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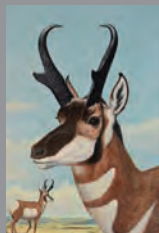
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CPW ADMINISTRATIVE, REGIONAL & AREA OFFICE LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATION

6060 Broadway
Denver, 80216
303-297-1192 (M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. MT)

REGISTRATION OFFICE

Boat, Snowmobile, Off-Highway Vehicle
13787 US Hwy 85 N
Littleton, 80125

ONLY the offices below can assist hunters with animal checks and taking samples that are related to hunting activities. See the CPW website for a complete list of our parks locations that can also sell licenses, issue duplicate licenses and accept some licenses for refunds.

BRUSH

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

GRAND JUNCTION

711 Independent Ave.
Grand Junction, 81505
970-255-6100

MONTE VISTA

0722 S. Rd. 1 E.
Monte Vista, 81144
719-587-6900

COLORADO SPRINGS

4255 Sinton Rd.
Colorado Springs, 80907
719-227-5200

GUNNISON

300 W. New York Ave.
Gunnison, 81230
970-641-7060

MONTROSE

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

DENVER

6060 Broadway
Denver, 80216
303-291-7227

HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS

346 Grand County Rd. 362
Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451
970-725-6200

PUEBLO

600 Pueblo Reservoir Rd.
Pueblo, 81005
719-561-5300

DURANGO

151 E. 16th St.
Durango, 81301
970-247-0855

LAMAR

2500 S. Main St.
Lamar, 81052
719-336-6600

SALIDA

7405 Hwy. 50
Salida, 81201
719-530-5520

FORT COLLINS

317 W. Prospect Rd.
Fort Collins, 80526
970-472-4300

MEEKER

73485 Hwy. 64
Meeker, 81641
970-878-6090

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

925 Weiss Dr.
Steamboat Springs, 80487
970-870-3333

GLENWOOD SPRINGS

0088 Wildlife Way
Glenwood Springs, 81601
970-947-2920

WHAT'S NEW: 2022

► **CHECK OUR OTHER REGULATION BROCHURES FOR MORE INFORMATION:** While there is nothing of note that is new for the Walk-In Access Program in 2022, be sure to check out the other regulation brochures for more hunting and outdoor recreation information. Depending on the activity you'd like to do on our state's public lands, our other brochures such as the Small Game & Waterfowl, Colorado State Recreation Lands, Fishing and Big Game, contain useful additional information to help you recreate and hunt responsibly. Be sure to take a look!



LICENSE INFORMATION

LICENSE FEES & HABITAT STAMPS

SMALL GAME	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
► Habitat Stamp (required, ages 18–64)	\$10.59	\$10.59
► Small Game	\$31.41	\$86.50
► Small Game (one-day)	\$14.46	\$17.64
► Small Game (additional-day)	\$7.05	\$7.05
► Youth Small Game & Furbearer (under 18)	\$1.31	\$1.31
► Small Game & Fishing Combo	\$52.60	n/a
► Furbearer License Only	\$31.41	\$86.50
► Furbearer Harvest Permit	\$10	\$10
► Colorado Waterfowl Stamp	\$10.59	\$10.59
► Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp	\$31	\$31
► Senior Small Game/Fishing Combo (Residents age 65 and older)	\$31.03	n/a
► Senior Annual Small Game for Lifetime Fishing License Holders (Senior Columbine or Centennial lifetime fishing license holders only)	\$22.56	n/a
► First Responder Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo (Resident only, permanent occupational disability, see page 2)	free	n/a
► Veterans Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo (Resident only, 60% disabled or Purple Heart recipient, see page 2)	free	n/a
► Band-tailed Pigeon Permit	\$5	\$5
BIG GAME		
► DEER		
Resident adult	\$42.01	
Resident youth	\$16.32	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo	\$420.23	
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$107.43	
► ELK		
Resident adult	\$57.90	
Resident youth	\$16.32	
Nonresident bull/fishing combo	\$700.98	
Nonresident either-sex/fishing combo	\$700.98	
Nonresident cow/fishing combo	\$526.17	
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$107.43	
► PRONGHORN		
Resident adult	\$42.01	
Resident youth	\$16.32	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo	\$420.23	
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$107.43	

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. ►

- 1 PROPER IDENTIFICATION** and **PROOF** of residency (for Colorado residents).
- 2 PROOF** of hunter education.
- 3 HABITAT STAMP:** A 2022 (\$10.59) or lifetime (\$318.08) 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

- 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 5 below), annual combo small-game/fishing license (plus the furbearer harvest permit if applicable; see number 5 below), or furbearer license. Hunters must carry their license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers.
- 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.
- In order to hunt small game in any seasons that continue beyond March 31, 2023, you must purchase a 2023 small-game license.
- TO HUNT & TAKE SMALL GAME**, you need a small-game license, a combo small-game/fishing or a lifetime combo small-game/fishing license. Small-game hunters must register with HIP before their first hunt. See information about the Harvest Information Program (HIP) on page 5.
- TO HUNT FURBEARERS**, you will need to purchase either a furbearer license (to harvest furbearers **ONLY**) 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 6 below for the exception for coyote.
- 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 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.
- TO HUNT EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES**, and other invasive species, you must have a hunter education card; however, a hunting license is not required. See page 4.
- TO HUNT COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES**, you need a small-game or fishing license.
- TO HUNT WATERFOWL**, you need a small-game hunting license. If you are 16 or older, you also must have the \$31 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) **AND** the \$10.59 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:** 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.*
- TO HUNT SANDHILL CRANES**, a separate federal permit number, available through HIP (see page 5) is required.
- 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.
- If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only that area.
- Licenses are not transferable.
- False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.
- 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. *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 (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.

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 \$1.31. 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.

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

1. 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. An 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 hunter education waiver can be obtained twice in a lifetime: cpw.state.co.us/apprenticecertificate**
- ▶ For more information, go to: cpw.state.co.us/HunterEd

3 HABITAT STAMPS

Habitat Stamps are **REQUIRED** for hunters and cost \$10.40; 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 \$312.30.
- ▶ 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, Blue Spruce, Independence and/or Big Game Mobility programs is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See cpw.state.co.us/accessibility
- ▶ For more information, go to: cpw.state.co.us/habitatstamp

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 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) 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. 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 2022 Small Game & Waterfowl brochure for more information.*

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.state.co.us/regulations, Chapter W-17: Game Damage, for updated trapping regulations and details on small-game damage.

NO HUNTING THESE BIRDS ON WIA LANDS



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GAMBEL'S QUAIL

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



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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.

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:

1. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BIRD SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

A fully feathered wing or head must be attached to all birds, except turkeys, doves and band-tailed 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 2022–2023 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

Take a friend hunting.

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES.

CONTEST STARTS IN AUGUST!

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LIVE LIFE
OUTSIDE

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.



YOU CAN HELP STOP POACHING!

1-877-COLO-OGT
1-877-265-6648
game.thief@state.co.us
Your Wildlife...Your Loss
Turn In A Poacher!

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

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.

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 2022–2023 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 2022–2023 season. Write the new HIP number on your license!

To sign up with HIP, call 1-866-265-6447 (1-866-COLOHIP) from 7 a.m.–10:30 p.m., or go to 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.

Live operator phone registrations at 1-866-COLO-HIP are no longer offered during the overnight hours from 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. The live operator system is also closed all day on major holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). During these out-of-service periods, please call back during open service times or go to colohip.com and register online, still available 24/7.

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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

Continuing in 2022, 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 139,000 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, 2022.

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 2022, 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.

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From the field to the table, ensuring your next harvest 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:

- 1. Use lead-free shot or bullets.**
- 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.

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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 activities.
 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 crops.

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.



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.

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. 12, 2022.

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. 12, 2022.

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 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.

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!

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, 2022, through Dec. 31, 2022, and to small-game hunting from Sept. 1, 2022, through Feb. 28, 2023. 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.

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!



Cocklebur plant. Photo by © Elizabeth Brown, CPW

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 2022 Colorado Big Game brochure, while the complete small-game

hunting season dates can be found in the 2022 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. 2023

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 10 of each species

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 requirements.



Mourning dove © Wayne Lewis, CPW

▶ DOVE:

EURASIAN COLLARED

SEASON: Year-round

AREA: Statewide

DAILY BAG LIMIT: Unlimited

POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

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."

▶ SQUIRREL: FOX, PINE

SEASON: Oct. 1–end of Feb. 2023

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 5 of each species

POSSESSION LIMIT: 10 of each species



Pine squirrel © Wayne Lewis, CPW

▶ PHEASANT

SEASON 1: Nov. 12–Jan. 31, 2023

AREA: East of I-25

SEASON 2: Nov. 12–Jan. 2, 2023

AREA: West of I-25

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 3 cocks

POSSESSION LIMIT: 9 cocks

▶ TEAL

SEASON: Sept. 10–18

AREAS: Lake and Chaffee counties and all areas east of I-25.

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 6 teal — blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal, in aggregate

POSSESSION LIMIT: 18

▶ EUROPEAN STARLING, HOUSE (ENGLISH) SPARROW

SEASON: Year-round

AREA: Statewide

BAG LIMIT: Unlimited

POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

NOTE: A small-game license is not required, as these are considered an invasive species. See page 4, "Hunting Invasive Birds."

BIG-GAME SEASON DATES

▶ DEER

PLAINS ARCHERY

SEASON: Oct. 1–28, Nov. 9–30, 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. 1–28, Nov. 9–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*

GMUS: 142

PLAINS MUZZLELOADER

SEASON: Oct. 8–16*

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 (951 is mule deer only)

PLAINS RIFLE

SEASON: Oct. 29–Nov. 8*

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, 116, 117, 122, 124, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951 (951 is mule deer only)

SEASON: Jan. 1–15, 2023* (whitetail only)

GMUS: 103, 109

▶ ELK

PLAINS ARCHERY

SEASON: Sept. 2–30*

GMUS: 104

PLAINS MUZZLELOADER

SEASON: Sept. 10–18*

GMUS: 104, 128, 133, 134, 141, 142

PLAINS RIFLE

SEASON: Sept. 1–Jan. 31, 2023* (cow)

GMUS: 104, 128

SEASON: Nov. 23–27* (bull)

GMUS: 133, 134, 141, 142

LATE PLAINS RIFLE

SEASON: Oct. 16–Jan. 31, 2023* (cow)

GMUS: 133, 134, 141, 142

▶ PRONGHORN

PLAINS ARCHERY

SEASON: Aug. 15–Sept. 20* (buck)

SEASON: Sept. 1–Sept. 20* (doe)

GMUS: 87, 88

PLAINS MUZZLELOADER

SEASON: Sept. 21–29*

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, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

PLAINS RIFLE

SEASON: Oct. 1–9*

GMUS: 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 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, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

SEASON: Nov. 1–Dec. 31* (doe)

GMUS: 87, 88, 89, 95, 95

SEASON: Dec. 1–Dec. 31* (doe)

GMUS: 105, 110, 111, 116, 117, 118, 119, 122, 123, 124, 127, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147

SEASON: Dec. 1–5* (doe)

GMUS: 128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 141, 147

SEASON: Dec. 1–14* (doe)

GMUS: 97

SEASON: Dec. 3–11* (doe)

GMUS: 112, 113, 114, 115, 120, 121, 125, 126

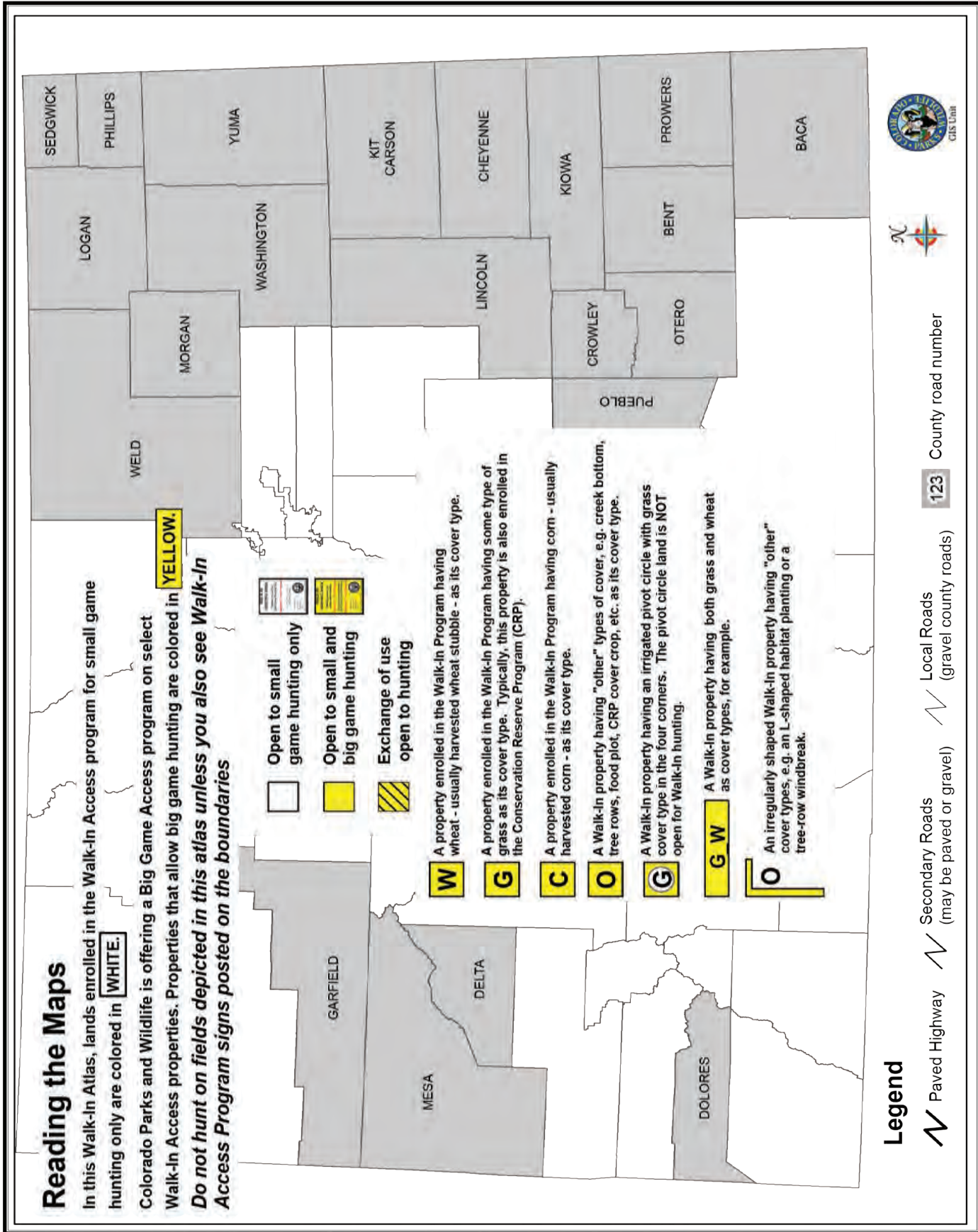
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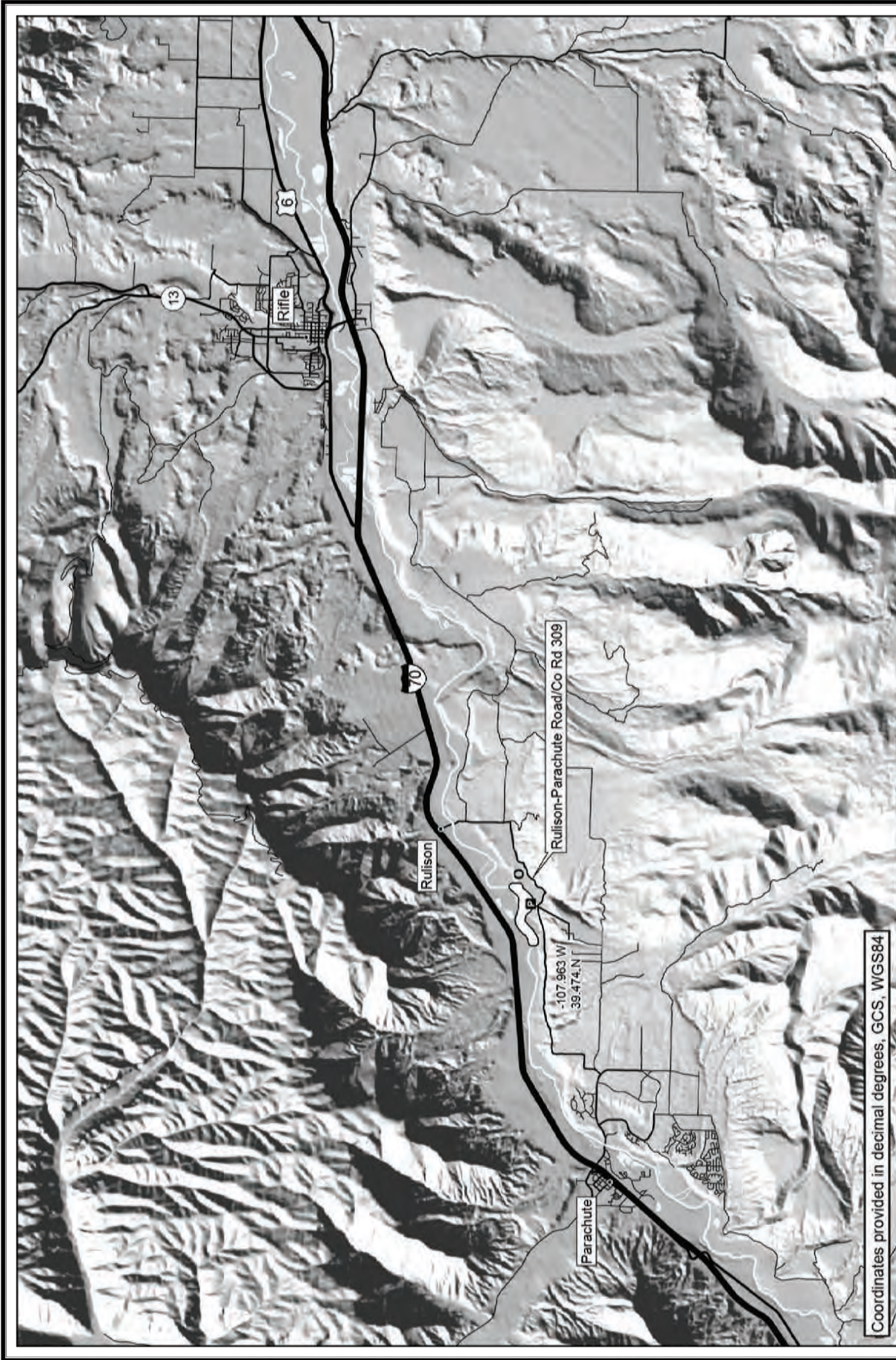
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*Please refer to the hunt code tables in the 2022 Big Game brochure for a detailed listing of all season dates, GMUs and methods of take for deer, elk and pronghorn.

MAPS

WALK-IN PROPERTY MAPS





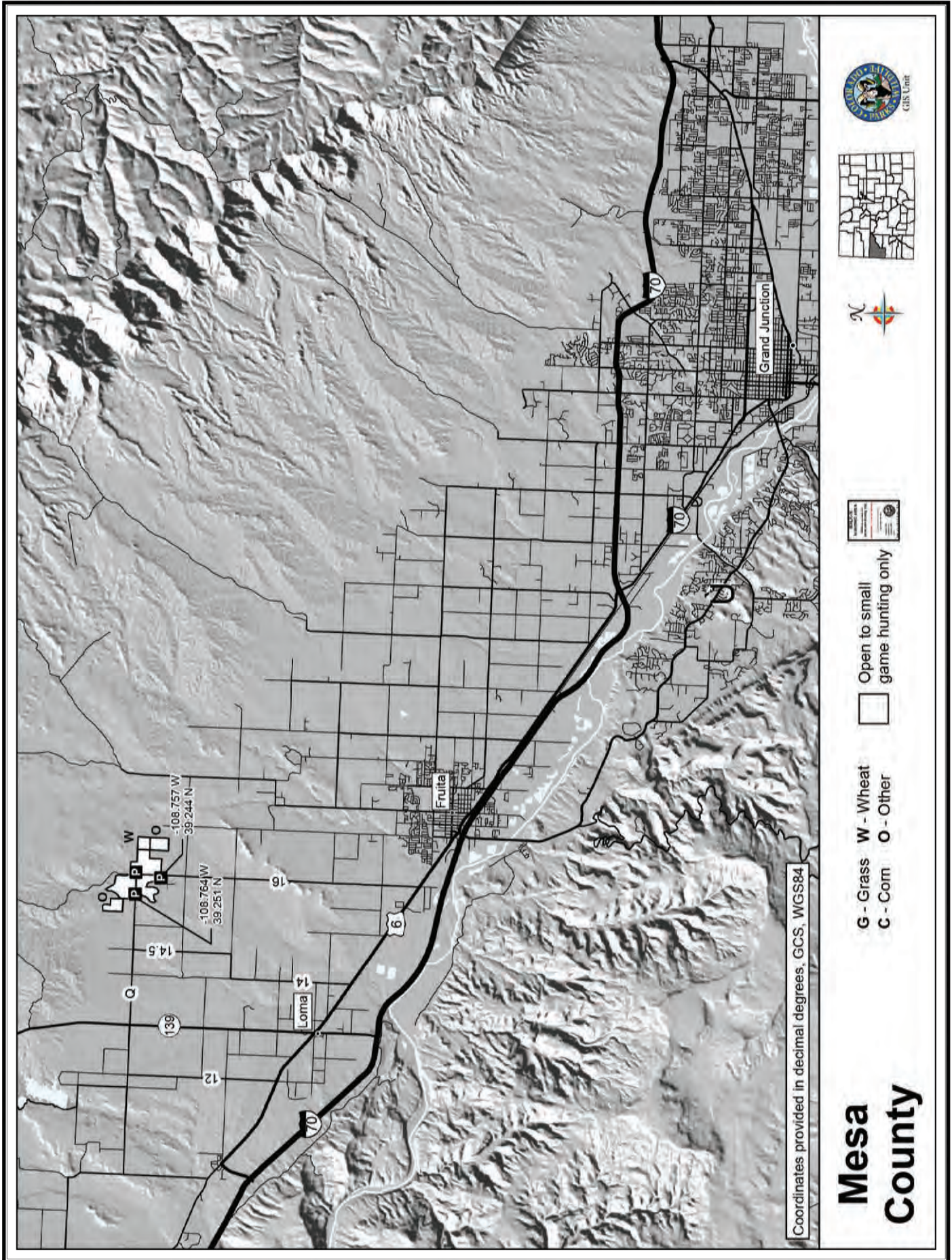
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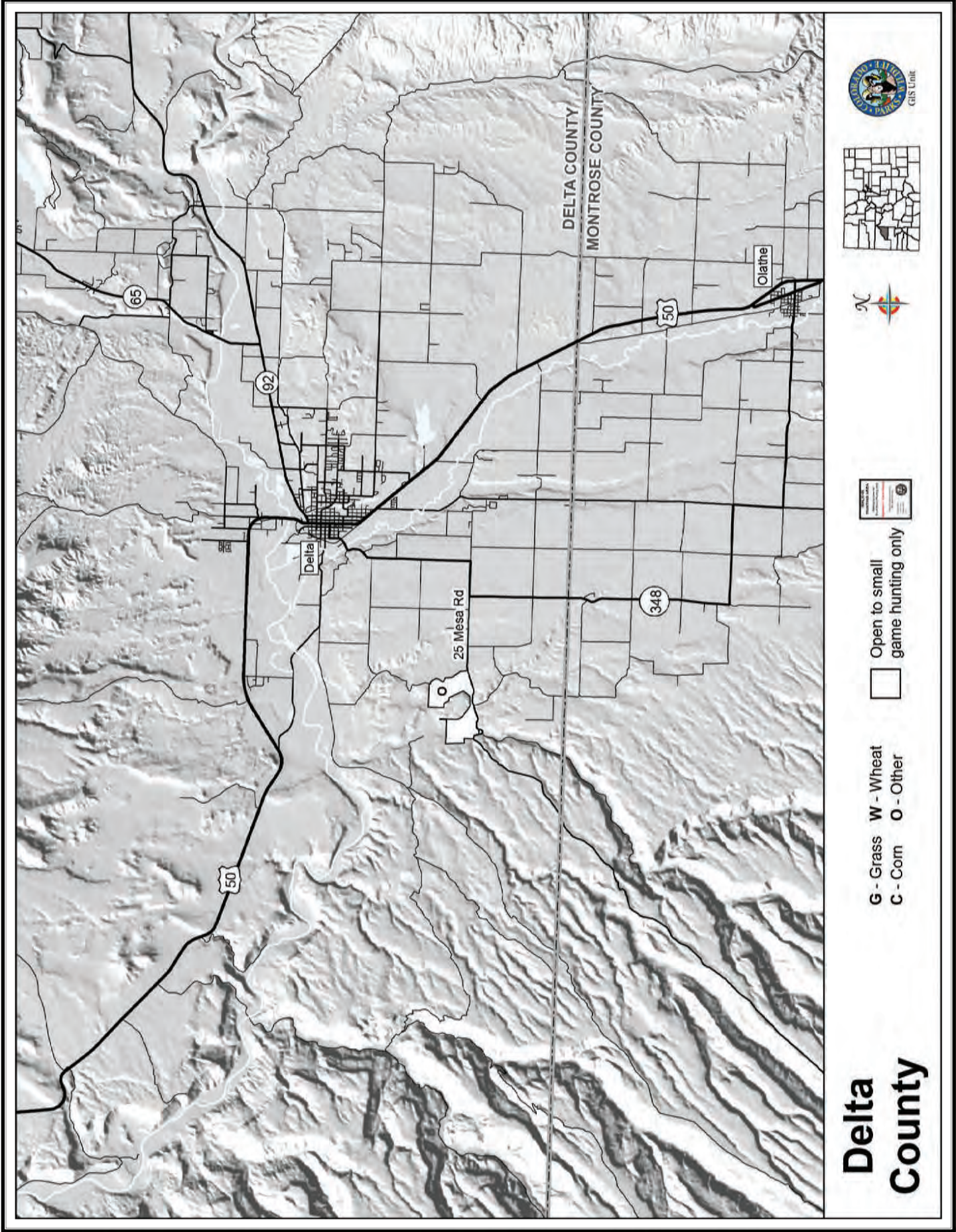
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C - Corn O - Other

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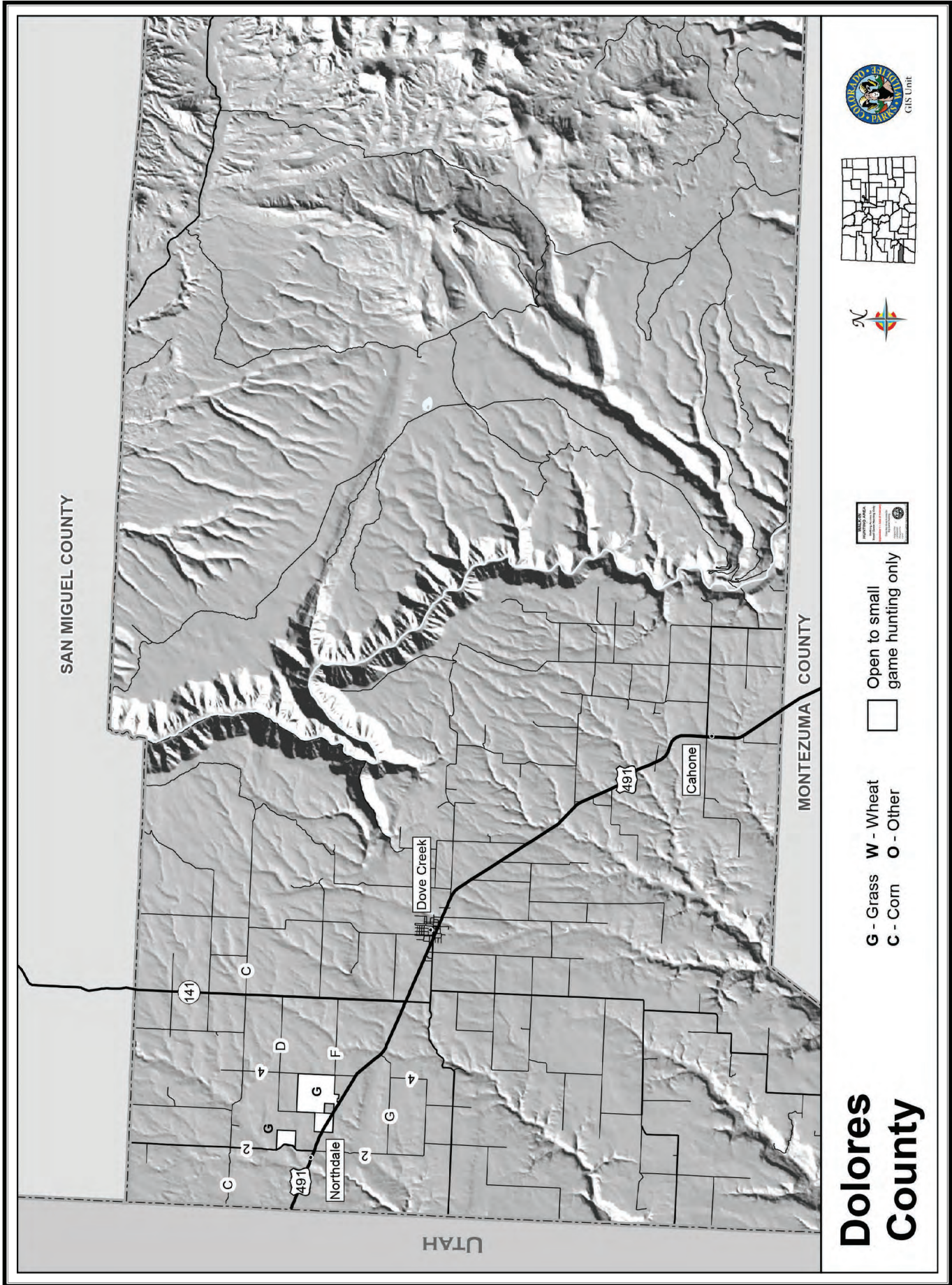




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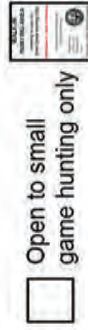
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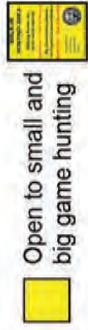


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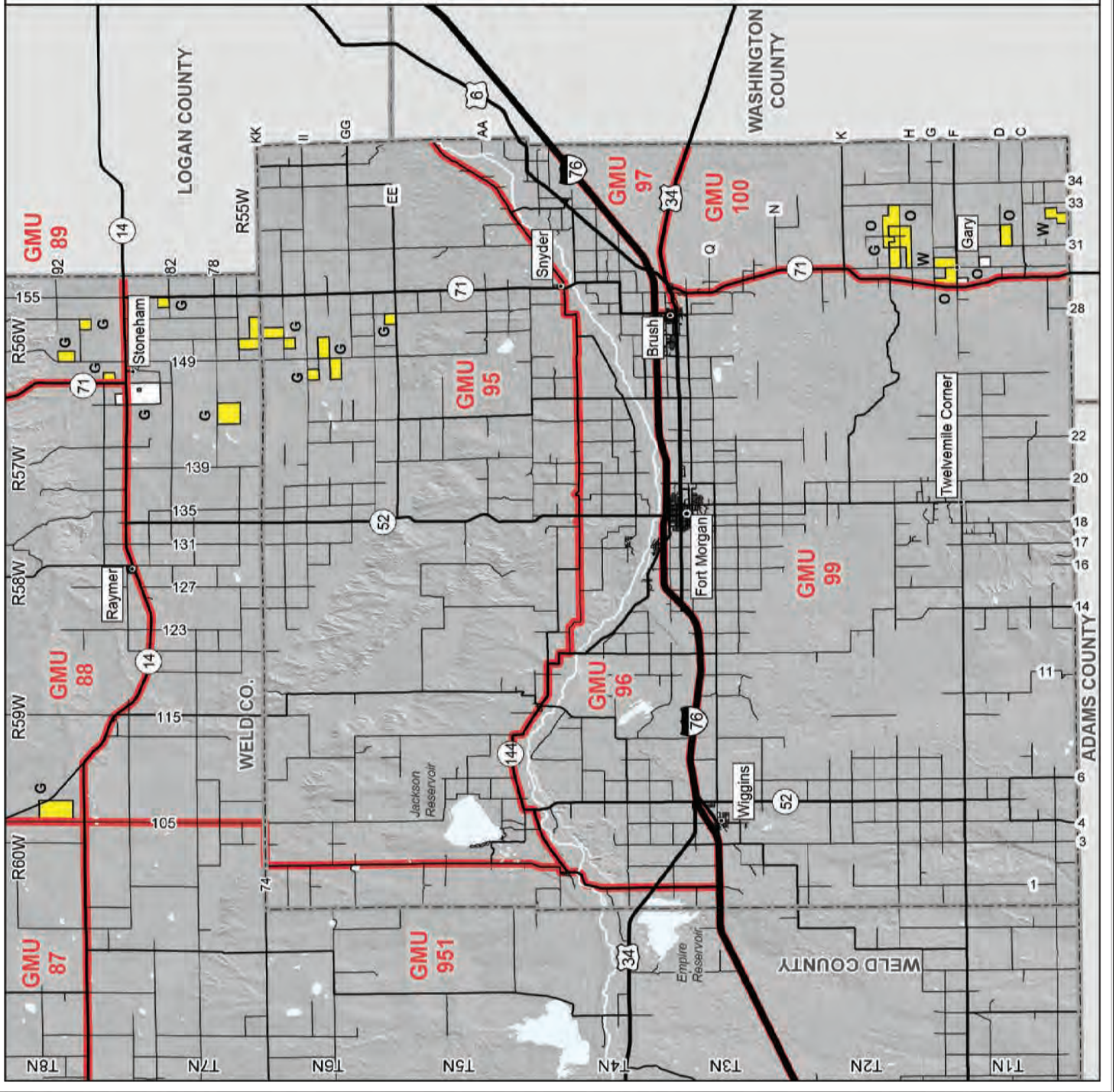
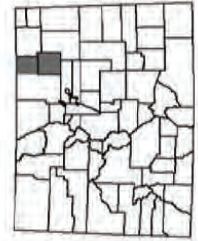


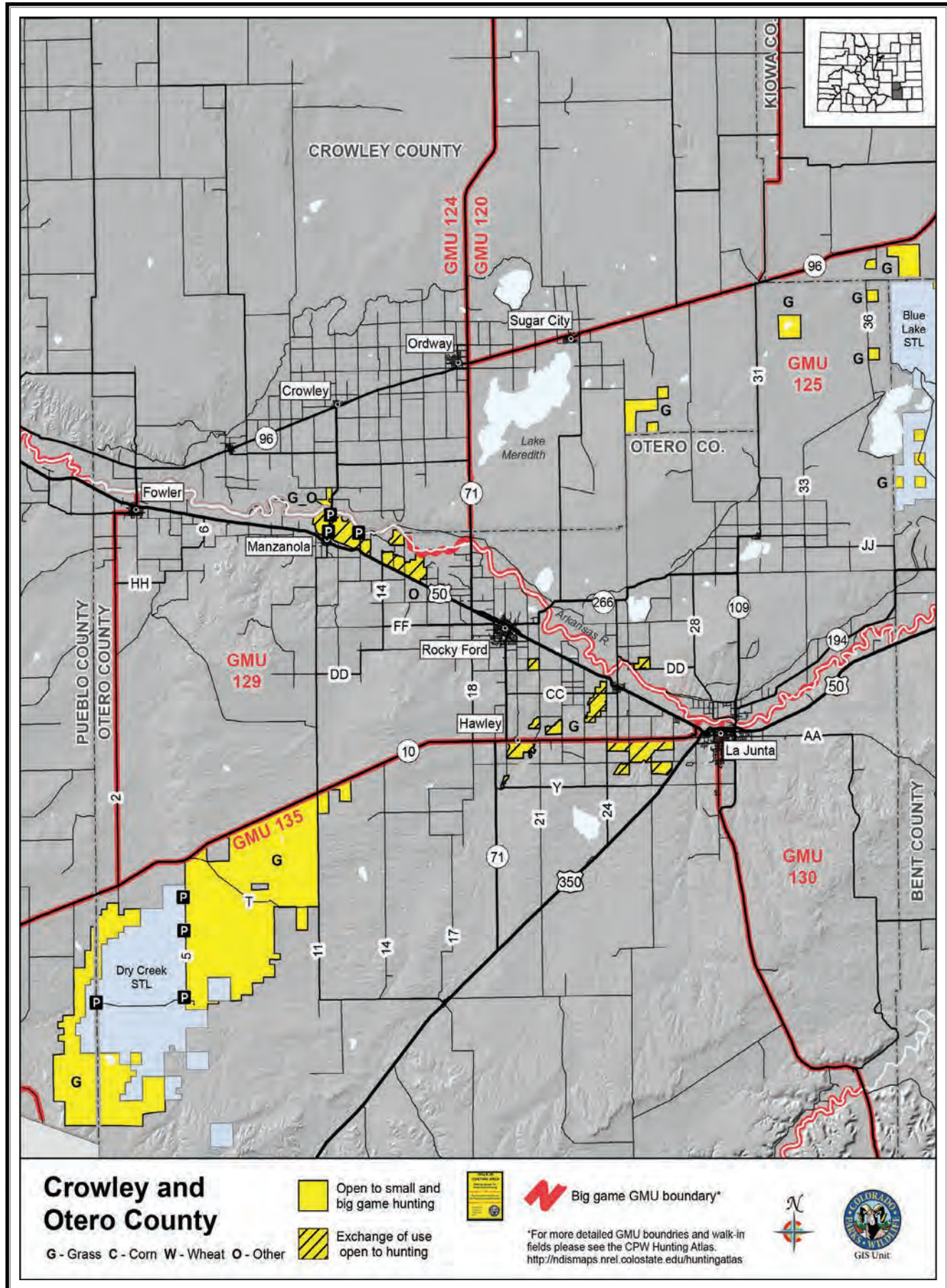
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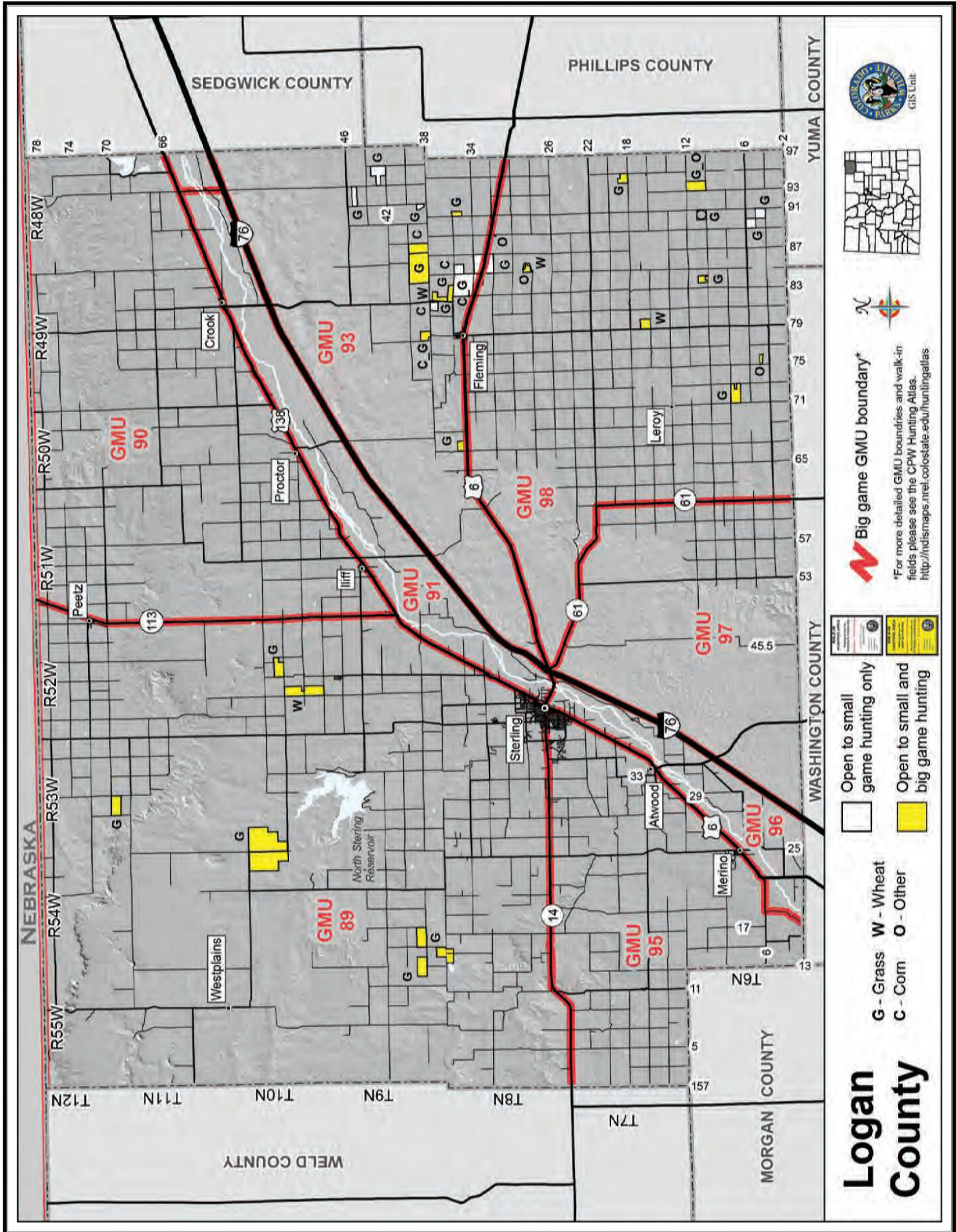


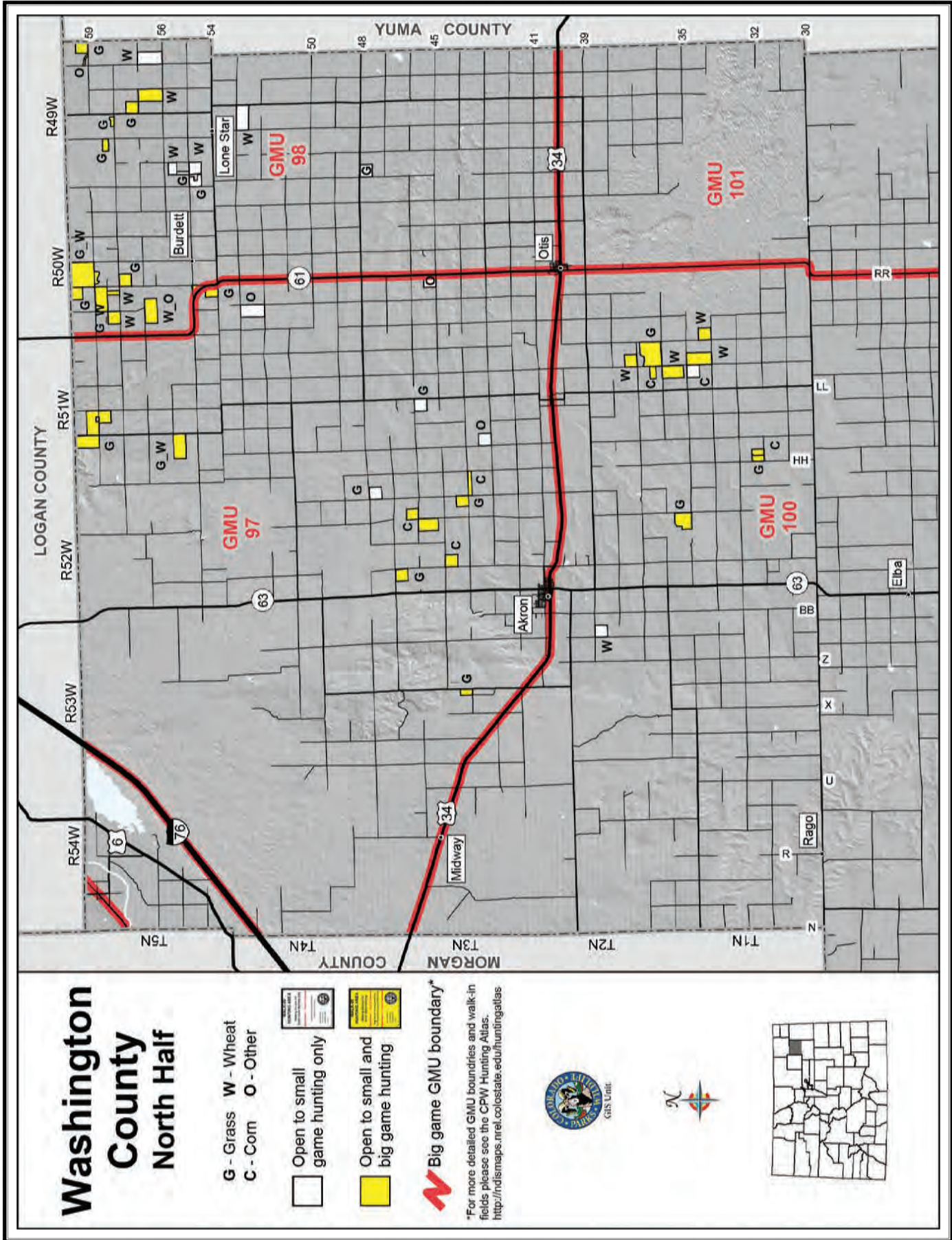
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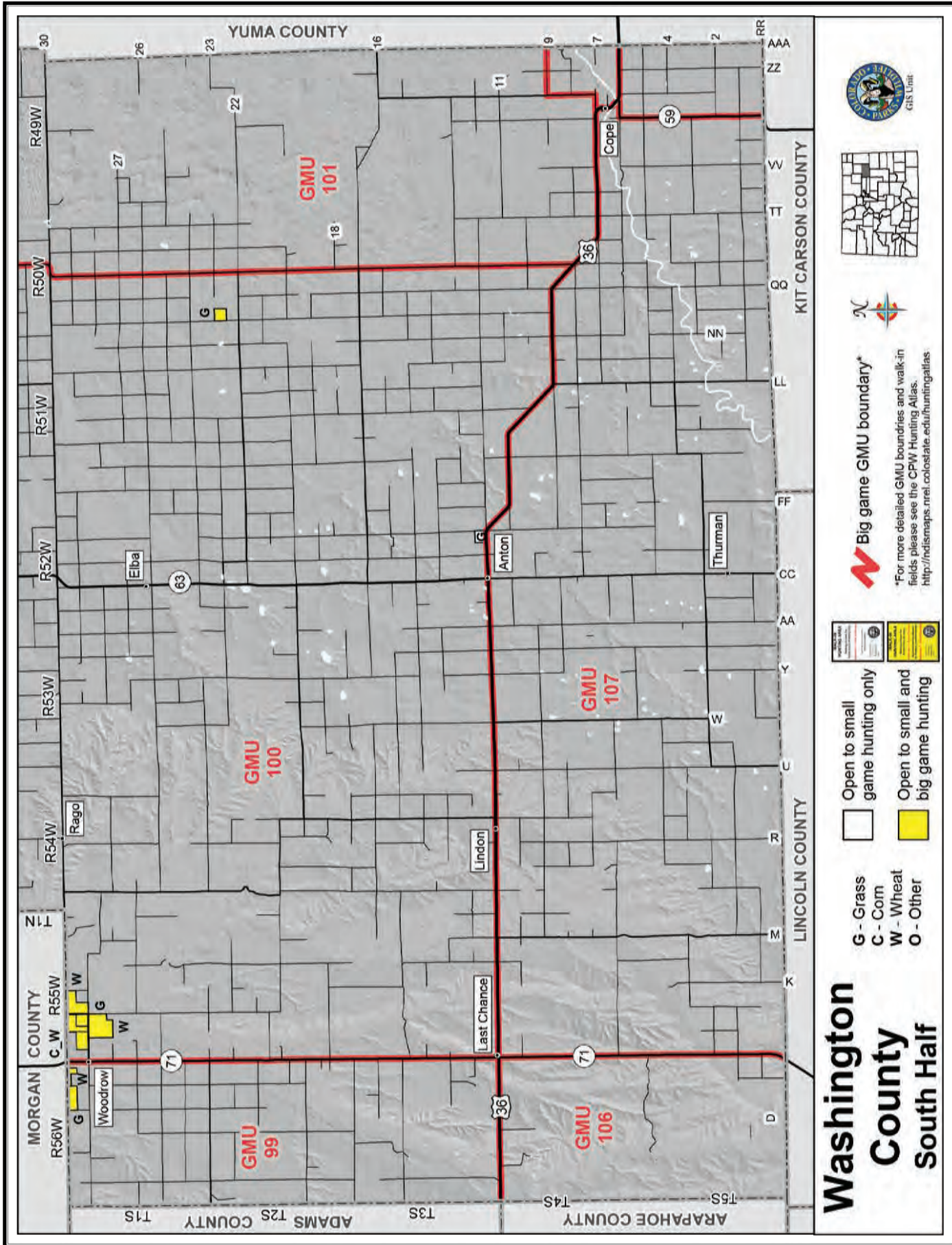
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Washington County South Half

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- W - Wheat
- O - Other

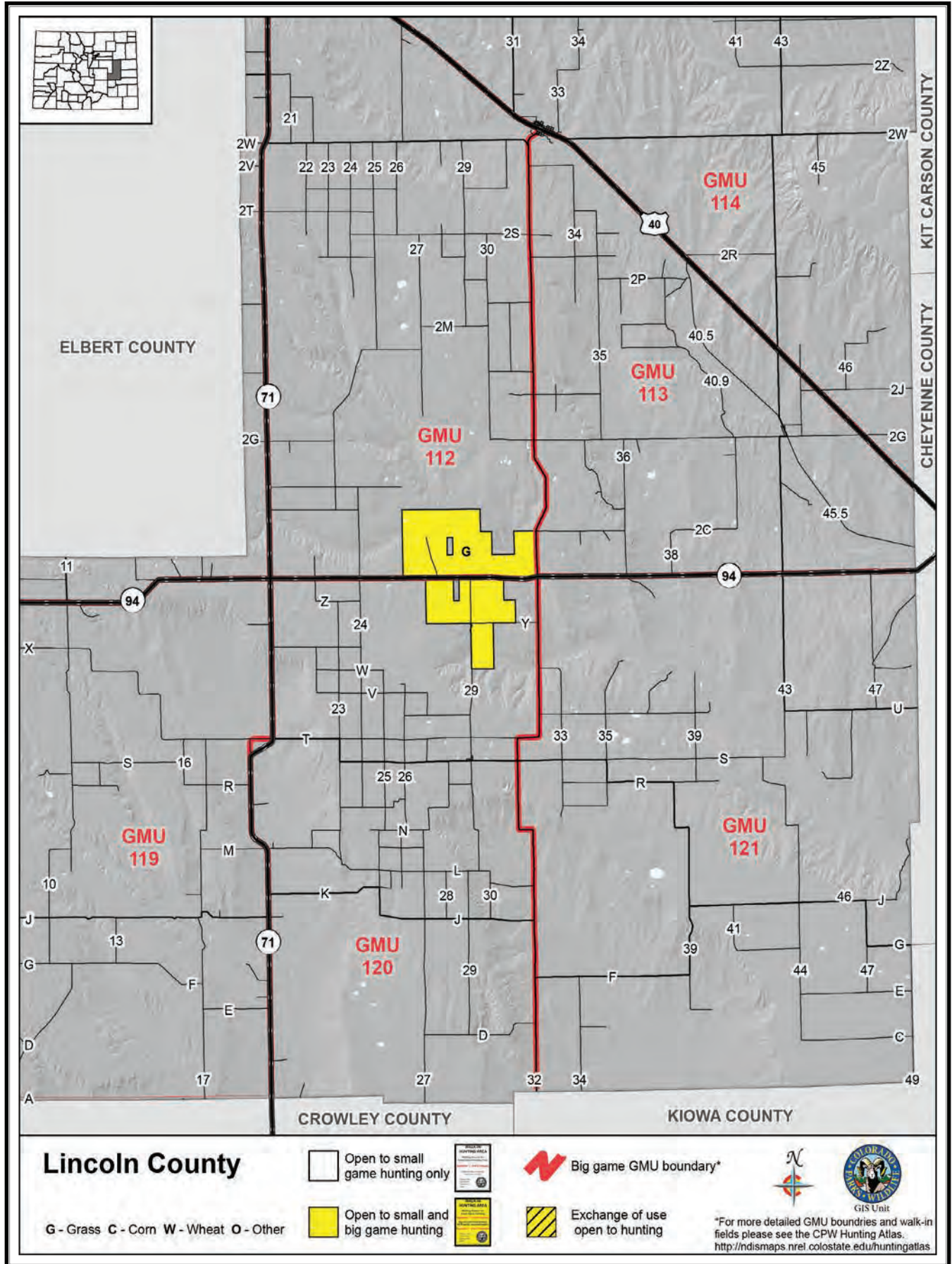
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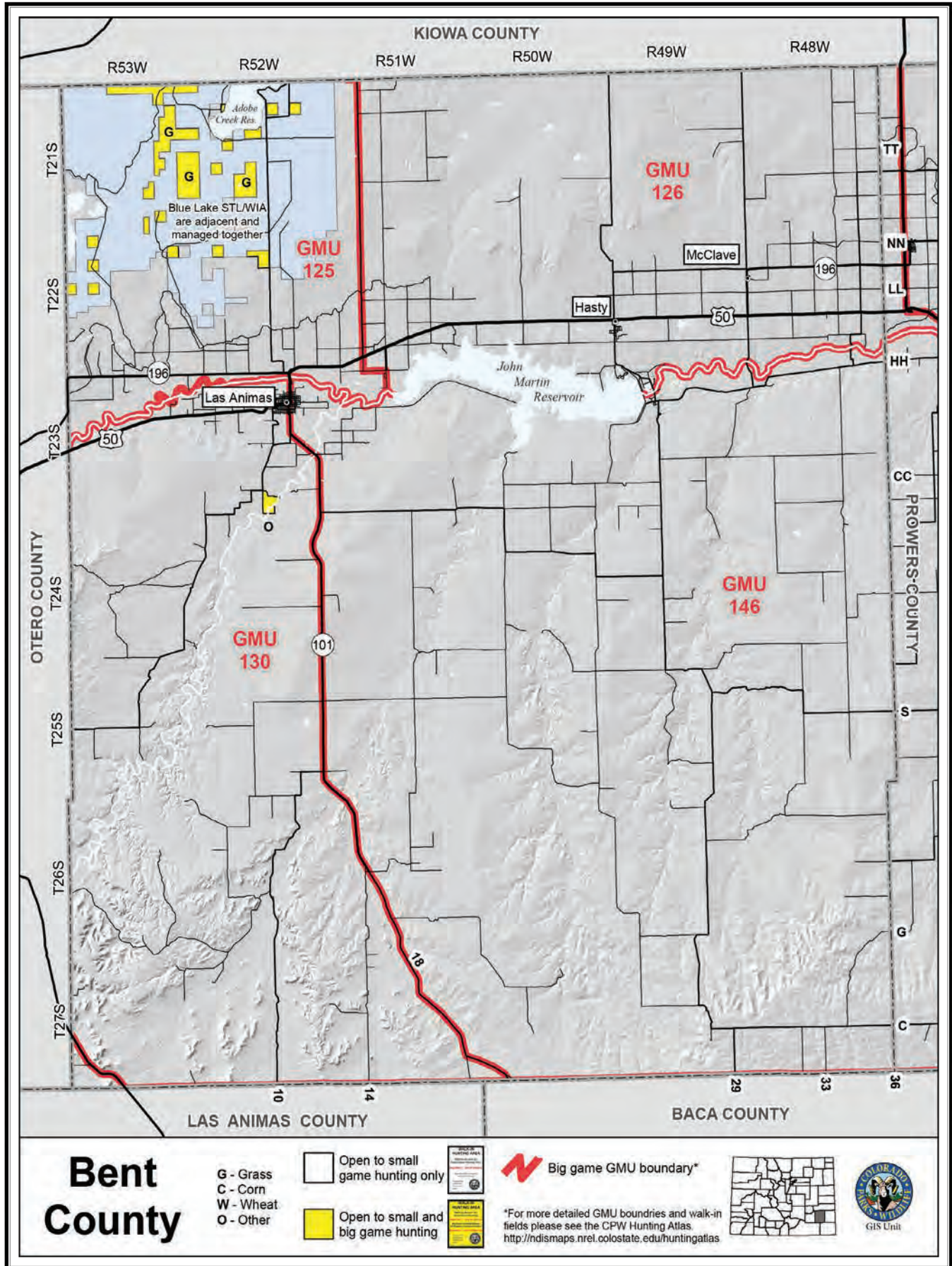


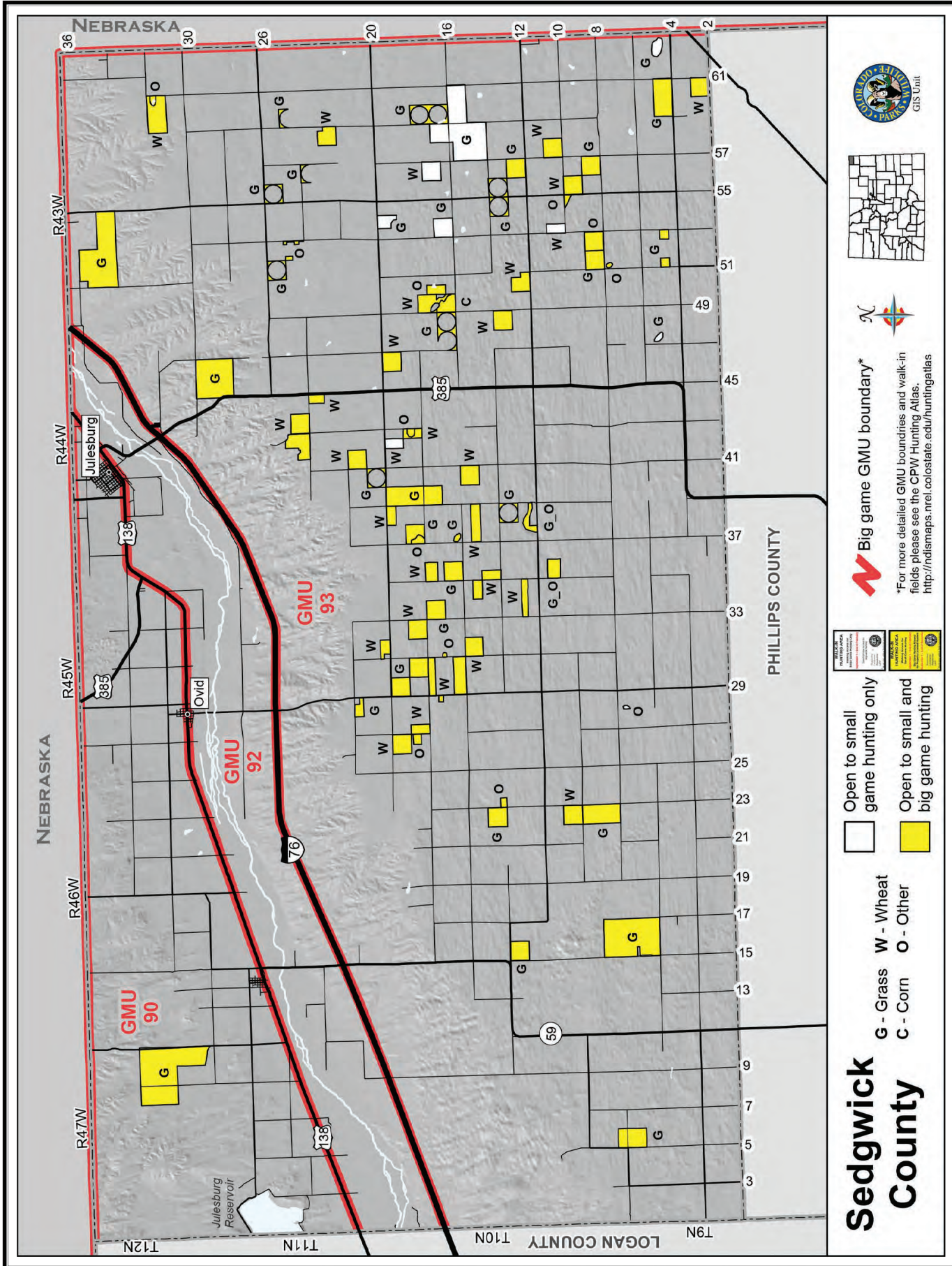
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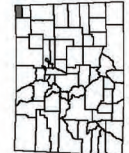
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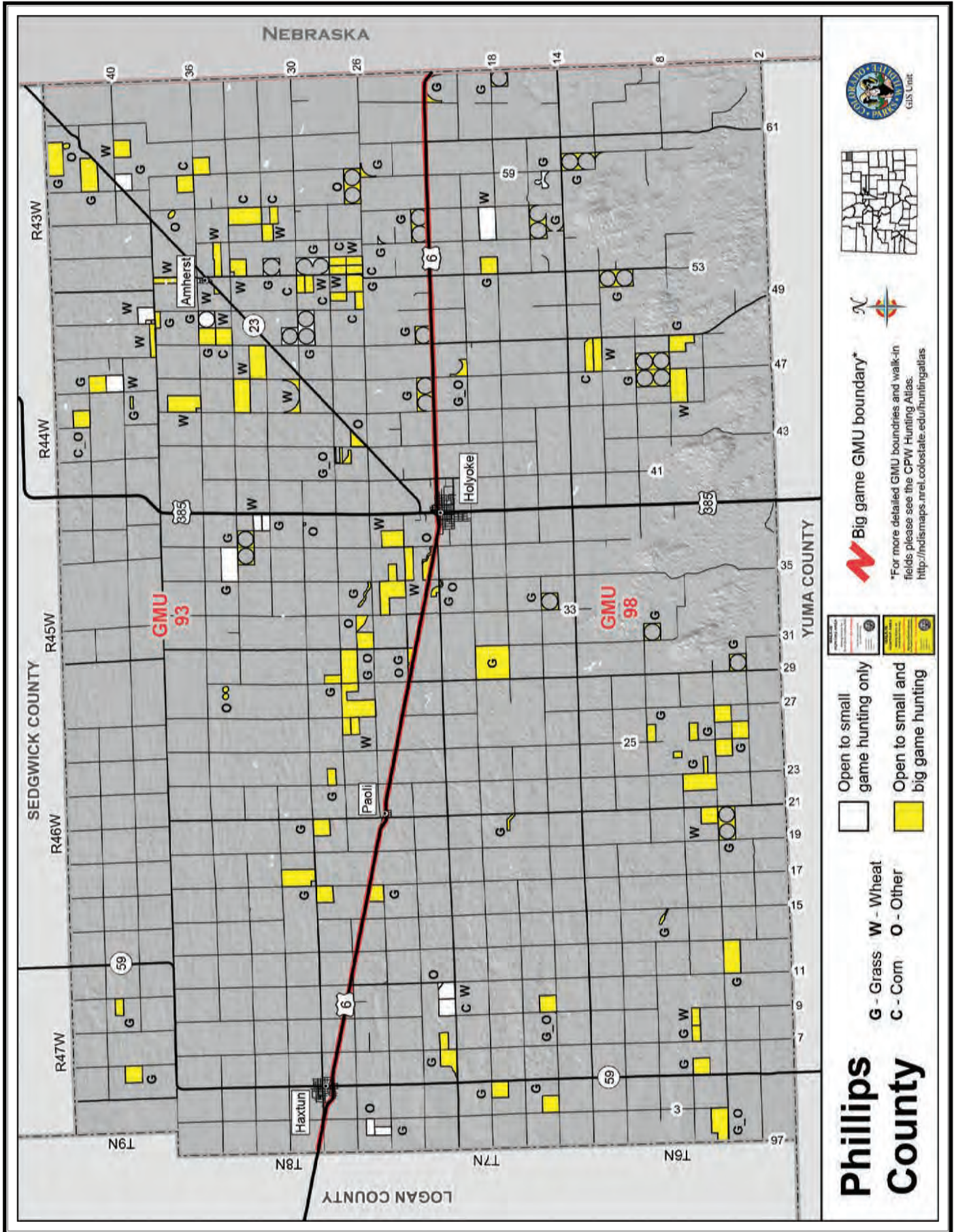
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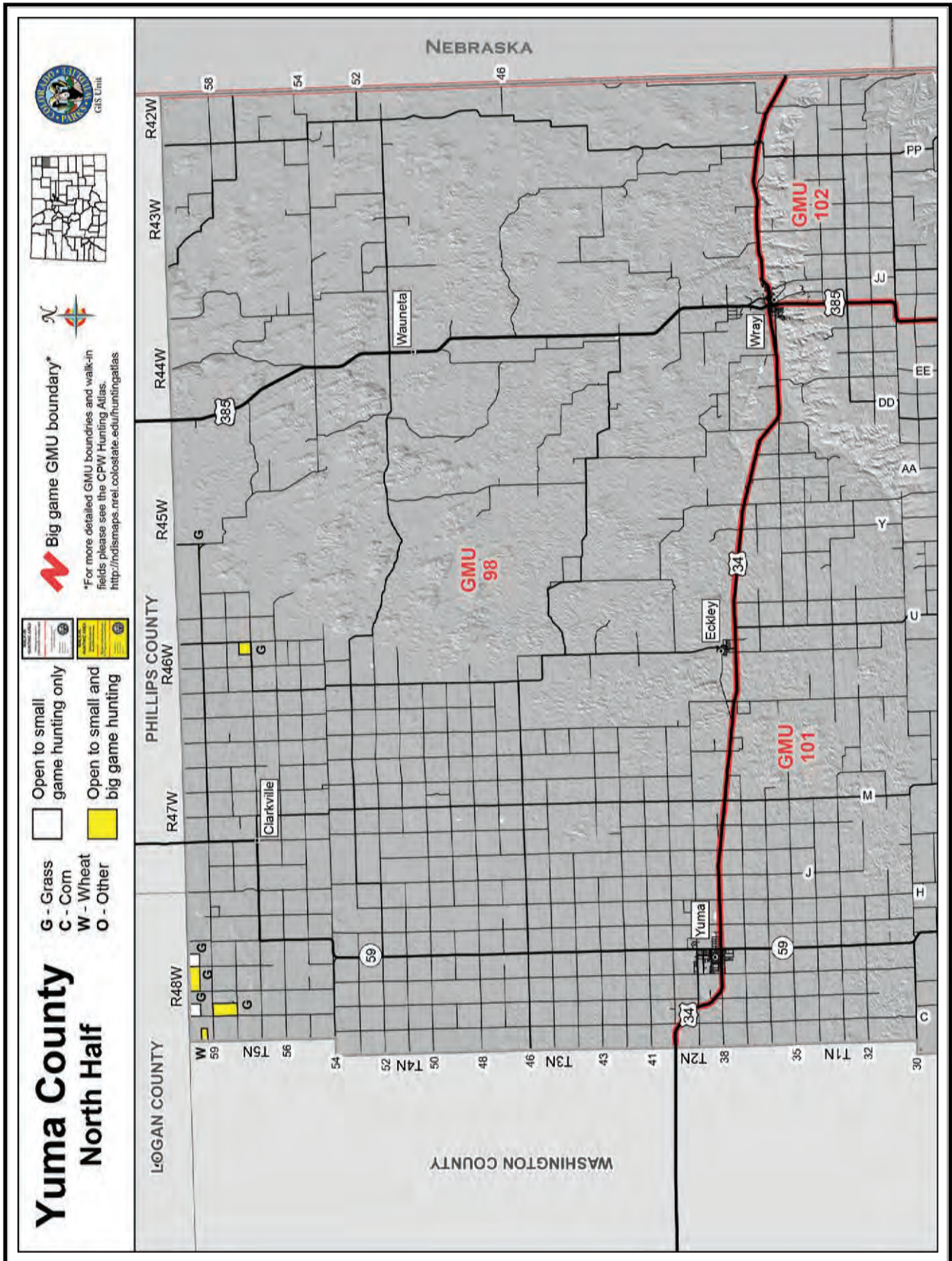


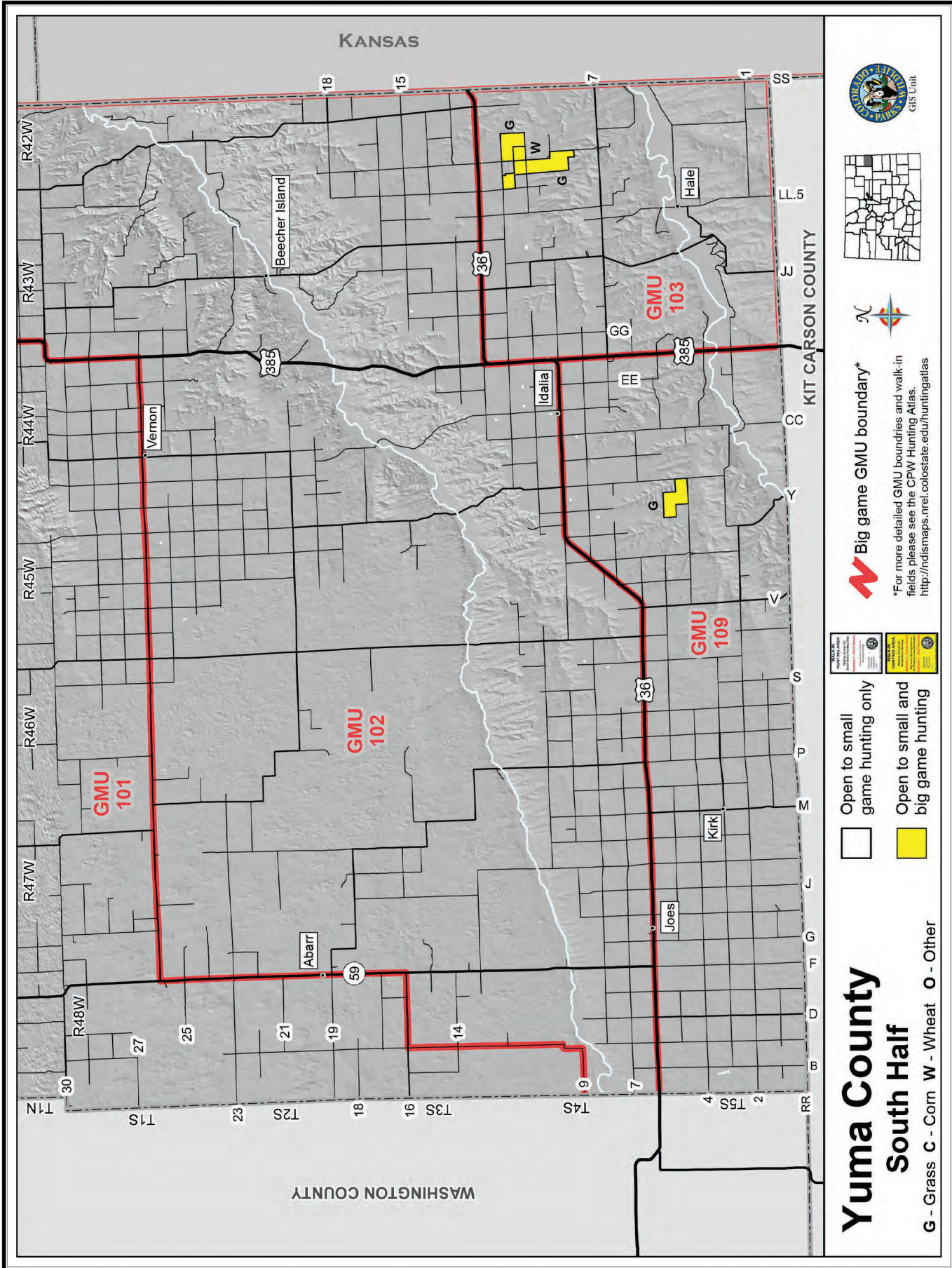
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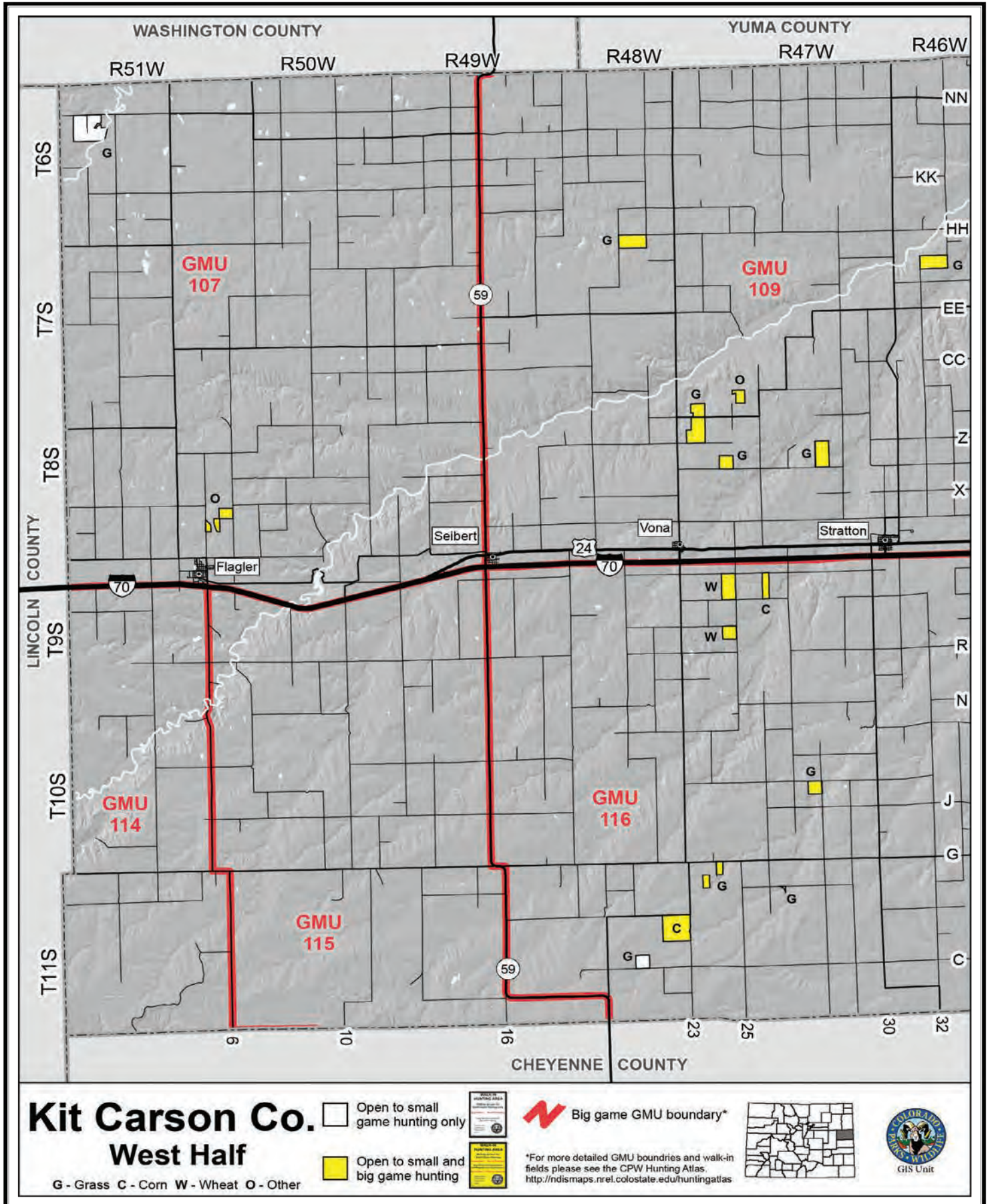
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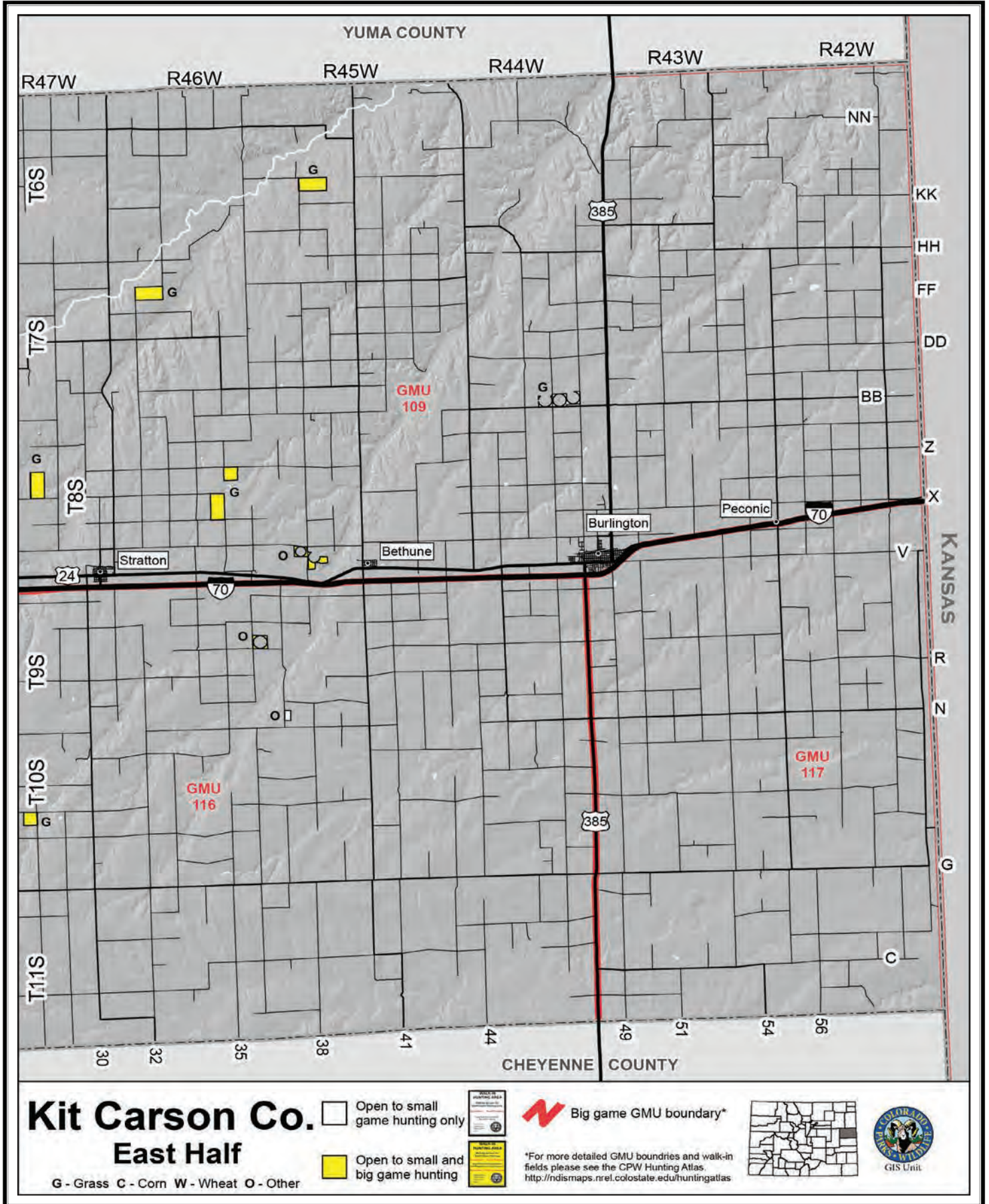
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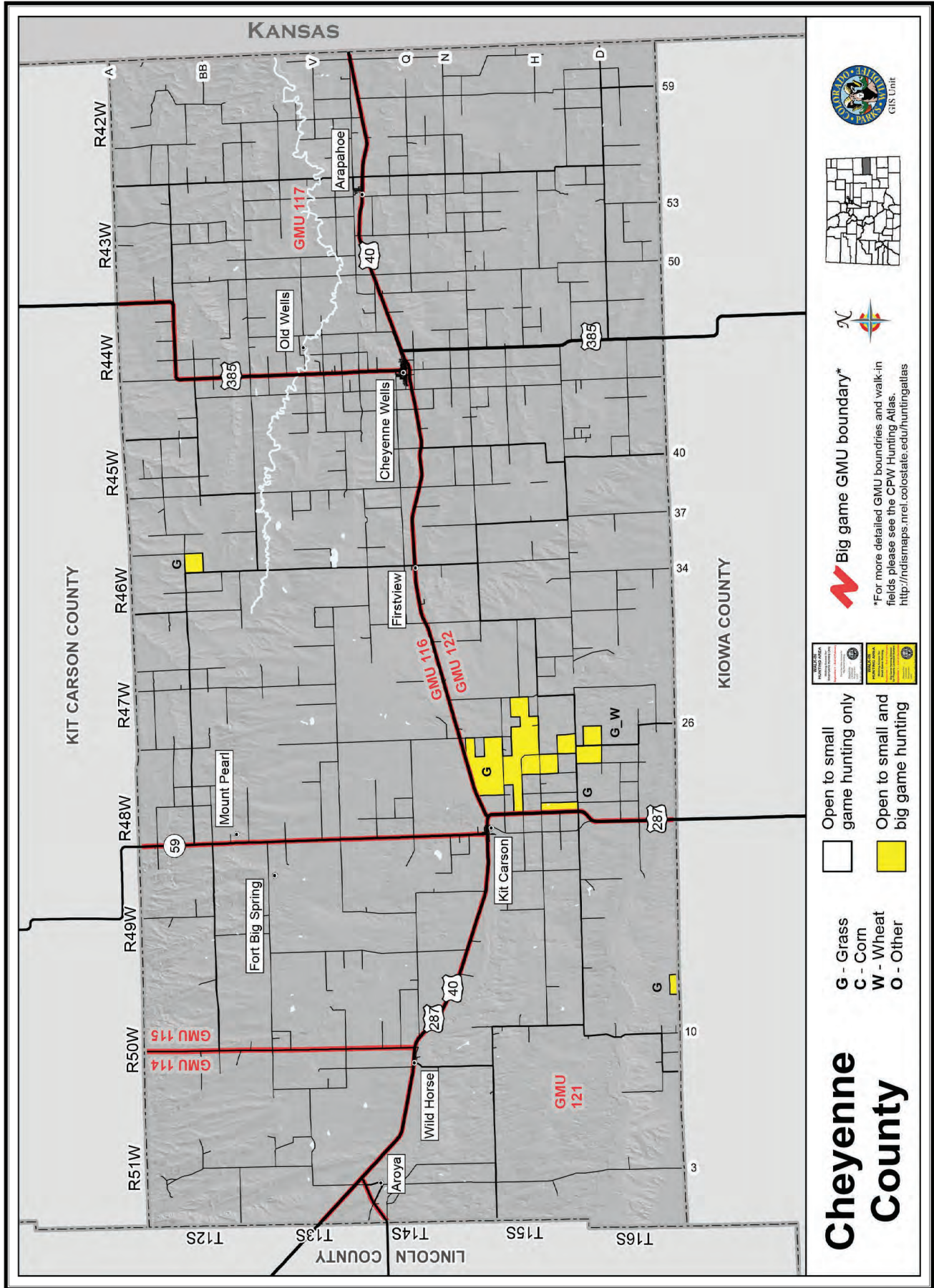
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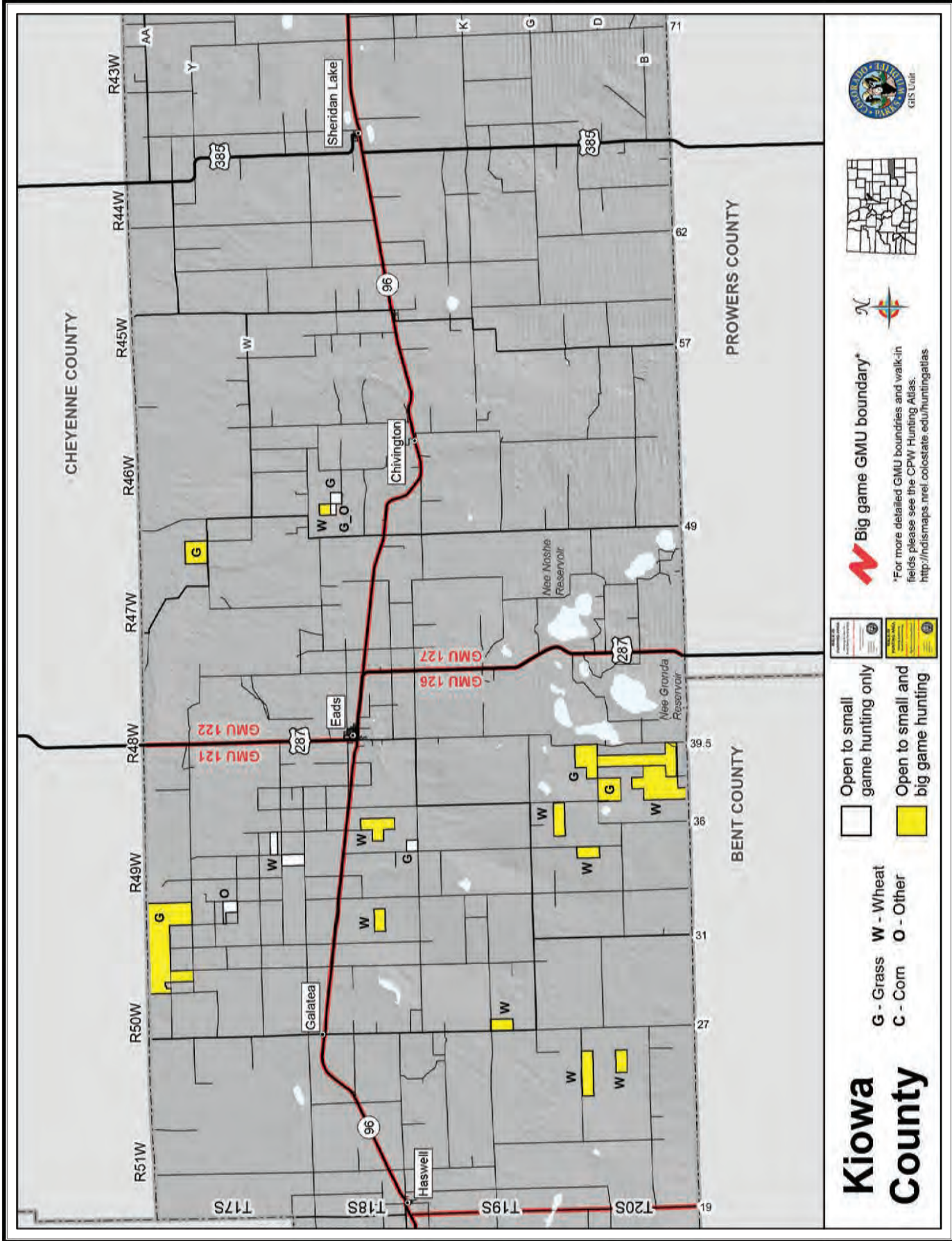












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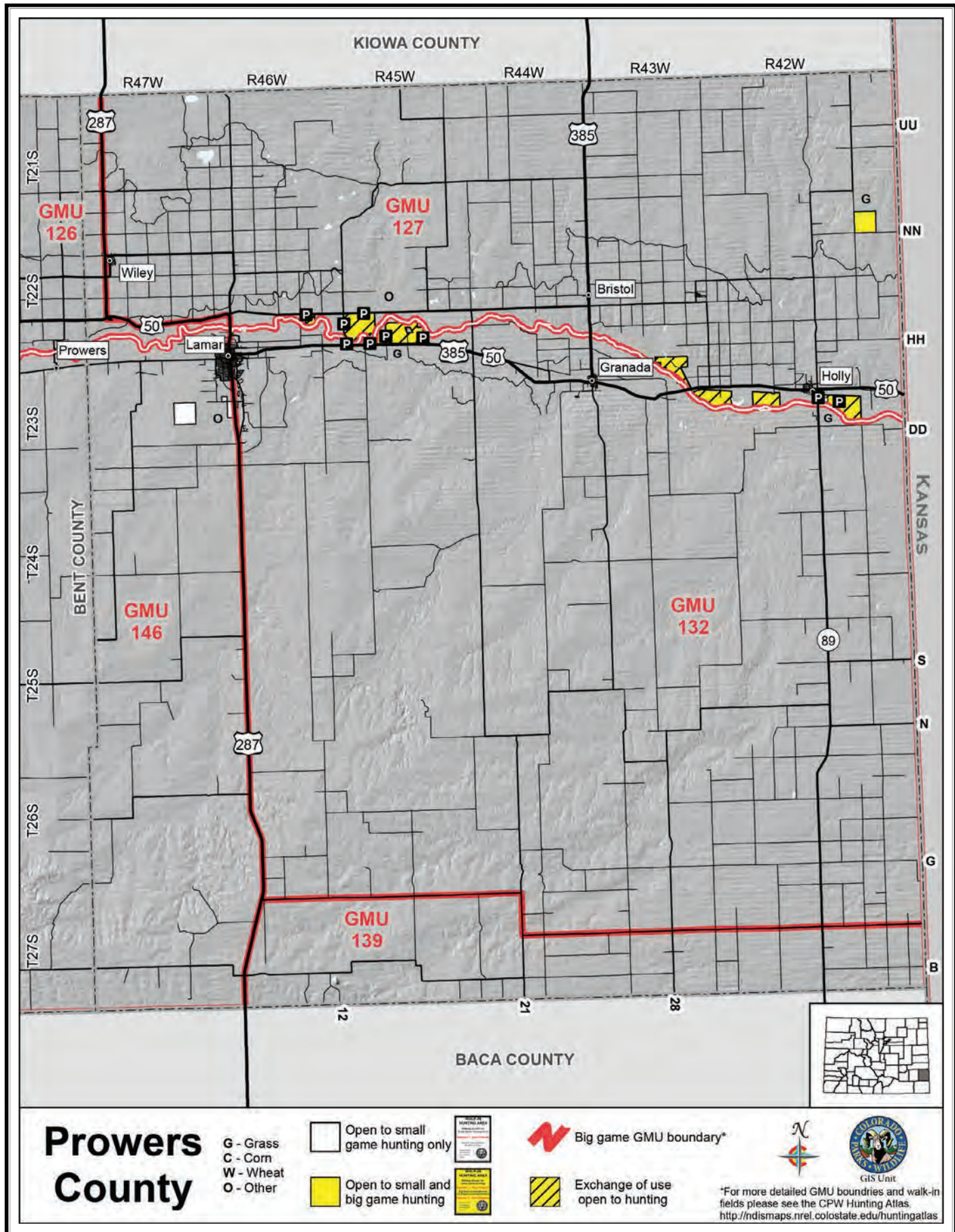
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Kiowa County



Prowers County

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- C - Corn
- W - Wheat
- O - Other

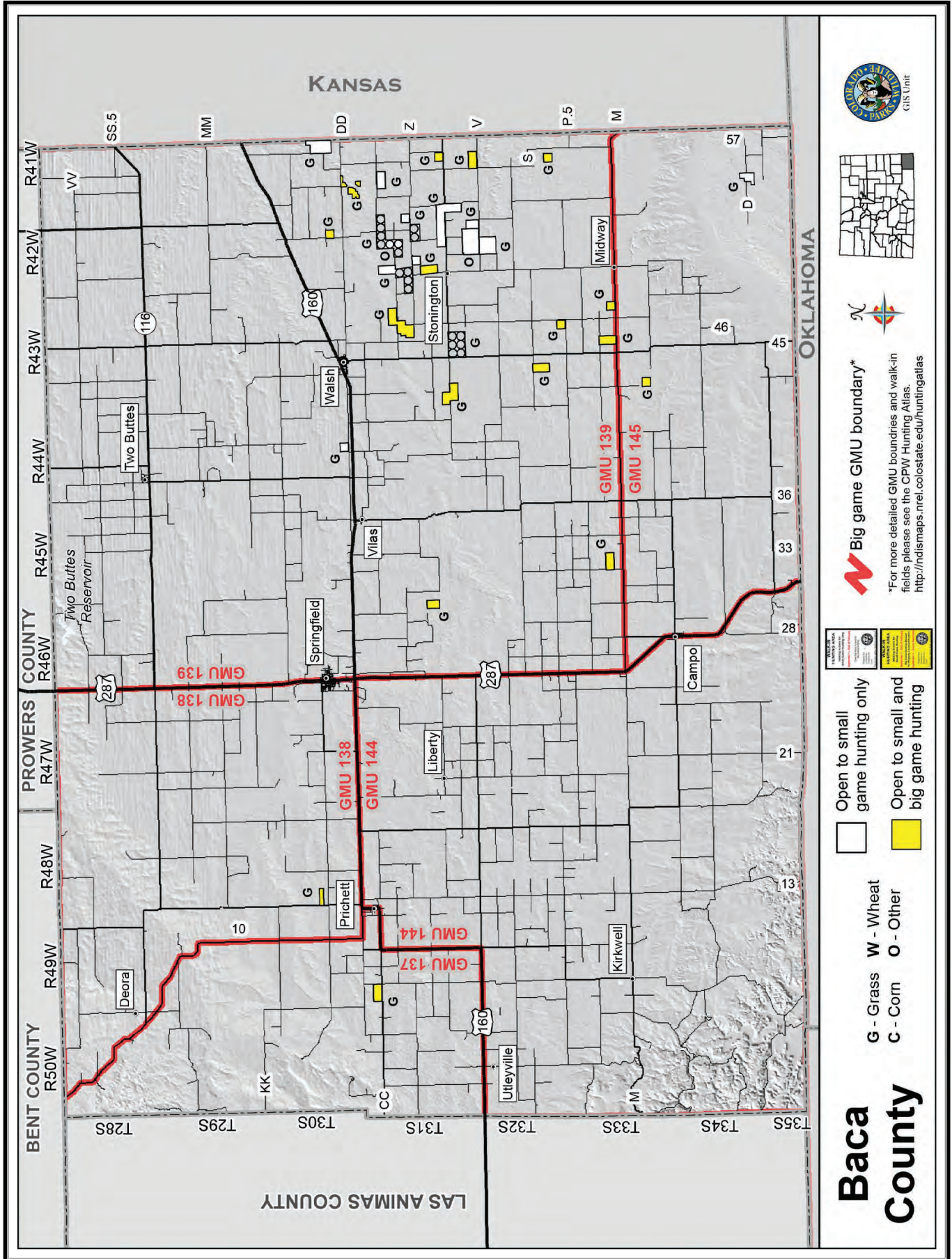
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- Open to small and big game hunting



- Big game GMU boundary*
- Exchange of use open to hunting



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