

COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP

2020 POSTHUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES - DRAFT 12/09/2020

Units/Areas Without Public Hunting Seasons

UNIT	Notes	DAU	UNIT NAME	Estimate			Basis *			Archery		Rifle		Archery		Rifle		2018		2019		2020 Predicted		2021 Predicted		2018		2019		2020 Predicted		2021 Predicted		UNIT
				2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	
S14		33	Clinetop Mesa	10	10	10	GAO, PR	GAO, PR	GAO, PR																									
S43		6	Hayman	25	25	0	GAO	GAO	NA																									
S45		36	Cross Mountain	0	0	0	GAO	GAO	GAO																									
S52		22	Rock Creek	5	5	5	CGC, AC, GAO, P	GAO	GAO																									
S76		12	Holy Cross	0	5	5	NI	PR	PR																									
S80		29	Black Canyon	30	30	30	GAO, PR	GAO	GAO, PR																									
S81		30	Lower Lake Fork, Gunnison Ri.	5	5	5	GAO	GAO	GAO																									
S82		36	Cold Springs	0	0	0	GAO	GAO	GAO																									
S83		2	RMNP - East Side, Fall Ri./Mummy Range	75	75	75	GAO	GAO	NI																									
S83		2	RMNP - Continental Divide	100	100	100	GAO	GAO	NI																									
S83	2,	2	RMNP - Never Summer Range	200	200	200	GAO	GAO	NI																									
S84		31	Mesa Verde	10	5	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	40	GAO	GAO	GAO																									
S85		36	DNM - Yampa River	35	35	40	GAO	GAO	GAO																									
S86		16	Cucharas canyon			30			GAO, CGC																									
			Sub-total	625	625	585																												
86		39	GRAND TOTAL	6850	6940	7085																												

♦ 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:

- S1 licenses are also valid in S18.
- 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.
- S26 was split into S26 and S70 in 2005.
- 2005 population estimate is for both resident and migratory sheep from S6 that winter in S46.
- Accounts for 40 sheep translocated from S65 to Mt Zirkel in 2005
- Rio Grande River and Box Canyon included with S53 in 2006.
- S71 Opened to hunting in 2007.
- S55 closed to hunting beginning in 2006.
- S23 & S27 were combined for licenses in 2008 (i.e., 2 licenses good for both units combined).
- An all age die-off of the S70 herd began in Dec 2007. The 2007 population estimate is for prior to this die off.
- Unit created and opened to hunting in 2009.
- S26 license for 2008 was transferred to S?? and S26 was closed to hunting because of low sheep numbers.
- S46 license also valid in S6 in 2009.
- S47 licenses split