

COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP
2017 POSTHUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES - DRAFT 12/22/2017

Units/Areas Without Public Hunting Seasons

UNIT	Notes	DAU	UNIT NAME	Region	2015	2016	2017	2016	2017
S14		33	Clinetop Mesa	NW	5	5	10	GAO	GAO, PR
S43		6	Hayman	NE, SE	25	25	25	GAO	GAO
S45		36	Cross Mountain	NW	0	0	0	GAO	GAO
S52		22	Rock Creek	SW	20	20	20	GAO, PR	GAO, PR
S76		12	Holy Cross	NW	10	10	10	GAO	NI
S80		29	Black Canyon	SW	30	30	30	GAO, PR	GAO, PR
S81		30	Lower Lake Fork, Gunnison Ri.	SW	10	10	10	NI	GAO
S82		36	Cold Springs	NW	0	0	0		
S83		2	RMNP - East Side, Fall	NE	75	75	75	GAO	GAO
S83		2	RMNP - Continental Divide	NE, NW	100	100	100	GAO	GAO
S83	2,	2	RMNP - Never Summer	NE, NW	200	200	200	GAO	GAO
S84		31	Mesa Verde	SW	20	20	10	NI	NI
S85		36	DNM - Harper's Corner-Jone's Hole	NW	40	40	40	GAO	GAO
S85		36	DNM - Green River-Ladore Can.	NW	90	90	90	GAO	GAO
S85		36	DNM - Yampa River	NW	35	35	35	GAO	GAP
Sub-total					660	660	655		
GRAND TOTAL					6875	6810	6925		

♦ 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

Notes:

1	S1 licenses are also valid in S18.	15 New GMU in 2010	29 S5 Beaver Creek opened combined with S6 in 2017
2	Animals in this unit are moving back and forth across the NPS boundary in the Never Summer Ra	16 S40 opened to hunting in 2010 in combination with	30 S78 Tenmile opened combined with S12 in 2017
3	S26 was split into S26 and S70 in 2005.	17 Opened for hunting in 2010	31 S29 combined with S30, no individual S29 huntcode 2017
4	2005 population estimate is for both resident and migratory sheep from S6 that winter in S46.	18 Sawpijt included in S21 in 2010	32 S79 opened with BSAP Ranchland Ranch
5	Accounts for 40 sheep translocated from S65 to Mt Zirkel in 2005	19 All bighorn sheep were culled from S58 in 2008	33 S26 and S70 reopened in 2018 as a combined DAU hunt
6	Rio Grande River and Box Canyon included with S53 in 2006.	20 New in 2013 S58 Lower Poudre opened to huntin	34 No BSAP ewe hunts in S-61 due to removal of sheep for translocation
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).	23 S24 Opened 2015	
10	An all age die-off of the S70 herd began in Dec 2007. The 2007 population estimate is for prior to	24 S42 Waterton Canyon Opened 2015	
11	Unit created and opened to hunting in 2009.	25 S55 opened by including it in S10 license	
12	S26 license for 2008 was transferred to S?? and S26 was closed to hunting because of low sheep	26 S75 Opened 2015	
13	S46 license also valid in S6 in 2009.	27 S2 Reopened in 2016	
14	S47 licenses split	28 S77 Gore Canyon opened in 2016	