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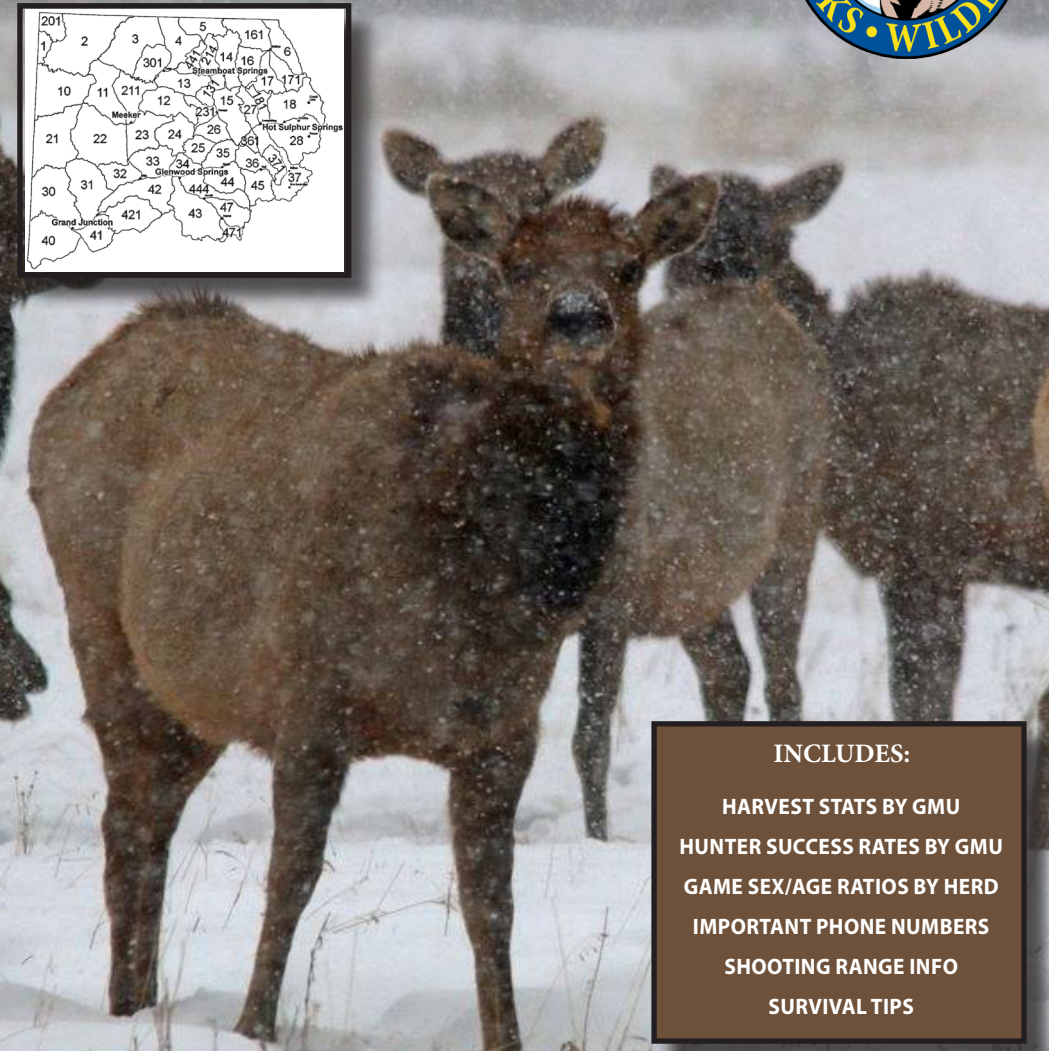
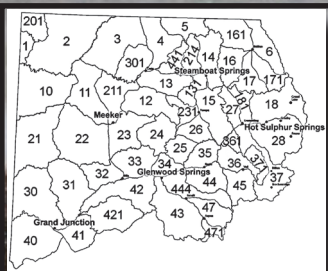
BIG GAME HUNT GUIDE

NORTHWEST REGION



HUNT GUIDE: 2016-2017

DEER ELK MOOSE PRONGHORN BEAR



INCLUDES:

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- HUNTER SUCCESS RATES BY GMU**
- GAME SEX/AGE RATIOS BY HERD**
- IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**
- SHOOTING RANGE INFO**
- SURVIVAL TIPS**

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MAPS
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NEW IN THE NORTHWEST 2016

CHANGES TO LICENSE REFUNDS

Be Aware of Major Changes in Refund Policy in 2016

Beginning April 1, 2016, all licenses must be returned to CPW or postmarked at least 30 days prior to the start of the season for which they are valid in order to be eligible for a refund or preference point reinstatement.

For details, go to cpw.state.co.us/Licenses

NEW HUNTER EDUCATION OPTIONS

For new hunters, 'test-out' and apprentice license options available for the hunter education certification requirement.

• TEST-OUT OPTION

Hunters age 50 or older or U.S. military personnel defined as active-duty, reserve-duty, veteran and National Guard can test out of the hunter education requirements by creating a customer identification number and taking a one-time, online test.

• APPRENTICE LICENSE OPTION

The free apprentice license is a one-year waiver of the hunter education requirement, and can be obtained once. It is valid from April 1 - March 31 and allows for the purchase of hunting licenses. The apprentice license holder must be at least 10 years old.

For details, visit cpw.state.co.us/HunterEd

MOOSE

Bull Moose Hunting Open in Unit 43

After the completion of a successful moose reintroduction program, GMU 43 is now open for antlered moose hunting.

See pages 53-55 of the 2016 Big Game Brochure for details.

BEAR

Private Land Only Bear Hunts Added

Private-land only hunts have been added to GMUs 15,27, 181 and 371, within Middle Park, to help reduce urban bear conflicts and increase harvest opportunity.

See page 58 in the 2016 Big Game Brochure for details.

ATTENTION HUNTERS!

CPW's Wildlife Health Program Is Investigating 'Hoof Overgrowth' in Moose and Elk

If you harvest an animal with overgrown hooves, please report it immediately to a wildlife officer, your local CPW office or by email to karen.fox@state.co.us.

Include your closest estimation of where the animal was harvested.
GPS coordinates are helpful.

ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS

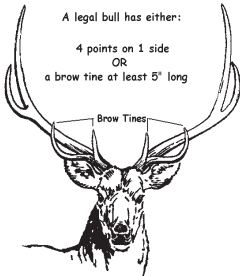
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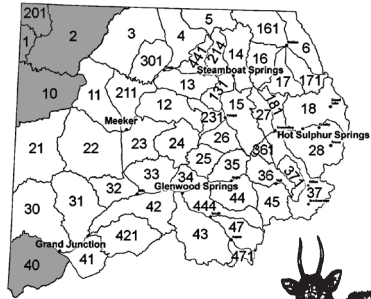
**Spike Buck
(at least 5")**

All buck (antlered) deer harvested in northwest Colorado must have at least one 5" spike.

ELK



Legal bulls in white units must have at least one brow tine that is at least 5 inches



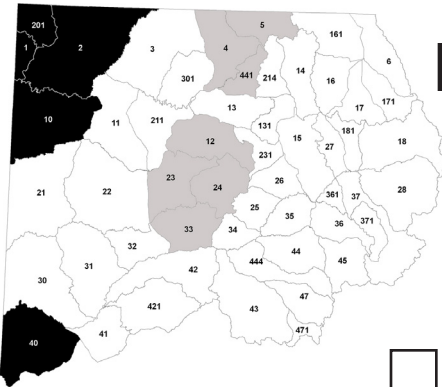
Legal bull in shaded limited units must have at least a 5 inch spike on one side.



UNLIMITED BULL ELK LICENSES

Over the counter bull elk licenses are available to non-resident and resident hunters in northwest Colorado.

The map below shows where these licenses are valid.

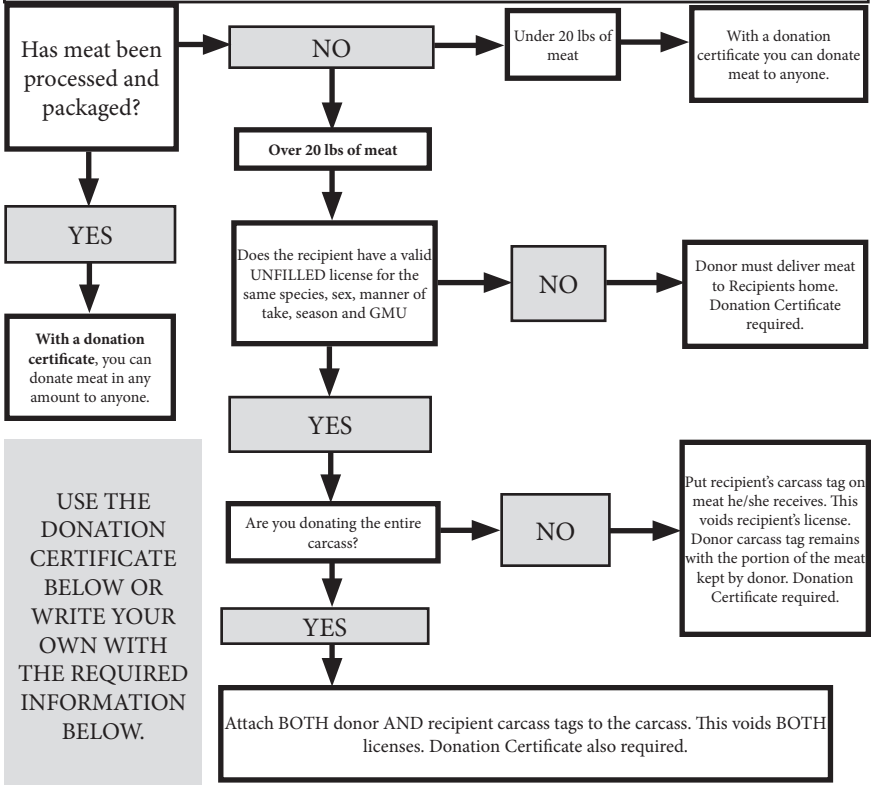


LIMITED UNITS - Draw Only
You may NOT hunt in these areas with an over-the-counter license

ARCHERY RESTRICTION
Rifle hunters may hunt in these areas with an over-the-counter license, however archery over-the-counter license holders may only hunt on private land in these units.

UNLIMITED UNITS
Hunters with an unlimited bull elk license (archery or rifle) may hunt in these units. Remember: You must still have permission to hunt private land.

DONATING GAME MEAT



USE THE DONATION CERTIFICATE BELOW OR WRITE YOUR OWN WITH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW.

STATE OF COLORADO

GAME DONATION CERTIFICATE

Date: _____

Donor name _____

Donor Address _____

Recipient name _____

Recipient Address _____

Kind of game donated _____

Number/Weight of donation _____

The above mentioned game and/or fish was legally taken on (date): _____

using hunting license # _____

Signature Recipient _____

Signature Donor _____

Make two copies - one for donor, one for recipient

Who Needs to Register

All OHVs owned and operated in Colorado (including motor vehicles and motorcycles that are not licensed for public road access) must display current Colorado OHV registration stickers when in a person's possession in an OHV staging area or operated on designated OHV trails or routes in Colorado.

All OHVs and motor vehicles (including motorcycles) that display a valid Colorado or out-of-state license plate must also display a current Colorado OHV use permit sticker when operated on designated OHV trails in Colorado.”

All out of state OHVs (including OHVs that display an out of state OHV registration) must also display a current Colorado OHV use permit sticker when operated on designated OHV trails or routes in Colorado.

Out-Of-State OHVs

Out-of-state residents who bring OHVs into Colorado must purchase a Colorado Non-Resident OHV permit which is valid from the date of purchase through the following March 31. These permits can be purchased anywhere you get your hunting/fishing licenses in Colorado, via mail-in request, or you can order one online.

Once purchased, this sticker should be placed on the vehicle's outside face of the right front fender or fork. Since this is only a use permit, no renewal notice will be sent to non-resident permit holders; you must purchase a new permit each year you come to Colorado with your OHV.

For more information about OHVs from CPW, go to

www.cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/RegistrationsOHV.aspx



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HUNTERS, PLEASE BE SAFE AND ETHICAL!

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

USING FIREARMS SAFELY IS YOUR *RESPONSIBILITY*

Pay Attention, or Pay the Price!



ALWAYS BE SAFE WITH YOUR FIREARM



**IF YOU ARE NOT 100 PERCENT SURE
OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT'S BEYOND,
DO NOT AIM! DO NOT SHOOT!**

Your careless mistake can cause severe injuries or death.

THE BASIC RULES

- Treat every firearm as if it's loaded.
- Don't point the muzzle at anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you're on target and ready to shoot.
- Always be 100 percent sure of your target, and what's beyond.



Always use a good pair of binoculars.
Rifle scopes are for aiming only.

BE PATIENT AND USE GOOD OPTICS!

SAFE HUNTING IS NO ACCIDENT!

If you have an accident in the field, notify authorities immediately!



**REPORT POACHING OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO
OPERATION GAME THIEF
1-877-COLO OGT (265-6648)**

UNDERSTANDING HARVEST STATS & HERD RATIOS

Ever see a baseball player with a .125 batting average hit a home run? Ever see a 'can't miss' stock take a plunge? Ever hunt a unit with a 100% success rate and not see any deer? If you're nodding your head to any of these scenarios then you're one of the people who knows that statistics are a good guide, but they aren't a guarantee. So, here's a guide to help make sense of these stats.

AGE & SEX RATIOS				
Herd	GMUs	Male:Female Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
A	B	C	D	E

A - Herd Name - A herd is generally defined as the area where a group of animals spends the entire year. A herd area includes winter range, transition range, migratory corridors, fawning and calving areas and summer range.

B - Game Management Units - geographic areas within a herd area. Herds may use many GMUs or a single GMU. Because herd areas and the booklet chapters don't always overlap cleanly on a map, you may see that an area in this booklet may have multiple herds or herds may be split by multiple areas in the booklet.

C - Male:Female Objective - The ratio of male animals to female animals that CPW is trying to obtain. This is the goal that optimizes the herd as a quality herd (producing more 'trophy' type bucks and bulls), an opportunity herd (producing more hunting opportunity) or something in between.

D - Population Estimate - This is the current year estimate of the size of the herd. As it is impossible to physically count every animal, the estimate is derived through computer modeling, on-the-ground observation, harvest data and other factors.

E - Population Objective - Often given as a range, this is the population that CPW is trying to achieve. This number is based on herd plans (called "DAU Plans" internally) that are developed through a public participation process. The herd objective is set to try and balance concerns of interested parties, which may range from agricultural damage to hunter preference.

PLEASE READ

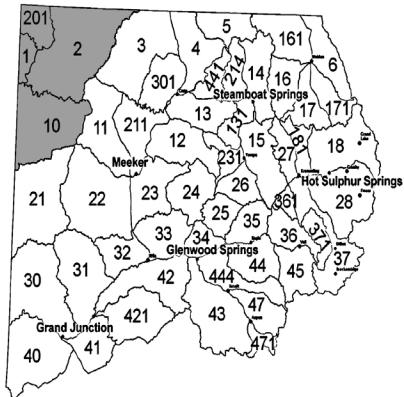
Because space is limited in the booklet, we generally only include the major seasons (archery, muzzleloader and four rifle seasons). In units where early or late seasons are critical, we've tried to list those numbers. Additional harvest stats can be found on our web site at cpw.state.co.us.

When reading the harvest stats, keep in mind that the statistics are derived utilizing statistical sampling techniques. With more than 300,000 hunting licenses sold in Colorado each year, it's impossible to contact every hunter. So a statistical sample is matched with license sales data and an estimate of hunter numbers and hunter success is established.

In some smaller units you may not see any data reported for a season in which you participated. There are instances where not enough hunters respond to our survey inquiries and therefore it isn't possible to report any data.

Also keep in mind that past performance doesn't necessarily guide future success. Warm weather during the previous year may have limited harvest. Cold and snowy weather may have sent hunters home early the previous year, limiting the harvest. You may have better conditions. A forest fire or other event may have disrupted an area the last year.

To compensate for some of those factors that might skew harvest dramatically higher or lower in a unit, we've added three-year and five-year hunter success average columns.



GREEN RIVER

**GMU
1, 2, 10, 201**

**LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Meeker (970) 878-6090**

AREA MAPS	BLM Canyon of Lodore BLM Rangely
AREA INFO	www.rangely.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

In this area, 9,700' Diamond Mountain is the highest point, dropping to 5100' elevation at the White River. Sage and sage-grassland dominate, with the typical vegetation groups as the elevation increases.

Weather is generally mild through the later seasons, though the higher elevations can have significant snow accumulations.

Public land accounts for more than 85% of GMU 201. GMU 2 is a 'checker-board' of public and private land, and GMU 10 is mostly BLM land with a lot of scattered private land. Consult a map and be aware of where you are.

GMU 1 has poor access into the rough, rocky terrain and into the wilderness area. You must draw a license to hunt the Green River units, and it can take many years of preference points. Hence, the hunting pressure is typically light.

An agreement with a private land owner and the State Land Board opens several thousand acres in GMU 201 for public hunting access.

See the Craig Chamber of Commerce or the CPW office in Meeker for details.

Dinosaur National Park Is Closed To All Hunting.

GREEN RIVER DEER INFORMATION

Deer are scattered throughout GMUs 2,10 & 201. If there is winter range migration, it is usually during 3rd season. Deer in GMU 1 tend to stay at the south & north ends of Brown's Park Refuge. The average good buck in GMUs 2 and 201 measures 24-26". There are trophy bucks in GMU 10, however they tend to have tall versus wide antlers. Hunt the brush-covered areas, high elevations early in the season, lower elevations later.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objectives	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Little Snake	1, 2, 201	15:100	1950	13,500
Rangely	10	20:100	960	7,000

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Archery	1	0	0	1	1	100	100	33
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	33
	2nd Rifle	9	0	0	9	9	100	100	94
	3rd Rifle	3	0	0	3	3	100	100	100
2	Archery	2	0	0	2	3	67	43	64
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	4	100	82	88
	2nd Rifle	11	0	0	11	11	100	90	91
	3rd Rifle	5	0	0	5	6	83	83	88
10	Archery	1	0	0	1	2	50	25	14
	2nd Rifle	17	0	0	17	18	94	88	83
	3rd Rifle	2	0	0	2	2	100	75	70
201	Archery	5	0	0	5	6	83	81	79
	Muzzle	17	0	0	17	18	94	95	92
	2nd Rifle	12	0	0	12	12	100	81	87
	3rd Rifle	2	0	0	2	2	100	100	100



GREEN RIVER ELK INFORMATION

Big, 300 + size bulls are common. The elk tend to stay put over the seasons. Movement is weather dependent. Overall, elk are scattered in GMUs 2, 10, 201 and the northern portion of GMU 1. We recommend Blue Mountain and Moosehead Mtn in GMU 10, but be prepared for rough terrain. When hunting GMUs 2 or 201 - hold out for a good bull - the average size is around 305. In GMU 2, try the SW corner. In GMU 1, try Hoy Draw & Chokecherry Draw.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Cold Springs	2, 201	40:100	1,230	1,000
Green River	1	30:100	200	170
Rangely -Blue Mtn.	10	40:100	4,050	1,200

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
1	Archery	1	0	0	1	2	50	33	40
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	7	29	47	31
	Early	4	0	0	4	9	44	45	48
	1st Rifle	0	0	0	0	4	0	50	39
	2nd Rifle	0	5	0	5	19	26	23	16
	3rd Rifle	0	6	0	6	15	40	47	42
	4th Rifle	0	10	4	14	23	61	24	16
2	Archery	4	0	0	4	8	50	83	79
	Muzzle	10	0	0	10	11	91	56	54
	Early	27	4	0	31	43	72	69	68
	1st Rifle	0	14	2	16	25	64	53	40
	2nd Rifle	0	11	0	11	21	52	42	36
	3rd Rifle	0	17	0	17	29	59	46	35
	4th Rifle	0	23	2	25	42	60	41	41



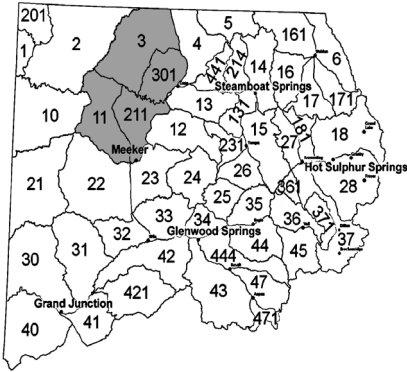
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GREEN RIVER ELK INFORMATION

2015 ELK HARVEST (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
10	Archery	14	0	0	14	14	100	84	68
	Muzzle	3	2	0	5	8	63	50	53
	Early	27	46	0	73	116	63	62	67
	1st Rifle	0	20	0	20	44	45	43	46
	2nd Rifle	0	21	0	21	53	40	45	47
	3rd Rifle	0	32	5	37	63	59	54	46
	4th Rifle	0	74	5	79	206	38	47	45
201	Archery	5	0	0	5	7	71	83	74
	Muzzle	10	1	0	11	14	79	79	64
	Early	25	0	0	25	26	96	93	92
	1st Rifle	0	14	1	15	30	50	63	60
	2nd Rifle	0	23	5	28	46	61	52	54
	3rd Rifle	0	11	3	14	27	52	58	55
	4th Rifle	0	22	2	24	34	71	55	45





LOWER YAMPA

**GMU
3, 11, 211, 301**

**LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Meeker (970) 878-6090**

AREA MAPS	BLM Craig BLM Meeker
AREA INFO	www.craig-chamber.com www.meekerchamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

The Lower Yampa units lie south of Wyoming, bordered by White and Little Snake rivers.

The lower elevations of 6,000' consist of sage and sage steeps. Pinyon and juniper cover the upper elevations up to 8,500'.

Expect zero to light snow cover in 1st & 2nd seasons. The later seasons may bring moderate snow and a potential for near zero temperatures. If the weather is mild, deer and elk will not be present in high numbers until the later seasons.

Overall access is easy and 4WD is not necessary in most areas. Hunting pressure is heavy.

Outside of GMU 301, 70 percent of the Lower Yampa is public land.

MOOSE IN AREA

BE PATIENT!
ALWAYS BE 100% SURE OF YOUR TARGET!



LOWER YAMPA DEER INFORMATION

The buck-doe ratio is increasing. The mid-range elevations with mountain shrub and pinyon-juniper breaks generally hold the most deer, especially during the regular rifle seasons. Movement occurs with weather and hunting pressure. In 211 and 11, deer are generally found in the Danforth Hills during 2nd rifle season moving to lower elevations in Axial Basin (GMU 211), Bitterbrush SWA and adjacent BLM (GMU 11), and Crooked Wash (GMU 11) by 3rd and 4th rifle. Several thousand acres are open for public hunting in Axial Basin through a coordinated resource management plan (see Meeker CPW office for more details.)

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bear's Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301,441	22:100	46, 730	37,800
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211,231	22-25:100	34,930	67,500

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	33	7	0	40	90	44	45	34
	Muzzle	6	11	0	17	19	89	64	55
	2nd Rifle	308	64	3	375	483	78	72	65
	3rd Rifle	426	84	8	518	597	87	82	78
	4th Rifle	7	0	0	7	9	78	68	59
11	Archery	6	0	0	6	29	21	7	10
	Muzzle	11	0	0	11	17	65	27	29
	2nd Rifle	164	0	0	164	250	66	61	54
	3rd Rifle	159	3	0	162	230	70	79	73
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	4	0	55	68
211	Archery	0	0	0	0	17	0	8	7
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	11	45	44	36
	2nd Rifle	104	5	0	109	161	68	64	56
	3rd Rifle	138	0	3	141	176	80	72	67
	Late	2	0	0	2	2	100	100	70
301	Archery	14	7	0	21	29	72	51	50
	Muzzle	1	3	0	4	9	44	21	34
	2nd Rifle	168	38	3	209	286	73	73	70
	3rd Rifle	204	26	4	234	292	80	79	76
	4th Rifle	1	0	0	1	1	100	33	30

LOWER YAMPA ELK INFORMATION

The large elk herd occupies all available habitat. The later seasons are usually better, especially on public land, due to snow and hunting pressure pushing the elk out of the adjacent units. The success rate is very good on late cow elk hunts. Axial Basin CRM is a hot spot for hunting, but crowding is significant. The best bull hunting will be on private lands. *Youth hunting participation during the late seasons in these GMUs is now limited. Please see big game brochure for details.*

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	20-25:100	22,910	15,000-18,000
White River	11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 211, 231	20-27:100	41,350	32,000 - 39,000

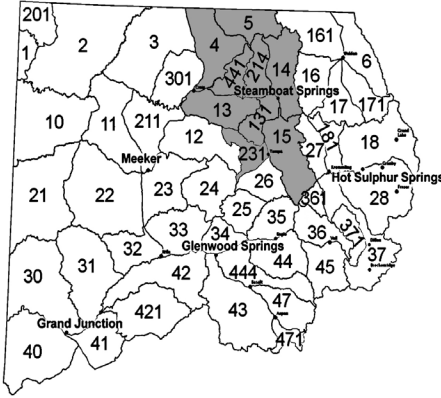
2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
3	Archery	13	0	0	13	87	15	16	13
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
	Early	0	160	0	160	261	61	65	57
	1st Rifle	105	61	0	166	433	38	33	34
	2nd Rifle	25	42	0	67	459	15	15	13
	3rd Rifle	92	16	24	132	1130	12	15	12
	4th Rifle	117	204	12	333	835	40	29	29
11	Archery	50	7	0	57	239	24	16	17
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	33	0	7	4
	Early	0	95	23	118	190	62	52	47
	1st Rifle	229	161	9	399	1443	28	30	31
	2nd Rifle	61	17	3	81	585	14	15	16
	3rd Rifle	117	107	0	224	1093	20	18	18
	4th Rifle	86	284	36	406	1054	39	25	24
211	Archery	56	14	0	70	328	21	19	23
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	16	0	19	22
	Early	0	34	0	34	75	45	41	42
	1st Rifle	91	38	15	144	287	50	34	41
	2nd Rifle	72	47	12	131	547	24	24	24
	3rd Rifle	105	68	22	195	727	27	20	22
	4th Rifle	27	88	11	126	426	30	19	20
301	Archery	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	5
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Early	0	38	0	38	84	45	47	45
	1st Rifle	24	7	3	34	135	25	30	25
	2nd Rifle	24	4	0	28	223	13	17	13
	3rd Rifle	99	16	4	119	609	20	20	17
	4th Rifle	35	46	7	88	376	23	21	25

UPPER YAMPA

GMUs

**4, 5, 13, 14, 15,
131, 214, 231, 441**



LOCAL CPW OFFICE
GMUs 4 & 5-Meeker office
(970) 878-6090
Others - Steamboat Springs
(970) 870-2197

AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest
AREA INFO	www.craig-chamber.com www.ci.steamboat.co.us

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

From a low of 6,300 to 12,000' along the Continental Divide. The Routt National Forest dominates the eastern 2/3 of the Upper Yampa units with coniferous forests and aspen.

Most of the land outside of the national forest is private land. Mountain shrub and rolling sage cover the low country.

Expect light to moderate snow in the 1st season, gradually increasing through the 4th season. 4WD is usually necessary on the secondary roads.

Hunting pressure is heavy. Hunters will have better success and enjoy more solitude by walking into remote areas.

Hunting pressure may create refuge situations on the private lands in GMUs 13, 131, 214 and 441. Mt. Zirkel (GMU 14) and Sarvis Creek (GMU 15) Wilderness Areas access is restricted to non-vehicle methods. Public hunting in GMUs 13 and 131 is limited to a few small parcels of BLM land and some State Trust Land parcels.

Domestic sheep grazing typically occurs on parts of the Routt National Forest through the months of August and September. Elk will typically avoid areas actively used by sheep but often are not far away. Hunters can use this knowledge to their advantage. To learn more about sheep management and actively grazed areas, archery and muzzleloader hunters are encouraged to contact the Hahns Peak-Bears Ranger District in Steamboat Springs at 970-870-2299, or visit the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

MOOSE IN AREA

BE PATIENT!
ALWAYS BE 100% SURE OF YOUR TARGET!



UPPER YAMPA DEER INFORMATION

The deer herd has declined in the upper Yampa units due to a variety of factors. Most of the deer will be found in the western section of these units. Movement is also to the west. Hot spots are located north of Hayden. Some good trophy bucks are seen in the southern portion. In GMUs 4 & 5, the buck hunting has shown steady improvement. This area is not managed for trophy bucks, but it does have a good number of adult males in the population. Hunt the aspen and brush areas.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	22:100	46,730	37,800
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45, 361	26-30:100	16,540	13,500 - 16,500
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	22-25 :100	34,930	67,500

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	4	14	0	18	84	21	28	24
	Muzzle	12	5	0	17	46	37	46	44
	2nd Rifle	260	41	10	311	505	62	62	56
	3rd Rifle	275	38	0	313	359	87	85	79
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	9	89	94	93
5	Archery	19	8	0	27	64	42	22	17
	Muzzle	4	8	0	12	30	40	29	28
	2nd Rifle	60	6	0	66	85	78	71	59
	3rd Rifle	30	0	0	30	47	64	79	76
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	8	100	100	96
13	Archery	9	0	0	9	23	39	32	31
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	13	0	35	25
	2nd Rifle	71	0	0	71	104	68	63	54
	3rd Rifle	85	3	0	88	134	66	67	65
14	Archery	18	7	0	25	130	19	29	24
	Muzzle	5	8	0	13	26	50	41	37
	Early	10	0	0	10	27	37	36	29
	2nd Rifle	69	13	0	82	149	55	44	30
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	8

UPPER YAMPA DEER INFORMATION

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
15	Archery	21	22	0	43	180	24	21	17
	Muzzle	24	9	3	36	162	22	23	22
	2nd Rifle	150	81	10	241	573	42	39	40
	3rd Rifle	149	24	12	185	372	50	55	56
	4th Rifle	23	0	0	23	29	79	76	73
131	Archery	0	0	0	0	17	0	6	20
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	9	56	21	19
	2nd Rifle	14	2	0	16	42	38	42	35
	3rd Rifle	8	0	0	8	17	47	24	27
214	Archery	4	0	0	4	47	9	17	12
	Muzzle	3	3	0	6	14	43	39	43
	2nd Rifle	72	21	0	93	169	55	47	42
	3rd Rifle	8	0	0	8	18	44	45	36
441	Archery	19	7	0	26	66	39	19	19
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	7	43	30	37
	2nd Rifle	132	14	5	151	244	62	60	53
	3rd Rifle	38	0	0	38	43	88	81	69



UPPER YAMPA ELK INFORMATION

Elk are plentiful throughout the Upper Yampa area. Licenses are also readily available, but hunters should not rely on leftover license availability as these herds approach population objective. CPW has been working to minimize crop damage and significantly reduce the number of elk in these units. There are good numbers of bull elk, however, do not expect to see many large adult males. Large elk numbers occur on the Routt National Forest. The basic movement is from the higher to lower elevation in response to hunting pressure and weather. Hunt the timber and hunt the Routt National Forest early. Within the Upper Yampa GMU's, private lands access is primarily available on a fee hunting basis.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES									
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective					
Bears Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	20-25:100	22,910	15,000-18,000					
White River	11, 211, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34	20-27:100	41,350	32,000-39,000					
Gore Pass	15, 27	24-28:100	5,400	3,5000-4,500					

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
4	Archery	43	19	3	65	383	17	22	21
	Muzzle	0	20	0	20	75	27	25	24
	Early	0	122	0	122	277	44	44	43
	1st Rifle	142	96	3	241	723	33	35	38
	2nd Rifle	163	62	8	233	1267	18	19	19
	3rd Rifle	157	53	2	212	859	25	32	28
	4th Rifle	93	65	12	170	356	48	33	35
5	Archery	18	10	0	28	138	20	28	23
	Muzzle	0	11	2	13	51	25	26	29
	Early	0	34	0	34	46	74	93	88
	1st Rifle	72	24	0	96	294	33	36	36
	2nd Rifle	85	13	0	98	480	20	25	26
	3rd Rifle	58	7	0	65	244	27	33	31
	4th Rifle	2	10	0	12	29	41	24	29
13	Archery	20	23	0	43	248	17	18	20
	Muzzle	0	9	0	9	22	41	30	29
	Early	0	120	0	120	167	72	66	68
	1st Rifle	68	42	7	117	283	41	42	45
	2nd Rifle	128	56	4	188	494	38	32	33
	3rd Rifle	118	63	18	199	586	34	38	40
	4th Rifle	59	127	11	197	317	62	55	57

UPPER YAMPA ELK INFORMATION

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

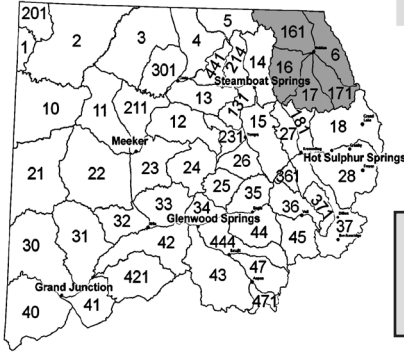
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
14	Archery	92	37	4	133	1243	11	13	12
	Muzzle	0	0	1	1	34	3	13	13
	1st Rifle	18	17	2	37	212	17	21	20
	2nd Rifle	93	17	0	110	679	16	14	14
	3rd Rifle	25	21	1	47	306	15	18	16
	4th Rifle	16	13	0	29	98	30	26	29
	Late	0	28	4	32	56	57	48	49
15	Archery	77	29	0	106	1105	10	11	11
	Muzzle	0	5	2	7	63	11	12	10
	Early	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	1st Rifle	35	40	7	82	477	17	18	18
	2nd Rifle	48	29	5	82	1141	7	7	11
	3rd Rifle	52	40	11	103	901	11	12	12
	4th Rifle	18	47	0	65	251	26	19	19
Late	2	63	10	75	178	42	39	39	
131	Archery	37	17	0	54	420	13	15	16
	Muzzle	0	5	0	5	25	20	24	20
	1st Rifle	14	9	11	34	170	20	20	26
	2nd Rifle	47	39	6	92	345	27	26	26
	3rd Rifle	30	35	0	65	260	25	35	31
	4th Rifle	12	19	4	35	104	34	30	33
	Late	0	73	19	92	140	66	51	49
214	Archery	72	37	7	116	616	19	17	16
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	31	0	28	28
	Early	0	54	0	54	65	83	71	68
	1st Rifle	57	24	0	81	155	52	39	42
	2nd Rifle	80	65	41	186	545	34	28	28
	3rd Rifle	15	28	5	48	212	23	26	24
	4th Rifle	2	14	0	16	70	23	31	36
Late	0	37	0	37	86	43	46	51	
441	Archery	22	30	0	52	158	33	22	22
	Muzzle	0	13	2	15	29	52	36	33
	Early	0	38	0	38	46	83	88	88
	1st Rifle	44	36	0	80	163	49	30	34
	2nd Rifle	78	30	0	108	468	23	20	21
	3rd Rifle	62	13	0	75	250	30	35	27
	4th Rifle	36	22	0	58	88	66	30	30
Late	0	61	7	68	75	91	78	79	

NORTH PARK

GMU

6, 16, 17, 161, 171

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Steamboat Springs
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AREA MAPS

USFS Routt National Forest

AREA INFO

www.ci.steamboat.co.us

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

North Park borders Wyoming between the Continental Divide and Medicine Bow Mtns. The valley floor at 7,880' supports ag lands and sage.

Extensive willow stands line the streams - a favorite moose habitat, so be sure of your target. The forest surrounding the basin varies from aspen/lodgepole to spruce/fir.

The area is generally windy and colder than places in western Colorado. Prepare for snow during your hunt. 4WD is helpful, as are chains.

Over 2/3 of North Park is public land.

Mt. Zirkel (west) and Never Summer (southeast) are the Wilderness Areas.

Access to State Trust Lands and Wilderness Areas is non-motorized.

Big game can move onto private lands with no public access.

MOOSE IN AREA

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NORTH PARK DEER INFORMATION

If you are patient, you could have success hunting trophy bucks. North Park has an early rifle, deer-only season that begins as soon as possible after archery closes. This season provides additional hunter opportunities as many of the deer in North Park migrate early. Few deer are found in North Park during January classification flights. Small sample sizes lead to higher observed buck:doe ratios than can be expected during the hunting seasons. Use 3-year average success rates for choosing a hunt.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	30-40:100	6,020	5,400 - 6,600

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
6	Archery	4	0	0	4	7	57	25	21
	Muzzle	7	0	0	7	20	35	32	34
	Early	19	0	0	19	30	63	58	49
	2nd Rifle	14	0	0	14	19	74	61	48
	3rd Rifle	14	0	0	14	15	93	80	65
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	5	100	100	61
16	Archery	1	0	0	1	14	7	14	27
	Muzzle	4	0	0	4	5	80	53	35
	Early	16	0	0	16	26	62	58	47
	2nd Rifle	11	0	0	11	11	100	69	44
	3rd Rifle	1	0	0	1	13	8	19	11
17	Archery	3	0	0	3	9	33	20	18
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	2	100	78	50
	Early	15	0	0	15	22	68	53	44
	2nd Rifle	0	0	0	0	14	0	17	19
	3rd Rifle	3	0	0	3	13	23	17	19
161	Archery	17	0	0	17	34	50	46	41
	Muzzle	8	0	0	8	10	80	48	31
	Early	23	0	0	23	35	66	61	48
	2nd Rifle	20	0	0	20	23	87	77	57
	3rd Rifle	7	0	0	7	15	47	43	32
171	Archery	3	0	0	3	12	25	31	24
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	3	0	67	29
	Early	12	0	0	12	23	52	58	52
	2nd Rifle	6	0	0	6	11	55	61	44
	3rd Rifle	9	0	0	9	13	69	71	57

NORTH PARK ELK INFORMATION

Elk are distributed evenly throughout these units. During the day, the bulls will be in dark timber - glass in the early morning and evening. The herd tends to stay in the coniferous timbered areas until late in the season, moving to lower elevations with snow and hunting pressure.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	20-23:100	4,500	4,000 - 4,500

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
6	Archery	34	23	0	57	749	8	10	9
	Muzzle	0	3	3	6	80	8	15	11
	Early	0	27	2	29	49	59	61	49
	1st Rifle	38	81	39	158	886	18	16	17
	2nd Rifle	42	22	0	64	1096	6	9	9
	3rd Rifle	51	33	7	91	511	18	13	12
	4th Rifle	5	37	16	58	175	33	18	18
16	Archery	45	34	4	83	531	16	17	15
	Muzzle	0	0	5	5	21	24	4	11
	Early	0	32	5	37	90	41	45	40
	1st Rifle	32	20	2	54	217	25	21	22
	2nd Rifle	33	22	0	55	424	13	17	18
	3rd Rifle	10	23	4	37	285	13	11	10
	4th Rifle	0	11	0	11	122	9	16	18
17	Archery	13	6	4	23	426	5	7	9
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	31	10	3	1
	Early	0	17	0	17	42	40	36	47
	1st Rifle	23	20	32	75	258	29	19	19
	2nd Rifle	16	27	0	43	461	9	13	13
	3rd Rifle	33	43	2	78	454	17	16	16
	4th Rifle	7	20	4	31	142	22	17	17
161	Archery	49	21	0	70	764	9	11	11
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	46	7	18	16
	Early	0	0	0	0	12	0	10	16
	1st Rifle	31	0	4	35	228	15	17	15
	2nd Rifle	51	10	8	69	723	10	9	9
	3rd Rifle	18	12	6	36	503	7	7	9
	4th Rifle	11	43	1	55	196	28	16	19
171	Archery	17	17	10	44	474	9	10	10
	Muzzle	0	7	0	7	30	23	6	10
	Early	0	20	0	20	35	57	50	56
	1st Rifle	9	67	0	76	363	21	19	19
	2nd Rifle	31	30	0	61	594	10	14	13
	3rd Rifle	10	8	0	18	366	5	11	12
	4th Rifle	2	2	2	6	97	6	7	9

BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

GMU

21, 22, 30, 31, 32

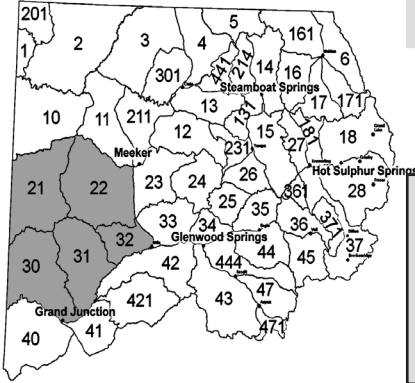
LOCAL CPW OFFICES

Meeker (GMU 21, 22)

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Grand Junction (GMU 30, 31, 32)

(970) 255-6100



AREA MAPS	BLM Douglas Pass BLM Meeker BLM Grand Junction	BLM Rangely BLM Glenwood Springs BLM Roan Plateau Travel Map
AREA INFO	www.visitgrandjunction.com or www.rangely.com	

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

Pinyon-juniper, with pockets of sagebrush, cover most of area at lower elevations. Higher elevations are characterized by sagebrush interspersed with aspen stands and some dark timber. Terrain varies from rolling sagebrush to steep-sided canyons. Some areas are steep & rugged, especially in southern portion..

Rains bring muddy roads. High elevation snows make roads impassible without chains.

75% of area is BLM land.

There are remote hunting areas accessible by foot, horseback or ATV. Get maps and study BLM access points.

Weather is generally mild.

Significant energy development occurring in these units.

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BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE

Important Note for Bookcliffs / Piceance Hunters

In 1986, the federal government sold thousands of acres of public land in the Piceance/Roan area (GMUs 22 and 32) to energy companies. The agreement required that the companies keep the land open to the public for 20 years. The public access agreement ended in 2006. These parcels, known as the “Girls Claims”, are now private property. Beyond the thousands of acres that are owned by the companies, these parcels also control access to thousands of acres of public land.

Hunters, be aware that Shell Oil Company sold 19,000 acres located off the Cathedral Bluffs area, including areas around Corral Gulch and Spruce Gulch, to a private owner. Legal access to this area is to be determined in the future.

Encana has agreed to keep 17,000 acres the company owns open for the 2016 hunting seasons. CPW appreciates the company’s willingness to support the heritage of hunting in western Colorado.

It’s important to note that these access agreements are NOT new lands. They are heavily hunted former public lands where generations of hunters will be displaced as these lands are closed to hunting. If new hunters begin using the lands where access agreements are in place, there is the potential for overcrowding, which may make future agreements more difficult. Please respect private and Encana land so that it will be available in the future.

If you hunt these units, make sure you have current maps. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has no control over closed lands, even if you’ve hunted there for years. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the BLM or energy companies directly.



BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE DEER INFORMATION

The hunting ranges from fair to good in the Bookcliffs and Piceance units. Deer are well-distributed in the northern portion from mid-October. Concentrate on higher elevations in early seasons. If the weather is dry, you'll need to do a lot of walking and looking. Good snows will move the herds to lower elevations to the north and to the south. Hunt high early, low later. Cathedral Rim has some big bucks, but tough terrain. Little Hills and Dry Fork of Piceance is better late. GMUs 21 and 30 are managed as quality deer units and licenses are separate from licenses that are valid in units 22, 31 or 32.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Bookcliffs	21, 30	30-35:100	7,500	10,000 - 12,000
Logan Mountain	31, 32	25-30:100	6,660	6,500 - 8,500
White River Herd	22	22-25:100	34,930	67,500

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	13	0	0	13	40	33	44	43
	Muzzle	10	0	0	10	16	63	56	49
	2nd Rifle	207	0	0	207	244	85	86	86
	3rd Rifle	47	0	0	47	47	100	93	93
22	Archery	17	3	0	20	54	37	40	39
	Muzzle	17	0	0	17	32	53	50	50
	2nd Rifle	205	5	0	210	281	75	73	72
	3rd Rifle	162	6	0	168	248	68	79	80
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	4	75	62	76
30	Archery	11	0	0	11	23	48	28	31
	Muzzle	13	0	0	13	18	72	44	45
	2nd Rifle	36	4	1	41	72	57	55	59
	3rd Rifle	37	3	0	40	50	80	69	73
31	Archery	77	10	0	87	166	52	45	42
	Muzzle	40	0	0	40	73	55	60	62
	2nd Rifle	85	0	0	85	166	51	56	62
	3rd Rifle	86	0	0	86	134	64	65	66
32	Archery	7	0	0	7	24	29	28	32
	Muzzle	19	0	0	19	40	48	52	53
	2nd Rifle	45	0	0	45	62	73	61	60
	3rd Rifle	31	0	0	31	33	94	68	66

BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE ELK INFORMATION

Good cow hunting opportunities. The best hunting is in remote areas, mostly at high elevations, where the elk tend to hold up in pockets of green timber and aspen. Check out the Texas Mountain area and Rat Hole Ridge. Hunting pressure will push some bulls into the large expanses of pinyon-juniper. If snow and hunting pressure are sufficient, some elk will move into the Little Hills and Dry Fork area of Piceance later in the seasons. Most of the GMU 32 elk move into GMU 22 to winter. Elk normally concentrate on the north side of Douglas Pass during the archery, muzzleloader, and early rifle seasons. Movement of large numbers of elk into GMU-30 generally does not occur until early November.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Yellow Creek	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	18-22:100	10,920	7,000 - 9,000

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

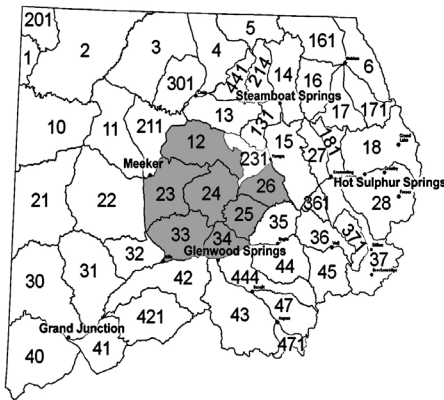
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
21	Archery	37	29	4	70	500	14	16	17
	Muzzle	0	10	0	10	67	15	12	9
	1st Rifle	55	23	3	81	455	18	18	22
	2nd Rifle	44	30	9	83	571	15	12	13
	3rd Rifle	26	64	5	95	438	22	17	17
	4th Rifle	14	21	2	37	252	15	19	21
22	Archery	62	18	4	84	373	23	21	20
	Muzzle	0	4	4	8	45	18	12	12
	Early	0	88	20	108	259	42	41	32
	1st Rifle	78	18	0	96	287	33	30	29
	2nd Rifle	66	11	0	77	637	12	12	15
	3rd Rifle	50	37	4	91	745	12	14	15
30	4th Rifle	14	41	0	55	248	22	31	28
	Archery	10	7	0	17	188	9	7	8
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
	1st Rifle	0	3	0	3	45	7	27	24
	2nd Rifle	10	8	0	18	136	13	13	12
	3rd Rifle	14	28	5	47	347	14	15	17
	4th Rifle	16	16	11	43	149	29	25	24

BOOKCLIFFS/PICEANCE ELK INFORMATION

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
31	Archery	31	12	4	47	235	20	22	22
	Muzzle	0	2	4	6	6	100	32	10
	Early	0	0	20	20	69	29	49	44
	1st Rifle	37	7	0	44	126	35	37	37
	2nd Rifle	29	21	0	50	335	15	19	19
	3rd Rifle	29	35	6	70	408	17	20	20
	4th Rifle	3	110	9	122	372	33	22	20
32	Archery	47	4	0	51	208	25	12	15
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
	Early	0	0	0	0	47	0	46	36
	1st Rifle	63	2	2	67	111	60	37	34
	2nd Rifle	32	12	0	44	275	16	19	18
	3rd Rifle	11	25	3	39	181	22	15	16
	4th Rifle	0	11	0	11	62	18	18	22





WHITE RIVER

GMU

12, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34,

LOCAL CPW OFFICES	
Glenwood Springs (GMU 25, 26, 34)	(970) 947-2920
Meeker (GMU 12, 23, 24)	(970) 878-6090
Steamboat Springs (GMU 26)	(970) 870-2197
Grand Junction (GMU 33)	(970) 255-6100

AREA MAPS	USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.glenwoodchamber.com or www.meekerchamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

White River offers variety & extremes. Several peaks in the Flattop Wilderness are 12,200' in elevation. Elevation drops to 5,300' near Rifle. The lower elevation vegetation starts out with sage, progressing to oakbrush/mtn brush, aspen, evergreens and alpine tundra.

Expect mild weather with light snow in the 1st season, with roads becoming impassable in the upper half of the area by the 3rd season. The high country in GMU 24 is prone to heavy snowstorms in late seasons. Heavy snowstorms can strand hunters on Flattops after 1st season. While there is a great deal of public land, hunting pressure is heavy especially in northern half of GMUs 23 & 24. 4WD is necessary on all but the few main paved roads. Half of the area is roadless - which makes for very good hunting if you can walk or pack in.

You may encounter heavy ATV traffic in GMUs 12, 23 and 33. Hunters in GMU 25 and 26 can gain access using Forest Service Road 610 (Stump Park Rd) or USFS Road 613 (Crescent Lake Rd).

MOOSE IN AREA

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WHITE RIVER DEER INFORMATION

The deer are scattered and will move in response to hunting pressure and weather. On National Forest lands in GMUs 12, 23, and 24, deer hunting is generally better in early seasons. Good public land deer hunting can typically be found in GMU 12 on the Jensen and Indian Run State Wildlife Areas. Jensen SWA is north of Meeker and Indian Run SWA is east of Hamilton. GMU 23 deer hunters can try Hay Flats and Miller Creek southwest of Meeker and the Jensen and Oak Ridge State Wildlife Areas north and east of Meeker. Deer densities are lower across GMU 24 but hunters can find deer on the south facing slopes above the White River. **UNIT 33 ARCHERY & MUZZLELOADER LICENSES NO LONGER VALID IN 23 & 24**— If you purchase an archery or muzzleloader license for unit 33, you can no longer also hunt in unit 23 and 24, and vice versa. There are now separate tags for these units. See the hunt tables for corresponding hunt codes.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Rifle Creek	33	30-35:100	6,140	7,700 - 9,400
Sweetwater Creek	25,26,34	28-32:100	5,470	5,000-6,000
White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	22-25:100	34,930	67,500



WHITE RIVER DEER INFORMATION

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
24	Archery	4	5	0	9	57	16	17	12
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	23	0	17	12
	Early	0	0	0	0	1	0	20	15
	2nd Rifle	20	0	0	20	63	32	31	25
	3rd Rifle	7	3	0	10	31	32	35	26
25	Archery	6	6	3	15	102	15	20	16
	Muzzle	7	6	0	13	71	18	18	19
	Early	1	0	0	1	2	50	8	7
	2nd Rifle	80	37	0	117	368	32	31	32
	3rd Rifle	97	55	0	152	288	53	49	50
	4th Rifle	23	0	0	23	30	77	59	60
26	Archery	8	0	0	8	28	29	20	15
	Muzzle	2	5	0	7	43	16	17	15
	Early	1	0	0	1	1	100	33	33
	2nd Rifle	35	38	0	73	183	40	29	34
	3rd Rifle	44	29	0	73	149	49	53	56
	4th Rifle	7	0	0	7	12	58	48	56
33	Archery	17	11	0	28	105	27	28	25
	Muzzle	19	4	0	23	49	47	37	32
	2nd Rifle	141	0	0	141	364	39	36	34
	3rd Rifle	131	0	0	131	258	51	49	45
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	12	75	72	63
34	Archery	5	0	0	5	71	7	10	10
	Muzzle	4	5	0	9	109	8	15	17
	2nd Rifle	59	6	0	65	262	25	22	19
	3rd Rifle	30	2	0	32	146	22	21	23
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	34	29	26	33
231	Archery	3	3	0	6	61	10	7	8
	Muzzle	13	0	0	13	24	54	41	32
	Early	1	0	0	1	1	100	50	25
	2nd Rifle	12	0	0	12	33	36	39	37
	3rd Rifle	6	0	0	6	17	35	38	22



WHITE RIVER ELK INFORMATION

Generally all of GMUs 12, 23 and 24 are considered very good elk hunting. They are generally at higher elevations in the eastern portions of GMUs 12 and 24 during early seasons, and move west to lower elevations (and private lands) as hunting pressure and snow depth increase. Try the abundant public lands in eastern GMU 12 and 24 early on. Because of access roads, hunting pressure is high on Sleepy Cat, Lost Park and Sand Peak. The Flattops Wilderness Area offers good hunting, but travel is limited to walking or horseback and the potential for heavy snowfall means hunters must be prepared. Successful hunters avoid the main roads and hunt the dark timber and deeper canyons. Jensen State Wildlife Area is good during most seasons. Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area is good during 3rd and 4th rifle seasons. Both properties are limited to foot or horseback travel.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
White River	11, 12, 13, 131, 231, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34,131, 211, 231	20-27:100	41,350	32,000-39,000

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

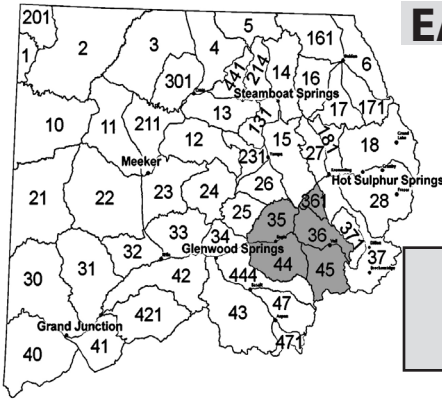
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
12	Archery	132	26	5	163	582	28	25	24
	Muzzle	0	20	0	20	83	24	26	25
	Early	0	99	8	107	172	62	60	58
	1st Rifle	326	199	23	548	1578	35	31	36
	2nd Rifle	141	123	26	290	1521	19	21	22
	3rd Rifle	98	158	27	283	1227	23	30	30
	4th Rifle	70	71	0	141	398	35	30	29
23	Archery	61	32	0	93	388	24	20	19
	Muzzle	0	8	0	8	46	17	14	15
	Early	0	34	0	34	105	32	56	55
	1st Rifle	157	48	0	205	816	25	15	21
	2nd Rifle	86	35	0	121	1046	12	13	14
	3rd Rifle	83	59	27	169	899	19	18	18
	4th Rifle	16	86	0	102	386	26	24	21
24	Late	0	25	0	25	29	86	78	74
	Archery	76	28	0	104	568	18	15	16
	Muzzle	0	5	0	5	40	13	5	11
	Early	0	21	0	21	41	51	45	36
	1st Rifle	172	53	7	232	1023	23	23	26
	2nd Rifle	60	61	0	121	1094	11	12	12
	3rd Rifle	22	21	19	62	520	12	16	16
4th Rifle	21	11	0	32	198	16	13	18	
Late	0	0	0	0	4	0	40	39	

WHITE RIVER ELK INFORMATION

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
25	Archery	14	0	0	14	303	5	10	10
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	78	5	4	7
	Early	0	40	0	40	153	26	32	34
	1st Rifle	0	0	0	0	122	0	13	19
	2nd Rifle	28	8	0	36	342	11	10	10
	3rd Rifle	24	11	0	35	352	10	13	14
	4th Rifle	4	2	0	6	48	13	16	19
26	Archery	20	7	0	27	337	8	10	10
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	6	33	26	11
	Early	0	49	10	59	105	56	51	39
	1st Rifle	37	31	0	68	182	37	20	18
	2nd Rifle	29	5	1	35	304	12	16	15
	3rd Rifle	41	24	4	69	331	21	17	18
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	65	15	18	17
33	Archery	31	25	0	56	490	11	15	14
	Muzzle	0	11	0	11	60	18	13	18
	1st Rifle	43	16	0	59	596	10	14	15
	2nd Rifle	41	64	4	109	975	11	13	12
	3rd Rifle	13	22	0	35	491	7	13	12
	4th Rifle	18	16	0	34	204	17	12	19
	Late	0	21	0	21	61	34	38	36
34	Archery	23	3	3	29	312	9	13	13
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	32	6	6	9
	Early	0	15	0	15	36	42	45	38
	1st Rifle	43	16	0	59	191	31	16	18
	2nd Rifle	25	9	2	36	320	11	7	8
	3rd Rifle	14	5	0	19	202	9	11	14
	4th Rifle	5	5	0	10	35	29	21	17
231	Archery	32	7	3	42	575	7	10	10
	Muzzle	0	2	2	4	36	11	6	9
	Early	0	13	3	16	45	36	49	42
	1st Rifle	49	26	0	75	294	26	26	25
	2nd Rifle	33	12	2	47	396	12	13	12
	3rd Rifle	12	18	5	35	186	19	19	20
	4th Rifle	4	2	0	6	41	15	12	17

EAGLE RIVER VALLEY



GMU

35, 36, 44, 45, 361

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Glenwood Springs
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AREA MAPS	USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.glenwoodchamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

These units are bordered by the Colorado River, the Gore Range, the Red Table Mountains and the Continental Divide.

Elevation climbs from 6,000' with sage and pinyon to over 14,000' with alpine vegetation starting at 10,500'.

Weather varies widely with heavy high country snow. Motorized travel restricted to designated routes.

GMUs 35 & 44 have plenty of public access, however the northern part of GMU 44 between Edwards and Eagle is primarily private property with no hunting allowed.

Check your map and contact the BLM/USFS office regarding off road travel.

MOOSE IN AREA

BE PATIENT!
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EAGLE RIVER VALLEY DEER INFORMATION

Deer herds are scattered from 6,500' to timberline, moving down to the lower elevation pinyon-juniper areas as heavy snow arrives. Over 18" of snow will move the deer. Hunt the aspen, open parks and shrublands. GMUs 35 and 36 have the most mule deer. After the first heavy snow, most GMU 45 deer will move into GMU 36. GMU 44 is managed for trophy deer, with limited number of licenses available.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Red Table Mountain	44	35:100	2,300	7,000
State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45, 361	26-30:100	16,540	13,500-16,500

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	7	0	0	7	81	9	17	16
	Muzzle	27	14	0	41	135	30	34	36
	2nd Rifle	51	45	5	101	323	31	45	46
	3rd Rifle	161	27	6	194	348	56	57	55
	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	13	85	76	79
36	Archery	0	0	0	0	96	0	11	14
	Muzzle	13	3	0	16	80	20	36	29
	Early	1	0	0	1	12	8	62	55
	2nd Rifle	88	24	0	112	278	40	40	39
	3rd Rifle	98	17	0	115	211	55	57	55
	4th Rifle	6	0	0	6	8	75	67	61
44	Archery	4	3	0	7	57	12	30	27
	Muzzle	5	8	0	13	48	27	25	27
	Early	2	0	0	2	5	40	33	29
	2nd Rifle	24	5	0	29	51	57	57	53
	3rd Rifle	17	3	0	20	29	69	60	64
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	11	73	81	87
45	Archery	10	5	0	15	124	12	22	26
	Muzzle	13	3	0	16	52	31	40	35
	Early	0	0	0	0	6	0	28	25
	2nd Rifle	60	15	0	75	187	40	44	41
	3rd Rifle	1	3	0	4	27	15	43	36
361	Archery	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	2
	Muzzle	0	3	0	3	9	33	68	53
	2nd Rifle	22	5	0	27	42	64	49	39
	3rd Rifle	11	3	0	14	47	30	30	37

EAGLE RIVER VALLEY ELK INFORMATION

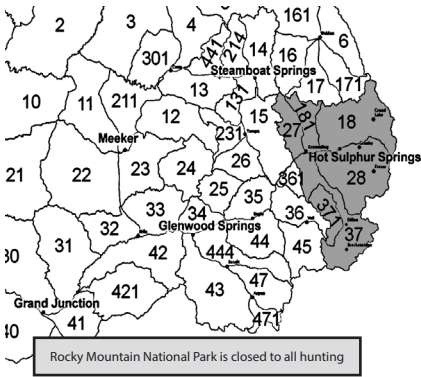
Elk are scattered from about 7,000' to above timberline. As hunting pressure increases, they seek the deeper canyons and dark timber areas way from roads. Concentrating on the large stands of dark timber and the larger wilderness areas will increase your chance of finding a big bull on public lands. Large blocks of private land in GMUs 35 and 36 provide refuge areas and can make hunting difficult.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Frying Pan	44, 45, 47, 444	18-30:100	6,490	5,500-8,500
Piney River	35, 36, 361	22-44:100	3,850	3,000-4,600

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
35	Archery	17	11	4	32	264	12	10	9
	Muzzle	14	5	0	19	176	11	13	13
	Early	0	26	2	28	52	54	52	49
	1st Rifle	23	41	1	65	235	28	21	23
	2nd Rifle	14	5	3	22	310	7	13	13
	3rd Rifle	31	44	12	87	431	20	21	21
	4th Rifle	0	10	2	12	44	27	31	29
36	Archery	17	20	4	41	545	8	7	7
	Muzzle	4	11	0	15	173	9	8	8
	Early	0	7	0	7	17	41	39	30
	1st Rifle	29	25	0	54	189	29	21	21
	2nd Rifle	52	16	3	71	600	12	15	14
	3rd Rifle	17	13	0	30	395	8	10	10
	4th Rifle	5	5	0	10	40	25	22	27
44	Archery	20	4	0	24	361	7	9	8
	Muzzle	12	3	0	15	249	6	8	9
	Early	0	34	4	38	82	46	52	51
	1st Rifle	18	18	0	36	257	14	17	17
	2nd Rifle	16	18	6	40	321	12	10	9
	3rd Rifle	41	11	0	52	393	13	11	12
	4th Rifle	12	14	8	34	167	20	16	17
45	Archery	21	7	4	32	550	6	7	7
	Muzzle	5	9	0	14	128	11	14	12
	Early	0	37	2	39	98	40	30	29
	1st Rifle	4	26	0	30	128	23	20	21
	2nd Rifle	22	3	6	31	360	9	8	11
	3rd Rifle	8	3	0	11	241	5	8	9
	4th Rifle	9	0	0	9	120	8	11	16
361	Archery	0	0	0	0	120	0	1	3
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	5
	Early	0	0	0	0	9	0	22	23
	1st Rifle	2	0	0	2	36	6	13	19
	2nd Rifle	7	0	0	7	80	9	5	11
	3rd Rifle	11	4	0	15	107	14	11	10
	4th Rifle	0	7	0	7	45	16	19	22



MIDDLE PARK

GMU

18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Hot Sulphur Springs
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AREA MAPS	USFS Routt National Forest USFS White River National Forest USFS Arapahoe/Roosevelt National Forest
AREA INFO	www.kremmlingchamber.com www.granbychamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

The Continental Divide and the Gore Range Divide encircle Middle Park. Most of this terrain is steep to very steep. The weather can change rapidly. Areas can become snowbound. 4WD is recommended, along with chains.

Sagebrush/shrubs are common on southern exposures at lower elevations. The valley bottoms are mostly private lands. The remaining 2/3 of this area is public land.

GMU 27 has less public land than the other GMUs. Check USFS maps for ATV closures/restrictions.

Hunters around Wolford Mountain (GMU 181 and 27) should be aware that a travel management plan is in place - check with the BLM Kremmling office at (970) 724-3000 for information. Horses/pack animals are recommended for remote tracts and for Wilderness Areas.

Due to the proximity to Denver, there are many weekend hunters & recreationalists (bikers, hikers, ATVers).

The past decade's mountain pine beetle killed an estimated 80 percent of mature lodgepole pine trees in Grand County, creating numerous hazards along public roadways as these trees begin to fall.

As a result, fire danger is increased, big game distribution is changing in some areas and logging operations are likely in some spots. Hunters might focus on some of the dead lodgepole areas as increased sunlight to the forest floor creates more forage and these areas tend to hold deer and elk for longer periods of time. However be aware of possible falling trees when hiking, or setting up camp in pine beetle kill sections! Set up camps etc, in cleared areas away from dead trees. These dead trees can fall on their own without wind, or warning!

Road closures for tree removal will likely occur this season and next in this area. To avoid disappointment, be sure to call the Sulphur Ranger District's Visitor's Information Hotline at 970-887-4100, the Kremmling BLM office at 970-724-3000, the Yampa Forest Service Office at 970-638-4516 or the Dillon Ranger District Office at 970-468-5400 BEFORE planning your hunting trip or setting up camp. You can also sign up for updates by emailing SRDUpdates@fs.fed.us.

You can stop by the visitor's center at 9 Ten Mile Drive in Granby, visit www.fs.usda.gov/arp; or follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/usfsarp.

MIDDLE PARK DEER INFORMATION

All GMUs have good numbers of deer. The buck-to-doe ratios continue to increase as a result of limited buck hunting and mild winters. All units are managed for quality bucks. There are good numbers of mature bucks, but they rarely reach trophy status found in lower elevation mtn shrub & mild winter areas. Concentrate on transition zones that have aspen, shrub and coniferous cover. Deer tend to move west and down in elevation over the seasons, snow will move them faster and farther. They typically migrate out of GMU 371 with average snowfall. A limited number of 4th season deer licenses available.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Middle Park	18, 181, 27, 28, 37, 371	30-35:100	16,870	10,500 - 12,500

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	9	0	0	9	331	3	12	11
	Muzzle	29	58	0	87	414	21	27	23
	2nd Rifle	124	125	27	276	1202	23	24	24
	3rd Rifle	211	150	43	404	1176	34	33	34
	4th Rifle	86	0	0	86	123	70	54	59
27	Archery	18	18	0	36	151	24	20	23
	Muzzle	6	17	0	23	67	34	27	30
	2nd Rifle	84	92	0	176	689	26	28	26
	3rd Rifle	103	20	5	128	414	31	28	27
	4th Rifle	26	0	0	26	36	72	41	41
28	Archery	0	18	0	18	217	8	11	12
	Muzzle	21	19	0	40	233	17	17	22
	2nd Rifle	65	95	0	160	792	20	20	21
	3rd Rifle	167	30	9	206	771	27	28	30
	4th Rifle	32	0	0	32	71	45	41	51
37	Archery	13	18	0	31	130	24	12	15
	Muzzle	12	25	0	37	175	21	22	25
	2nd Rifle	55	20	18	93	421	22	25	27
	3rd Rifle	102	52	9	163	410	40	34	35
	4th Rifle	25	0	0	25	41	61	45	41

MIDDLE PARK DEER INFORMATION

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS (Cont.)

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
181	Archery	9	0	0	9	73	12	7	13
	Muzzle	0	8	0	8	82	10	18	17
	2nd Rifle	37	39	0	76	326	23	22	22
	3rd Rifle	82	37	15	134	385	35	30	30
	4th Rifle	34	0	0	34	44	77	58	54
371	Archery	9	0	0	9	114	8	7	7
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	63	0	12	14
	2nd Rifle	12	18	0	30	176	17	27	19
	3rd Rifle	27	11	0	38	116	33	20	19
	4th Rifle	2	0	0	2	2	100	41	43



MIDDLE PARK ELK INFORMATION

Elk are well distributed in all units. Bull to cow ratios are good because the area is fairly steep and heavily timbered. Generally, trophy bulls are rare (a few are taken every year) because bulls are managed for hunter opportunity. With hunting pressure and snow, elk head for the inaccessible timber and private property. GMU 27 has a lot of private land. Hunt the rough terrain and heavy cover away from roads and trails to increase your success.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Gore Pass	15, 27	24-28:100	5,450	3,500-4,500
Troublesome Creek	18, 181	21-26:100	4,550	3,600-4,300
Williams Fork River	28, 37, 371	21-31:100	6,200	4,700-5,500

MIDDLE PARK ELK INFORMATION

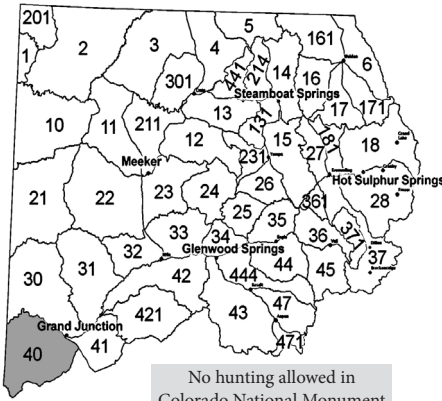
2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
18	Archery	47	14	10	71	1196	6	5	5
	Muzzle	0	6	0	6	125	5	2	5
	1st Rifle	49	44	26	119	1025	12	16	14
	2nd Rifle	41	34	4	79	1058	7	10	10
	3rd Rifle	56	32	18	106	1054	10	12	11
	4th Rifle	8	76	11	95	1051	9	8	11
27	Archery	13	10	3	26	428	6	10	9
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	23	17	16	12
	1st Rifle	17	15	3	35	193	18	18	19
	2nd Rifle	17	35	5	57	533	11	11	12
	3rd Rifle	6	5	0	11	352	3	6	5
	4th Rifle	7	11	1	19	116	16	13	10
28	Archery	45	33	3	81	1251	6	6	6
	Muzzle	0	7	4	11	90	12	12	12
	1st Rifle	24	59	2	85	588	14	21	19
	2nd Rifle	53	51	6	110	1002	11	12	12
	3rd Rifle	69	46	4	119	919	13	12	11
	4th Rifle	35	63	23	121	529	23	16	16
37	Archery	27	7	4	38	800	5	7	7
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	39	0	14	12
	1st Rifle	14	13	0	27	275	10	18	24
	2nd Rifle	39	36	0	75	522	14	14	13
	3rd Rifle	18	12	0	30	396	8	10	10
	4th Rifle	19	14	3	36	262	14	12	15
181	Archery	4	0	0	4	257	2	5	7
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	6
	1st Rifle	28	4	2	34	179	19	17	20
	2nd Rifle	16	4	2	22	308	7	4	5
	3rd Rifle	7	29	2	38	265	14	11	9
	4th Rifle	2	32	6	40	358	11	9	8
371	Archery	30	3	3	36	476	8	6	7
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	21	19	8	5
	1st Rifle	18	11	0	29	237	12	24	24
	2nd Rifle	9	3	1	13	155	8	8	10
	3rd Rifle	4	13	0	17	245	7	11	12
	4th Rifle	5	47	3	55	280	20	20	17

GLADE PARK

GMU
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AREA MAPS	USFS Uncompahgre National Forest BLM Delta BLM Grand Junction BLM Moab BLM Westwater
AREA INFO	www.visitgrandjunction.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

This 750 square mile unit consists of a relatively flat summit leading to sloping mesas bisected by deep, rugged canyons. The highest elevation range is approximately 9,800’.

Roads provide access to the mesas, but many of the canyons are remote and accessible only by foot or horseback.

Weather starts out mild but mud/snow accumulation is likely in later seasons.

Early season hunters should favor higher elevations of the USFS land, while later season hunters will do better on the lower BLM lands.

Hunters can find many water holes within the dark timber stands on north facing slopes.

Elk and deer frequent these areas during warm temperatures and heavy hunting pressure.

GMU 40 has a lot of private land, and public access to BLM is often difficult to reach by vehicle.

GLADE PARK DEER INFORMATION

There are some good bucks in GMU 40 but they are hard to locate. The upper end of the Little Dolores drainage is a good place for quality mule deer bucks but there is considerable private land. Late season hunters may have success near Seiber Canyon, but it is foot or horseback only. Areas along the Utah border and north of Gateway can be good during the rifle seasons however be aware of private land and the state line.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	30-35:100	5,720	6,500-8,500

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
40	Archery	36	0	0	36	64	56	50	45
	Muzzle	22	0	0	22	29	76	61	64
	2nd Rifle	84	0	0	84	140	60	67	66
	3rd Rifle	73	0	0	73	105	70	72	72



GLADE PARK ELK INFORMATION

Bulls will be bugling from mid-Sept through 1st rifle opening weekend. Elk are widely distributed. Most stay high until hunting pressure pushes them to lower elevations and less accessible drainages. Do not hunt areas that have previously received heavy hunting pressure - elk will not be there. Successful hunters do a lot of walking and looking.

GMU 40 is a limited unit. You must apply in the draw.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES				
Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Glade Park	40	30-35:100	3,040	2,800-3,800

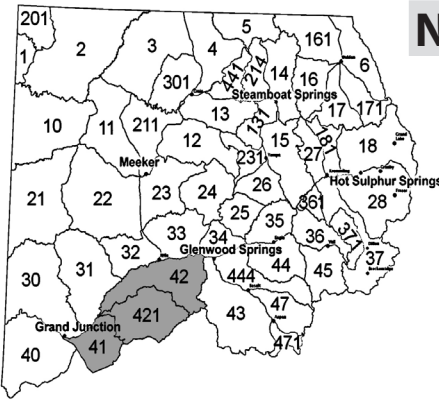
2015 ELK HARVEST STATS									
UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
40	Archery	40	0	0	40	74	54	58	51
	Muzzle	0	2	0	2	27	7	3	5
	Early	0	93	28	121	291	42	42	45
	1st Rifle	30	13	0	43	74	58	50	53
	2nd Rifle	16	12	2	30	49	61	54	60
	3rd Rifle	25	12	0	37	63	59	55	55
	4th Rifle	14	13	6	33	51	65	46	47



NORTH GRAND MESA

GMU
41, 42, 421

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
Grand Junction
(970) 255-6100



AREA MAPS	USFS Grand Mesa National Forest USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.visitgrandjunction.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

Grand Mesa terrain ranges from high elevation (11,000') spruce/fir forests to low elevation (4,800') pinyon-juniper woodlands.

Weather can be rainy or snowy, then warm up and dry out the following day. Roads can become very muddy and 4WD is recommended.

Hunters should be prepared to spend time on foot or horseback.

Much of the area is public land.

Overall, the hunting pressure is heavy.

Contact the USFS Grand Valley Ranger District, 970-242-8211 for more details on energy development in this area.

MOOSE IN AREA

BE PATIENT!
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NORTH GRAND MESA DEER INFORMATION

The deer population has declined in recent years. The fourth, buck-only season was eliminated in 2015. However deer are still abundant and at the lower end of the population objective range. Deer are found on forest lands and higher elevation private lands during Oct. The resident deer stay in lower agricultural areas year round. The migrating deer herd begins to move off the forest to lower elevations in mid-Nov, often to BLM lands. The best deer hunting is at mid elevations (8,500-9,500'), with more buck opportunities in the later seasons. The Battlements can be good in late seasons, but the terrain is rugged. The open country offers good opportunities for those who get out on foot or horseback.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Grand Mesa	41, 42, 421	25-30:100	15,140	17,000-23,000

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	12	2	0	14	93	15	28	25
	Muzzle	19	0	0	19	46	41	32	34
	2nd Rifle	91	0	0	91	315	29	37	39
	3rd Rifle	158	0	0	158	376	42	50	44
42	Archery	2	0	0	2	74	3	22	28
	Muzzle	11	0	0	11	44	25	31	28
	2nd Rifle	163	0	0	163	288	57	42	44
	3rd Rifle	266	0	0	266	431	62	57	54
421	Archery	17	8	0	25	131	19	28	27
	Muzzle	31	3	0	34	150	23	32	36
	2nd Rifle	121	0	0	121	275	44	40	42
	3rd Rifle	129	0	0	129	274	47	57	54



NORTH GRAND MESA

ELK INFORMATION

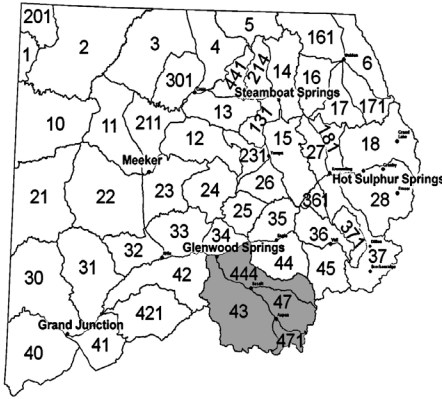
The elk herd is well distributed with good hunting success expected. Elk are scattered throughout the forest and on private lands. Most elk stay at higher elevations (8500- 10,000') in thick timber and oakbrush. There is no migration during the season, movement to the more remote areas is in response to hunting pressure. They will seek classic cover - the heavily wooded, north-facing slopes near water. You will need to get away from the roads. There are lots of legal bulls as the area is managed for quantity of bulls rather than trophy status. Hence, trophy bulls are present but relatively rare.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMU	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Grand Mesa	41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	20-25:100	13,310	15,000-19,000

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
41	Archery	29	16	4	49	406	12	14	15
	Muzzle	28	35	25	88	367	24	23	21
	Early	0	66	18	84	225	37	29	33
	1st Rifle	49	15	15	79	477	17	22	24
	2nd Rifle	34	17	0	51	412	12	15	16
	3rd Rifle	14	39	23	76	400	19	16	15
	4th Rifle	21	12	10	43	205	21	16	15
42	Archery	89	57	7	153	918	17	18	18
	Muzzle	26	10	0	36	176	20	24	19
	1st Rifle	48	28	0	76	279	27	31	32
	2nd Rifle	134	110	22	266	1130	24	21	21
	3rd Rifle	96	120	21	237	1067	22	18	19
	4th Rifle	22	55	4	81	314	26	22	25
421	Archery	101	41	10	152	966	16	15	16
	Muzzle	44	5	10	59	379	16	17	17
	Early	0	147	23	170	327	52	44	43
	1st Rifle	57	36	0	93	451	21	21	23
	2nd Rifle	81	65	24	170	1253	14	16	17
	3rd Rifle	84	34	15	133	610	22	20	19
	4th Rifle	0	9	4	13	118	11	15	18



ROARING FORK

GMU
43, 47, 444, 471

LOCAL CPW OFFICE
 Glenwood Springs
 (970) 947-2920

AREA MAPS	USFS White River National Forest
AREA INFO	www.glenwoodchamber.com

GENERAL AREA INFORMATION

This area encompasses the Roaring Fork, Frying Pan and Crystal River drainages.

The lower elevations (6500') are primarily developed or agricultural.

Timberline is around 11,500' and there are 14,000' peaks in the Wilderness Areas. Be prepared for daytime highs of 75F dropping to 20F at night. Snow can exceed several feet in the higher elevations and moisture can make roads dangerous or impassible. 4WD is a necessity.

About 40% of the area is wilderness (Hunter-Fryingpan, Maroon Bells, Raggeds, Collegiate Peaks) and vehicles are not allowed.

These rugged areas offer increased hunting success, but require horseback/pack-in camps. Hunting pressure is moderate.

There are large blocks of private lands in GMU 43 east of Hwy 133 & in the western part of GMU 444.

MOOSE IN AREA

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ROARING FORK DEER INFORMATION

This herd is concentrated in aspen and oakbrush habitats before the snow flies. Hunting pressure does not generally cause herd movement, but they will move to lower elevation woodlands as snow accumulates. Archery and muzzleloader hunters should head to timberline.

Early rifle season hunters should focus on high elevation areas around timberline, Capitol Creek, Haystack Mountain and East Snowmass Creek. Later season hunters could try “The Crown”, Holgate Mesa, Williams Hill and Light Hill, but expect to see other hunters in these areas. Some good bucks can be found if hunters focus in areas away from roads.

2015 DEER OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doe Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Basalt	444	30:100	4,460	5,300
Maroon Bells	43, 47, 471	30-35:100	5,740	7,500-8,500

2015 DEER HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	11	11	0	22	149	15	17	15
	Muzzle	64	0	0	64	152	42	30	28
	Early	10	0	0	10	13	77	54	50
	2nd Rifle	71	34	0	105	261	40	39	38
	3rd Rifle	80	14	0	94	211	45	47	51
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	4	100	37	39
47	Archery	4	4	0	8	34	24	12	8
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	14	14	13	13
	Early	9	0	0	9	19	47	40	25
	2nd Rifle	12	5	0	17	34	50	31	34
	3rd Rifle	17	0	0	17	33	52	43	41
	4th Rifle	2	0	0	2	4	50	73	77
444	Archery	25	3	0	28	86	33	31	26
	Muzzle	22	8	0	30	71	42	47	41
	Early	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	33
	2nd Rifle	115	45	8	168	313	54	46	44
	3rd Rifle	75	15	3	93	188	49	49	48
	4th Rifle	21	0	0	21	21	100	74	78
471	Archery	0	4	0	4	23	17	13	8
	Muzzle	2	0	0	2	7	29	21	17
	Early	9	0	0	9	18	50	58	46
	2nd Rifle	7	0	0	7	10	70	24	13
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	5	0	30	24

ROARING FORK

ELK INFORMATION

Early seasons find elk anywhere from 7500' to above timberline. With increased hunting pressure and snow, herds tend to move to remote areas or private lands - away from roads and hunters. The wilderness areas are a good bet for success but hunters must hike or horseback as motorized travel is prohibited. Try Snowmass Creek, Conundrum Creek, Capitol Creek, Avalanche Creek, Difficult Creek, McFarland Creek, Maroon Creek, Thompson Creek, Basalt Mountain, Four-mile, the Marble area, and the upper Frying Pan drainages. Kobey Park and Sloans Peak are good but deep snow and bad roads should be expected, especially later in the seasons.

2015 ELK OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
Avalanche Creek	43, 471	17-27:100	4,190	3,800-5,400
Frying Pan River	44, 45, 47, 444	18-30:100	6,490	5,500-8,500

2015 ELK HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
43	Archery	66	22	0	88	945	9	10	11
	Muzzle	22	0	1	23	157	15	17	17
	Early	0	60	4	64	118	54	45	48
	1st Rifle	54	12	2	68	228	30	24	24
	2nd Rifle	110	9	0	119	571	21	16	16
	3rd Rifle	81	22	0	103	542	19	19	22
	4th Rifle	7	23	0	30	102	29	22	26
47	Archery	13	10	0	23	225	10	10	9
	Muzzle	0	5	0	5	53	9	9	14
	Early	0	17	0	17	52	33	49	48
	1st Rifle	5	5	10	20	116	17	18	14
	2nd Rifle	6	9	3	18	301	6	13	14
	3rd Rifle	11	5	3	19	214	9	15	16
	4th Rifle	9	5	0	14	84	17	23	26
444	Archery	37	7	0	44	329	13	9	9
	Muzzle	12	0	0	12	139	9	10	13
	Early	0	83	0	83	235	35	33	36
	1st Rifle	15	7	0	22	155	14	17	23
	2nd Rifle	43	21	0	64	599	11	13	14
	3rd Rifle	17	20	0	37	370	10	11	12
	4th Rifle	5	10	2	17	148	11	10	14
471	Archery	7	10	0	17	145	12	10	10
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	6	0	10	8
	Early	0	0	0	0	7	0	44	32
	1st Rifle	4	0	0	4	4	100	7	11
	2nd Rifle	4	7	0	11	43	26	20	23
	3rd Rifle	0	3	0	3	11	27	20	17
	4th Rifle	0	2	0	2	29	7	13	17

PRONGHORN

PRONGHORN INFORMATION

Northwest Colorado offers good pronghorn hunting opportunities. Hunter success varies by GMU. Hunter success is typically higher on private land, but public land pronghorn can still be found. The pronghorn season in GMUs 41, 62, and 411 is closed (new this year) to manage the population.

2015 PRONGHORN OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Buck:Doer Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6,16,17,161,171	30-40:100	1,680	1,500-1,600
Great Divide	3,4,5,13,14,214,301,441	55:100	13,260	15,800
Maybell	11	40:100	1,290	1,400
Sand Wash	1,2,201	68:100	900	3,200
Axial Basin	12,23,211	35:100	270	300
Middle Park	18,27,28,37,181,371	40:100	850	630

2015 PRONGHORN STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	SUCCESS %		
							LAST YR	3 YR	5 YR
2	Rifle	12	0	0	12	20	60	69	71
3	Rifle	338	122	14	474	535	89	84	82
4	Rifle	71	65	7	143	172	83	80	73
5	Rifle	5	0	0	5	12	42	38	34
6	Rifle	14	8	0	22	22	100	98	99
11	Rifle	44	54	8	106	125	85	84	84
12	Rifle	0	0	0	0	7	0	50	57
13	Rifle	41	35	10	86	110	78	70	68
16	Rifle	20	5	0	25	30	83	68	73
17	Rifle	2	2	0	4	11	36	67	63
18	Rifle	19	12	0	31	68	46	57	59
23	Rifle	10	10	0	20	36	56	52	54
27	Rifle	7	5	4	16	28	57	41	47
37	Rifle	0	0	0	0	2	0	42	56
131	Rifle	0	4	0	4	10	40	70	57
161	Rifle	14	3	0	17	21	81	89	89
171	Rifle	3	2	0	5	12	42	44	41
181	Rifle	12	10	0	22	52	42	54	55
201	Rifle	17	12	2	31	45	69	80	79
211	Rifle	11	3	2	16	22	73	73	65
214	Rifle	17	5	0	22	35	63	57	59
301	Rifle	109	35	5	149	185	81	76	75
441	Rifle	7	5	0	12	19	63	58	62

MOOSE

MOOSE INFORMATION

Northwest Colorado's moose population is thriving since moose were first re-introduced by the CPW into North Park in 1978, with sportsmen's dollars, providing increasing opportunity each year.

1. ALL MOOSE LICENSE HOLDERS must complete and return a harvest questionnaire provided by CPW within 30 days after their hunting season ends. Anyone who does not complete and return it will not be eligible for a future moose license or point, including those who were unsuccessful or did not hunt.
2. ALL MOOSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON FOR INSPECTION within five working days of harvest. A mandatory report will be completed during inspection. Hunters must submit the head of antlerless moose or head of antlered moose with antlers attached to a CPW office during normal business hours.
3. TOOTH EXTRACTION IS MANDATORY. An incisor will be extracted and retained to determine age. Heads must be unfrozen for inspection.
4. VOLUNTARY CWD TESTING. During inspection, hunters may choose to have their moose tested for chronic wasting disease. Testing cost is \$25.



Big game hunters in all areas in northwest Colorado are reminded to be sure of their target.

The accidental kill of moose by elk hunters is a threat to these new populations.

In cooperation with Colorado chapters of Safari Club International, an extensive education campaign is being conducted to alert hunters to these new populations.

MOOSE

2015 MOOSE OBJECTIVES

Herd	GMUs	Bull:Cow Objective	Population Estimate	Population Objective
North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	60-70:100	580	500-600
Gore	14,18, 28, 36, 37, 181, 371	65:100	370	190
Grand Mesa (N)	41, 42, 43, 52, 411, 421, 521	55-65:100	530	300-400
White River	12, 23, 24	(undeter.)	150	100-200

2015 MOOSE HARVEST STATS

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	BULL HUNTERS	COW HUNTERS	SUCCESS %	
						BULL	COW
6	All	13	15	16	19	81	79
12	All	0	0	0	1	0	0
14	All	3	2	4	4	75	50
15	All	1	2	2	3	50	67
16	All	6	2	7	3	86	67
17	All	5	8	5	13	100	62
18	All	13	8	13	11	100	73
23	All	0	0	1	0	0	0
24	All	2	2	2	3	100	67
27	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
28	All	10	8	10	9	100	89
36	All	2	0	2	0	100	0
37	All	2	0	2	2	100	0
41	All	0	0	1	2	0	0
44	All	1	0	1	0	100	0
161	All	8*	1	7	2	114	50
171	All	8	7	8	16	100	44
181	All	1	2	2	2	50	100
201	All	0	0	1	0	0	0
371	All	2	1	2	2	100	50
421	All	6	12	6	14	100	86

*A bull was harvested on a cow licenses

BLACK BEAR

RIFLE BEAR SEASON CHANGES. Hunting bear during the regular deer and elk seasons has changed, giving hunters expanded opportunities.

Rules for the new “Concurrent Rifle” bear season are explained on page 59 of the 2016 Big Game Brochure. These restrictions do not apply to the hunts with hunt codes B-E-083-P1-R, B-E-084-P5-R, B-E-048-P5-R, B-E-058-P5-R and B-E-059-P5-R.

INSIDE DENS. Hunting, harvesting or harassing bears inside their dens is prohibited.

CUBS. Black bears accompanied by one or more cubs cannot be killed. Cubs — bears younger than one year old — cannot be killed.

2015 BEAR HARVEST STATS

Bear harvest stats are reported differently than other big game species. Because bears are relatively reclusive and fewer in number statewide than deer or elk, estimating populations at the local level is problematic. It is estimated that Colorado has between 16,000 and 18,000 black bears statewide. Success rates for bear hunters tend to be lower than other big game animals, and requires the issuance of a large number of licenses to achieve a relatively small harvest.

Population	GMUs	Licenses Issued	Boar Harvest	Sow Harvest	Total Harvest	Success %
B-1	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	1067	31	21	52	7
B-4	4, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 161, 171, 214, 441	1348	27	33	60	4
B-10	12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 231	1743	46	26	72	4
B-11	35, 36, 361, 43, 44, 45, 47, 444, 471	1712	38	15	53	3
B-15	1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 201, 211, 301	248	6	5	11	4
B-16	15, 18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	366	15	9	24	7
B-17	41, 421, 52, 411, 521, 53, 63	3005	134	73	207	7

GUN RANGES IN THE NW REGION

Basalt State Wildlife Area Shooting Range

Basalt

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Glenwood Springs Office

970 - 947-2920

The range is located in the Christine unit of the Basalt SWA. Take Highway 82 to Two Rivers Road, turn on to Homestead Drive and then turn into the Basalt SWA entrance that is on the west end of Homestead Drive. There is a large green/white CPW sign at the bottom of the hill on the road up to the shooting range.

Public pistol range, 100 yard rifle and shotgun ranges. Open weekdays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. year 'round. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited. Not including muzzleloader and shotgun, rifles on the range must be .50 caliber or lower. For a fee, the Roaring Fork Valley Sportsman's Association offers trap and skeet shooting on Wednesday evenings and weekends from noon to 5 p.m. The range is otherwise unsupervised.

Note: Beginning December 1, 2010, the range will close at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays until further notice.

Bears Ears Sportsman Club

P.O. Box 622, Craig

970-824-8376

300-yard rifle and handgun range for members. Open to the public the first Sunday/Monday of each month. Also open during daylight hour, the Thursday and Friday prior to each big game season for hunter sight-in. For more information, pick up brochures at the Craig Sportsman's Center.

Byers Canyon Rifle Range

Hot Sulphur Springs

970-725-6200

Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Hot Sulphur Springs Office. This range is closed during winter months to provide winter forage to big game. This closure is generally in effect beginning the first week in January. The range will remain closed until deer move toward higher ground in the spring, which typically occurs in early April.

Open daily, sunrise to sunset (except as noted, above). Five centerfire rifle 25-, 100-, and 200 yard ranges, one rimfire (.22 cal) rifle range, shotgun (hand traps only – not provided), and one handgun range provided. Range also has straw bales for archery. One rifle range has wheel chair access to 25/100-yard target range. Paper targets only (exception for clay birds for shotgun, and targets for archery). No bowling pins or other breakables allowed on range. Unsupervised range! Eye and ear protection mandatory. Portable toilet and trash dumpster on site.

GUN RANGES

Castle Peak Gun Club **P.O. Box 319, Gypsum**

Open prior to hunting season for hunter sight-in. Range visible from I-70; north-side of the Interstate, west of the interchange.

Glenwood Springs Gun Club **Glenwood Springs** **970-945-7401**

Public welcome to shoot when range is open. Sporting clays, trap, black powder, rifle and pistol ranges up to 200 yards. Hunter education courses are available also.

Grand Junction BLM Public Shooting Ranges

North of Grand Junction **Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction Field Office** **970 -244-3000**

From Grand Junction, take Horizon Drive northeast to H Road; west on H Road approximately 1.25 miles to 27¼ Road; north on 27¼ Road 5 miles to the rifle range or 5.8 miles to the pistol range. Open to the public year-round; no supervision provided. The rifle range has a sheltered firing line with 25 stations and 8 benches with range distances from 50 to 500 yards. The pistol range has 4 benches with range distances up to 150 yards. There is no trash service—shooters are responsible for removing their own brass, shell casings, targets and trash. Please be aware of other users of these public lands such as hikers, horseback riders, and OHV operators.

East of Grand Junction **Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction Field Office** **970 -244-3000**

(Acquire a map of this shooting area at the Grand Junction BLM office.)

Shooting area is located on East Orchard Mesa. To reach the shooting area, travel east on C Road past 34 Road.

This public land shooting area is open to the public year around. There are several no-shoot zones to protect nearby residences, nearby FAA communication equipment and a power sub-station. It is a federal offense to shoot in or through these areas. Do not shoot across a road or trail. Establish a safe shooting location with a good backstop down range. Users are responsible for removing all targets, shells, brass and trash. No glass targets.

GUN RANGES

Grand Junction Trap and Skeet Club, Inc.

116 32 Rd., Grand Junction

970-245-0780

Public and league trap and skeet shooting.

Grand Mesa Bowmen

PO Box 752, Grand Junction

970-244-2977

Bowhunting club with 42 outdoor targets near Colorado National Monument. Family memberships are \$36 per year.

Hayden Shooting Range

2 miles south of Hayden

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Steamboat Springs Office

970-870-2197

100-, 200- and 300-yard rifle and pistol range is open to the public 7 days a week from dawn until dusk.

Meeker Sportsman's Club

4.5 miles southwest of Meeker on Colorado Highway 13

Hunter sight-in Thursdays and Fridays prior to each big game season. Look for more information on flyers around town. Public is welcome to shoot in other organized events. Memberships are \$20 per family and include full use of range, including archery, trap, rifle and pistol ranges. Write for more information.

Plateau Creek State Wildlife Area

West of Collbran

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Grand Junction Office

970-255-6100

From Grand Junction, take I-70 east to Highway 65 (Exit 49), then 8 miles east to Highway 330, then about 7.5 miles east to county road V, then north .25 mile to the range. The range, operated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, is open year 'round during daylight hours. There are four adjustable shooting benches with 50, 100, 200, and 300 yard ranges. There is no trash service; shooters are asked to remove all trash, targets, and brass after use. The county road leading to this range can be impassable in wet weather.

GUN RANGES

Red Rock Archery **3193 Hill Ave., Grand Junction** **970-241-2697**

Open to the public. 20 and 30 yard indoor archery range, 3D shoots on Tuesdays and Thursdays and DART Video Target System

West Rifle Creek State Wildlife Area **North of Rifle** **970-255-6100**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Grand Junction Office Range distance: 200 yards. Small bore rifle, large bore rifle, pistol, and shotgun are allowed. Range is open to the public year round; no supervision provided. No trash service; shooters are responsible for removing trash including brass, shell casings, and targets. Directions: From Rifle, take Highway 13 north to Highway 325, then north on 325 to Rifle Gap Reservoir. At the dam turn west on CR 252 and travel approximately 2 miles; shooting range is on a dirt road off to the left just before reaching the intersection with CR 210.

Rifle Sportsmen's Club **West of Rifle** **970-876-2133**

Range is located north of the US Forest Service office on Fravert Road. Public can access the range during sight-in days two days prior to each of the big game seasons, except 4th season when range is open to the public on Friday only. Cost is \$5 per gun during sight-in days. Targets at 25, 100, 200 and 300 yards; gongs at 100-500 yards. Annual membership can be purchased for \$50/yr. Membership includes access to large and small bore range, long distance range, pistol range, archery targets, action pistol and trap/skeet/five-stand range. Hunter safety and concealed carry classes available.

Routt County Rifle & Pistol Club **P.O. Box 3116, Steamboat Springs** **970-870-0298**

Call for dates and times that the club is open to the public. Facilities include trap, skeet, sporting clays, indoor .22, outdoor pistol, 25-, 50-, 100- and 200-yard rifle ranges.

GUN RANGES

Summit County Public Shooting Range

639 County Rd 66

Dillon, CO 80435

www.summitrange.org

There are limited facilities at range. There is now a porta-potty, but there is no running water or electricity. Take note before planning your day at the range.

The ground beneath the range is compacted recycled asphalt. Driving a target stand into the ground is not advised as it may damage the surface. Self-supporting stands with sandbags are one useful method of creating a target stand. Try making a 2x4 stand and drill holes in the stand for your stake-equipped targets.

Vail Rod & Gun Club, Ltd.

001 Sporting Clay Way, Wolcott

970-926-3472

Open to the public for sporting clays during summer months. In fall, archery, pistol and 100 yard rifle range open to the public.

Walden Public Shooting Area

East of Walden

970-723-4625

Take Jackson CR 12E east out of Walden. Go four miles. Shooting range is on the north side of the road and is marked with a white sign displaying the range rules and small CPW and BLM emblems.

Open to the public year-round; no supervision provided. The range has benches with range distances from 50 to 300 yards. There is no trash service—shooters are responsible for removing their own brass, shell casings, targets and trash. Please be aware of other users of these public lands such as hikers, horseback riders, and OHV operators.

White River Bowmen

Post Office Box 32, Rangely

970-675-8559

Bowhunting club with 14 outdoor targets and clubhouse. Memberships \$30 per year.



LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

Bureau of Land Management BLM www.co.blm.gov/offices.htm	Grand Junction Field Office 2815 H Road		(970) 244-3000
	Glenwood Springs Field Office (Silt) 2300 River Frontage Road		(970) 876-9000
	White River Field Office (Meeker) 220 E. Market Street		(970) 878-3800
	Little Snake Field Office (Craig) 455 Emerson Street		(970) 826-5000
	Kremmling Field Office 2103 East Park Avenue		(970) 724-3000
United States Forest Service USFS www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver www.fs.usda.gov/gmug www.fs.usda.gov/mbr	White River National Forest	Blanco RD (Meeker) 220 E. Market Street	(970) 878-4039
		Rifle RD (Rifle) 0094 County Rd 244	(970) 625-2371
		Aspen RD (Carbondale) 620 Main St.	(970) 925-3445
		Eagle RD (Eagle) 125 West 5th St.	(970) 328-6388
		Holy Cross RD (Minturn) 24747 Hwy 24	(970) 827-5715
		Dillon RD (Silverthorne) 680 Blue River Pkwy	(970) 468-5400
	Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forest 2250 Hwy 50, Delta (970) 874-6600	Grand Valley RD (Grand Junction) 2777 Crossroads Blvd #1	(970) 242-8211
		Other Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, & Gunnison National Forest Ranger Districts are located in the CPW's SW Region, see <i>Big Game Hunting in SW Colorado</i> booklet.	
	Medicine Bow & Routt National Forest 2468 Jackson St. Laramie, WY (307) 745-2300	Hahns Peak/Bears Ears (Steamboat Springs) 925 Weiss Dr	(970) 870-2299
		Parks RD (Walden) 100 Main Street	(970) 723-2700
		Yampa RD (Yampa) 300 Roselawn Ave	(970) 638-4516
	Arapaho National Forest	Sulphur RD (Granby) 9 Ten Mile Drive	(970) 887-4100

GENERAL VISITORS INFORMATION

State Parks Reservations www.cpw.state.co.us Reservations (800) 678-2267 General Info (970) 255-6100	Colorado Tourism Board www.colorado.com (800) COLORADO 800-265-6723
US National Park Service www.nps.gov	Campground and cabin info www.coloradodirectory.com

ROADS AND WEATHER

Colorado Dept. of Transportation www.cotrip.org Toll free (877) 315-ROAD	www.crh.noaa.gov/gjt/ www.weather.com
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MAPS

TOPO Maps US Geological Survey http://topomaps.usgs.gov (800) 435-7627	BLM Maps www.co.blm.gov (303) 239-3600
	US Forest Service Maps www.nationalforeststore.com (303) 275-5350

GUIDE AND OUTFITTER INFORMATION

CO Dept of Regulatory Agencies www.dora.state.co.us/outfitters (303) 894-7778	Colorado Outfitters Association www.coloradooutfitters.org P.O. Box 10 Silt, CO 81652 (970) 824-2468
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IMPORTANT - If you are hunting or fishing on BLM or U.S. Forest Service public lands, make sure your outfitter is permitted for that activity in that area. Check with your local BLM or Forest Service office before you book a trip.

BE SAFE AND RETURN TO YOUR FAMILY

This is a basic, preliminary list of survival tips, suggestions and equipment. There are many survival guides and manuals that provide much more detailed information. ***Be sure to pick one up, and read it.***

REMEMBER THESE TIPS

- Inspect your survival kit each season!
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Always stick to your plan, stay put if you become lost or stranded.
- Always take someone with you - avoid going out alone.
- You must have shelter each night.
- The ability to build a fire is paramount.
- Signaling, like everything else in survival, is not a spur-of-the-moment thing and you must prepare for it so that it is ready when you need it.
- You must have a way to find, purify and drink water
- Dress for weather but remember it can change *suddenly and drastically!*

BASIC SURVIVAL KIT

SHELTER PACKAGE:

- 1 GOLD AND 1 SILVER EMERGENCY BLANKETS (SPACE BLANKETS)
- 1 SHEET PLASTIC, 3 MIL., 6 FOOT BY 6 FOOT
- 50 FEET PARACHUTE CORD
- ELECTRICIAN'S TAPE, MUST BE COLD RESISTANT

FIRE PACKAGE:

- 2 CONTAINERS OF MATCHES, STRIKE ANYWHERE TYPE, IN WATERPROOF CONTAINERS
- MAGNESIUM FIRESTARTING TOOL[®] OR METAL MATCH[®]
- COTTON BALLS IMPREGNATED WITH PETROLEUM JELLY
- 1 CANDLE

SIGNAL PACKAGE:

- 1 GLASS 'G.I.'-TYPE SIGNAL MIRROR (EVEN AN OLD COMPACT DISC MAY WORK)
- 1 PLASTIC WHISTLE
- 1 DAYLIGHT FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTH SIGNAL PANEL, 3 FOOT BY 3 FOOT

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:

- FIRST-AID KIT THAT ADDRESSES WILDERNESS EMERGENCIES.
- A GOOD KNIFE—THIS IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SURVIVAL TOOL!
- RAIN GEAR—PONCHO PREFERRED.
- BACKPACK HYDRATION SYSTEM OR CANTEEN, AND WATER PURIFICATION TABLETS.
- HIGH ENERGY, LIGHTWEIGHT FOOD BARS AND SNACKS.
- A CELL-PHONE WITH A CHARGED BATTERY - YOU *MIGHT* HAVE CELL COVERAGE

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a neurological disease that can be found in some deer, elk and moose, and is fatal to these animals. The disease has been found throughout northern Colorado, and in a number of other states and provinces. If you have questions about CWD and public health, contact the **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at (303) 692-2700.**

PRECAUTIONS

- Do not shoot, handle or consume any animal that appears sick.
- Wear disposable rubber gloves when field dressing and processing animals.
- Bone out the meat from your animal.
- Minimize the handling of brain, spinal tissues, and viscera.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.
- Avoid consuming brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils, pancreas and lymph nodes of harvested animals. Normal field dressing, coupled with boning out a carcass, will remove most, if not all, of these body parts.
- Do not consume meat from animals known to be infected with CWD.
- Knives, saws and cutting table surfaces can be disinfected by soaking in a solution of 50 percent unscented household bleach and 50 percent water for an hour. Afterward, rinse thoroughly and allow them to air dry.
- Submit harvested animals for testing at a CPW-CWD testing station



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



The Habitat Partnership Program is a unique collaboration between sportsmen, landowners and land management agencies, including the BLM, employees of the U.S. Forest Service, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The Habitat Partnership Program's purpose is to reduce conflicts and losses to ranchers and farmers caused by big game.

One way HPP does this is by developing more and better habitat on both public and private lands. Nearly 3/4 of HPP's funds are spent on habitat improvements each year.

Five percent of revenue generated by the sale of hunting licenses fund HPP projects throughout Colorado. This money (over \$2 million dollars annually) is matched with other people's money and time. This allows HPP to get more done at a lower cost for everyone.

By reducing landowner losses, HPP is helping increase a tolerance for big game animals on private property. Simply put, if HPP didn't exist, hunters could not enjoy the enormous hunting opportunities that they have today. Habitat conditions would be poorer than they are now and landowners and sportsmen wouldn't have the good relationships they do now.

HUNTERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO

www.bit.ly/hppprogram



This book is intended to provide a general overview of big game hunting in Northwest Colorado, and should not be considered a legal document. Despite our best efforts, some errors may exist or information can become outdated. Call your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office with questions or further details.

For specific details on regulations, restrictions, licenses and applications, please refer to the current Colorado Big Game Brochure, or for a full legal document, you can view general and big game regulations on our web site at cpw.state.co.us



Colorado Parks and Wildlife is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 42 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.



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