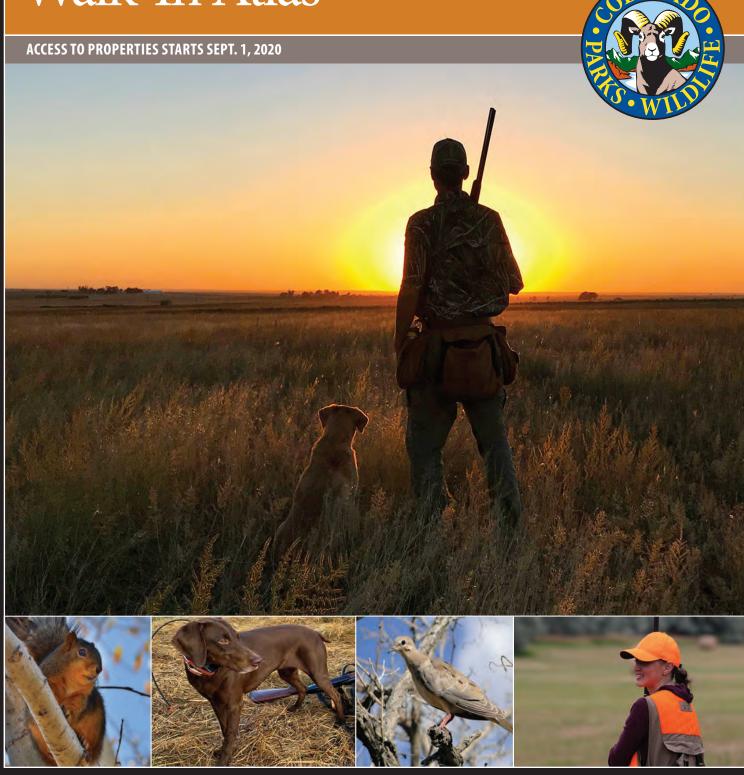
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### **CPW REGIONAL AND AREA** OFFICE LOCATIONS

### **ADMINISTRATION**

1313 Sherman St., #618 Denver, 80203 303-297-1192

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28167 County Road T Brush, 80723 970-842-6300

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2300 S. Townsend Ave. Montrose, 81401 970-252-6000

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600 Reservoir Road Pueblo, 81005 719-561-5300

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### WHAT'S NEW: 2020

- ► VALID DATES FOR ANNUAL LICENSES & HABITAT STAMPS HAVE CHANGED: Annual hunting and fishing licenses (such as fishing, small game, furbearer, resident combo small game/fishing) and Habitat Stamps will be valid March 1-March 31 of the following year (13 months), instead of April 1–March 31.
- ▶ NEW FURBEARER HARVEST PERMIT COMING IN 2021: To hunt furbearers beginning with the March 1, 2021-March 31, 2022, annual license year, you will need to purchase either:
  - a furbearer license (to harvest furbearers **ONLY**), or;
  - a small-game license (including daily small-game licenses and resident smallgame/fishing combo licenses) AND NEW a \$10 annual furbearer harvest **permit**. This will allow you to hunt all small-game and furbearer species. If you only want to hunt small game and aren't interested in hunting furbearers, you'll purchase a small-game license only. Go online to get more information on how the new furbearer harvest permit will work: **cpw.state.** co.us/smallgame
- ▶ NEW RESIDENT SENIOR LICENSE OPTIONS: Resident seniors (65+) can now purchase an annual small-game/fishing combo license for \$29.75. Resident senior lifetime fishing license holders can now make their license an annual small-game/fishing combo for \$21.65. See license fee table below.

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SMALL GAME  ► Habitat Stamp (required, ages 18—64)	RESIDENT \$10.13	
► Small Game (includes furbearers until March 1, 20		
► Small Game (one-day)	\$13.90	\$16.94
► Small Game (additional-day)	\$6.81	\$6.81
➤ Youth Small Game & Furbearer (under 18)		
➤ Small Game & Fishing Combo ➤ Furbearer License Only		
( NEW Furbearer Harvest Permit		
Available in 2021. Check online for details:		
► Colorado Waterfowl Stamp	\$10.13	\$10.13
► Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp		
► NEW Senior Small Game/Fishing Combo (Residents age 65 and older)  ► NEW Senior Annual Small Game for	\$29.75	n/a
Lifetime Fishing License Holders(Resident senior lifetime disability and low-incom	\$21.65 e fishing license holder	n/a s only)
► NEW First Responder Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo	FREE	n/a
(Resident only, permanent occupational disability  ▶ Disabled Veterans Lifetime License		n/a
(60 percent or more disability, see page 2)		
► Band-tailed Pigeon Permit	\$5	\$5

### **BIG GAME**

### ▶ Deer

Resident adult	\$40 <b>.2</b> 4
Resident youth	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo	\$401.83
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$102.78

### ► Elk

Resident adult	\$55.43
Resident youth	\$15.68
Nonresident bull/fishing combo	\$670.25
Nonresident either-sex/fishing combo	
Nonresident cow/fishing combo	\$503.12
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$102.78

### ► Pronghorn

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Resident adult	\$40.24
Resident youth	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo	\$401.83
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	

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

### WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE

See page 2 for details

- PROPER IDENTIFICATION and PROOF of residency (for Colorado residents).
- **PROOF** of hunter education.
- **HABITAT STAMP:** A 2020 (\$10.13) or lifetime (\$304.11) Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18-64.
  - NOTE: A Social Security number is required for hunters age 12 and older.

### LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Hunters must have an annual youth small-game, small-game (annual, 1-day or additional day) annual combo small-game/fishing license or furbearer license. Hunters must carry their license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers.
- 2. Annual fishing, small-game and furbearer licenses, as well as Colorado Waterfowl Stamps and Habitat Stamps, are valid March 1 through March 31 of the following year (13 months). Lifetime small-game and fishing combination licenses are valid as long as you are a Colorado resident.
- 3. In order to hunt small game in any seasons that continue beyond March 31, 2021, you must purchase a 2021 small-game license.
- **4. TO HUNT AND TAKE SMALL GAME,** you need a small-game license, a combination small-game/fishing or a lifetime small-game/fishing license. Small-game hunters must register with HIP before their first hunt. See details about the Harvest Information Program (HIP) on page 2.
- 5. TO HUNT EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES, and other invasive species, you must have a hunter education card; however, a hunting license is not required.
- **6. TO HUNT FURBEARERS,** you must have a small-game or furbearer license. NEW These requirements will change March 1, 2021. See the 2020 Small Game/Waterfowl brochure for more information.
- **7.TO HUNT COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES**, you need a small-game or fishing license.
- **8. TO HUNT COYOTES,** you need a small-game or furbearer license. (Also see number 6 above). During big-game seasons, if you have an unfilled big-game license for the same season and unit, you may hunt coyote without a smallgame or furbearer license. You must use the same method of take for coyotes 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 coyotes, and if using a rifle, it must be .23 caliber or smaller.
- 9. TO HUNT WATERFOWL, you need a small-game hunting license. If you are 16 or older, you also must have a \$25 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) AND a \$10.13 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. The gumback stamp is available online for \$5 and is not valid for hunting: cpw. state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/Waterfowl.aspx

FEDERAL DUCK STAMP: The federal stamp is available after July 1 online, by phone and at select post offices (fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck**stamp.php**). It is valid when you sign your name in ink across the face of the stamp. It is also available at CPW offices and sales agents. When purchased at state outlets, an electronic stamp is issued. This instantly gives you a unique code that is valid for 45 days from the date of issue, sufficient time for the gum-backed stamp to arrive in the mail.

A federal stamp is not required to take light geese during the conservation order season.

- **10. TO HUNT SANDHILL CRANES,** a separate federal permit number, available through HIP (see page 2), is required.
- **11. 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.
- 12. If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only that area.
- 13. Licenses are not transferable.
- 14. False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.
- 15. Lost or destroyed licenses can be replaced by buying a new one or signing an affidavit and paying half the license fee, not to exceed \$25. Forms are available at CPW offices, state parks, authorized sales agents and online.

### 1 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.
- ➤ 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 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 (including your spouse/dependents). Residency begins the date the orders begin.
- b. Proof: Military ID and 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 (including your spouse/dependents).
- b. Proof: Military ID and 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 cpw.state.co.us/HunterEd

### **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.
- 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.state.co.us/ HunterEdTestOut
- 2. A one-time 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: cpw.state.co.us/ apprenticecertificate

### 3 HABITAT STAMPS cpw.state.co.us/habitatstamp

Habitat Stamps are **REQUIRED** for hunters and cost \$10.13; only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. NEW Habitat Stamps are now valid March 1–March 31 of the following year (13 months).

- ► A lifetime stamp is \$304.11.
- ► 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 holds a free resident lifetime fishing license, a resident disabled veteran lifetime or NEW resident first responder lifetime combo small-game/fishing license, or are approved for the Big Game Mobility Impaired Hunting Program is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See: cpw.state.co.us/accessibility

### HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)

Small-game, furbearer and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with HIP each year before their license is valid. You can get a 2020–2021 HIP number beginning on April 1 but can get a HIP number anytime after April 1, as long as it's before you hunt small game during the 2020–2021 season. Write the new HIP number on your license.

To sign up with HIP, call 1-866-265-6447 (1-866-COLO-HIP), or go to www.colohip.com. 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. A season means Sept. 1 through March 15 of the next year. This information helps CPW manage migratory bird and resident small-game species by improving harvest estimates.

### 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 \$1.26. 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.

CPW offers several licenses for hunters and anglers with disabilities. Go to cpw.state. co.us/accessibility for more license information and how to apply. These licenses require advance legal paperwork submissions.

### RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

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

### RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Colorado residents who are disabled first responders and have proof of a permanent occupational disability 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.** You must take edible parts of game meat home to eat or provide it 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.

### **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 2020 Small Game & Waterfowl brochure for more information.

### NO HUNTING THESE BIRDS ON WIA LANDS



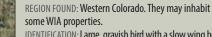
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### **GAMBEL'S QUAIL**

REGION FOUND: Western Colorado, primarily in the Grand and Uncompander 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.

### **SAGE-GROUSE**



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.



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### 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.

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.
- **5.** 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.

### **REPORT POACHERS**

OPERATION GAME THIEF: 1-877-265-6648 EMAIL: GAME.THIEF@STATE.CO.US Earn a reward payment for reporting wildlife violations by calling Operation Game Thief. Callers can remain anonymous. (This number is not for information requests or emergencies.)



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **BIRD SPECIES IDENTIFICATION**

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

**NOTE:** While in the field or during transport, all dressed (not fully feathered) doves, including Eurasian collared-doves, count against the daily bag and possession limit for mourning and white-winged doves during the Sept. 1–Nov. 29 dove season. Eurasian collared-doves must be fully feathered while in the field or during transport at all other times.

### **HUNTING INVASIVE BIRDS**

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES, EUROPEAN STARLINGS AND HOUSE (ENGLISH) SPARROWS are considered invasive species in Colorado. Because of this designation, these species may be hunted year-round. No license or Habitat Stamp is required to hunt invasive species; however hunters must have and carry with them a hunter education card.

Hunters may harvest any number of each of these species and by any method of take approved for big- or small-game hunting. These

species may be taken at night with the use of artificial light and night vision equipment.

Commercial hunting of invasive species is prohibited, as is receiving or attempting to receive compensation by hunting these species.

Eurasian collared-doves must remain fully feathered while in the field or during transport, except when counted as part of the mourning or white-winged dove bag and possession limit during the dove season that runs from Sept. 1–Nov. 29. See page 7 for season dates and bag limits.

### **ENROLL YOUR PROPERTY**

Are you interested in enrolling your land in the Walk-In Access program? CPW wants to enroll quality hunting lands across the state. To offer land for the 2020–2021 season, please contact a CPW office for details. See office listings on inside cover.

### WATCH FOR BANDED BIRDS

Wildlife managers need help gathering information about the migratory bird populations.

If you kill or find a banded bird, please report it to the USGS Bird Banding Lab:

www.reportband.gov



### **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.



2020 Collector Waterfowl Stamp Available Now!

PURCHASE STAMPS & PRINTS ONLINE: www.cpwshop.com

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **SMALL-GAME SURVEYS**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife conducts several small-game harvest surveys annually to estimate harvest, hunter numbers and recreation days, in addition to assessing satisfaction and crowding. Past surveys are available on the CPW website at **cpw.state.co.us/small-game-stats**, and updated reports are available after annual surveys conclude. Hunters are selected randomly to participate. Small-game surveys are by telephone or by email. If contacted, your participation is not required, but responding — even if you did not hunt or harvest an animal — helps CPW manage small game.

### **NOVICE HUNTER PROGRAM**

CPW has identified some properties as Novice Hunter Walk-In Access Properties. Please see the Late Cropland Walk-In Atlas for more details, or visit our website at cpw.state.co.us/novicehunterprogram.

### **BIG-GAME HUNTING**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife expanded the big game access component within the Walk-In Access Program (WIA) to the entire eastern plains, totaling approximately 109,000 acres for big game in 2019.

The big game program will allow public access to specified Colorado WIA properties for deer, elk and antelope hunting within specified big game season dates, from Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2020.

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 2021, 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. All big-game properties are enrolled for the Regular Walk-in Access Brochure.



Cocklebur plant, Photo by © Elizabeth Brown, CPW

### **BEWARE OF HITCHHIKING SEEDS**

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

## **GET THE LEAD OUT**

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and Colorado Parks and Wildlife

### SEE THE CDPHE PUBLIC HEALTH STATEMENT: WWW.COLORADO.GOV/PACIFIC/CDPHE/LEAD-IN-WILD-GAME

From the field to the table, ensuring your next harvest 1. Use lead-free shot or bullets. is safe for your family is important. Switching from lead bullets may be an option that's right for you. Science tells us ingesting lead can cause potential health problems over time. Risks are low for most people; however, you can also:

- 2. Choose a firearm with lower-velocity bullets, so bullet fragments don't scatter as far into the wound. Liberally trim and discard meat damaged by the bullet when you process an animal.
- 3. Clean your meat grinder between each animal. Lead is soft and can go through your grinder, contaminating an entire batch of ground meat. If you don't grind the meat yourself, speak with your commercial processor about their equipment cleaning process between animals.
- 4. 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
- 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 small-game 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.





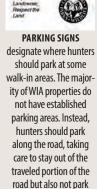
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**HUNTING AREA** 



prior to Nov. 14, 2020.

WALK-IN



in tall weeds and grass

where a fire hazard exists.

WALK-IN

**HUNTING AREA** 

PARKING AREA



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.



### 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!



Small Game Hunting er 1 - End of Fe **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, 2020, through Dec. 31, 2020, and to small-game hunting from Sept. 1, 2020, through Feb. 2, 2021. 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.

### **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 2020 Colorado Big Game brochure, while the complete small-game hunting season dates can be found in the 2020 Small Game & Waterfowl brochure. These brochures are available at license agents, CPW offices and online in downloadable PDF and interactive, searchable formats at cpw.state.co.us/bg/brochure and cpw.state.co.us/sgwf/brochure.

### **SMALL-GAME SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS**

- ► COTTONTAIL RABBIT
- ► SNOWSHOE HARE
- ► JACKRABBIT: WHITE-TAILED, **BLACK-TAILED** SEASON: Oct. 1-end of Feb. 2021

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 10 of each

POSSESSION LIMIT: 20 of each species

**► DOVE: MOURNING, WHITE-WINGED** SEASON: Sept. 1-Nov. 29

AREA: Statewide

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 15 singly or in aggregate for either species

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 45 singly or in aggregate

NOTE: See "Bird Species Identification" on page 4 for transit require-

► DOVE: EURASIAN COLLARED

**SEASON:** Year-round **AREA:** Statewide

DAILY BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS: Un-

**NOTE:** Eurasians must be fully feathered while in the field and during transport, unless counted as part of the mourning and/or white-winged dove bag limits. A small-game license is not required, as these are considered an invasive species. However, a hunter education card is still required to hunt them. See page 4, "Hunting Invasive Birds."

### **►** EUROPEAN STARLING,

**HOUSE (ENGLISH) SPARROW SEASON:** Year-round

**AREA:** Statewide

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlim-

**NOTE:** A license is not required. See page 4, "Hunting Invasive Birds."

► SQUIRREL: FOX, PINE

SEASON: Oct. 1-end of Feb. 2021 **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 5 of each species **POSSESSION LIMIT:** 10 of each species



Pine squirrel @ Wavne Lewis, CPW

SEASON 1: Nov. 14-Jan. 31, 2021 AREA: East of I-25

SEASON 2: Nov. 14-Jan. 3, 2021 AREA: West of I-25

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

**► TEAL** 

SEASON: Sept. 12-20 AREAS: Lake and Chaffee counties and all areas east of I-25. **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 6 teal — bluewinged, green-winged and

cinnamon teal, in aggregate **POSSESSION LIMIT: 18** 

### **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.

The sunrise/sunset chart below lists time in Denver. Subtract 1 minute from opening and closing time for each 12 1/2 miles east of Denver. Add 1 minute to opening and closing time for each 12 1/2 miles west of

(These changes assume that each degree of longitude equals 50 miles and a change of 1 degree of longitude equals a 4-minute change in sunrise and sunset times )

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### **BIG-GAME SEASON DATES**

**▶** DEER

**PLAINS ARCHERY** 

**SEASON:** Oct. 1-23, Nov. 4-30, Dec. 15-31\*

PLAINS MUZZLELOADER **SEASON:** Oct. 10–18

**PLAINS RIFLE** SEASON: Oct. 24-Nov. 3

LATE PLAINS RIFLE SEASON: Dec. 1-14\*

\*Unless otherwise noted in the 2020 Big Game brochure tables. Please refer to the 2020 Big Game brochure for a detailed listing of all GMUs and dates.



Mule deer buck @ Wavne Lewis, CPW

**► ELK** 

**PLAINS ARCHERY** 

**SEASON:** Sept. 2-30\* **GMUS:** 104

PLAINS MUZZLELOADER

**SEASON:** Sept. 12-20\* **GMUS:** 104, 128, 133, 134, 141, 142

**PLAINS RIFLE** 

**SEASON:** Sept. 1–Jan. 31, 2021\*

\*Unless otherwise noted in the 2020 Big Game brochure tables. Please refer to the 2020 Big Game brochure for a detailed listing of all GMUs and dates.

**▶** PRONGHORN **PLAINS ARCHERY** 

SEASON: Aug. 15-Sept. 20\* **GMUS:** 87, 88

**PLAINS MUZZLELOADER** SEASON: Sept. 21-29\*

**PLAINS RIFLE SEASON:** Oct. 3-11\*\*

\*Unless otherwise noted in the 2020 Big Game brochure tables.

\*\*Check hunt code tables in the 2020 Big Game brochure for early and late rifle season dates for certain hunts, pages 56-57.

## **DOVE HUNTING TIPS**

### THE WHEN, WHERE, HOW AND WHAT OF DOVE HUNTING

- ▶Where: Look for doves where you have a combination of food, water and shelter. In a dry year, when water is scarce, windmills or ponds near grain stubble can be fantastic. However, in a wet year water may not hold the strongest attraction. If you do hunt water, look for a clean landing area like sand or hard mud near the water; heavy foliage at the water's edge won't be as attractive. Wheat and other grain stubble are a preferred food source, but don't overlook wild sunflowers and other seed-bearing plants such as pigweed (amaranthus spp). Doves tend to roost in large deciduous trees like cottonwoods.
- ▶When: Doves typically leave the roost at first light to feed. Then they find a drink and loaf through midday often in smaller and less leafy trees like Russian olives. Toward evening they will feed, then water and then roost at twilight. Start the morning in a field and when that slows down, look for water. A waterhole in the hour before dusk can be spectacular.
- ▶ **Position:** Like many birds, doves follow landmarks and sightlines. They tend to skirt tree lines, fence lines, ditches, etc. So take advantage of these natural landscape lines to intercept their paths.
- ▶Identification: A lot of small, drab, pointed-wing birds can be mistaken for doves, so be mindful of plovers (such as killdeer), kestrels and night-hawks, which are easily mistaken. The dove's flight style can help here. Except for pre-landing or a quick turn, doves are almost always flapping. They have a purposeful flight like they are in a hurry to be somewhere, whereas hawks and plovers will periodically glide.
- ▶How: You don't really need anything but ammo, a gun, a stool and bug spray. That said, doves can be somewhat susceptible to decoys. Don't expect doves to react to decoys like ducks do, but decoys give a target which can help create better shooting opportunities. A couple of dove decoys in a dead tree (or artificial loafing structure) can draw birds to where you want them. A spinner decoy placed near those elevated dove decoys can be extra effective.



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- ► What: Wear drab colors and find something to break up your outline. But other than that, doves are pretty insensitive to hunters. Leaning against a fencepost or sitting in the shadow of a small shrub is fine as long as you don't move excessively.
- ► Caution: Dove country is also snake country, so be mindful of rattlers especially if you bring your dog.

Tips written by Erik Wettersten. Wettersten is the regional director of Ducks Unlimited.

### **COLORADO DOVE IDENTIFICATION**

### There are three types of doves in Colorado.

Knowing how to identify each is important to avoid violating the law while hunting.

White-winged doves are not common in Colorado, and live mostly along the Front Range. The white-winged dove is pioneering new habitats north of its historic range in the southwest U.S. Eurasian collared-doves are sporadic throughout the state. It is an exotic introduced into the United States, and is considered an invasive species.

### **DOVE BANDING**

Mourning doves are banded in Colorado and other states as part of a program to monitor their status. Hunters should report banded mourning doves to the USGS Bird Banding Lab:

www.reportband.gov



### MOURNING DOVE

- ➤ 12 inches long from tip of beak to end of tail
- ► Grayish-brown color
- ► Long, pointed tail
- Rapid wing beat, erratic flight path
- ➤ Soft call "cooAHoo" followed by several coos



### WHITE-WINGED DOVE

- ► Slightly larger than mourning dove
- ► Gray-brown color
- ► Long, moderately rounded tail
- ► White bar on upper wing surface
- ➤ Soft call "hoohoo hoohoo" — with the last note descending



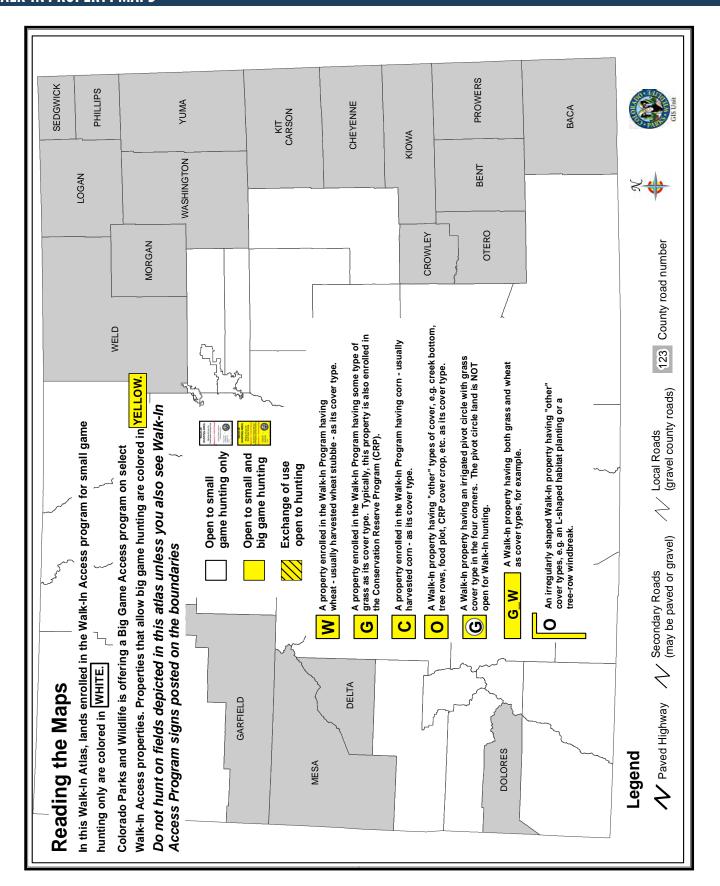
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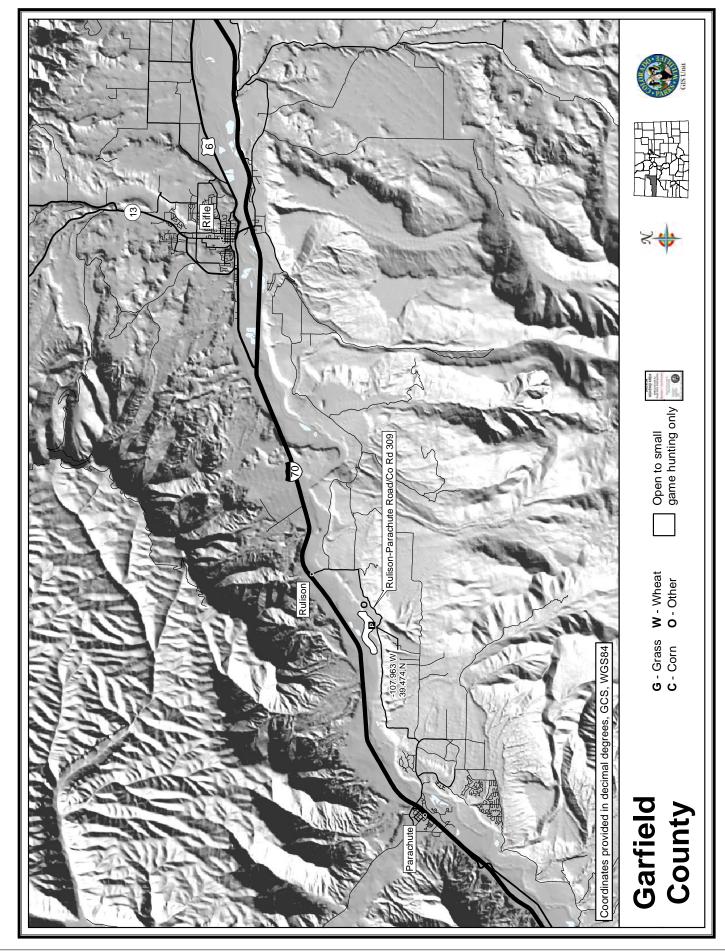
- ► 15 inches from tip of beak to end of tail
- ► Larger, heavier than mourning dove
- ► Dark grayish-brown
- ► Long, squared tail
- ► Thin black band on neck with white upper border
- ► Gray belly and undertail coverts with black on tail
- ► Rapid, three-part cooing "coocoo-coo" — middle coo is longes

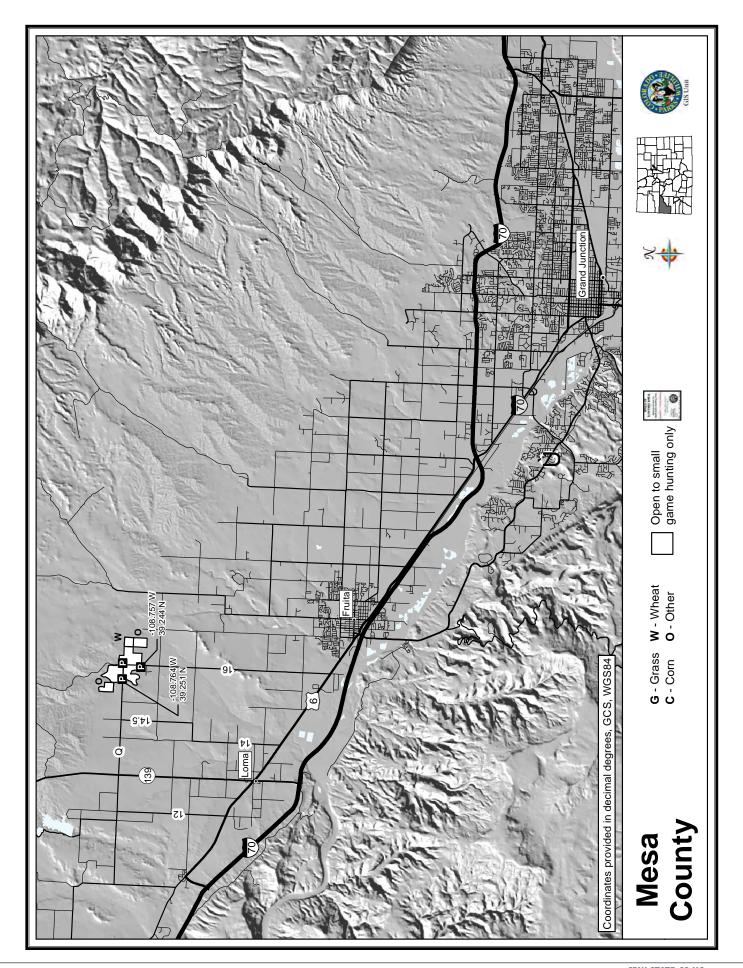


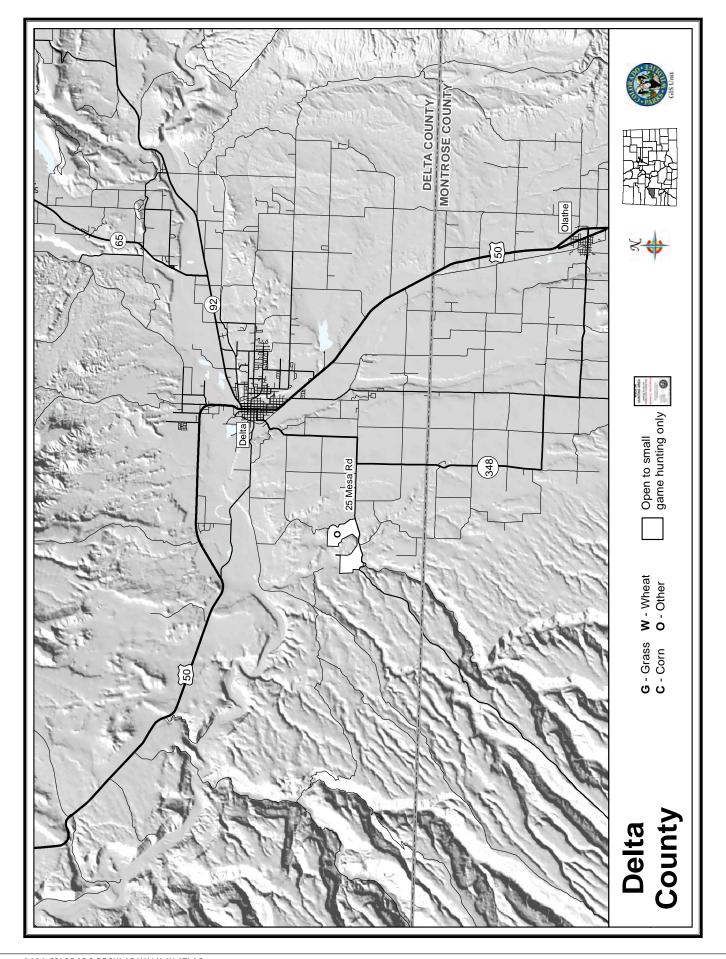
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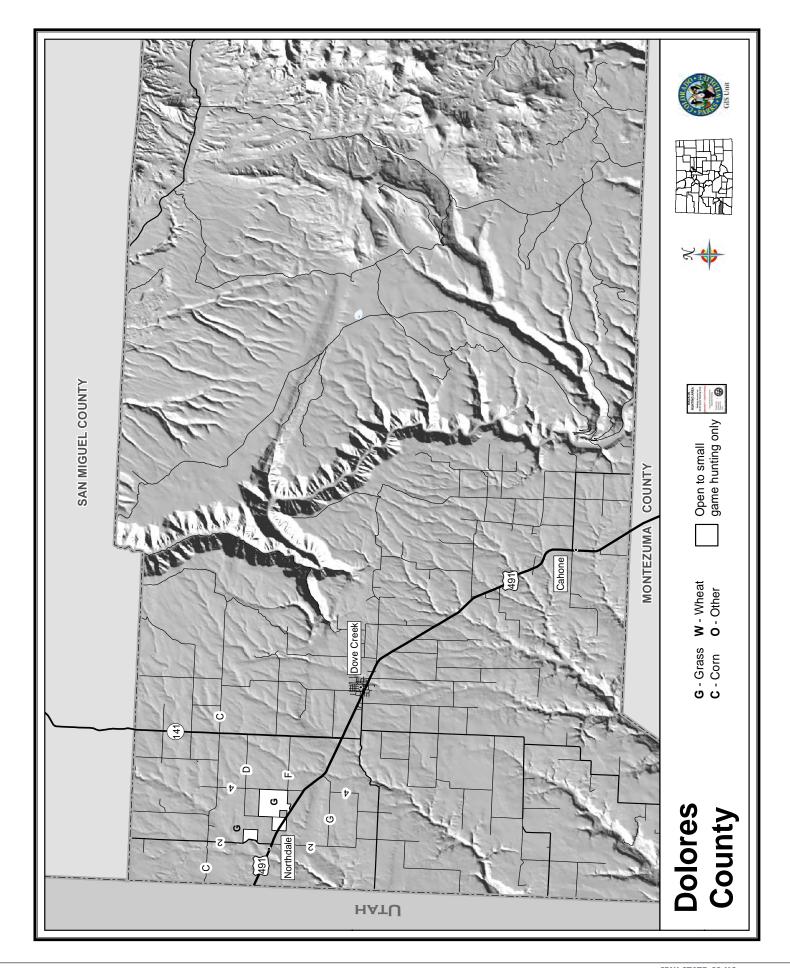
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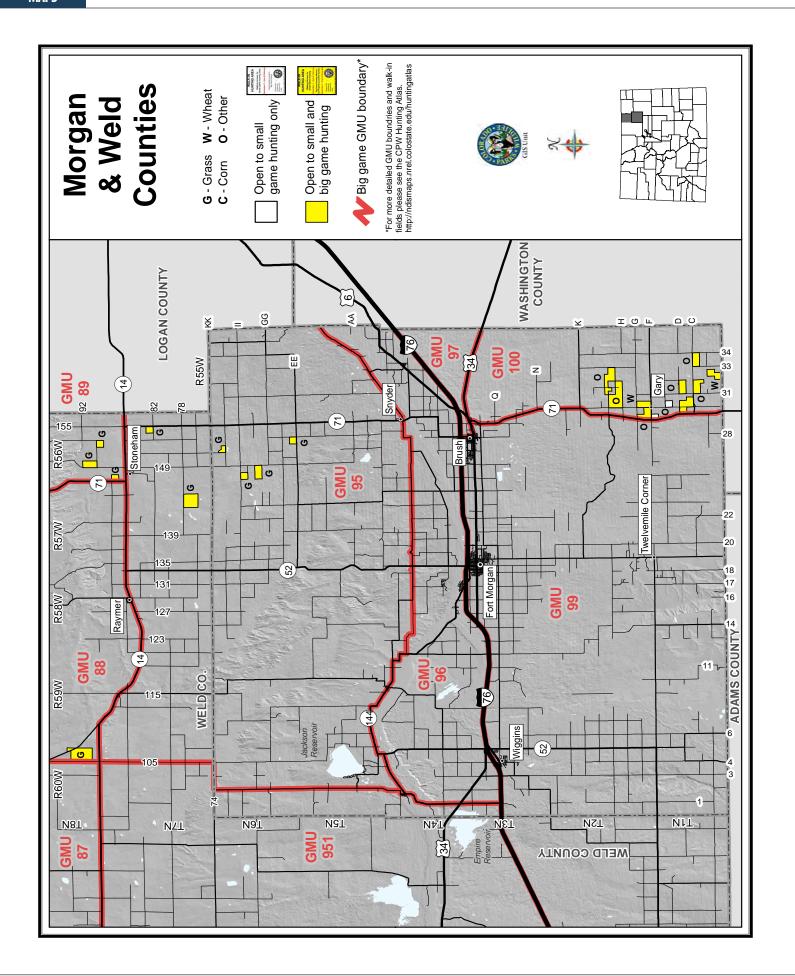


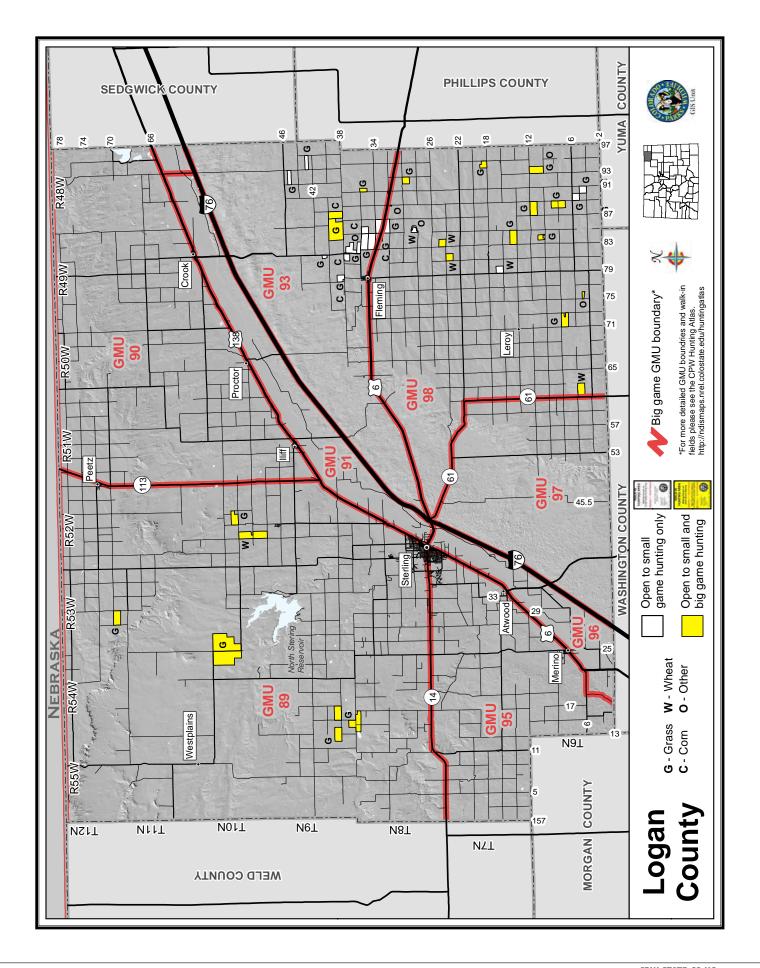


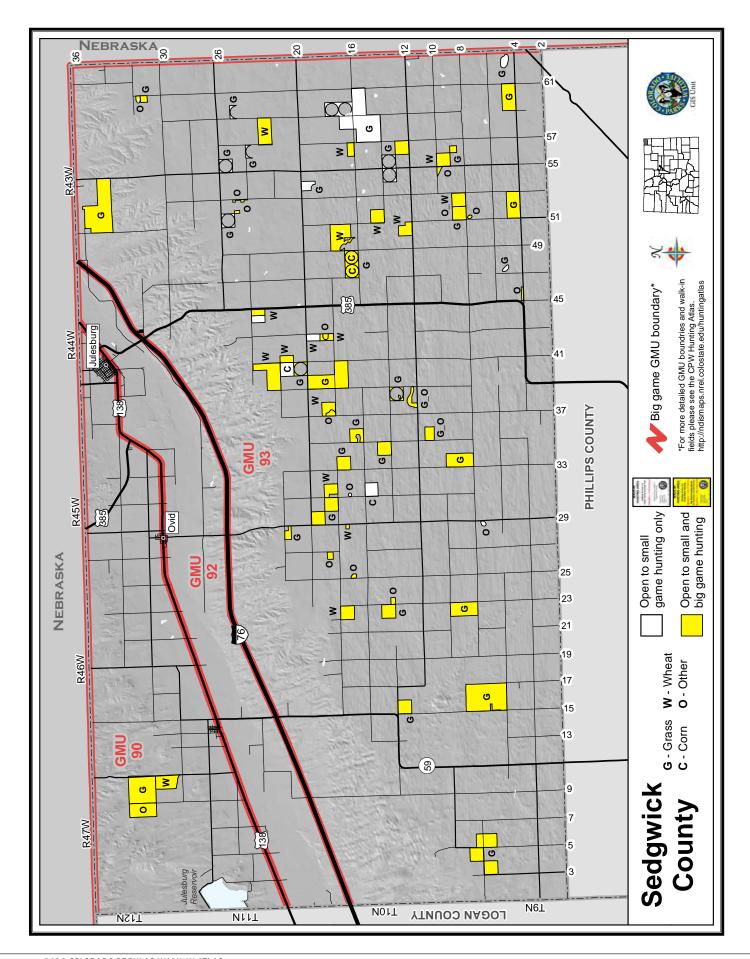


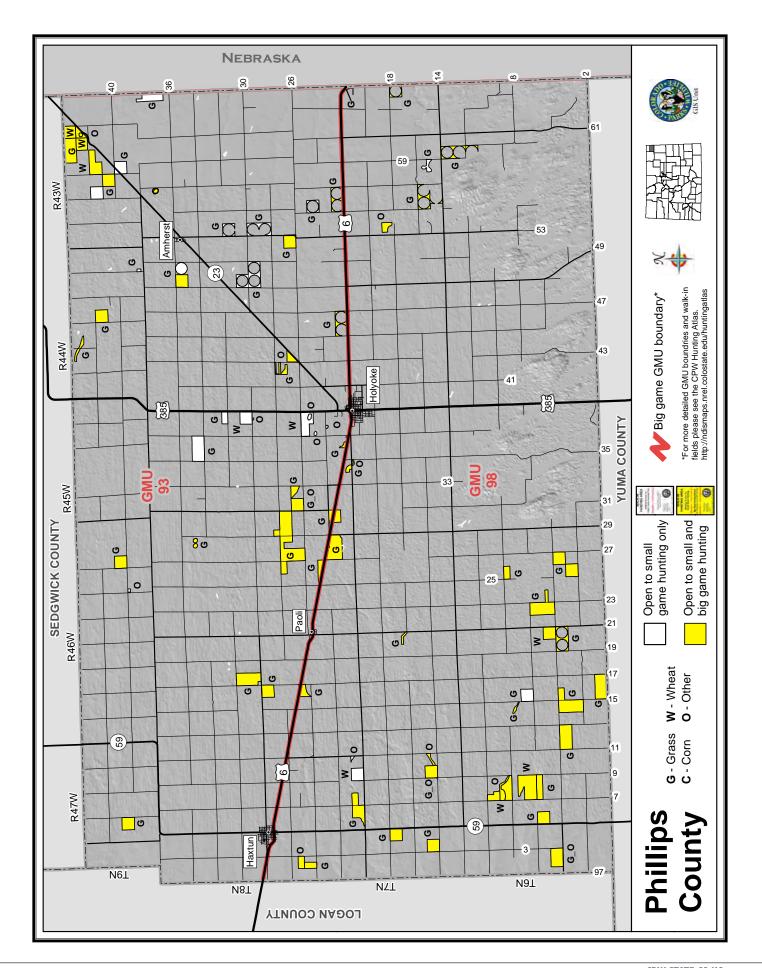


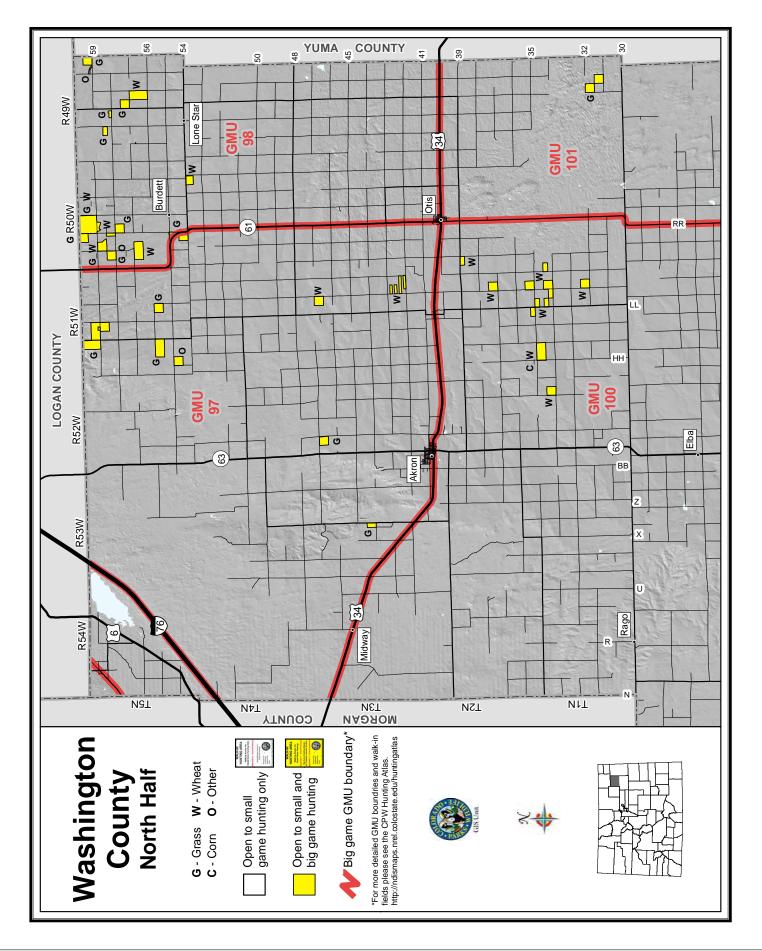


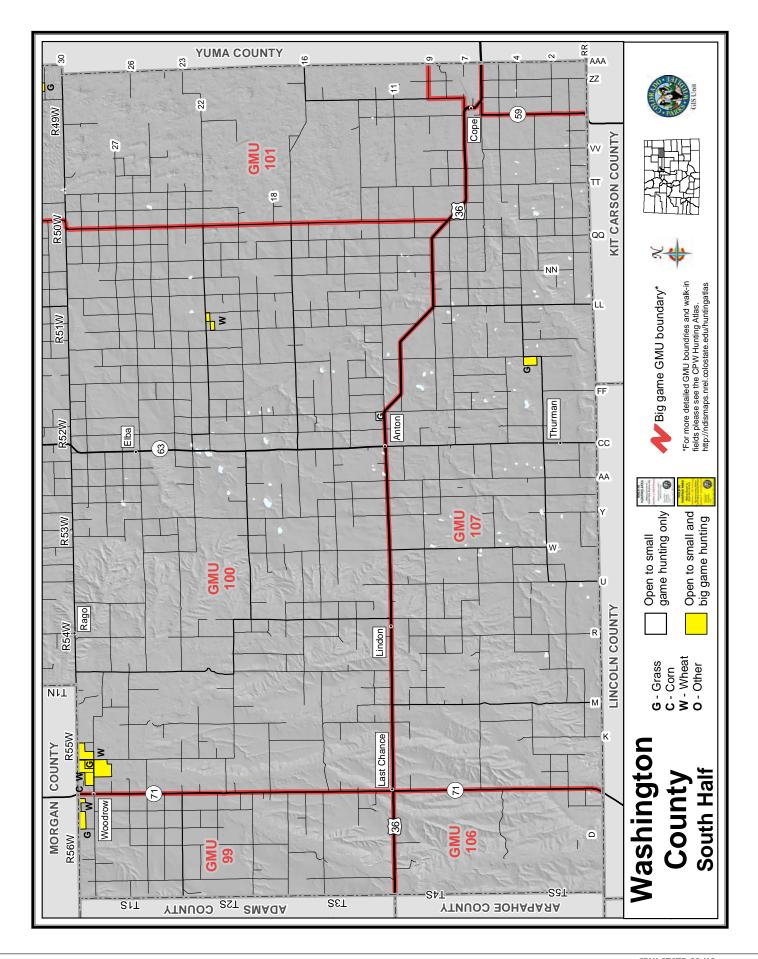


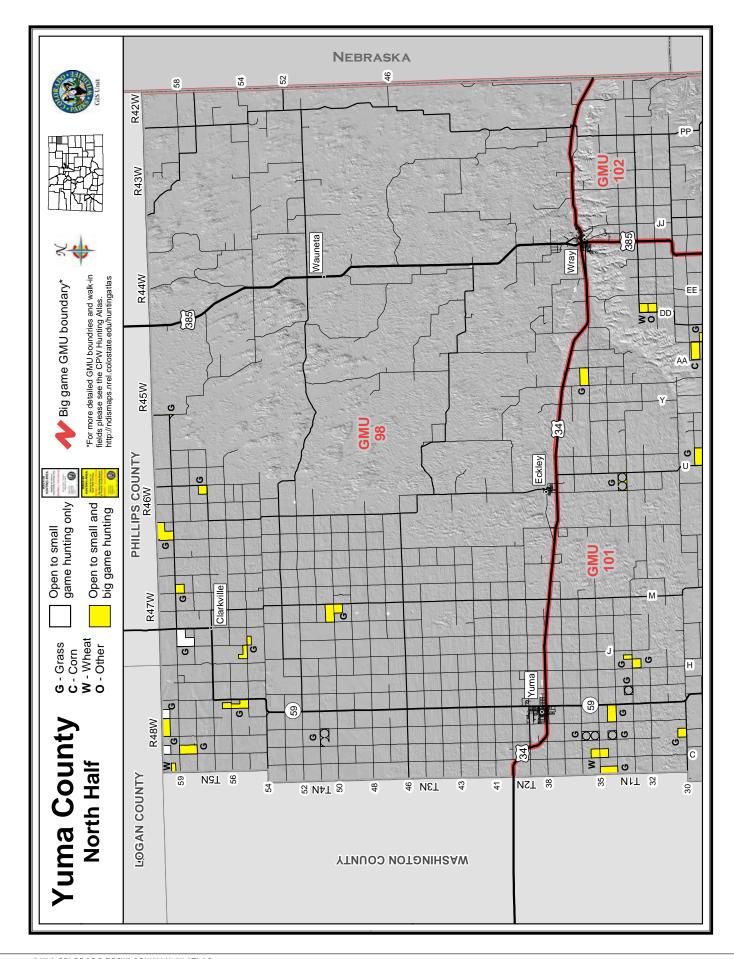


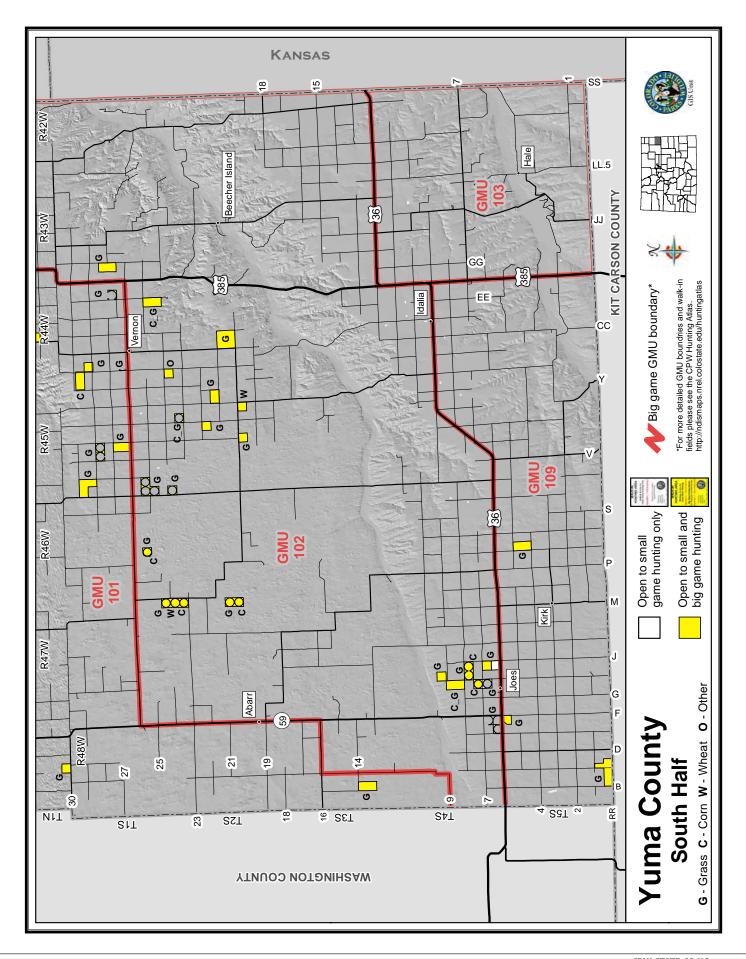


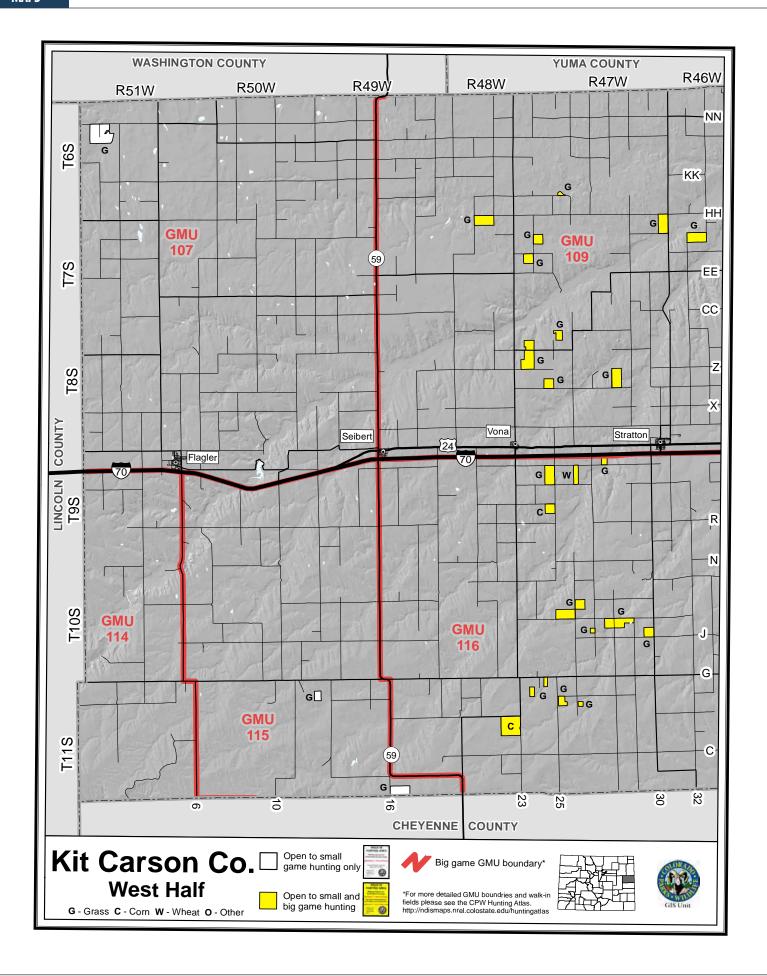


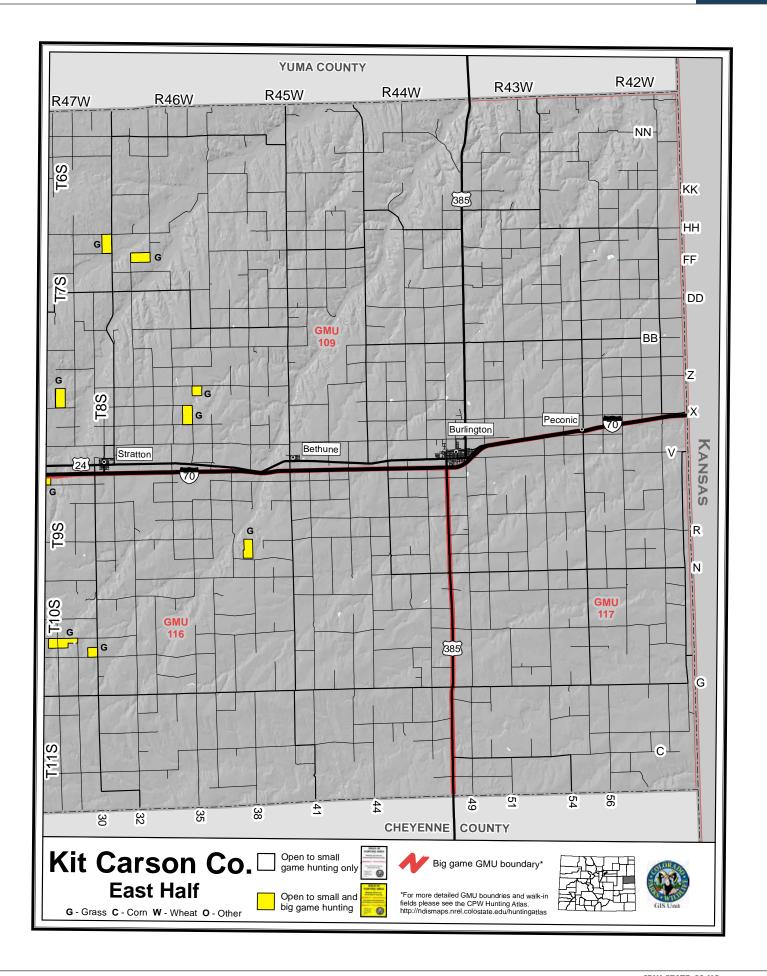


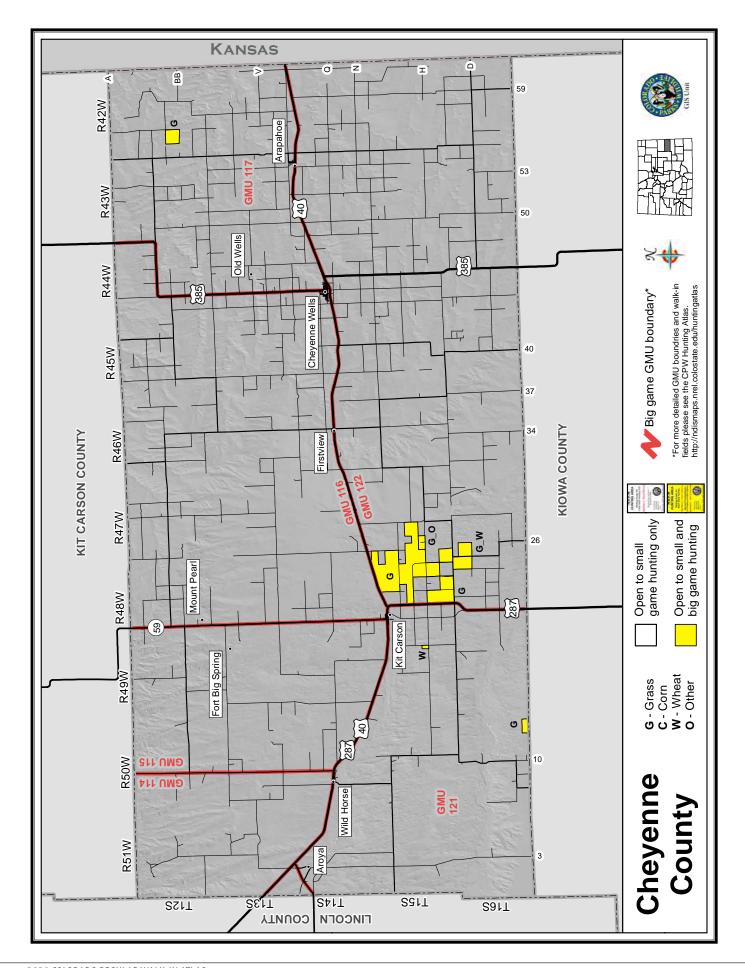


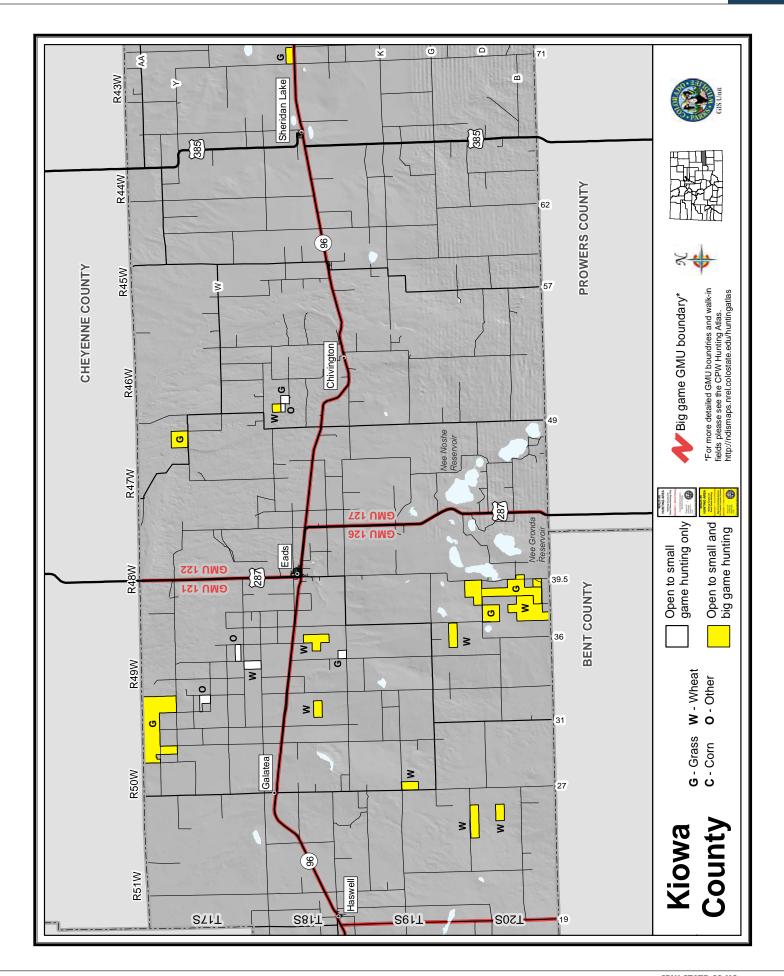


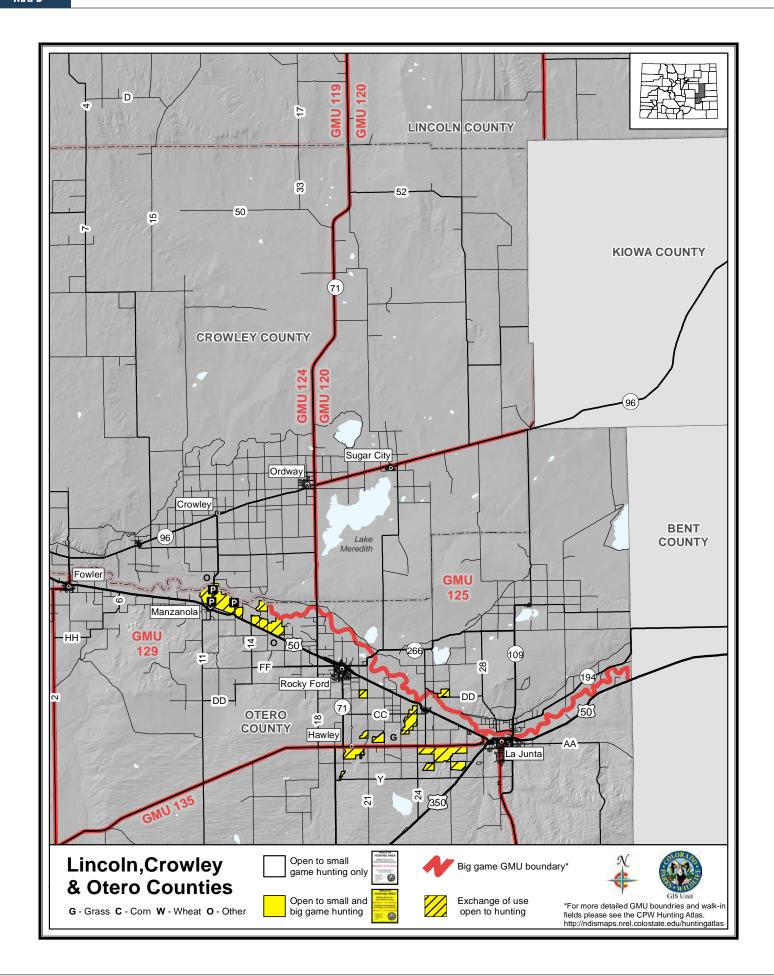


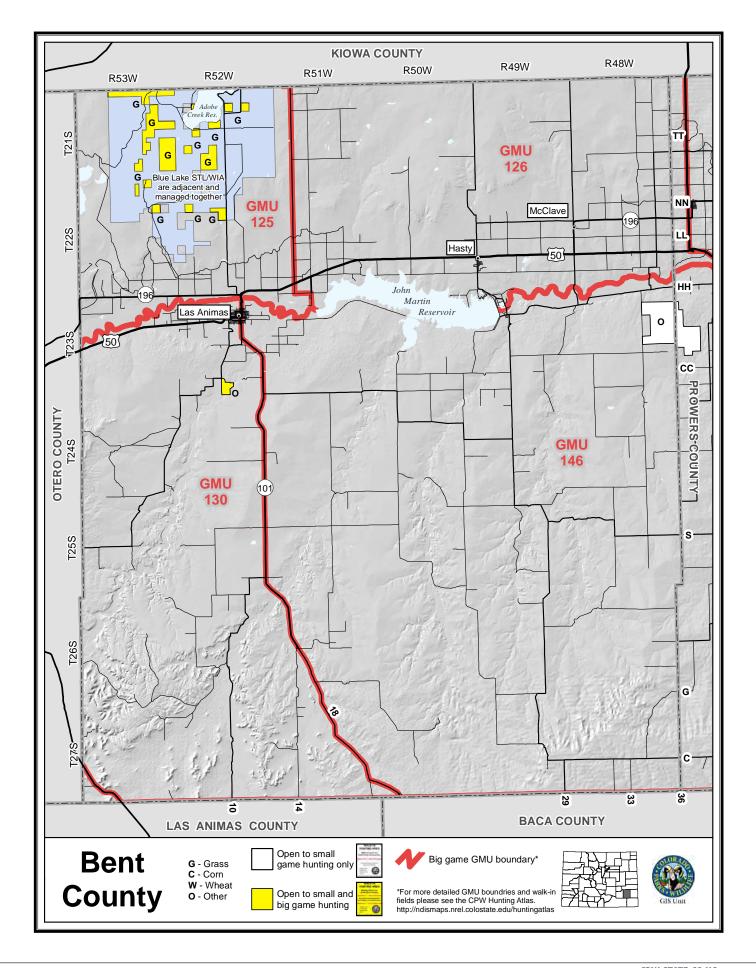


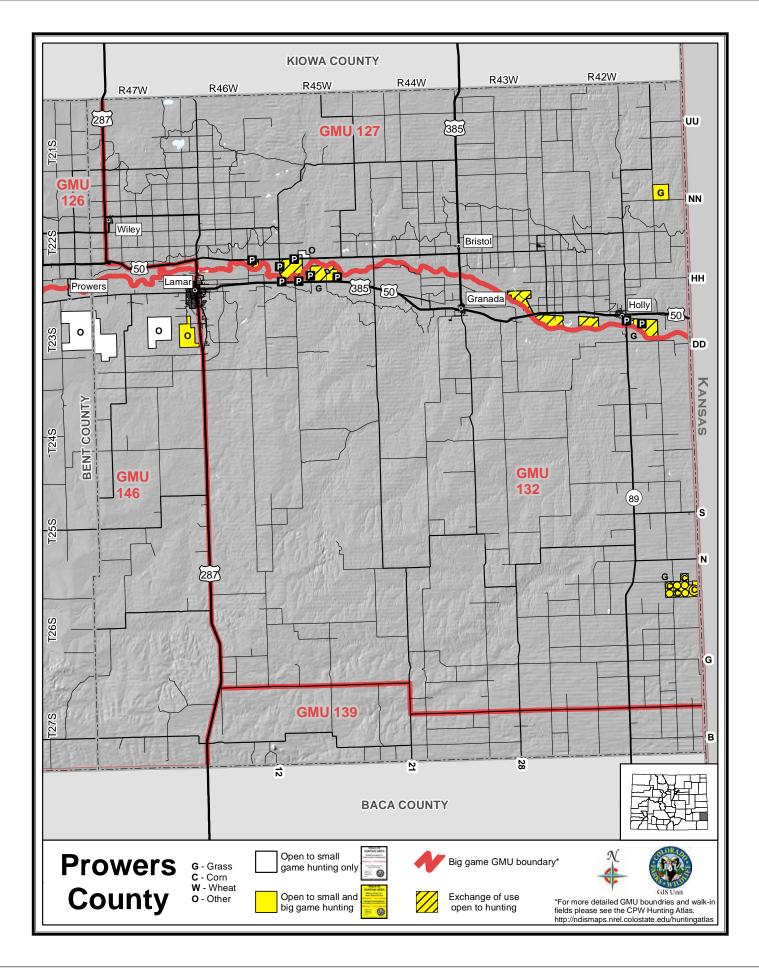


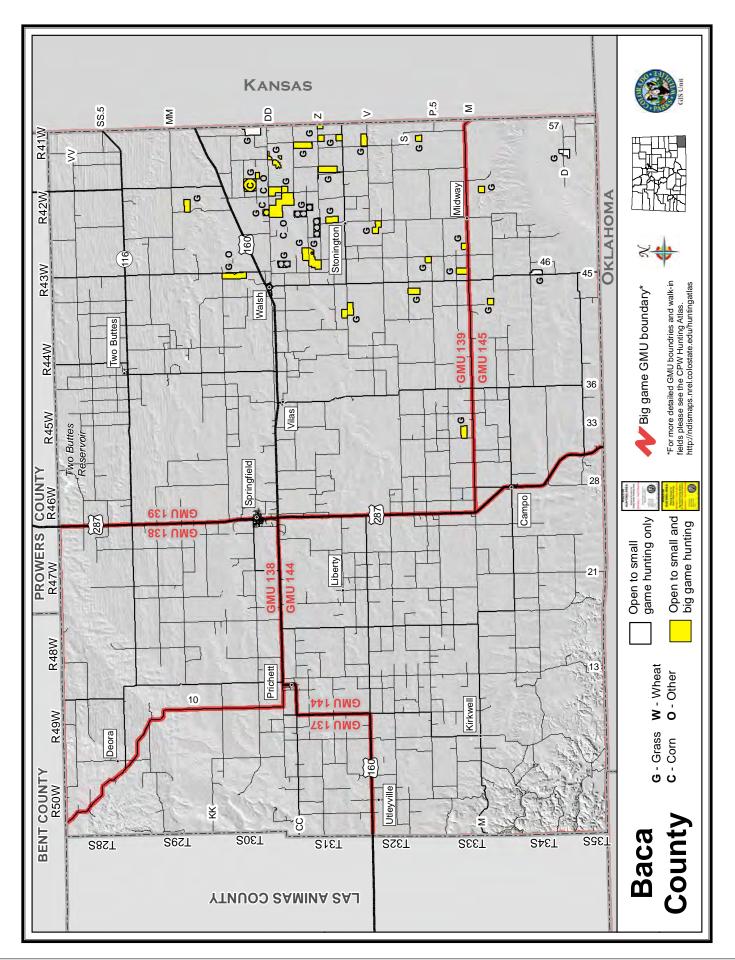


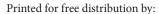
















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