

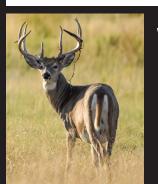
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**Notice:** Laws and regulations in this brochure are paraphrased for easier understanding and are intended only as a guide. Complete Colorado wildlife statutes and regulations are available at CPW offices listed below and online: **cpw.state.co.us/rules-and-regulations** 

#### **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

**Colorado Springs** 

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

6060 Broadway Denver, 80216 303-291-7227

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

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

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

**Steamboat Springs** 925 Weiss Dr.

Steamboat Springs, 80487 *970-870-3333* 

## What's New: 2025

- ➤ Ability to take coyotes with unfilled big-game license removed: Big-game hunters with an unfilled big-game license could previously take coyotes during the season on their license with the same method of take as their biggame license. The provision has since been removed in an effort to improve coyote harvest estimations, which come from the HIP data provided by small game and coyote hunters.
- ▶ Recreational Use Warning Signs: Beginning in 2025, landowners are required by law to post warning signs that the land is open to hunters for recreational hunting purposes as part of the Walk-in Access Program; however, the landowner has made no guarantee that the property is safe. Hunters will see these warning signs in conjunction with the traditional Walk-In Access boundary signs. See page 5 for more information.

## **License Information**

#### **License Fees & Habitat Stamps**

Small Game	Resident	
► Habitat Stamp (required, ages 18–64)		
► Small Game*		
► Small Game (one-day)*		
► Small Game (additional-day)*	\$7.99	\$7.99
► Youth Small Game & Furbearer (under 18)	\$1.50	\$1.50
► Small Game & Fishing Combo	\$61.62	n/a
► Furbearer License Only ► Furbearer Harvest Permit	\$36.68	\$101.54
► Furbearer Harvest Permit	\$10	\$10
► Colorado Waterfowl Stamp	\$12.47	\$12.47
► Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp	\$33	\$33
► Senior Small Game/Fishing Combo		
(Residents age 65 and older)		
► Senior Annual Small Game for Lifetime Fishing License Holders(Senior Columbine or Centennial lifetime fishing li		n/a
► First Responder Lifetime		
Small Game/Fishing Combo(Resident only, permanent occupational disability		n/a
► Veterans Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo	free	n/a
(Resident only, 50% disabled or Purple Heart recip		
► Band-tailed Pigeon Permit	\$5	\$5
<ul> <li>New White-Tailed Ptarmigan, Greater S</li> <li>&amp; Mountain Sharp-Tailed Grouse Permit</li> </ul>	Sage-Grouse :\$5	\$5

#### Big Game

#### ▶ Deer

Resident adult	\$49.15
Resident youth	\$18.90
Nonresident adult/fishing combo**	\$494.47
Nonresident youth/fishing combo**	

#### ► Elk

Resident adult	\$67.86
Resident youth	\$18.90
Nonresident bull/fishing combo**	\$825.03
Nonresident either-sex/fishing combo**	\$825.03
Nonresident cow/fishing combo**	\$825.03
Nonresident youth/fishing combo**	\$126.18

#### ► Pronghorn

Resident adult	. \$49.15
Resident youth	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo**	
Nonresident vouth/fishing combo**	

\*Does not include furbearers.

\*\*Fishing portion of nonresident big game/fishing combo is good through March 31, 2026.

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

#### **Accepted Forms of Payment**

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

#### **What You Need to Buy a License**

- 1 **Proper identification** and **proof** of residency (for Colorado residents).
- **2 Proof** of hunter education.
- **Habitat Stamp:** A 2025 (\$12.47) or lifetime (\$374.47) Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18–64.

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

#### **License Requirements**

- 1. Hunters must have an annual youth small-game/furbearer, small-game (annual, 1-day or additional day, plus the furbearer harvest permit if applicable; see number 6 below), annual combo small-game/fishing license (plus the furbearer harvest permit if applicable; see number 6 below), or furbearer license. Hunters must carry their license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers. Note: Everyone age 16 years or older must have a valid hunting or fishing license to be on any part of a state trust land or state wildlife area or have a valid Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass to be on any part of a state wildlife area, unless specifically noted.
- **2.** Small-game, coyote and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with **HIP each year** before their license is valid. *See "Harvest Information Program" on page 3.*
- 3. Annual fishing, small-game and furbearer licenses, the furbearer harvest permit, and the Colorado Waterfowl Stamps and Habitat Stamps are valid March 1 through March 31 of the following year (13 months). Lifetime combo small-game/fishing licenses are valid as long as you are a Colorado resident.
- **4.** In order to hunt small game in any seasons that continue beyond March 31, 2026, you must purchase a 2026 small-game license.
- **5. To hunt & take small game**, you need a small-game license, a combo small-game/fishing or a lifetime combo small-game/fishing license.
- **6. To hunt furbearers,** you will need to purchase either a furbearer license (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 7 below for the exception for coyote.
- 7. To hunt coyotes, you need a small-game license or a furbearer license. An annual furbearer harvest permit is not required to hunt or take coyote.
- **8.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*.
- **9. To hunt common snapping turtles,** you need a small-game or fishing license.
- 10. To hunt waterfowl, you need a small-game hunting license. If you are 16 or older, you also must have the \$33 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) and the \$12.47 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: Effective July 1, 2025, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implemented the Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023, allowing an individual to carry an electronic stamp for the entire waterfowl hunting season. The new electronic stamp shall remain valid from the day it is sold through the following June 30, instead of being valid 45 days from the day of sale (fws.gov/service/buy-duck-stamp-or-e-stamp). Traditional methods of purchasing the Federal Duck Stamp will continue. The physical stamp is valid when you sign your name in ink across the face of the stamp. A federal stamp is not required to take light geese during the conservation order season.
- 11. To hunt sandhill cranes, an annual sandhill crane permit (\$0) is required in addition to the small game license and a completed HIP registration.
- 12. To hunt band-tailed pigeons, a permit (\$5) is required in addition to the small-game license. The permit is available online, by phone, at CPW offices and at sales agents.
- 13. New To hunt white-tailed ptarmigan, greater sage-grouse and mountain sharp-tailed grouse, an annual white-tailed ptarmigan, greater sage-grouse and mountain sharp-tailed grouse permit (\$5) is required in addition to the small game license and a completed HIP registration.
- **14.** If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only that area.
- 15. Licenses are not transferable.
- 16. False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.
- 17. All license exchanges will be charged a \$5.00 fee.

# **General Hunting Laws and Information**

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

#### Restrictions

#### **Child Support Delinquency**

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

#### **Weapons Restrictions**

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

#### Wildlife Causing Damage

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

#### No Hunting These Birds on WIA Lands



## Gambel's Quail Region found: West

**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 base.

**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:

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

## **General Information**

#### **Small-Game and Furbearer Surveys**

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

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

#### **Harvest Information Program (HIP)**

Small-game, coyote and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with HIP **each year** before their license is valid. You can get your 2025–2026 HIP validation beginning on April 1 but can get HIP validation anytime after April 1, as long as it's before you hunt small game or coyote during the 2025–2026 season.

The Harvest Information Program (HIP) is available through **cpwshop.com** (or by calling an automated phone service at 1-855-521-3050). To complete your annual HIP registration (free), log into your **cpwshop.com** account, click on "Go Hunting and Fishing" and "Buy Small Game and Combo Licenses." Add your preferred small game or combo product to your cart and complete the HIP questionnaire as prompted before checking out. *Note:* If you already have an active small game or combo license on your account, you can add the free HIP registration product, and any other permits you may need, from the "Small Game and Combo Licenses" product menu in your account. When you complete the questionnaire, you will be asked for basic information, including how many birds and small game you harvested the previous season, and the species you plan to hunt this year. A season means March 1 through March 31 of the following year. When you complete your purchase, a HIP validation will print on your license. If you previously purchased a 2025 license (at a license agent, for example), you will need to follow the same online process or call the automated phone service to complete HIP. This information helps CPW manage migratory bird and Colorado small-game species by improving harvest estimates. Note: When you complete the HIP survey, you will not receive a HIP number, but you will see a HIP validation on your CPW account. For more information, go to: cpw.state.co.us/HIP

#### **Donating Wildlife**

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 2025 Small Game & Waterfowl brochure for more information.

#### Novice Hunter Program

CPW has identified some properties as Novice Hunter Walk-In Access Properties. Please see the Late Cropland Walk-In Atlas in October 2025 for more details.

#### **Big-Game Hunting**

Continuing in 2025, 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 101,000 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, 2025.

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

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



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## **Get the Lead Out**

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



Go to cdphe.colorado.gov/lead-health and click "For the public" to see the fact sheets on Lead in Harvested Wild Game and Lead in Indoor Shooting and Firing Ranges.

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

Additionally, lead-based ammunition can cause adverse impacts on non target wildlife from lead ingestion while scavenging. Hunters themselves are conservationists, maintaining species populations and protecting habitats. By switching to lead-free ammunition, hunters can support wildlife by reducing the risk of lead poisoning to nontarget wildlife such as eagles and other raptors. For more information visit **cpw.state.co.us/lead-free**.

#### To help reduce human and wildlife health impacts, you can:

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

## **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**

**Eeurasian 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 6 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 2025–2026 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:

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.



# 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.)

To Donate: co.accessgov.com/ogt/Forms/Page/ogt/payments/

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

#### Walk-In Property Signs

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

#### WALK-IN **HUNTING AREA**

Walking Access for Small Game Hunting Only

September 1 – End of February

Does Not Allow Access for



Hunt only within field boundaries

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

#### WALK-IN **HUNTING AREA**

Walking Access for Small Game Hunting Only

ng Day of ant Season - End of February

#### Hunt only within field boundaries Pheasant season

access signs have an access date of "The opening day of pheasant season" through the end of Feb. Properties that are posted to open on the opening day of pheasant season cannot be accessed prior to Nov. 8, 2025.

#### WALK-IN **HUNTING AREA**

Walking Access for Small Game Hunting Only

Opening Day of - End of March

Does Not Allow Access for Big Game Hunting

Hunt only within field boundaries

#### **Extended Access**

properties are posted to close at the end of March, annually. These signs have an access date of "The opening day of pheasant season" through the end of March. These properties cannot be accessed prior to Nov. 8, 2025.

#### WALK-IN **HUNTING AREA**

PARKING AREA NO VEHICLES BEYOND THIS POINT!

No Overnight Parking FOOT ACCESS ONLY





Parking signs designate where hunters should park at some walk-in areas. The majority of WIA properties do not have established parking areas. Instead, hunters should park along the road, taking care to stay out of the traveled portion of the road but also not park in tall weeds and grass

where a fire hazard exists.

#### **SAFETY ZONE**

#### NO SHOOTING **BEHIND THIS** SIGN



## Safety Zone signs

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

them posted.

#### **WARNING!**

THIS PROPERTY IS NO LONGER WALK-IN ACCESS HUNTING.



#### CLOSED! Do not hunt if fields have yellow

"Warning!" signs. Rarely, it is necessary to remove a property from the WIA program after this brochure is printed. When that happens, boundary signs are replaced with yellow warning signs to notify hunters the property is no longer available for walk-in hunting. Remember, if you find a WIA property listed in the brochure but boundary signs are not present at the field corners, please do not

hunt that field!

#### WALK-IN **HUNTING AREA**

Walking Access for Small Game Hunting



#### **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 biggame hunting to properly licensed hunters during established big-game seasons from Sept. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025, and to small-game hunting from Sept. 1, 2025, through Feb. 29, 2026. 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.

#### Recreational Use Warning Signs

Continuing in 2025 hunters will see this sign in conjunction with traditional Walk-In Access boundary signs. Colorado law now requires landowners to post a warning sign to maintain a landowner's statutory protection against indemnity in the case that a person is injured while recreating, as granted under Colorado's Recreational Use Statute (CRUS). For your recreational purposes, the landowner has opened their land to recreational hunting as part of the Walk-In Access Program; however, the landowner has made no guarantee that the property is "safe".

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

## **Season Dates**

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

A complete synopsis of the big-game hunting season dates can be found in the 2025 Colorado Big Game brochure, while the complete small-game

hunting season dates can be found in the 2025 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/big-game-brochure and cpw.state.co.us/small-game-brochure.

#### Small-Game Season Dates and Bag Limits

- **►** Cottontail Rabbit
- Snowshoe Hare
- ► Jackrabbit: White-Tailed, Black-Tailed

Season: Oct. 1-end of Feb. 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 require-



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. Daily bag limit: 5 of each species Possession limit: 10 of each species



Pine squirrel @ Wayne Lewis, CPW

#### ▶ Pheasant

Season 1: Nov. 8-Jan. 31, 2026 Area: East of I-25

Season 2: Nov. 8-Jan. 4, 2026 Area: West of I-25

Daily bag limit: 3 cocks Possession limit: 9 cocks

**Season:** Sept. 13–21 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** 

#### ► European Starling, House (English) Sparrow

Season: Year-round Area: Statewide Daily 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

**Plains Archery** 

**Season:** Oct. 1–24, Nov. 5–30, Dec. 15-31<sup>x</sup>

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. 1-24,

Nov. 5-Dec. 31\* **GMUs:** 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 128,

133, 134, 135

Season: Sept. 30-Nov. 29, Dec. 15-31\*

GMUs: 142.

#### Plains Muzzleloader

**Season:** Oct. 11–19\* **GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

#### **Plains Rifle**

Season: Oct. 25-Nov. 4\* **GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

#### **Late Plains Rifle**

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

#### ► Elk

**Plains Archery** Season: Sept. 2-30\* **GMUs:** 104

#### Plains Muzzleloader

**Season:** Sept. 13-21\*

**GMUs:** 104, 128, 133, 134, 141, 142

#### ► Elk

**Plains Rifle** 

Season: Sept. 1–Dec. 31 (cow) **GMUs:** 104, 128

**Season:** Oct. 15–19\* (bull) Season: Oct. 25-Nov. 2\* (bull) Season: Nov. 8–16\* (bull)

**Season:** Nov. 19–23\* (bull) **GMU:** 104

**Season:** Nov. 19–23\* (bull) **GMUs:** 104, 133, 134, 141, 142

#### Late Plains Rifle

**Season:** Oct. 14-Dec. 31\* (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\* (buck) **GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 95, 99, 100, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951 **Season:** Sept. 21–29\* (doe) **GMUs:** 93, 97, 98, 101, 102

#### **Plains Rifle**

Season: Oct. 4-12\* **GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 93, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129,

130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

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

Season: Dec. 1-14\* (doe) **GMUs:** 97

**Season:** Dec. 1–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

Season: Dec. 6-Dec. 10\* (doe) GMUs: 128, 127, 133, 134, 140, 141,

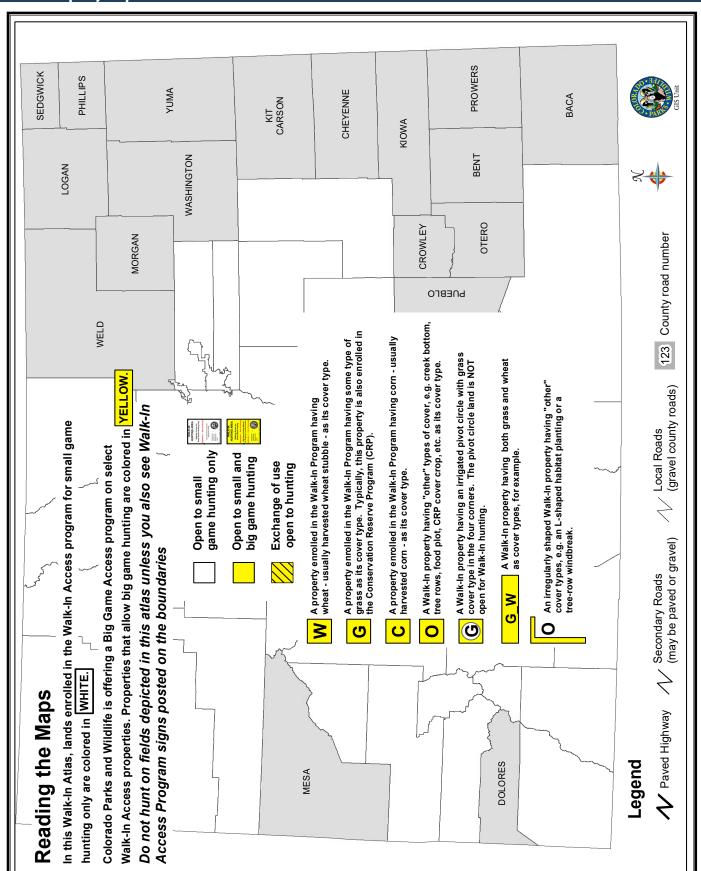
**Season:** Dec. 7–15\* (doe) GMUs: 112, 113, 114, 115, 120, 121, 125, 126

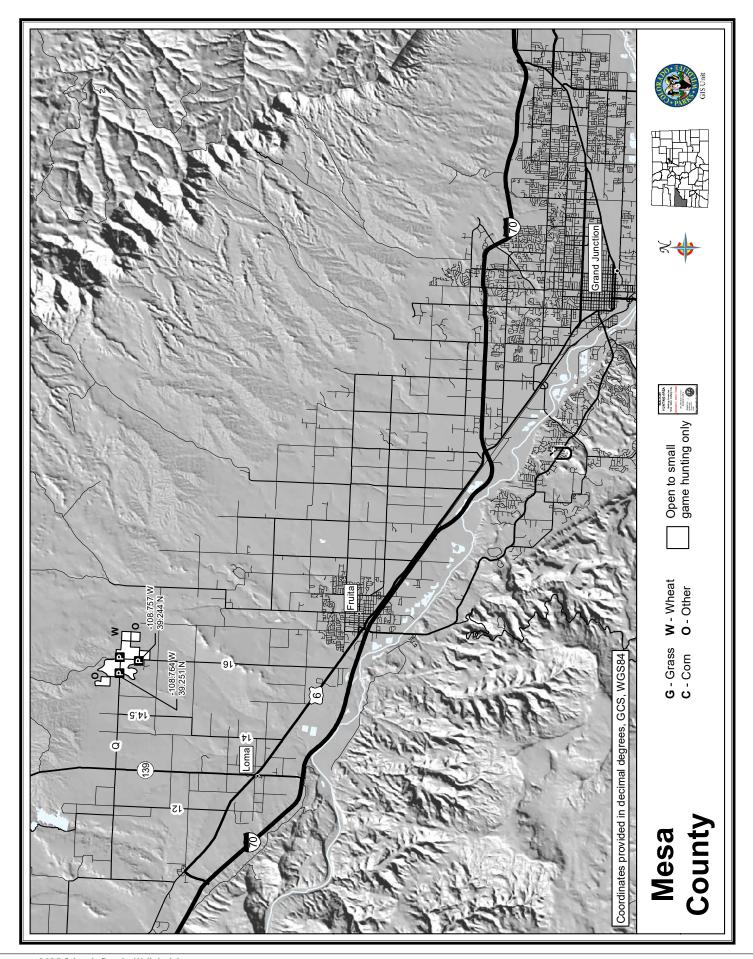
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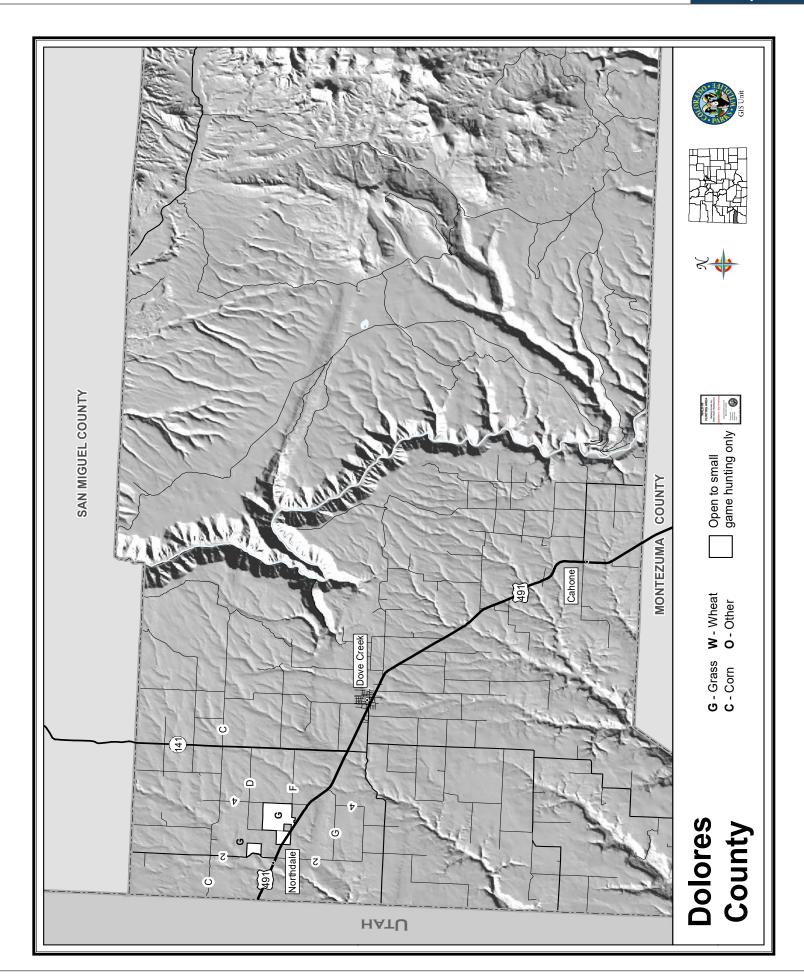
Legal hunting times for big game are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, unless specifically restricted. Legal times to hunt small game are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. An exception is made for furbearers, which can be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Refer to the 2025/2026 Sunrise Sunset table on page 4 of the 2025 Small Game & Waterfowl Brochure.

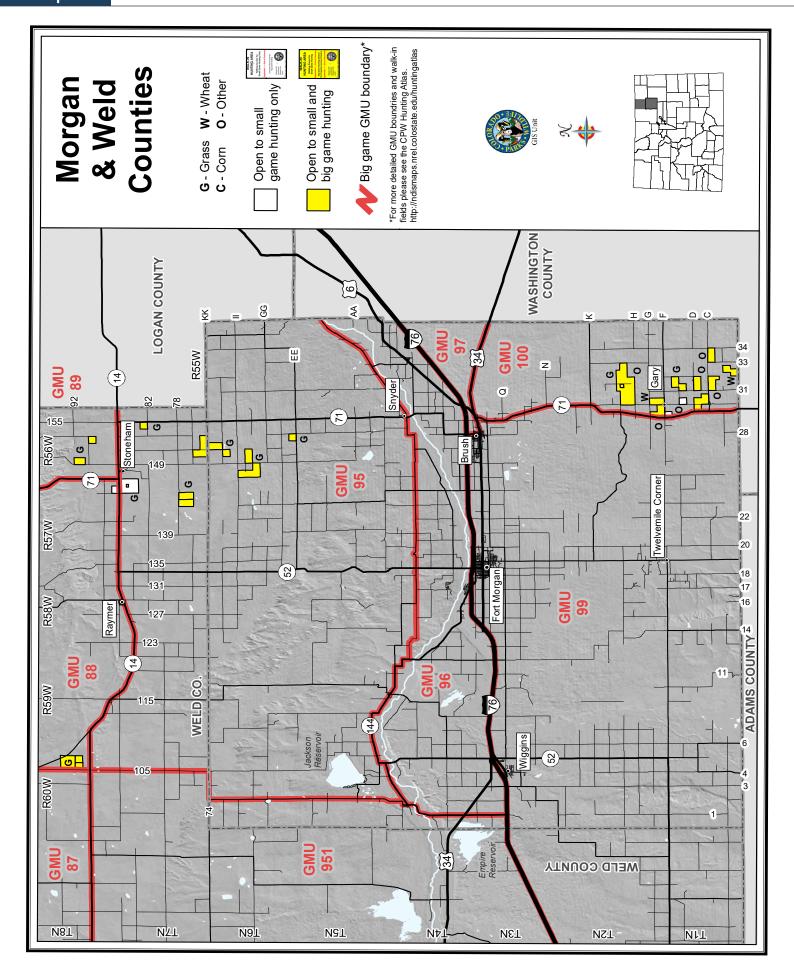
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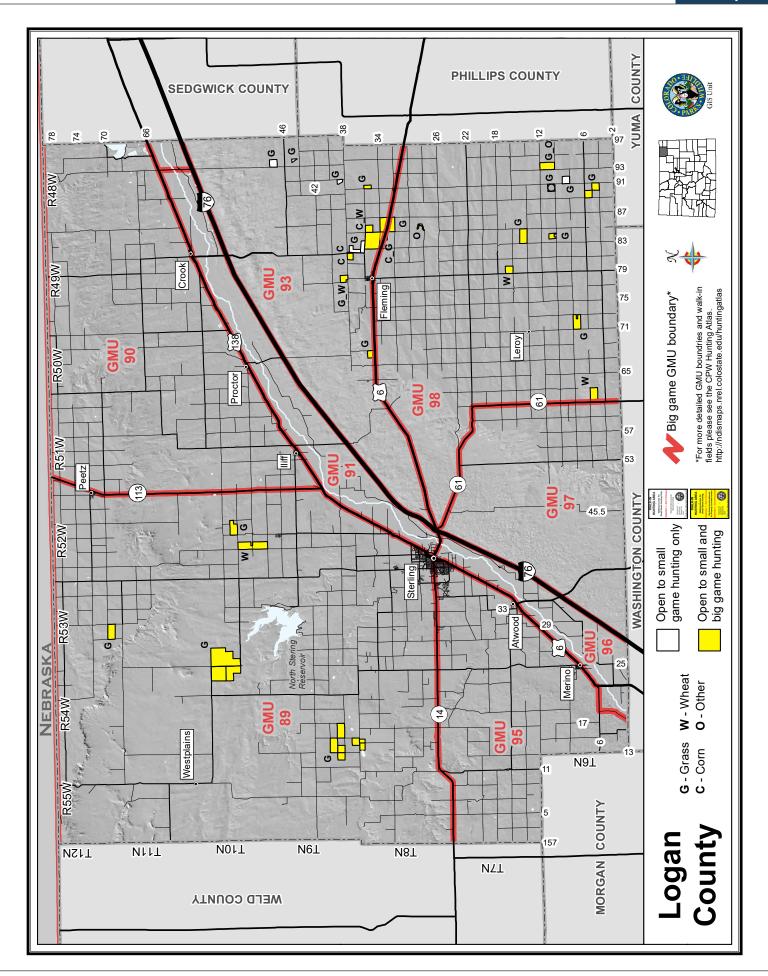
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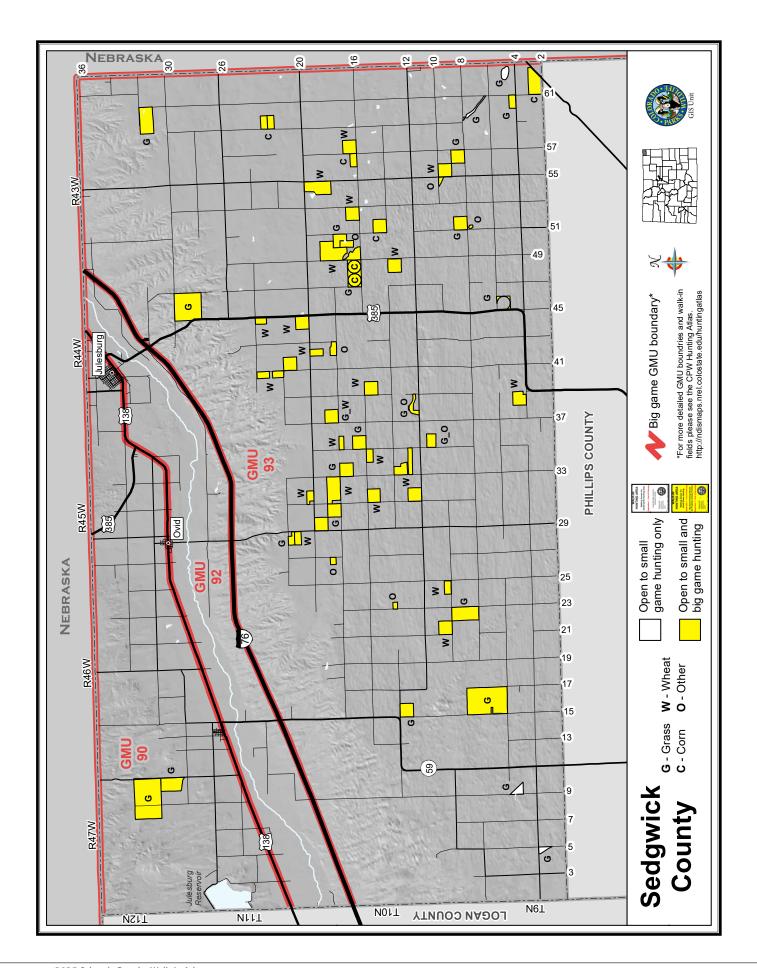


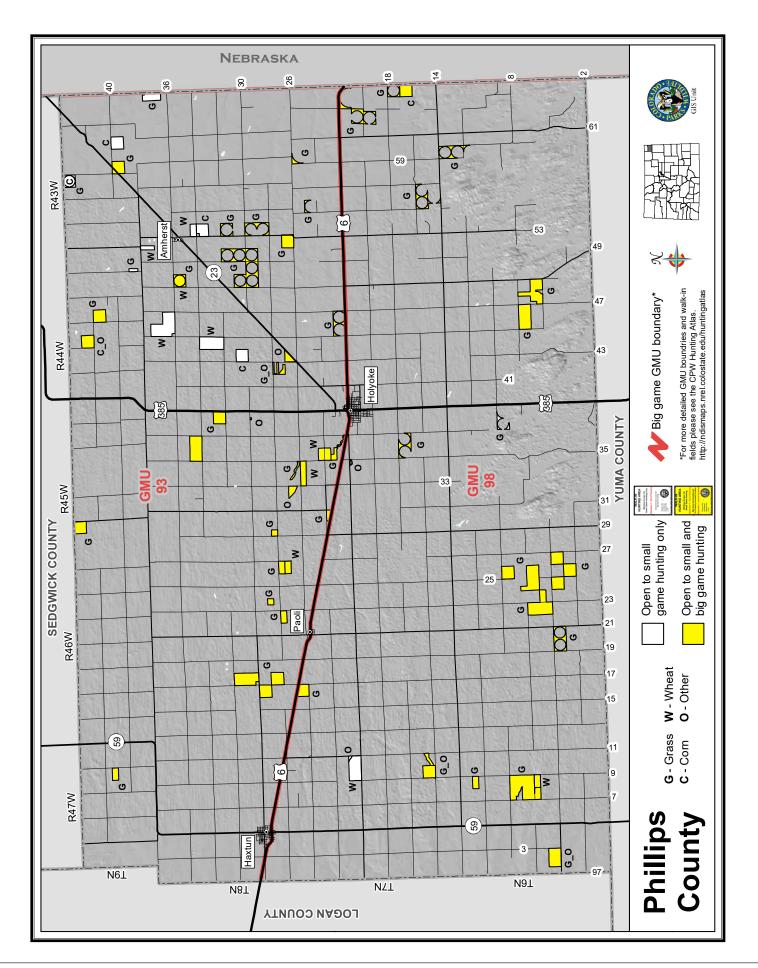


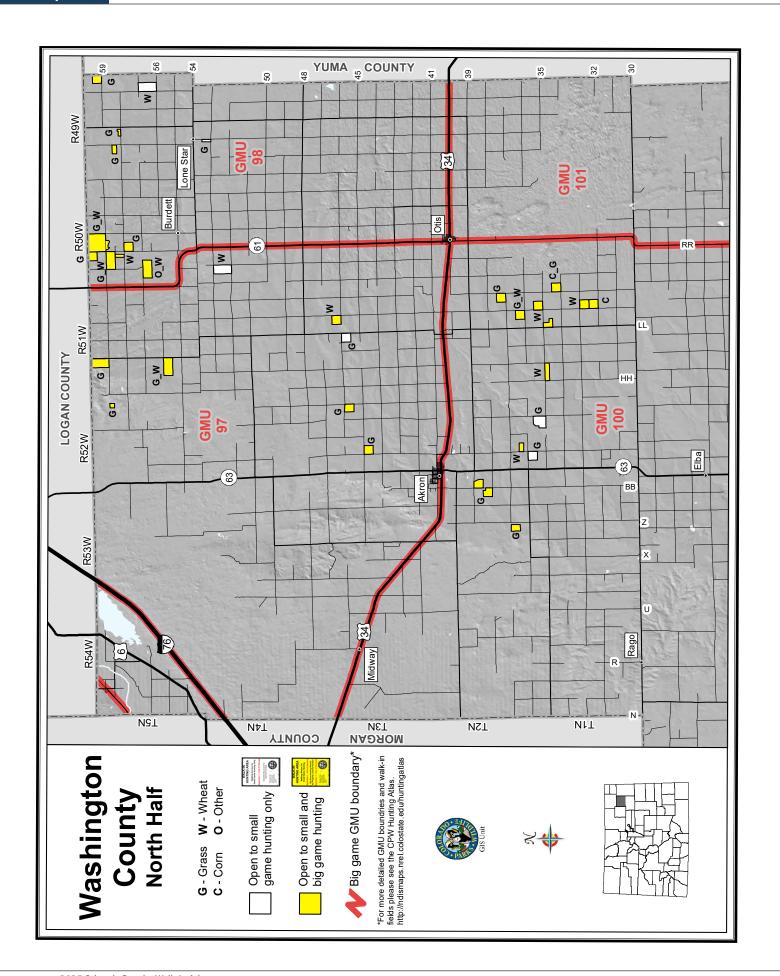


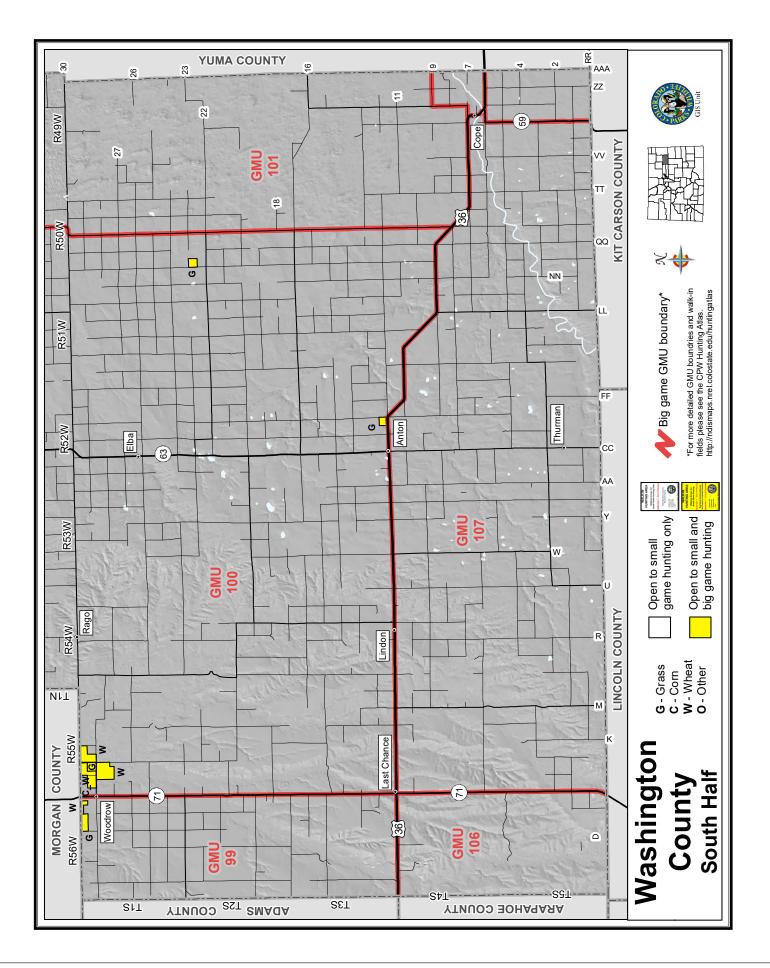


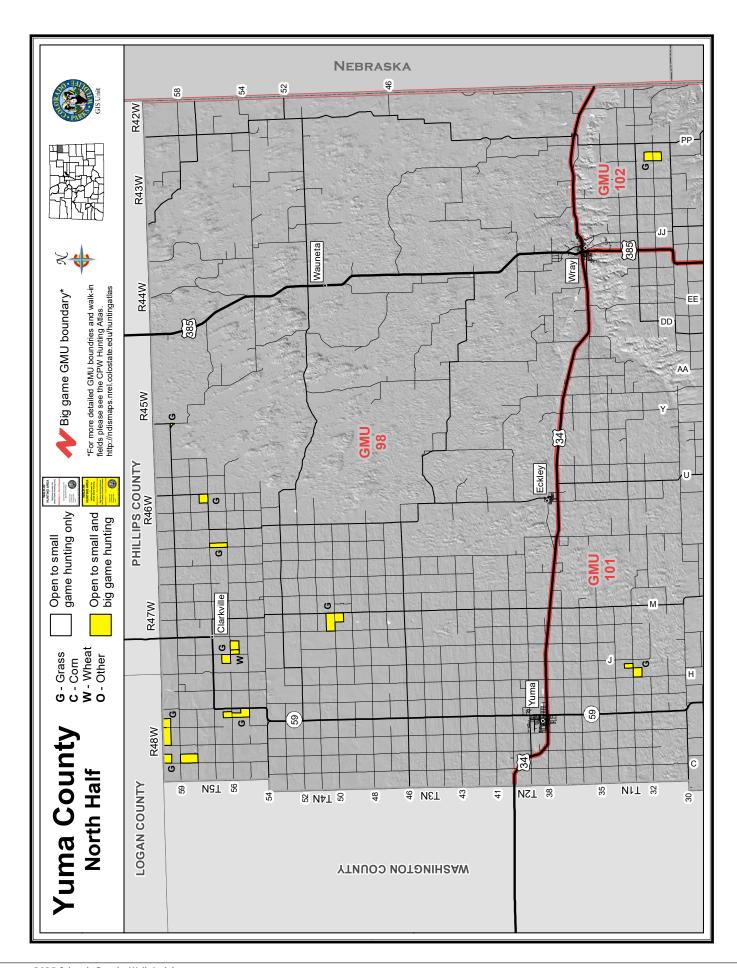


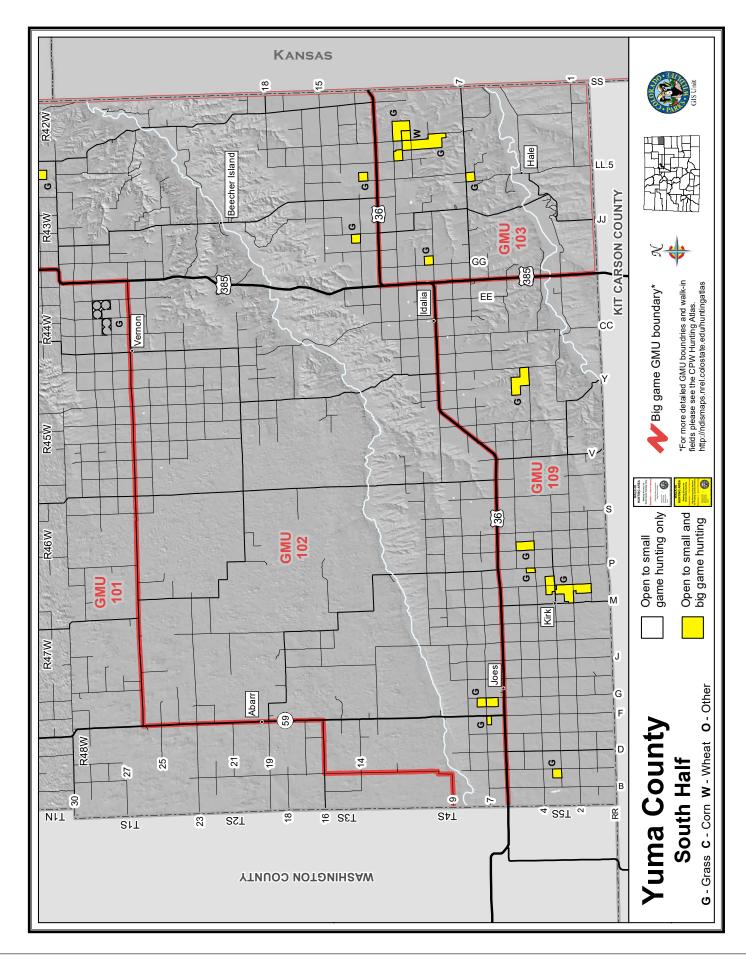


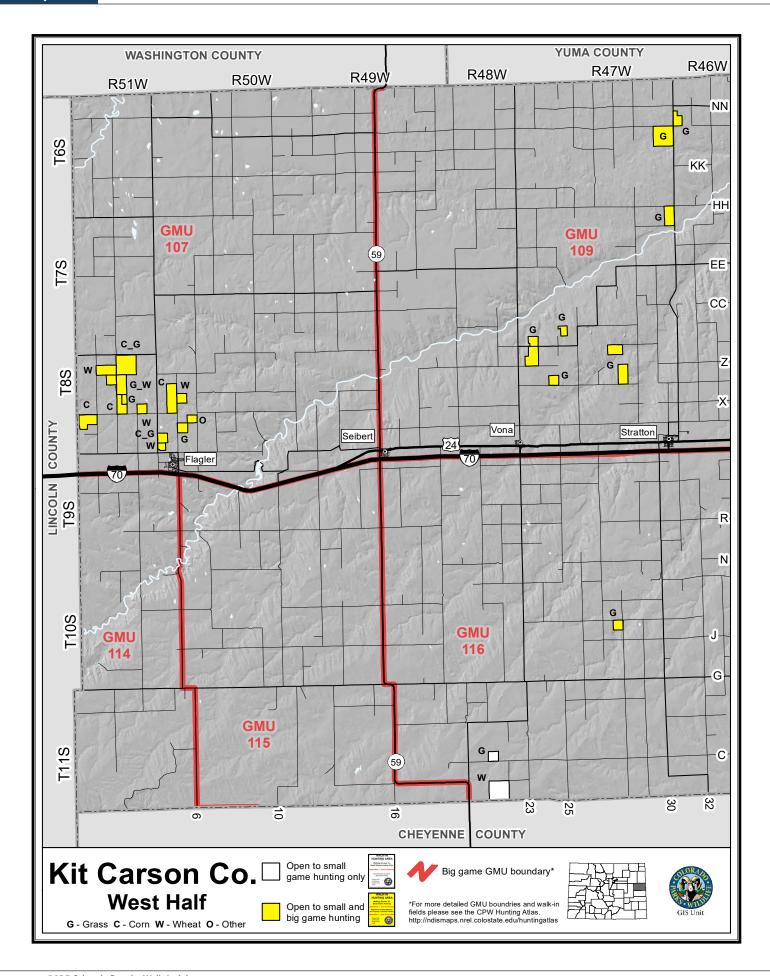


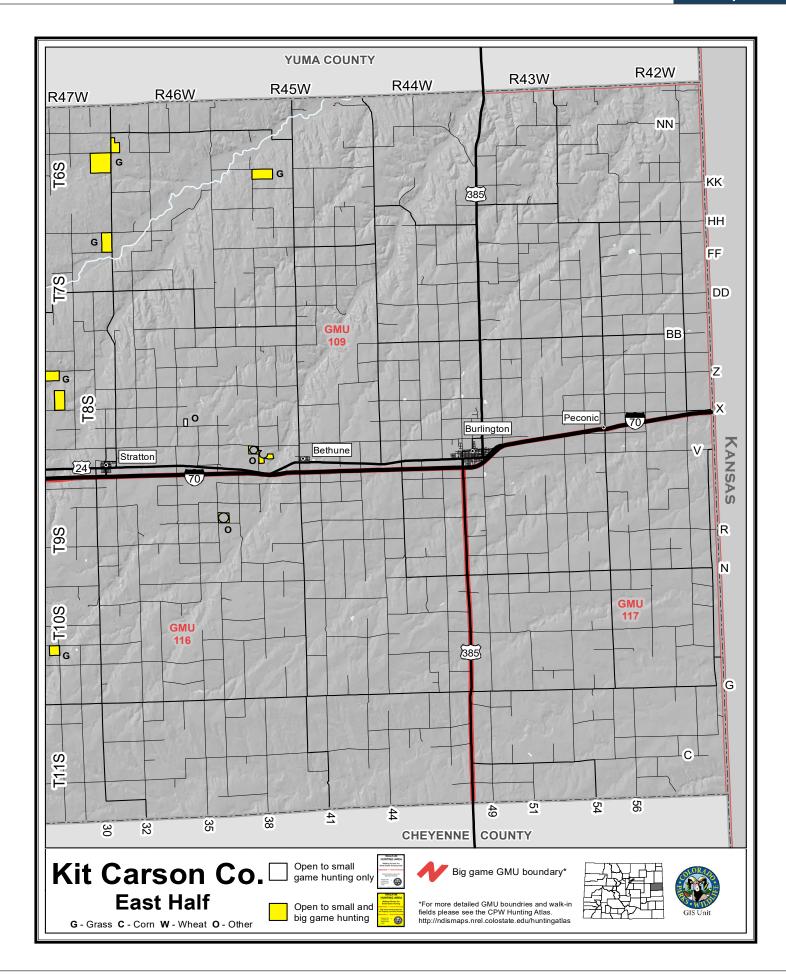


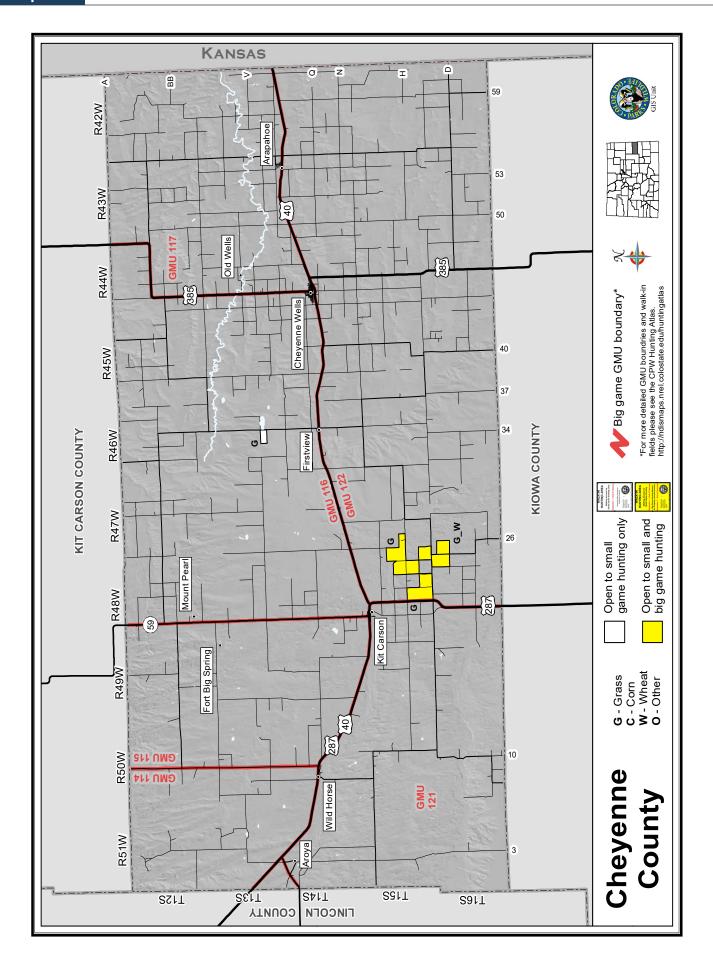


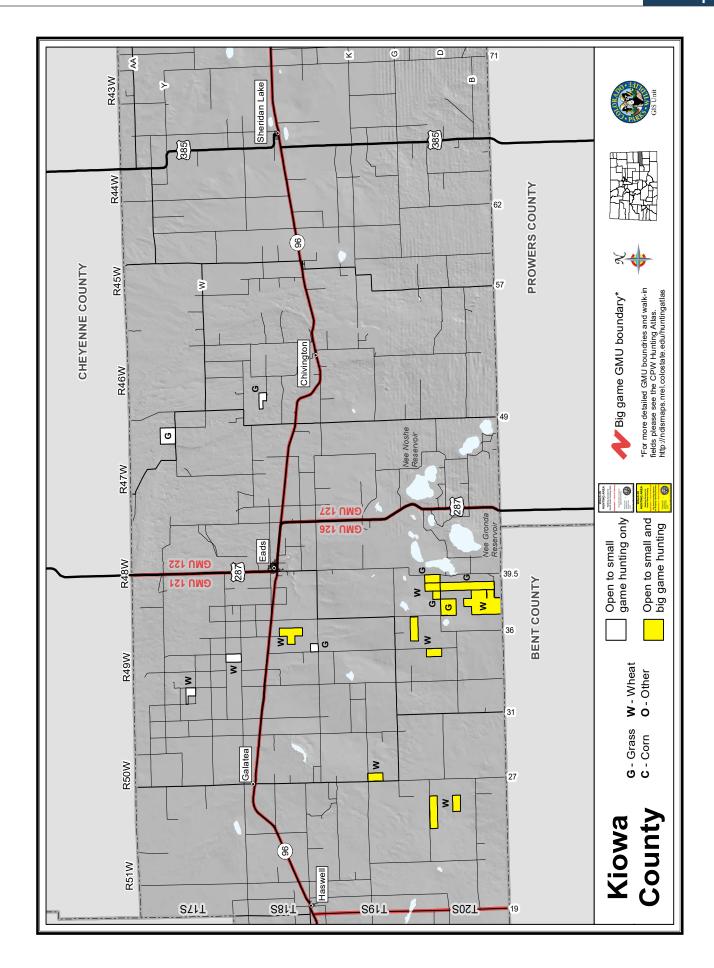


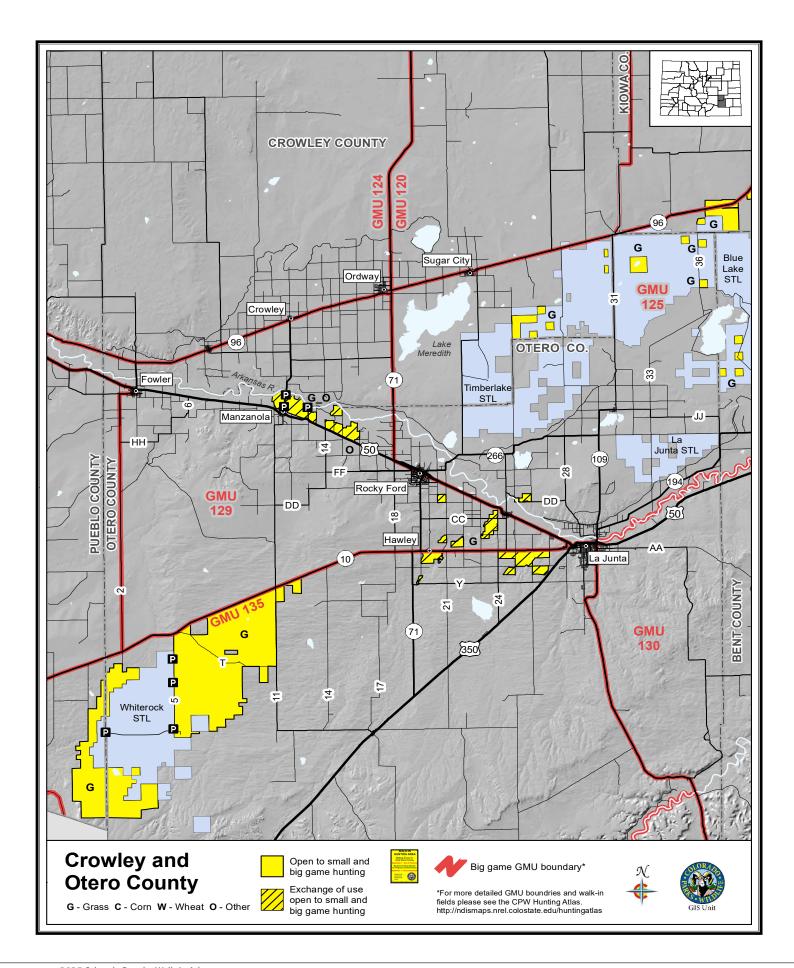


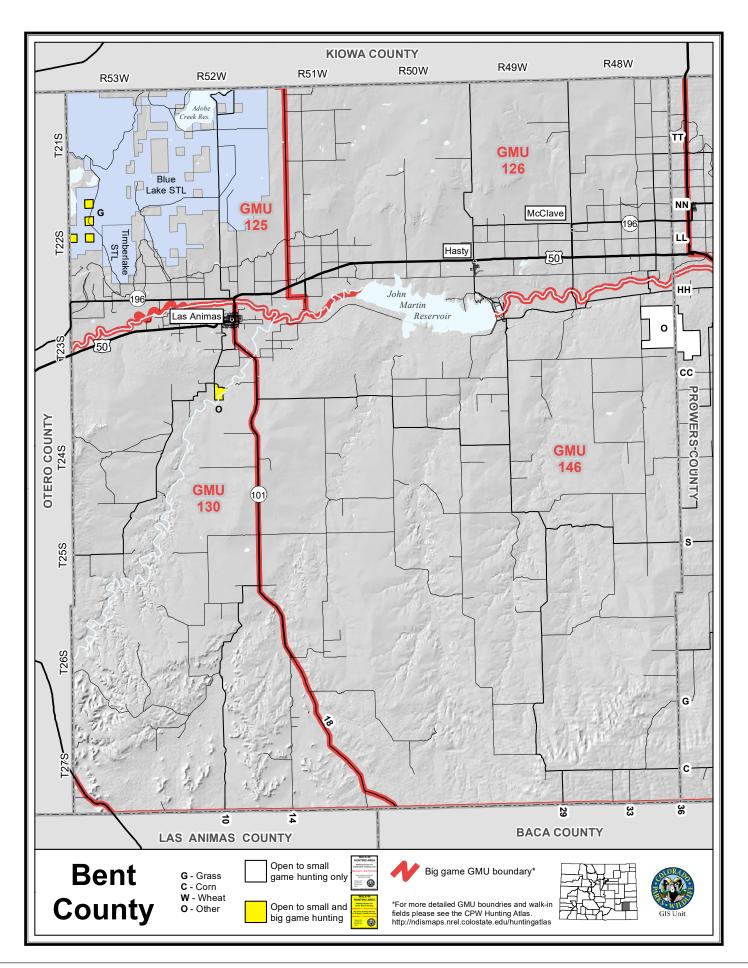


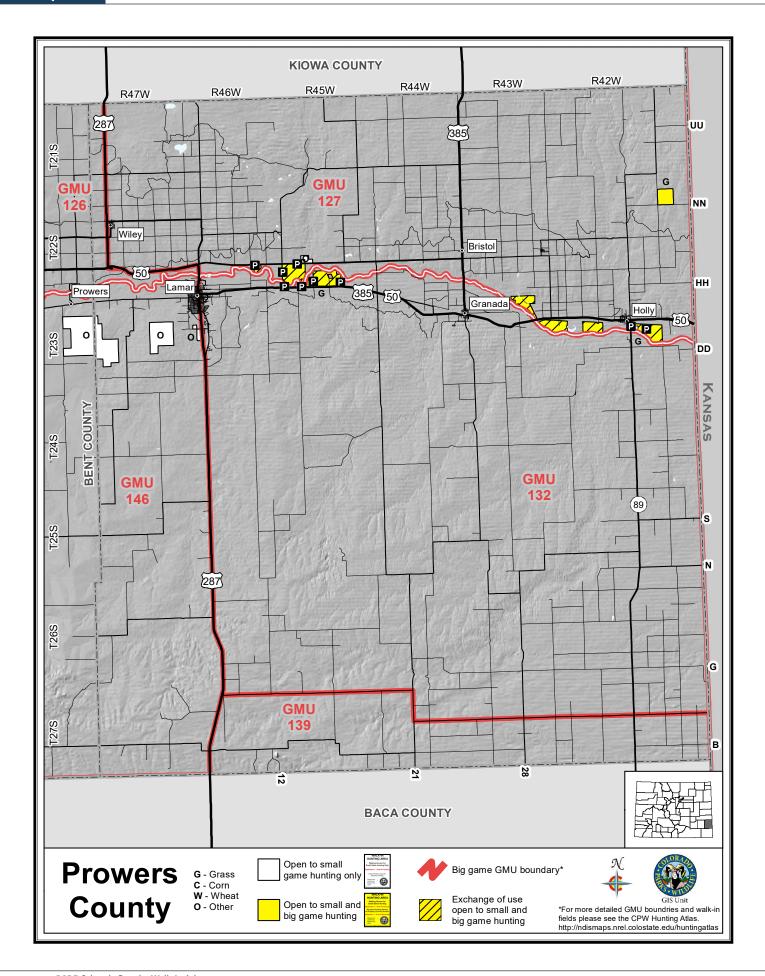


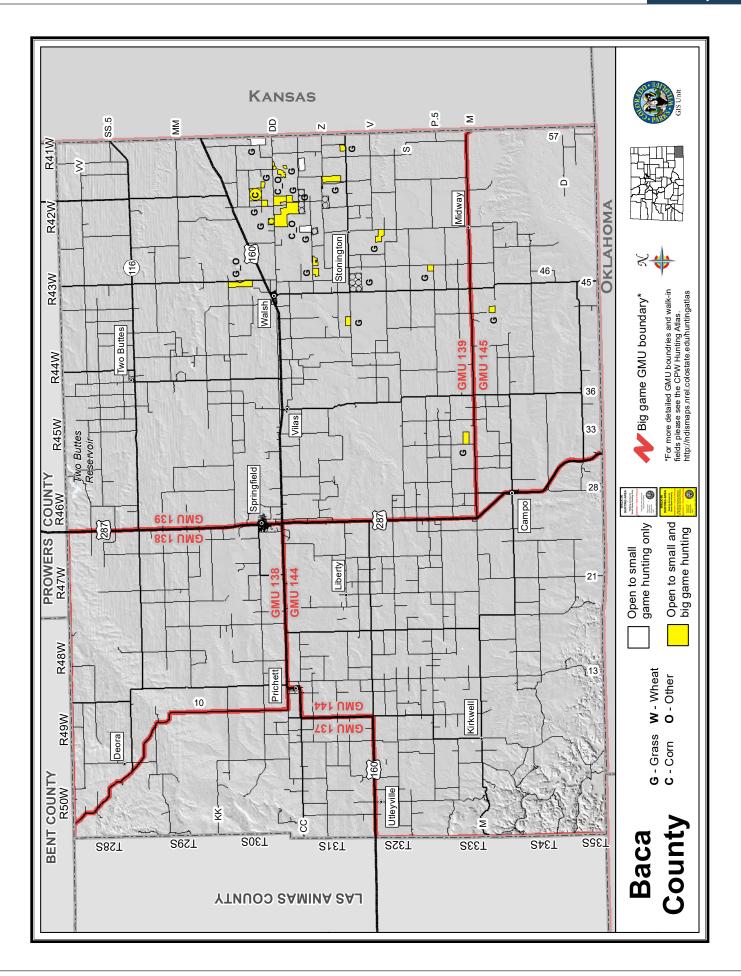
















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