

Attention Elk Hunters

Game Management Unit 171

If you hold a valid 2018 regular rifle elk license that allows you to hunt in GMU 171 you are eligible to apply for an opportunity to draw a limited access permit to hunt a portion of the Yarmony Ranch SWA south of the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge. Two hunters per regular first, second and third rifle seasons will be allowed to access the Yarmony Ranch to hunt elk. Application deadline for all regular season rifle license holders is August 31, 2018.

If you hold a valid 2018 over the counter archery elk license and are interested in hunting in GMU 171, you are eligible to apply for an opportunity to draw a limited access permit to hunt a portion of the Yarmony Ranch SWA. Two hunters per week for the first three weeks of the season will be allowed to access the Yarmony ranch to hunt elk during the archery elk season. The three time periods to be drawn for are August 25-August31, September 1 – September 7, and September 8 – 14. The application deadline for all over the counter archery license holders is August 3, 2018.

Call the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Steamboat Springs Service Center at (970) 871-2858 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you get a recording, please leave a brief message including your name, date of birth, CID number and season or time period(s) for which you are applying. Preference will be given to youth hunters and hunters with disabilities. If you are a disabled hunter, you must already have a valid disability permit issued by the CPW.

For the archery season, the drawing will be held on August 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The drawing for the first three regular rifle seasons will be held September 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The successful applicants will be mailed a notification along with instructions on how to contact the CPW prior to the hunt for special access instructions, restrictions, access permit, and a map of the ranch.

All hunting access and game retrieval will be by foot or horseback only.