

COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP
2013 POSTHUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES - DRAFT 12/20/2013

National Park or Monument CLOSED to hunting

Units/Areas Without Public Hunting Seasons

UNIT	Notes	DAU	UNIT NAME	Region	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
S02		32	Gore-Eagle's Nest	NW	40	40	40	GAO	CGC, GAO, AC	AC, GAO
S05		8	Beaver Creek	SE	30	0	0	GAO	AC, GAO, PR	AC, GAO, PR
S14		33	Clinetop Mesa	NW	5	5	5	GAO	GAO, CGC	GAO
S24		34	Battlement Mesa	NW	50	50	50	GAO	AC, CGC, GAO	AC, GAO, CGC
S26	3, 12	23	Taylor River	SW	25	30	30	GAO, CGC	GAO, PR	GAO, PR
S42	15	7	Waterton Canyon	NE	50	50	50	GOA, CGC, PR	CGC, PR, GAO	GAO, PR
S43	15	6	Hayman	NE, SE	20	25	25	GAO, PR	O	GAO
S45		36	Cross Mountain	NW	0	0	0	GAO	GAO	GAO
S52		22	Rock Creek	SW	20	20	20	GAO	GAO	GAO
S55	8	26	Natural Arch, Carnero Creek	SW	20	20	20	GAO	GAO	GAO, PR
S70	3, 10	23	Fossil Ridge	SW	20	25	25	GAO	GAO, PR	GAO, PR
S75	15	38	Main Canyon	NW	40	40	35	GAO	AC, CGC, GAO	AC, GAO
S76	15	12	Holy Cross	NW	10	10	10	GAO, PR	PR, AC	NI
S77	15	32	Gore Canyon	NW	12	20	30	MR	GAO	GAO
S78	15	5	Ten Mile	NW	30	30	20	GAO, PR	NI	AC, GAO
S79	15	9	Pueblo West	SE	15	15	15	GAO	GAO	GAO
S80	15	29	Black Canyon	SW	30	30	30	GAO, PR	GAO	GAO
S81	15	30	Lower Lake Fork, Gunnison Ri.	SW	10	10	10	GAO	GAO	GAO
S82	15	36	Cold Springs	NW	0	0	0	GAO	GAO	
S83	15	2	RMNP - East Side, Fall	NE	75	75	75	GAO	GAO	GAO
S83	15	2	RMNP - Continental	NE, NW	100	100	100	GAO	GAO	GAO
S83	2, 15	2	RMNP - Never	NE, NW	200	200	200	GAO	GAO	GAO
S84	15	31	Mesa Verde	SW	20	20	20	NI	NI	NI
S85	15	36	DNM - Harper's Corner-Jone's Hole	NW	40	40	40	GAO	GOA	GOA
S85	15	36	DNM - Green River-Ladore Can.	NW	90	90	90	GAO	GAO	GOA
S85	15	36	DNM - Yampa River	NW	35	35	35	GAO	GAO	GOA
Sub-total					987	980	975			
GRAND TOTAL					7027	7010	6895			

♦ Basis for population estimate (listed in order by weight):
MR = Mark/Resight
CGC = Coordinated Ground Count
AC = Aerial Count
BSO = Bait Site Observations
GAO = General Agency Observation (by CPW, USFS, BLM, USGS, or NPS)
PR = Public Reports (by hunters, outfitters, landowners, RMBS, etc.)
PM = Population Model
NI = No Information Available.
O = Other
Blue licenses = unit closed to hunting that year

Notes:

1	S1 licenses are also valid in S18.	15	New GMU in 2010
2	Animals in this unit are moving back and forth across the NPS boundary in the Never Summer Range and may not be accessible to hunters.	16	S40 opened to hunting in 2010 in combination with S1 & S18 in 2013 it was combined with S58 when it opened.
3	S26 was split into S26 and S70 in 2005.	17	Opened for hunting in 2010
4	2005 population estimate is for both resident and migratory sheep from S6 that winter in S46.	18	Sawpigt included in S21 in 2010
5	Accounts for 40 sheep translocated from S65 to Mt Zirkel in 2005	19	All bighorn sheep were culled from S58 in 2008
6	Rio Grande River and Box Canyon included with S53 in 2006.	20	New in 2013 S58 Lower Poudre opened to hunting, combined with S40
7	S71 Opened to hunting in 2007.	21	S36 Bellows opened in 2014
8	S55 closed to hunting beginning in 2006.	22	S72 Greenland opened for 1 RFW ewe in 2014
9	S23 & S27 were combined for licenses in 2008 (i.e., 2 licenses good for both units combined).		
10	An all age die-off of the S70 herd began in Dec 2007. The 2007 population estimate is for prior to this die off.		
11	Unit created and opened to hunting in 2009.		
12	S26 license for 2008 was transferred to S?? and S26 was closed to hunting because of low sheep numbers.		
13	S46 license also valid in S6 in 2009.		
14	S47 licenses split		