



**COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP**  
**2019 POSTHUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES - DRAFT 12/27/2019**

**Units/Areas Without Public Hunting Seasons**

UNIT	Notes	DAU	UNIT NAME	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
S14		33	Clinetop Mesa	10	10	10	GAO, PR	GAO, PR	GAO, PR
S43		6	Hayman	25	25	25	GAO	GAO	GAO
S45		36	Cross Mountain	0	0	0	GAO	GAO	GAO
S52		22	Rock Creek	20	5	5	GAO, PR	CGC, AC, GAO, P	GAO
S76		12	Holy Cross	10	0	5	NI	NI	PR
S80		29	Black Canyon	30	30	30	GAO, PR	GAO, PR	GAO
S81		30	Lower Lake Fork, Gunnison Ri.	10	5	5	GAO	GAO	GAO
S82		36	Cold Springs	0	0	0		GAO	GAO
S83		2	RMNP - East Side, Fall Ri./Mummy Range	75	75	75	GAO	GAO	GAO
S83		2	RMNP - Continental Divide	100	100	100	GAO	GAO	GAO
S83	2.	2	RMNP - Never Summer Range	200	200	200	GAO	GAO	GAO
S84		31	Mesa Verde	10	10	5	NI	NI	NI
S85		36	DNM - Harper's Corner-Jone's Hole	40	40	40	GAO	GAO	GAO
S85		36	DNM - Green River-Ladore Can.	90	90	90	GAO	GAO	GAO
S85		36	DNM - Yampa River	35	35	35	GAP	GAO	GAO
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>655</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>625</b>			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>6925</b>	<b>6850</b>	<b>6940</b>			

♦ 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 Mode  
 NI = No Information Available  
 O = Other

- Notes:
- 1 S1 licenses are also valid in S18.
  - 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.
  - 3 S26 was split into S26 and S70 in 2005.
  - 4 2005 population estimate is for both resident and migratory sheep from S6 that winter in S46.
  - 5 Accounts for 40 sheep translocated from S65 to Mt Zirkel in 2005
  - 6 Rio Grande River and Box Canyon included with S53 in 2006.
  - 7 S71 Opened to hunting in 2007.
  - 8 S55 closed to hunting beginning in 2006.
  - 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 S77 and S26 was closed to hunting because of low sheep numbers.
  - 13 S46 license also valid in S6 in 2009.
  - 14 S47 licenses split