

# **NEWS FROM: Colorado Parks and Wildlife**

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## **CPW to start Gunnison Basin elk-management planning process**

GUNNISON, Colo. – Colorado Parks and Wildlife is starting the process to develop a new plan for elk herd management for Game Management Units 55 and 551 located in the Gunnison Basin. The first public meeting is 7-8:30 p.m., June 21 at the Gunnison County Fairgrounds in the Concrete Room.

At the meeting, wildlife managers from the Gunnison office will be on hand to explain the planning process and ask for public comments. They'll also talk about the history of the elk herd in that area, and describe population, distribution and harvest trends.

The new management plan will integrate CPW's management strategies, habitat capability, and public input to determine how the elk herd should be managed over the next 10 years.

Developing the plan will take about a year and there will be more opportunity for public comment. CPW wants participation in the process from the general public, hunters, ranchers, landowners, wildlife watchers and government agency representatives.