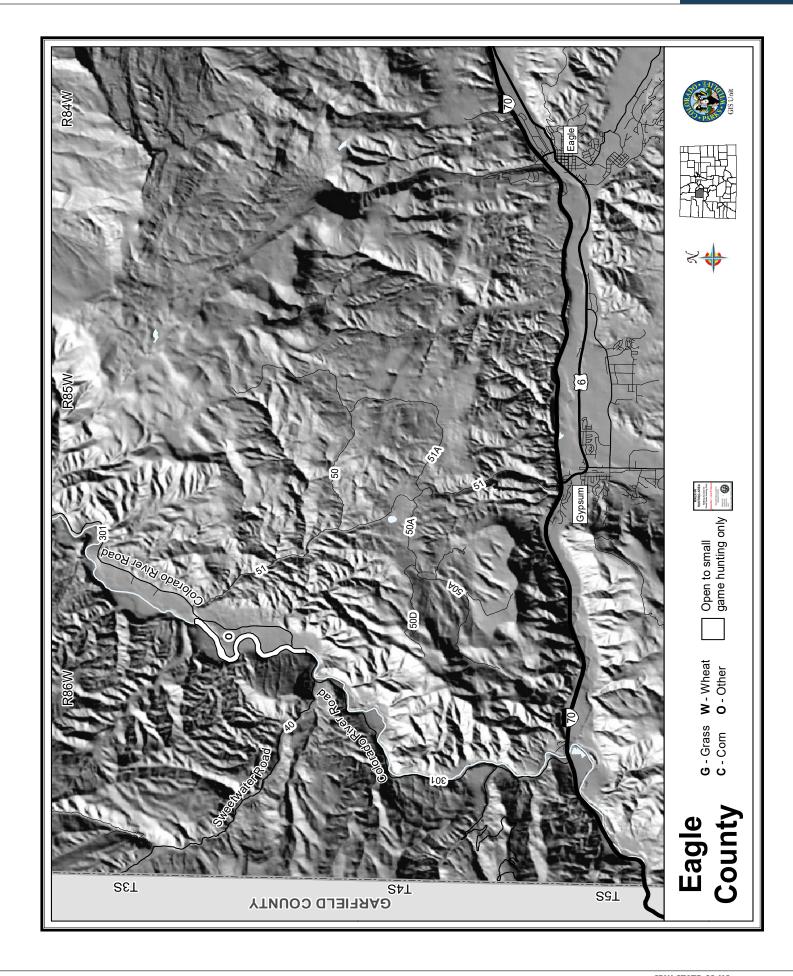


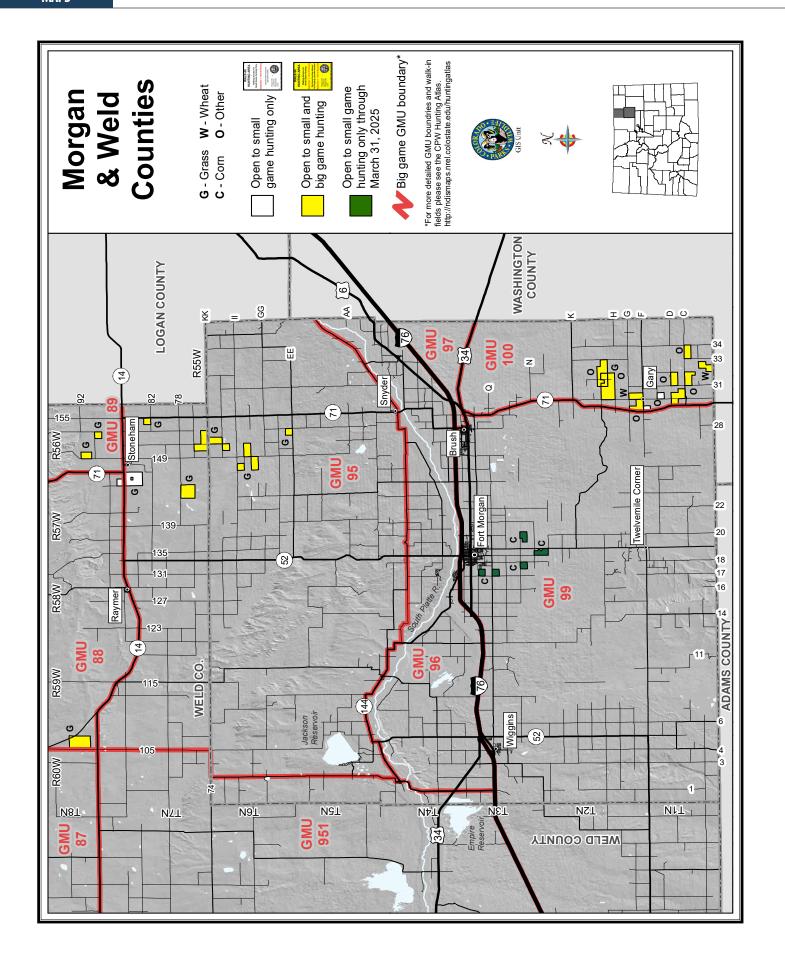


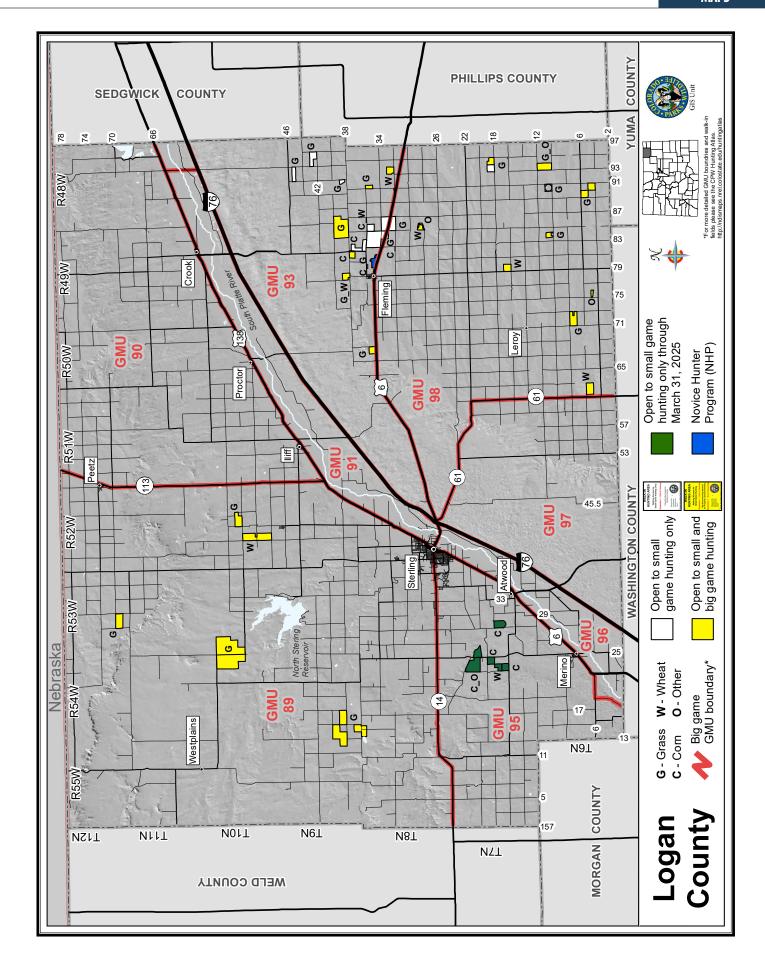


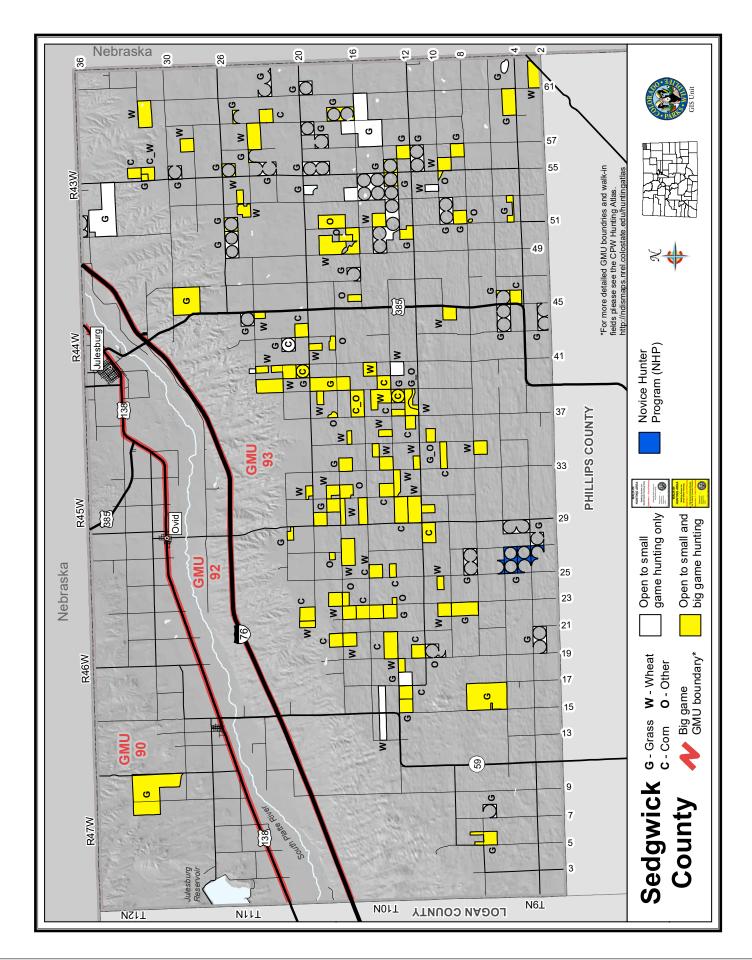


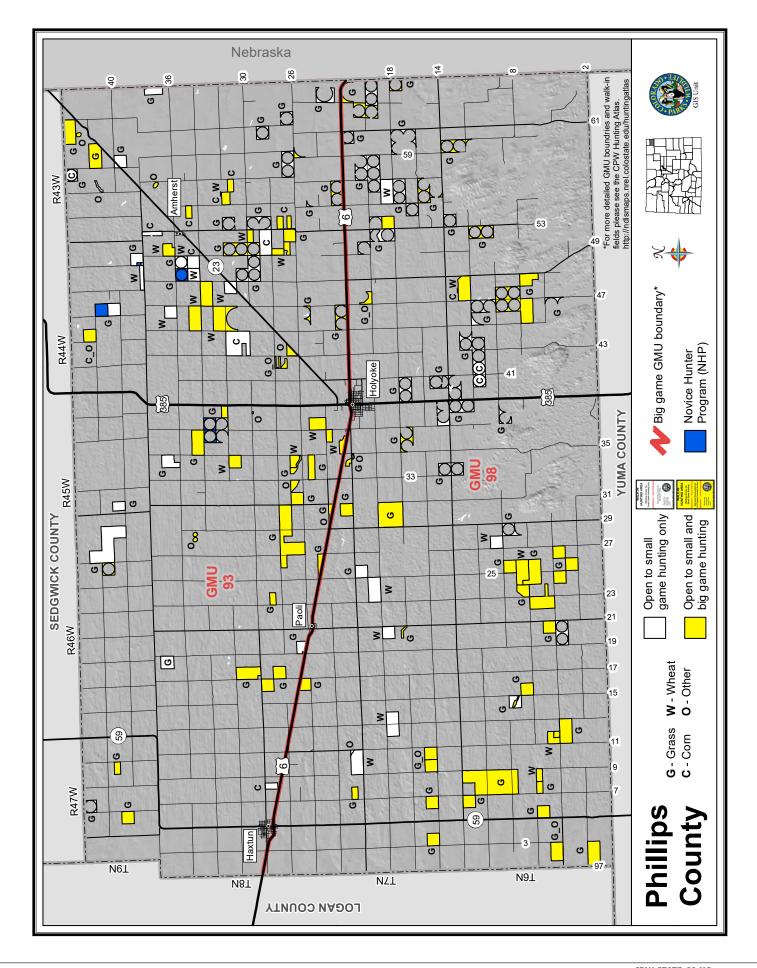


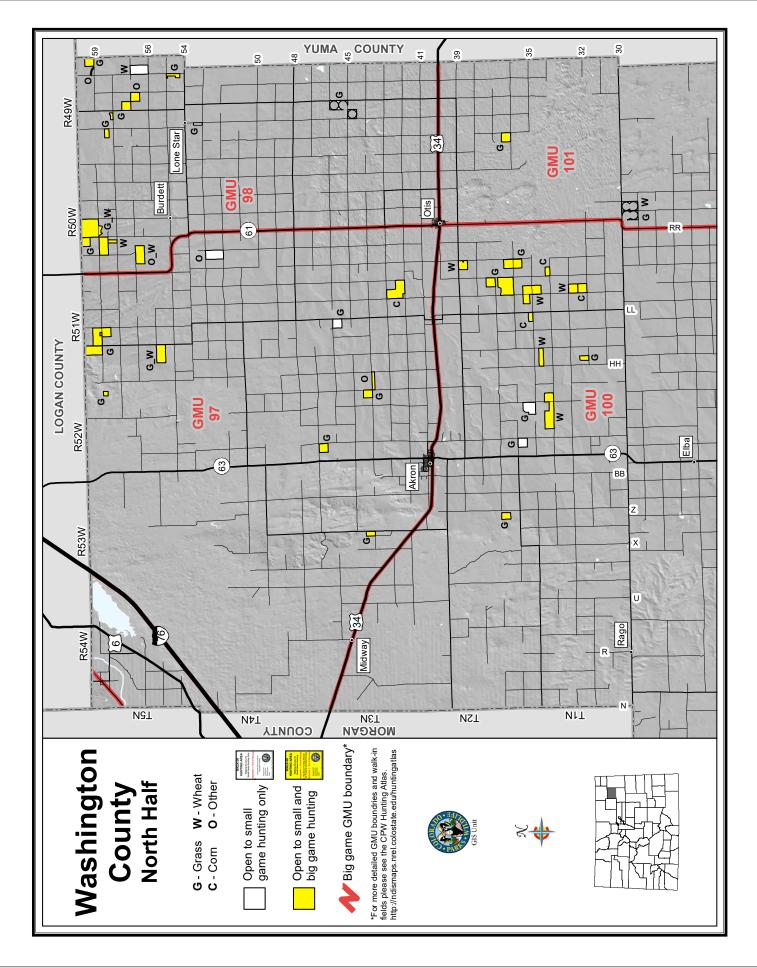


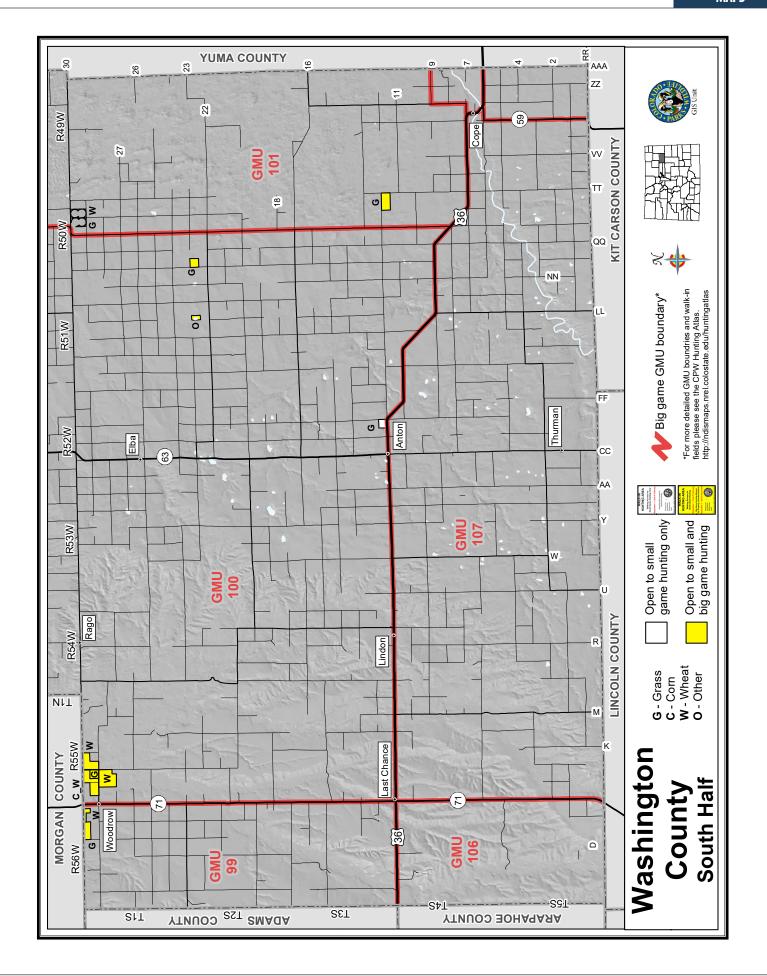


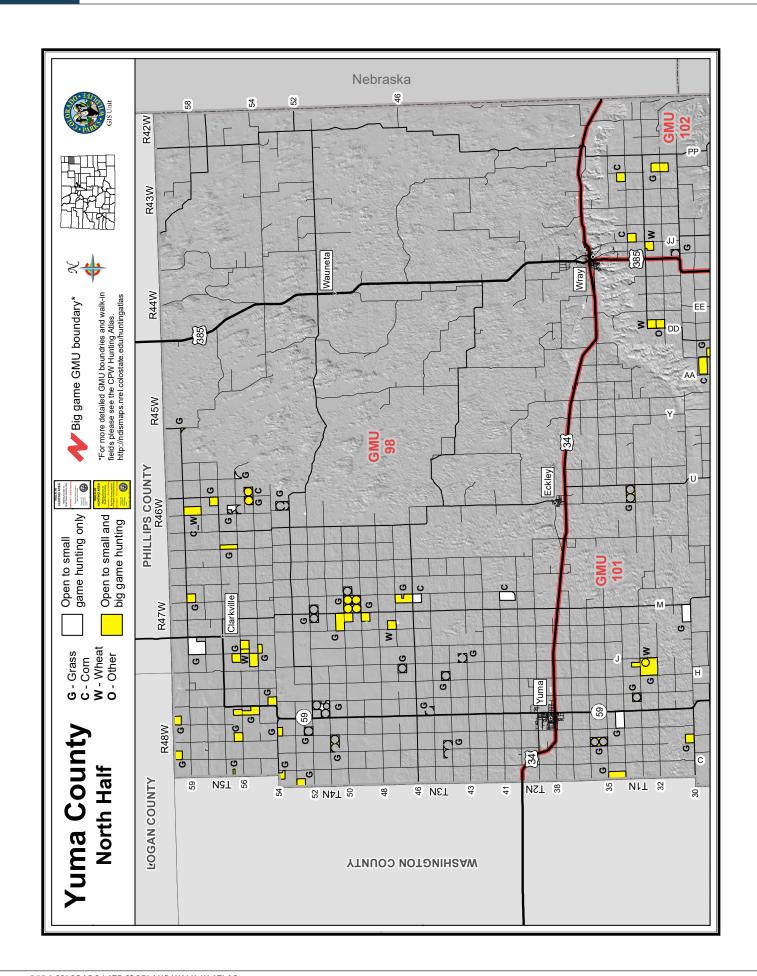


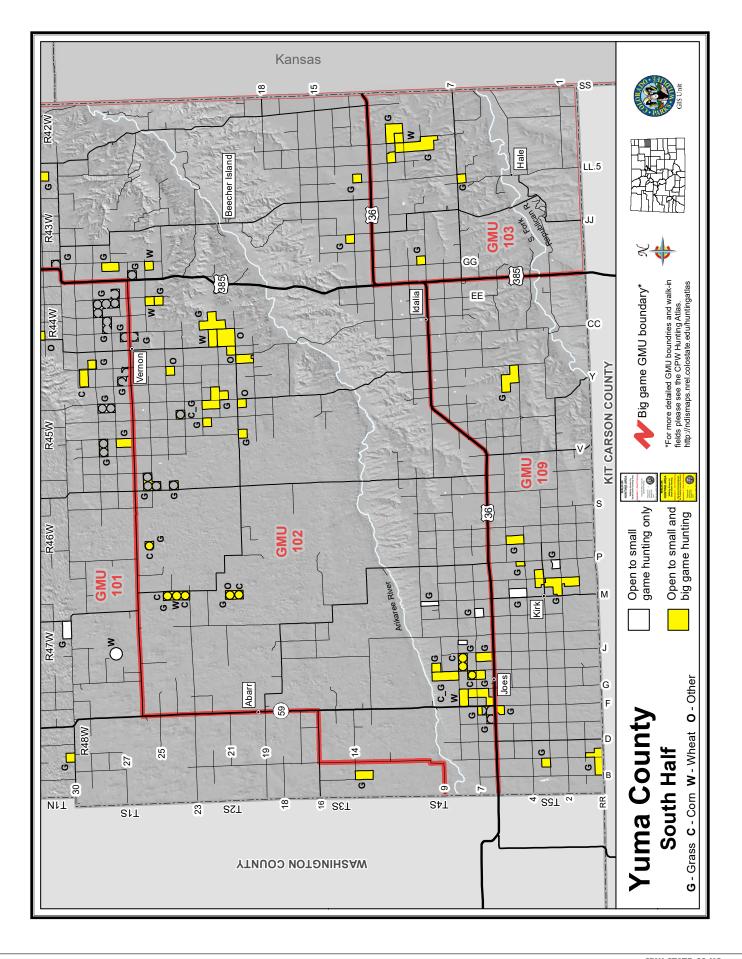


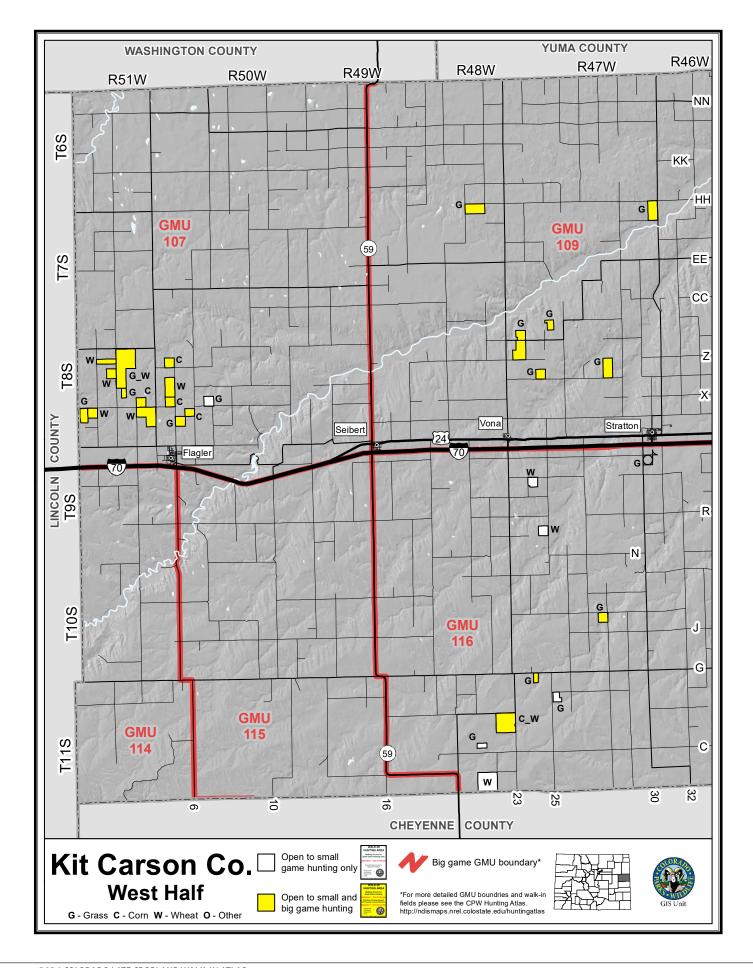


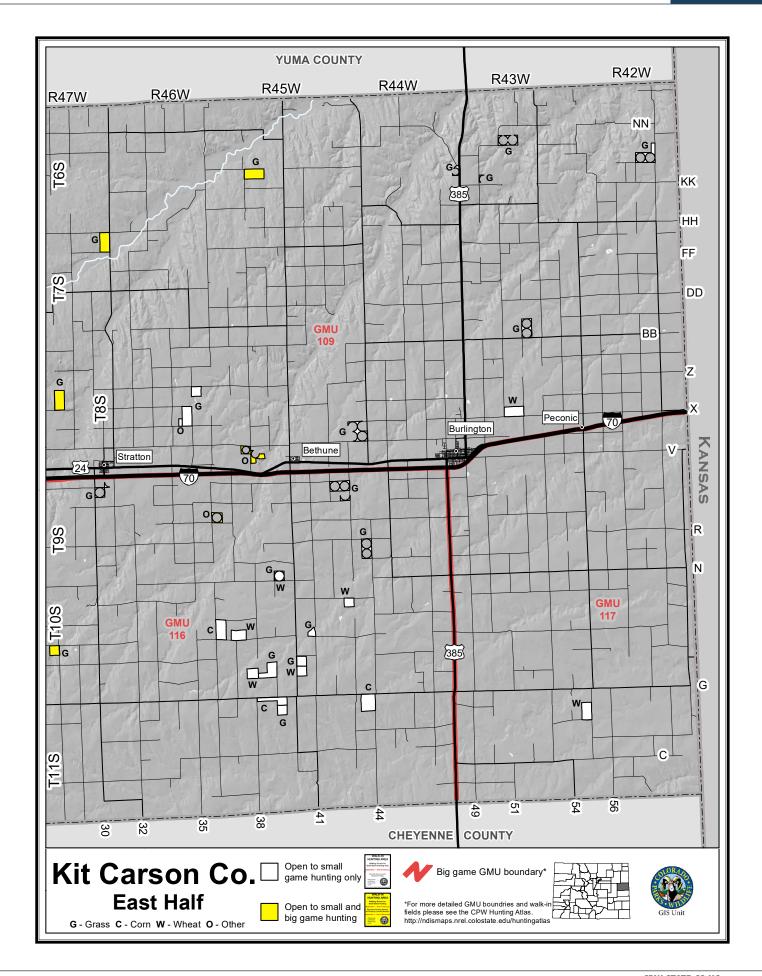


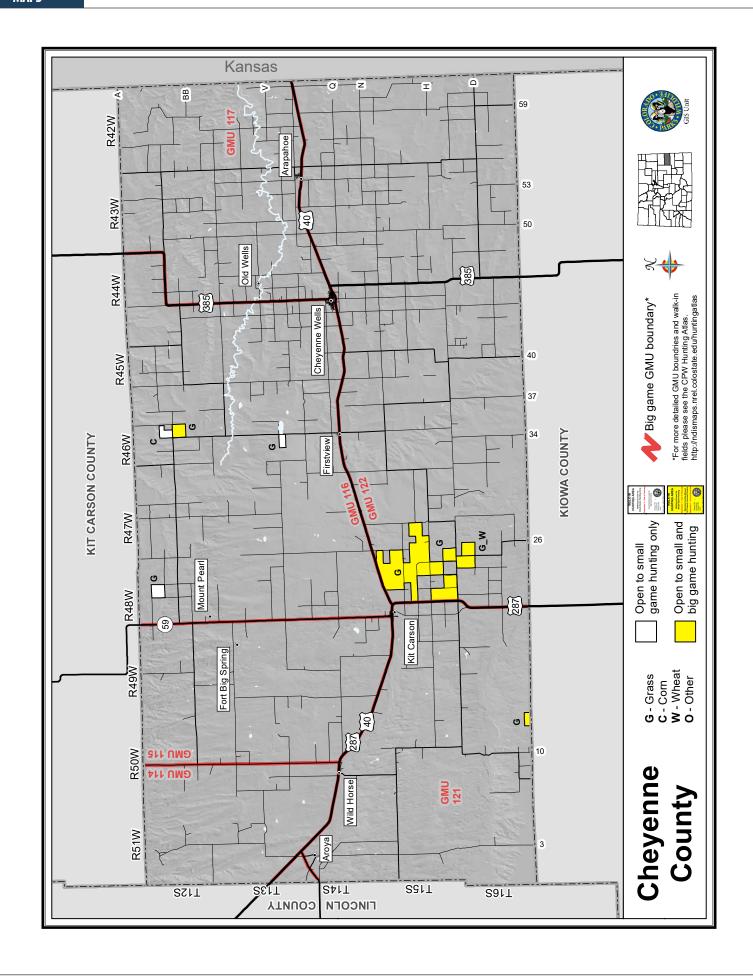


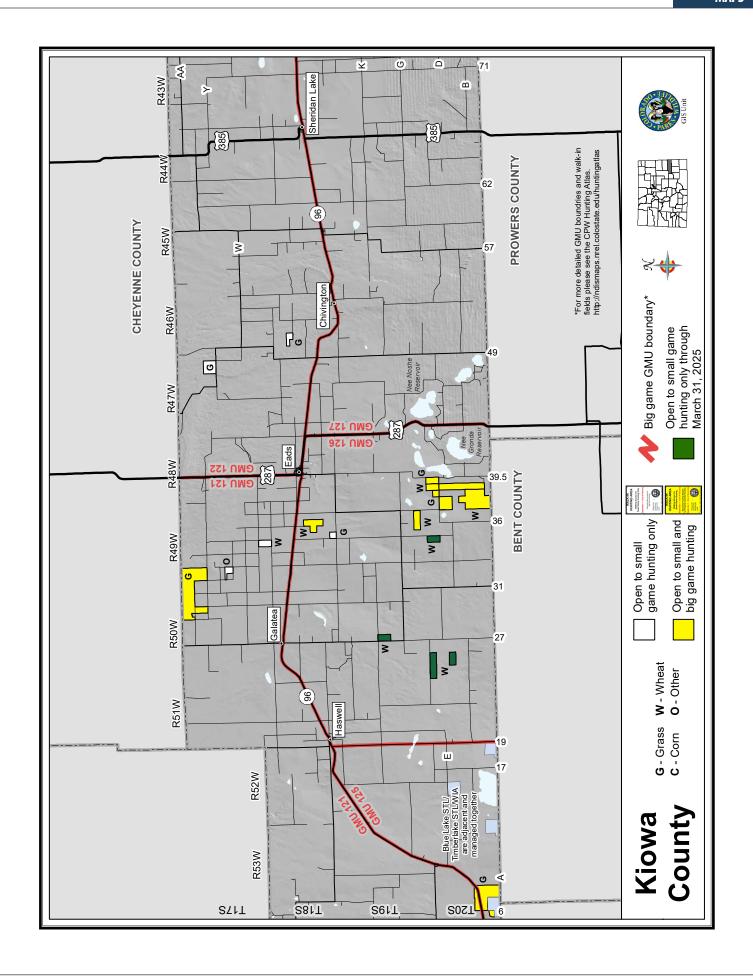


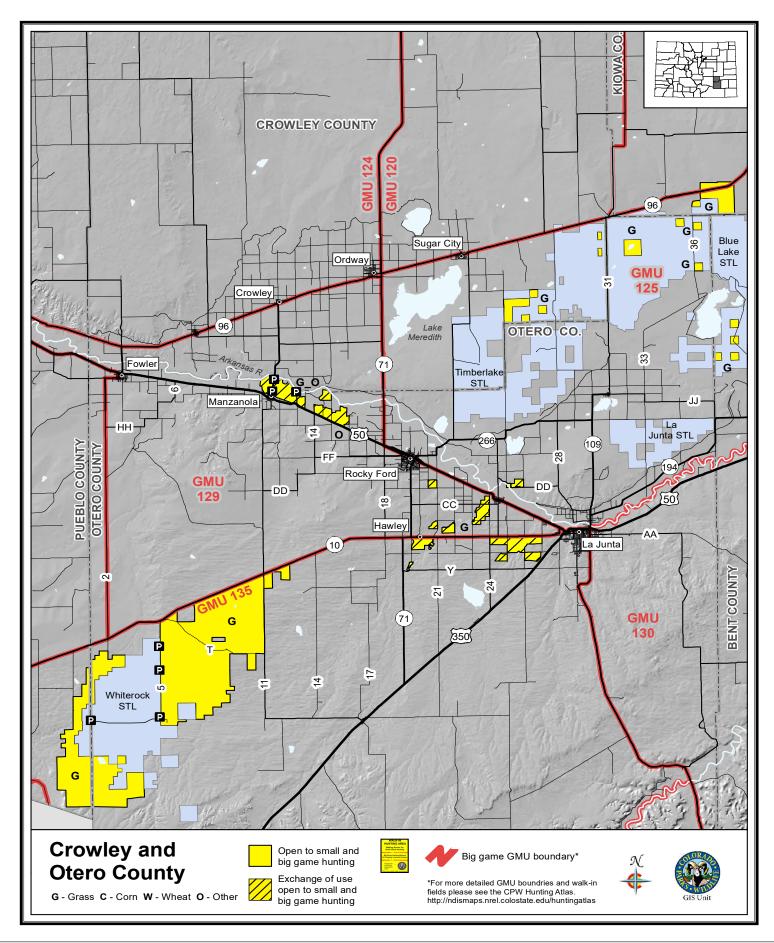


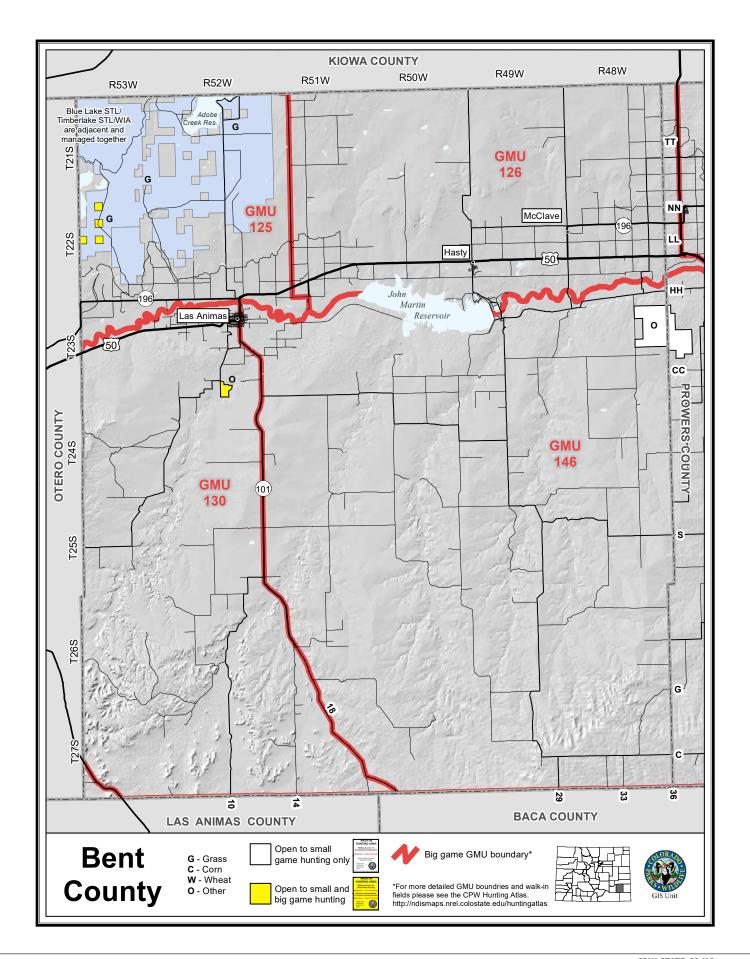


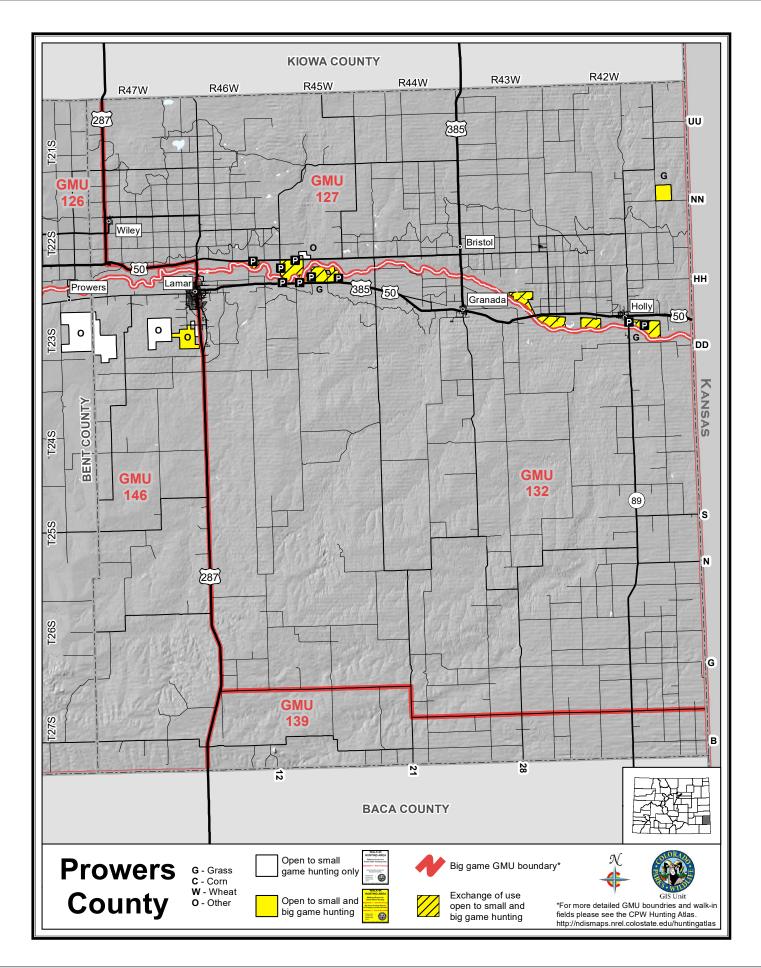


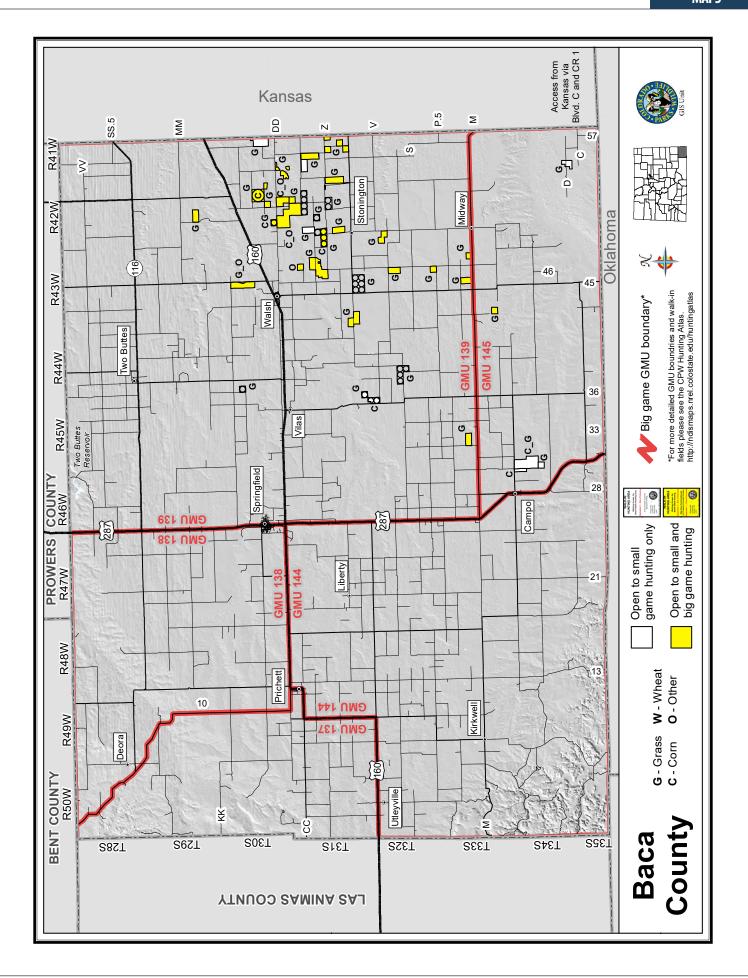














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