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April 2019–March 2020 Colorado Mountain Lion Hunting

SPRING SEASON: APRIL 1–30, 2019 FALL SEASON: NOV. 18, 2019–MARCH 31, 2020



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CPW REGIONAL AND AREA OFFICE LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATION

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

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 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 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
970-870-2197

GLENWOOD SPRINGS

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

WHAT'S NEW: 2019–2020

REGULATION CHANGES & NEW INFORMATION

► FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT PASSED THE 2018 STATE

LEGISLATURE: Thank you to all of the hunters and anglers who helped support the Future Generations Act and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. This act is a huge step for funding wildlife conservation. You'll see some changes in 2019, including a small fee increase for resident licenses and the Wildlife Education Fund. **Find the full 2018/2019 fee comparison chart online:** cpw.state.co.us/feechanges

► MOUNTAIN LION BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY:

The CPW Mountain Lion brochure is now entirely digital, beginning with the April 1, 2019–March 31, 2020 license year.

► MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING UNIT CLOSURE INFORMATION

AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY: After March 31, 2019, the 1-888-940-LION (5466) phone number will no longer be in service. Beginning April 1, 2019, hunters must check harvest limits/whether a unit is open or closed through the online **Available Mountain Lion Harvest Limits Report** at cpw.state.co.us/huntlion no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before your hunt. You can also call any CPW office to check if a unit is open or closed. *See page 4 for more information on the report.*

► ANNUAL MOUNTAIN LION LICENSES ON SALE MARCH 25, 2019:

Mountain lion hunting licenses for the April 1, 2019–March 31, 2020 license year will be available for purchase starting March 25, 2019.

LICENSE INFORMATION

LICENSE & HABITAT STAMP FEES

HABITAT STAMPS

FEE

- Annual Habitat Stamp (*required & nonrefundable*) \$10
Only one is required per person, ages 18–64, per year buying or applying for a license.
- Lifetime Habitat Stamp \$300.25

LICENSES

FEE

- RESIDENTS..... \$49.75
- NONRESIDENTS \$351.75

All license prices include a 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and a \$1.50 fee for the Wildlife Education Fund.

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.

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 non-compliance 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.

BUY ONLINE, BY PHONE OR IN PERSON

- **Online:** Go to cpw.state.co.us and click "Buy and Apply"
- **Call:** 1-800-244-5613
- **In person:** CPW offices and sales agents around the state

HABITAT STAMPS

WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE AND HUNT

1. **ID.** Secure and verifiable ID. A Social Security number is required for new hunters ages 12 and older.
2. **PROOF** of hunter education. (*See page 2.*)
3. **PROOF** of residency for Colorado residents. (*See page 2.*)
4. **HABITAT STAMP.** A 2019 or Lifetime Habitat Stamp is required prior to applying for the draw or buying a license. (*See below.*)

HABITAT STAMPS ARE REQUIRED FOR HUNTERS

Habitat Stamps are \$10 and only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. Stamps are valid April 1–March 31.

- A 2019 Habitat Stamp (\$10) will automatically be added to your first hunting or fishing license purchase of each license year, if applicable.
- A lifetime stamp is \$300.25.
- Anyone who holds a lifetime fishing license, a veteran's resident lifetime combination 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

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. YOU MUST HAVE A LION LICENSE and carry it when hunting. Licenses are valid for the April 1–March 31 license year during open mountain lion seasons.

2. HUNTER EDUCATION —

TWO REQUIREMENTS:

I. HUNTER EDUCATION

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

EXEMPTIONS

- a. 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
- b. A one-time apprentice certificate can be obtained for hunters 10 years old (12 years old for mountain lion hunters) and who must be accompanied by a mentor in the field: cpw.state.co.us/apprenticecertificate

Please see the CPW website for more information: cpw.state.co.us/HunterEd

II. MOUNTAIN LION EDUCATION CERTIFIED

COURSE AND TEST: The test is mandatory, including for those with the apprentice certificate. Materials and the official test are online at cpw.state.co.us/mountainlionexam. Enter your CID number when taking the official test. If you do not have a CID, contact a CPW office. Tests also can be taken at CPW area offices (*listed on inside front cover*). Hunters must carry the certificate of completion while hunting, unless a “Lion — V” (for verified) is printed on the license.

3. A HABITAT STAMP IS REQUIRED for those ages 18–64 who buy or apply for hunting or fishing licenses, or preference points. Cost is \$10; one stamp is required per year. A lifetime stamp is \$300.25.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

cpw.state.co.us/proofofresidency

- ▶ The 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.
- ▶ Colorado licenses with a black banner that states “Not Valid for Federal Identification, Voting or Public Benefit” cannot be used to prove residency.

RESIDENCY TYPES

1. STANDARD COLORADO RESIDENT

- a. **Requirements:** Customer must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product, have their 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, the customer 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:** Customer 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 customer became full-time student, school transcript showing full-time status.

3. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME OUTSIDE OF COLORADO

- a. **Requirements:** Customer 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 customer became full-time student, proof of out-of-state tuition payment.

4. MILITARY: STATIONED IN COLORADO

- a. **Requirements:** Customer must be active-duty military stationed in Colorado (including their spouse/dependents). Residency begins the date the orders begin.
- b. **Proof:** Military ID and Orders.

5. MILITARY: COLORADO HOME OF RECORD

- a. **Requirements:** Customer must be active-duty military stationed outside of Colorado, but with Colorado as their home of record, paying income tax as a Colorado resident (includes spouse/dependents).
- b. **Proof:** Military ID and Orders.

6. YOUTH

- a. 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

- a. Customers who otherwise meet residency requirements but whose Colorado driver's license or ID was issued or renewed less than 6 months ago, or who have a CPW-approved religious exemption to photo identification on their record, must provide at least two additional proofs of residency. 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

- a. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

Legal hunting hours for mountain lion are one-half hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset. The sunrise/sunset chart at right lists Denver times. 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 Denver. (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.)

MINIMUM HUNTING AGE

Hunters must be at least 12 years old. Eleven-year-olds can buy a license if they will turn 12 before the end of the season. However, youths cannot hunt before their 12th birthday. Hunters 16 and younger must be accompanied by someone 18 or older who meets hunter education requirements: cpw.state.co.us/HunterEd

EVIDENCE OF SEX

- 1. IT IS ILLEGAL** to have or transport a mountain lion carcass without evidence of sex naturally attached. Evidence of sex means testicles or penis of male, or vulva of female.
- 2. EVIDENCE OF SEX** is not required when donation certificate accompanies less than 20 pounds of meat or after carcass is commercially processed, cut into portions, wrapped and frozen for storage, or stored at licensee's home.

TOOTH INSPECTION

At inspection, CPW officials are authorized to extract and keep a premolar tooth.

If the head and hide are frozen, CPW may keep them long enough to thaw so that a tooth can be removed. The tooth will be analyzed to determine the lion's age.

Hunters can help by making sure the jaw is propped open with a stick before rigor sets in and by making sure the carcass is not frozen at time of inspection.

The animal's age will be posted on the CPW website 6 months after lion season ends. Ages are posted by seal number, so hunters should record the number to check the age of their animal.

2019–2020 SUNRISE/SUNSET TABLE (DENVER)

DAY	APRIL (DST)*		NOV.		DEC.		JAN. 2020		FEB. 2020		MAR. 2020	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	06:44	7:24	07:28	5:58	07:02	4:36	07:21	4:46	07:08	5:19	06:32	5:53
2	06:43	7:25	07:29	5:57	07:03	4:36	07:21	4:47	07:07	5:20	06:31	5:54
3	06:41	7:26	06:31 ^{DST ends}	4:56	07:04	4:36	07:21	4:48	07:06	5:22	06:29	5:55
4	06:40	7:27	06:32	4:55	07:04	4:36	07:21	4:49	07:05	5:23	06:28	5:56
5	06:38	7:28	06:33	4:54	07:05	4:35	07:21	4:49	07:04	5:24	06:26	5:57
6	06:36	7:29	06:34	4:53	07:06	4:35	07:21	4:50	07:03	5:25	06:25	5:58
7	06:35	7:30	06:35	4:52	07:07	4:35	07:21	4:51	07:02	5:26	06:23	5:59
8	06:33	7:31	06:36	4:51	07:08	4:35	07:21	4:52	07:01	5:28	06:21 ^{DST begins}	5:00
9	06:32	7:32	06:37	4:50	07:09	4:35	07:21	4:53	07:00	5:29	06:20	6:01
10	06:30	7:33	06:39	4:49	07:10	4:35	07:21	4:54	06:59	5:30	06:18	6:02
11	06:29	7:34	06:40	4:48	07:11	4:36	07:20	4:55	06:58	5:31	06:17	6:03
12	06:27	7:35	06:41	4:47	07:11	4:36	07:20	4:56	06:57	5:32	06:15	6:04
13	06:26	7:36	06:42	4:46	07:12	4:36	07:20	4:57	06:55	5:33	06:14	6:05
14	06:24	7:37	06:43	4:45	07:13	4:36	07:20	4:58	06:54	5:35	06:12	6:06
15	06:23	7:38	06:44	4:44	07:14	4:36	07:19	5:00	06:53	5:36	06:10	6:07
16	06:21	7:39	06:45	4:44	07:14	4:37	07:19	5:01	06:52	5:37	06:09	6:08
17	06:20	7:40	06:47	4:43	07:15	4:37	07:18	5:02	06:50	5:38	06:07	6:10
18	06:18	7:41	06:48	4:42	07:16	4:37	07:18	5:03	06:49	5:39	06:06	6:11
19	06:17	7:42	06:49	4:41	07:16	4:38	07:17	5:04	06:48	5:40	06:04	6:12
20	06:15	7:43	06:50	4:41	07:17	4:38	07:17	5:05	06:46	5:42	06:02	6:13
21	06:14	7:44	06:51	4:40	07:17	4:39	07:16	5:06	06:45	5:43	06:01	6:14
22	06:13	7:45	06:52	4:40	07:18	4:39	07:16	5:07	06:44	5:44	05:59	6:15
23	06:11	7:46	06:53	4:39	07:18	4:40	07:15	5:09	06:42	5:45	05:58	6:16
24	06:10	7:47	06:54	4:39	07:19	4:40	07:15	5:10	06:41	5:46	05:56	6:17
25	06:09	7:48	06:55	4:38	07:19	4:41	07:14	5:11	06:39	5:47	05:54	6:18
26	06:07	7:49	06:56	4:38	07:19	4:42	07:13	5:12	06:38	5:48	05:53	6:19
27	06:06	7:50	06:57	4:37	07:20	4:42	07:12	5:13	06:37	5:49	05:51	6:20
28	06:05	7:51	06:59	4:37	07:20	4:43	07:12	5:14	06:35	5:51	05:50	6:21
29	06:03	7:52	07:00	4:37	07:20	4:44	07:11	5:16	06:34	5:52	05:48	6:22
30	06:02	7:53	07:01	4:36	07:21	4:44	07:10	5:17			05:46	6:23
31					07:21	4:45	07:09	5:18			05:45	6:24

*DST = Daylight Saving Time

Add or subtract these minutes to the chart above for select towns. For use only as a general reference.

TIME ADJUSTMENT FOR OTHER COLORADO CITIES

Alamosa	+3	Durango	+11	La Junta	-6
Buena Vista	+5	Fort Morgan	-4	Lamar	-9
Burlington	-10	Gr. Junction	+13	Sterling	-6
Craig	+9	Gunnison	+7	Walden	+5

Source: www.usno.navy.mil

INSPECTION & SEALS

Hunters must contact a CPW office (*listed on inside front cover*) within 48 hours of harvesting a lion and give their name, CID number, license number, date and unit of harvest, and sex of the lion. If you get voicemail, leave a message with the information.

Within five days of harvest, hunters must personally present their lion to a CPW office or officer for inspection and seal. Hides cannot be frozen.

Hunters can help by making sure the jaw is propped open with a stick before rigor sets in and by making sure the carcass is not frozen at time of inspection.

Lions or parts cannot be taken out of Colorado unless inspected and sealed. Lion hides or heads without seals become state property.

A mandatory check report must be completed during inspection. Inspections and seals are free. Seals must stay attached until hide is tanned.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT:

To transport a mountain lion or parts to a foreign country, you must first obtain CITES documents. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 303-342-7430, or download the form at fws.gov/forms/3-200-28.pdf.

DAILY HARVEST LIMIT REPORT

You must check **DAILY** to make sure the unit you want to hunt is open. Units close when harvest limits are reached.

After 5 p.m. the day before the hunt, check the **AVAILABLE MOUNTAIN LION HARVEST LIMITS REPORT** on CPW's website for open units: cpw.state.co.us/huntlion. If a unit is closed, you must pick a different unit to hunt.

NOTE: Starting April 1, 2019, hunters must check the harvest limit and open unit information through the online **AVAILABLE MOUNTAIN LION HARVEST LIMITS REPORT**, or by contacting any CPW area office during regular business hours. The 1-888-940-LION (5466) phone number **will no longer be in use**, though it may be made available as a backup option in case of a technological emergency.

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Available Mountain Lion Harvest Limits						
Unit	Valid Units	Season Dates	Harvest Limit	# Lions Taken	Status	Description
1	1,2	Nov 18, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020	5	5	CLOSED	Closed April 1-30
2	see unit 1					Closed April 1-30
3	3,301	Nov 18, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020	5	0	Open	Closed April 1-30
4	see unit 5					Closed April 1-30, North of CR 27 & USFS Rd 110
4	see unit 441					Closed April 1-30, South of CR 27 & USFS Rd 110
5	4,5 - North of CR 27 & USFS Rd 110	Nov 18, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020	9	0	Open	Closed April 1-30, North of CR 27 & USFS Rd 110
6	6,16,17,161,171	Nov 18, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020	4	0	Open	Closed April 1-30
7	7	Apr 01 - 30, 2019 & Nov 18, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020	1	0	Open	
8	8	Apr 01 - 30, 2019 & Nov 18, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020	4	0	Open	
9	9	Apr 01 - 30, 2019 & Nov 18, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020	3	3	CLOSED	
10	10	Nov 18, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020	8	0	Open	Closed April 1-30

Example of the online Available Mountain Lion Harvest Limits Report.

DONATING WILDLIFE

Donation certificates are required for all donations. Certificates must contain names, addresses and telephone numbers of donor and recipient; donor's hunting license number; species and amounts donated; date of kill; donor's signature. The certificate can be a simple note; no special form is required. Certificate must stay with the meat until the meat is completely consumed. Donor and recipient are subject to all bag and possession limits. **NOTE:** A "like license" is a license for exactly the same species, sex, season and method of take as a donor's license.

- You can donate to someone **WITH OR WITHOUT** a like license:
 - Any amount of processed and packaged game meat, anywhere.
- You can donate to someone **WITHOUT** a like license:
 - up to 20 pounds of unprocessed meat, anywhere.
 - more than 20 pounds of unprocessed meat, only at recipient's home.
- You can donate to someone **WITH** a like license:
 - up to 20 pounds of unprocessed meat, anywhere.
 - more than 20 pounds of unprocessed meat, anywhere, only if:
 - (1) recipient's license is unfilled.
 - (2) recipient's carcass tag is on the meat. This establishes recipient's claim to his/her portion of meat and voids his/her license. Donor's tag must remain with his/her portion.
 - the entire carcass, if:
 - (1) recipient's license is unfilled, and
 - (2) both the donor's carcass tag and recipient's like-license carcass tag is on meat, voiding both.

IDENTIFYING MALE & FEMALE LIONS

Binoculars are recommended to determine the sex of treed or bayed lions. Sex also can be determined with the naked eye if you are close enough.

If a lion is in a tree and it's difficult to identify its sex, get it to move so you have a better view. Bang a branch on the tree trunk or throw a few snowballs or pine cones into branches near the lion.

Remember, it is illegal to kill a female with kittens present.

The absence of kittens with a lion does not mean it is a male or an unbred adult female. Research has shown that young are close to their mothers about half the time.

MALES usually have three spots below the base of their tail. Just under their tail is the anal opening; about 1 inch below that is the scrotum, an oval-shaped patch of silver, light brown and white fur.

Beneath the scrotum is a small, conspicuous black spot (about 1 inch across) that surrounds the penis sheath opening.



Male mountain lion hindquarters

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MOUNTAINLIONEXAM
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

FEMALES have only two spots below the base of their tail, including the anal opening hidden beneath the base of the tail and vaginal opening directly below the anus. The rest of the area behind the female's hindquarters is covered with white fur.



Female mountain lion hindquarters

Although colored spots help in identification, first and foremost, look for the darkest spot. If it is high and near the tail or is difficult to see, the lion is probably female. If the dark patch is 4-5 inches beneath the tail, it is probably a male.

Because treed or bayed lions often urinate, look for the origin of the urine. If urine comes from behind the hind legs, about 4-5 inches below the anus, the lion is probably male. If the stream comes from under the base of the tail, there's a good chance the lion is female.

Tracks also can be good indicators of sex. Adult and large, sub-adult males usually have hind foot plantar (heel) pads more than 2 inches (51 mm) wide. Adult and sub-adult female lions usually have heel pads less than 2 inches wide. Hunters should carry a small ruler or wind-up metal tape to measure tracks.

HUNTING LAWS

MOUNTAIN LION REGULATIONS

1. Hunters who have licenses to hunt certain species can legally wear fluorescent pink clothing as an alternative to fluorescent orange garments. Lion hunters are not required to wear fluorescent orange or pink, but may wish to consider wearing it if concerned about visibility to other hunters.
2. It is illegal to kill a kitten or lion accompanied by one or more kittens. A kitten is a lion with spots.
3. Artificial light, electronic devices and electronic calls are illegal. Hand-held calls are permitted.
4. Bait is illegal.
5. Dogs are permitted. No more than 8 dogs are allowed per pack.
6. Hunters must be present when dogs are released and must be an active participant until the hunt ends.
7. After a lion is pursued, treed, cornered or held at bay, you must harvest or release the lion. It is illegal to prevent a lion from escaping so that someone not in your hunting party can harvest it.
8. All edible parts of lions must be properly prepared for human consumption, excluding internal organs.
9. Upon harvest, the carcass tag must immediately be detached from the license and attached to the lion carcass, per instructions on tag.
10. Hunting with archery equipment, rifles, muzzleloaders, handguns or shotguns firing single slugs is prohibited within 50 feet on either side of the centerline of state highways and municipal or county roads.

For general Colorado hunting regulations, see cpw.state.co.us/regulations.

BAG LIMITS & TAGGING

1. One mountain lion, either sex, per license year (April 1–March 31). Hunters may harvest one lion from April 1–30, 2019, **OR** one lion during the fall season, Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020, depending on the valid season dates for the unit you are hunting. See *hunt code table on pages 6–7*.
2. A lion harvested during special damage seasons doesn't count toward the annual bag limit.
3. A lion harvested on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation does not count toward annual bag limit.



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LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

1. **CENTERFIRE RIFLES OR HANDGUNS:** Bullets must weigh a minimum of 45 grains and produce at least 400 foot-pounds of energy at muzzle.
2. **MUZZLELOADING RIFLES & SMOOTHBORE MUSKETS:** Minimum .40 caliber for conical bullets and .50 caliber for roundball bullets, and must use a bullet at least 170 grains in weight.
3. **SHOTGUNS:** Minimum 20 gauge. Must fire single slug.
4. **HAND-HELD BOWS:** Long bow, recurved bow or compound bow on which the string is not drawn mechanically or held mechanically under tension. String or mechanical releases that are hand drawn or hand-held without other attachments or connections to the bow (other than bowstring) are legal.
 - a. Hand-held bows, including compound bows, must use arrows equipped with a broadhead with an outside diameter or a minimum width of 7/8 of an inch, with a minimum of two steel cutting edges. Each cutting edge must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface.
 - b. Minimum draw weight of 35 pounds required. Let-off percentage maximum of 80 percent.
 - c. No part of bow's riser (handle) or track, trough, channel, arrow rest or other device (excluding cables and bowstring) that attaches to the riser can contact, support and/or guide the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height behind the undrawn string.
 - d. Bows can propel only a single arrow at a time. No mechanisms for automatically loading arrows are permitted.
 - e. Electric or battery-powered devices cannot be incorporated or attached to a bow, with the exception of lighted nocks on arrows and recording devices on bows that cast no light towards the target and do not aid in range finding, sighting or shooting the bow.
 - f. Hydraulic or pneumatic technology cannot be used to derive or store energy to propel arrows. Explosive arrows are prohibited.
5. **CROSSBOWS:**
 - a. Draw weight: minimum 125 pounds.
 - b. Draw length: minimum 14 inches from front of the bow to nocking point of the drawstring.
 - c. Positive mechanical safety device is required.
 - d. Bolt must be a minimum 16 inches long, have a broadhead at least 7/8 inch wide and a minimum of two steel cutting edges. Each cutting edge must be in the same plane for the entire length of cutting surface.
6. **METHODS NOT LISTED ARE PROHIBITED.**

MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASONS

HUNTING DATES: APRIL 1–30, 2019 & NOV. 18, 2019–MARCH 31, 2020

These harvest limits are for April 1–30, 2019, then Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020. Harvest limits are the total number of lions that can be harvested in a unit. Units not listed in the tables below are not open to lion hunting for the April and/or fall season. *Map, page 8.*

UNITS	SEASON DATES	HARVEST LIMIT
1, 2	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
3, 301	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	3
4 (N of CR 27 and USFS Rd. 110), 5	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	9
4 (S of CR 27 and USFS Rd. 110), 14, 214, 441	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
6, 16, 17, 161, 171	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	4
7	April 1–30, 2019	1
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
8	April 1–30, 2019	4
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
9	April 1–30, 2019	3
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
10	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	8
11	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	12
12	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	20
13 (W of Hayden Divide Rd.)	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
13 (E of Hayden Divide Rd.), 131, 231	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	9
15	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	12
19	April 1–30, 2019	5
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
20	April 1–30, 2019	9
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
21	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	15
22	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	17
23	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	17
24	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	8
25, 26, 34	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	7
29	April 1–30, 2019	2
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
30	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
31	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	12
32	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5

UNITS	SEASON DATES	HARVEST LIMIT
33	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	13
35, 36, 361	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	9
38	April 1–30, 2019	7
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
39, 391	April 1–30, 2019	7
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
40	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	7
41	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
42	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
43	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
44	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
45	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	1
46	April 1–30, 2019	6
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
47	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	1
48, 56, 481, 561	April 1–30, 2019	10
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
49, 57, 58, 581	April 1–30, 2019	12
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
50, 500, 501	April 1–30, 2019	10
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
51	April 1–30, 2019	7
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
52, 411	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
53, 63	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
54, 55, 551	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	7
59, 591	April 1–30, 2019	7
	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	
60	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
61	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
62	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	9
64	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
65	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	7
66, 67	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	8

UNITS	SEASON DATES	HARVEST LIMIT
68, 681, 682	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
69, 84, 86, 691, 861	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	15
70 (E of Hwy. 141)	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
70 (W of Hwy. 141)	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
71, 711	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	11
72	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	4
73	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
74, 741	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
75	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	4
76, 79, 791	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
77	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
78	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
80	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
81	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	4
82	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
83	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
85, 140, 851	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	29
87–103, 106, 107, 109, 111–122, 951	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
104, 105, 110	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
123–130, 132–139, 141–147	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	20
191	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	8
201	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5
211	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	12
421	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	10
444	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
461	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	7
511	April 1–30, 2019 Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	4
521	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	6
751, 771	Nov. 18, 2019–March 31, 2020	5

AFTER HARVEST

Once a mountain lion has been harvested, these steps will ensure proper reporting and inspection is completed. *See page 3 for more details.*

- 1. REPORT** the lion harvest to a CPW office (*listed on inside front cover*) within 48 hours. If you reach voicemail, leave your CID number, license number, date and unit of harvest, and sex of the lion harvested.
- 2. AFTER** any field photos have been taken of the harvested lion, prop its jaw open with a stick in the mouth to help keep it open as rigor sets in. This will help CPW agents with tooth extraction later.
- 3. PRESENT** the lion to a CPW office within five days of harvesting for inspection and sealing. Heads and hides must be unfrozen. CPW may retain frozen heads and hides until they thaw to extract a tooth. At this time, hunters must also fill out a report about the hunt.

LION MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH

Colorado Parks and Wildlife develops management plans for mountain lion populations in Colorado. The harvest limits are determined annually to ensure that lion mortality objectives are not exceeded.

CONSERVING COLORADO'S MOUNTAIN LIONS

Mountain lion populations are very sensitive to female deaths. A large number of female deaths can shift a population from increasing to decreasing numbers.

Females don't disperse far, and some don't disperse at all. If too many adult females are harvested, it can take longer for lions to reoccupy an area. Therefore, harvesting too many females can have far-reaching implications for Colorado's lion population.

Wildlife managers use the amount and proportion of female harvest when setting annual harvest limits. Hunter harvest and total mortality are examined on a consecutive 3-year average in each unit. If the female harvest and mortality are too high in an area with a goal of maintaining a stable or increasing population, harvest limits may be lowered.

CPW officials ask hunters to refrain voluntarily from harvesting females in units managed to maintain stable populations.

TAKE THE MOUNTAIN LION HUNTER EDUCATION TEST

In the old days, mountain lions were regarded as unwelcome pests, with bounties of up to \$50 offered for each one that was taken. Mountain lions were designated a big-game species in Colorado in 1965 and are now afforded the protections given to other Colorado wildlife.

Answer this and more in the required mountain lion hunter test online:

cpw.state.co.us/mountainlionexam



SAFE HANDLING OF GAME MEAT

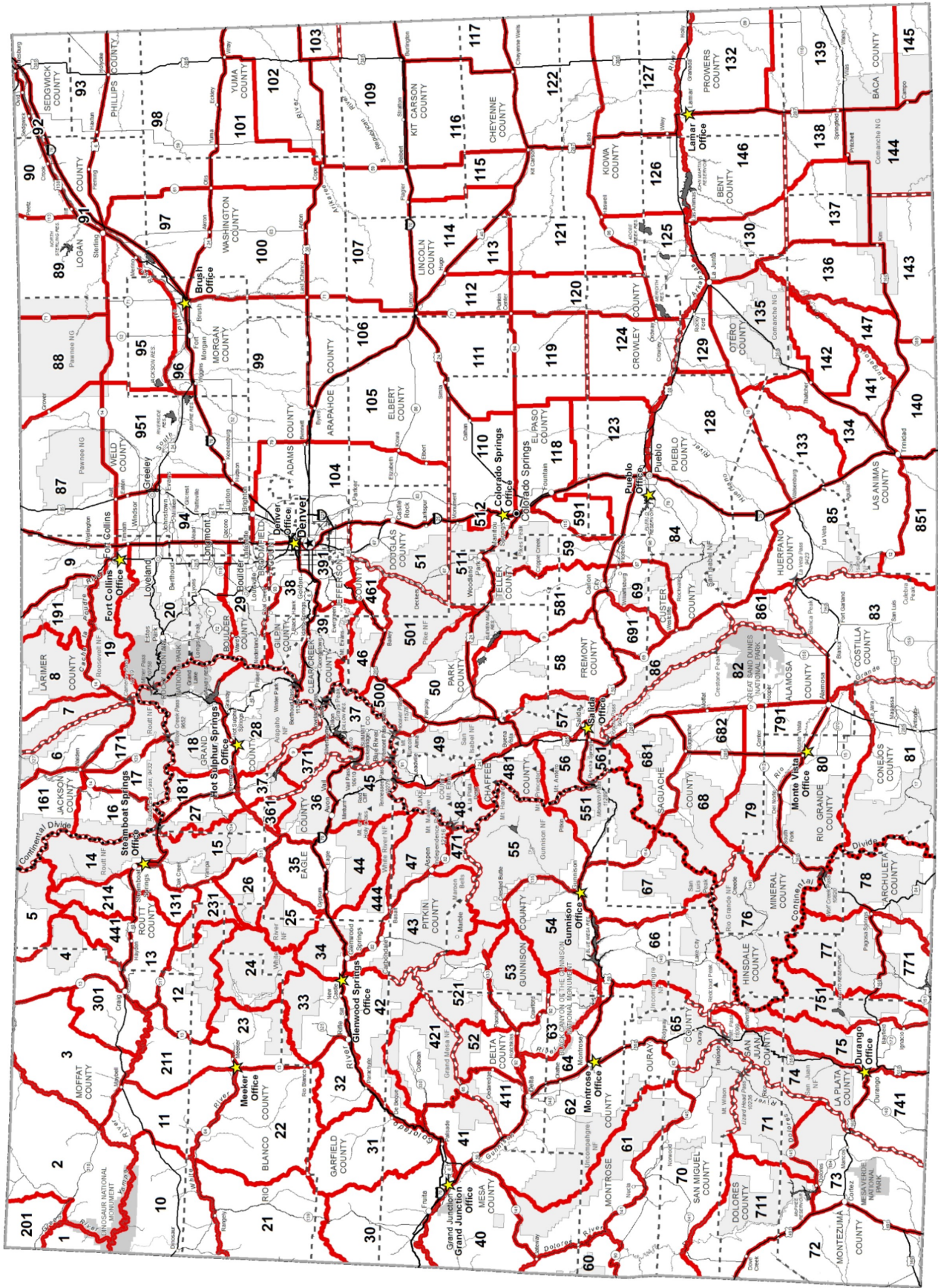
1. Don't handle animals that are sick or found dead. Report them to a CPW office.
2. Keep game cool, clean and dry.
3. Do not eat, drink or smoke while dressing game.
4. Use disposable gloves when cleaning game.
5. Wash your hands after dressing game.
6. Clean all tools and surfaces immediately afterward.
7. Cook meat to an internal temperature of at least 165°F.
8. Do not eat raw wild game.

LION HUNTING UNIT MAP

Standard hunting regulations and limits apply to all game management units open to lion hunting. For specific harvest limits, see table on pages 6–7.

HARVEST LIMITS FOR MOUNTAIN LION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Check the new Available Mountain Lion Harvest Limits Report on our website for the most up-to-date information: cpw.state.co.us/huntlion





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SEASON DATES

MARCH 25, 2019	Annual mountain lion licenses go on sale
APRIL 1–30, 2019	April mountain lion season
NOV. 18, 2019– MARCH 31, 2020	Fall mountain lion season
THE DAY BEFORE THE HUNT (after 5 p.m.)	Available Mountain Lion Harvest Limits Report

See hunt tables and map for details, pages 6–8.

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