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# 2023 Late Cropland Walk-in Atlas

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## CPW ADMINISTRATIVE, REGIONAL & AREA OFFICE LOCATIONS

**ADMINISTRATION**

6060 Broadway  
Denver, 80216  
303-297-1192 (M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. MT)

**REGISTRATION OFFICE**

Boat, Snowmobile, Off-Highway Vehicle  
13787 US Hwy 85 N  
Littleton, 80125

**ONLY** the offices below can assist hunters with animal checks and taking samples that are related to hunting activities. See the CPW website for a complete list of our parks locations that can also sell licenses, issue duplicate licenses and accept some licenses for refunds.

**BRUSH**

28167 County Rd. T  
Brush, 80723  
970-842-6300

**GRAND JUNCTION**

711 Independent Ave.  
Grand Junction, 81505  
970-255-6100

**MONTE VISTA**

0722 S. Rd. 1 E.  
Monte Vista, 81144  
719-587-6900

**COLORADO SPRINGS**

4255 Sinton Rd.  
Colorado Springs, 80907  
719-227-5200

**GUNNISON**

200 S. Spruce St.  
Gunnison, 81230  
970-641-7060

**MONTROSE**

2300 S. Townsend Ave.  
Montrose, 81401  
970-252-6000

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6060 Broadway  
Denver, 80216  
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**HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS**

346 Grand County Rd. 362  
Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451  
970-725-6200

**PUEBLO**

600 Pueblo Reservoir Rd.  
Pueblo, 81005  
719-561-5300

**DURANGO**

151 E. 16th St.  
Durango, 81301  
970-247-0855

**LAMAR**

2500 S. Main St.  
Lamar, 81052  
719-336-6600

**SALIDA**

7405 Hwy. 50  
Salida, 81201  
719-530-5520

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317 W. Prospect Rd.  
Fort Collins, 80526  
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73485 Hwy. 64  
Meeker, 81641  
970-878-6090

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS**

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Steamboat Springs, 80487  
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COVER: Mule deer buck on the Eastern Plains. © Wayne D. Lewis, CPW

# WHAT'S NEW: 2023

- ▶ **KEEP COLORADO WILD PASS (COLORADO RESIDENTS ONLY):** The \$29 Keep Colorado Wild Pass is added to annual vehicle registration through the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The \$29 pass fee is included automatically unless you choose to opt out.
- ▶ **ACCESS LICENSES AND PASSES IN THE MYCOLORADO™ APP:** CPW resident fishing, small game, small game fishing combination licenses and the new Keep Colorado Wild Pass are now accessible through the myColorado™ app! Visit [mycolorado.gov](http://mycolorado.gov) to learn more.
- ▶ **CHECK OUR OTHER REGULATION BROCHURES FOR MORE INFORMATION:** While there is nothing of note that is new for the Walk-In Access Program in 2023, be sure to check out the other regulation brochures for more hunting and outdoor recreation information. Depending on the activity you'd like to do on our state's public lands, our other brochures such as the Small Game & Waterfowl, Colorado State Recreation Lands, Fishing and Big Game, contain useful additional information to help you recreate and hunt responsibly. Be sure to take a look!

## LICENSE INFORMATION

### LICENSE FEES & HABITAT STAMPS

SMALL GAME	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
▶ Habitat Stamp (required, ages 18–64)	\$11.50	\$11.50
▶ Small Game	\$33.96	\$93.78
▶ Small Game (one-day)	\$15.55	\$19.01
▶ Small Game (additional-day)	\$7.50	\$7.50
▶ Youth Small Game & Furbearer (under 18)	\$1.40	\$1.40
▶ Small Game & Fishing Combo	\$56.97	n/a
▶ Furbearer License Only	\$33.96	\$93.78
▶ Furbearer Harvest Permit	\$10	\$10
▶ Colorado Waterfowl Stamp	\$11.50	\$11.50
▶ Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp	\$31	\$31
▶ Senior Small Game/Fishing Combo (Residents age 65 and older)	\$33.54	n/a
▶ Senior Annual Small Game for Lifetime Fishing License Holders (Senior Columbine or Centennial lifetime fishing license holders only)	\$24.34	n/a
▶ First Responder Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo (Resident only, permanent occupational disability, see page 2)	free	n/a
▶ Veterans Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo (Resident only, 60% disabled or Purple Heart recipient, see page 2)	free	n/a
▶ Band-tailed Pigeon Permit	\$5	\$5
<b>BIG GAME</b>		
▶ <b>DEER</b>		
Resident adult	\$45.46	
Resident youth	\$17.57	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo	\$456.14	
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$116.50	
▶ <b>ELK</b>		
Resident adult	\$62.72	
Resident youth	\$17.57	
Nonresident bull/fishing combo	\$760.99	
Nonresident either-sex/fishing combo	\$760.99	
Nonresident cow/fishing combo	\$760.99	
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$116.50	
▶ <b>PRONGHORN</b>		
Resident adult	\$45.46	
Resident youth	\$17.57	
Nonresident adult/fishing combo	\$456.14	
Nonresident youth/fishing combo	\$116.50	

Prices include the 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and the \$1.50 fee for the Wildlife Education Fund if applicable.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE

See page 2 for details. ▶

- 1 **PROPER IDENTIFICATION** and **PROOF** of residency (for Colorado residents).
- 2 **PROOF** of hunter education.
- 3 **HABITAT STAMP:** A 2023 (\$11.50) or lifetime (\$345.36) Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18–64.

**NOTE: A Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification number is required for hunters age 12 and older, per federal law.**

### LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Hunters must have an annual youth small-game/furbearer, small-game (annual, 1-day or additional day, plus the furbearer harvest permit if applicable; see number 5 below), annual combo small-game/fishing license (plus the furbearer harvest permit if applicable; see number 5 below), or furbearer license. Hunters must carry their license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers.
2. Annual fishing, small-game and furbearer licenses, the furbearer harvest permit, and the Colorado Waterfowl Stamps and Habitat Stamps are valid March 1 through March 31 of the following year (13 months). Lifetime combo small-game/fishing licenses are valid as long as you are a Colorado resident.
3. In order to hunt small game in any seasons that continue beyond March 31, 2023, you must purchase a 2023 small-game license.
4. **TO HUNT & TAKE SMALL GAME**, you need a small-game license, a combo small-game/fishing or a lifetime combo small-game/fishing license. Small-game hunters must register with HIP before their first hunt. See information about the Harvest Information Program (HIP) on page 5.
5. **TO HUNT FURBEARERS**, you will need to purchase either a furbearer license (to harvest furbearers **ONLY**) or a small-game license (including daily small-game licenses and combo small-game/fishing licenses) **AND** a \$10 annual furbearer harvest permit. See number 6 below for the exception for coyote.
6. **TO HUNT COYOTES**, you need a small-game license or a furbearer license. **An annual furbearer harvest permit is NOT required to hunt or take coyote.** During big-game seasons, if you have an unfilled big-game license for the same season and unit, you may hunt coyote without a small-game or furbearer license. You must use the same method of take for coyotes as your big-game license allows. Once the big-game license has been filled, hunters must purchase a small-game or furbearer license to continue hunting coyotes, and, if using a rifle, it must be .23 caliber or smaller.
7. **TO HUNT EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES**, and other invasive species, you must have a hunter education card; however, a hunting license is not required. See page 4.
8. **TO HUNT COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES**, you need a small-game or fishing license.
9. **TO HUNT WATERFOWL**, you need a small-game hunting license. If you are 16 or older, you also must have the \$31 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) **AND** the \$11.50 Colorado State Waterfowl Stamp to hunt waterfowl. **COLORADO WATERFOWL STAMP:** The state stamp is printed on your hunting license and validated by signing your name in ink on the license. **FEDERAL DUCK STAMP:** The federal stamp is available after July 1 online, by phone and at select post offices ([fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php](http://fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php)). It is valid when you sign your name in ink across the face of the stamp. It is also available at CPW offices and sales agents. When purchased at state outlets, an electronic stamp is issued. This instantly gives you a unique code that is valid for 45 days from the date of issue, sufficient time for the gum-backed federal stamp to arrive in the mail. *A federal stamp is not required to take light geese during the conservation order season. See more about legal migratory bird hunting methods in the 2023 Colorado Small Game & Waterfowl brochure.*
10. **TO HUNT SANDHILL CRANES**, a separate federal permit number, available through HIP (see page 5) is required.
11. **TO HUNT BAND-TAILED PIGEONS**, a permit (\$5) is required in addition to the small-game license. The permit is available online, by phone, at CPW offices and at sales agents.
12. If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only that area.
13. Licenses are not transferable.
14. False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.
15. All license exchanges will be charged a \$5.00 fee.

## 1 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

[cpw.state.co.us/proofofresidency](http://cpw.state.co.us/proofofresidency)

- ▶ The physical residence address you give to buy or apply for a license must be the same as the address given for Colorado state income tax purposes. *A P.O. Box is NOT a valid physical address.*
- ▶ You terminate your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a resident hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country, register to vote outside Colorado or accept a driver's license that shows an address other than in Colorado.

### RESIDENCY TYPES

#### 1. STANDARD COLORADO RESIDENT

- a. Requirements:** You must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months immediately prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product, have your primary residence in Colorado and have not applied for or purchased a resident license or pass outside of Colorado in the last 6 months.
- b. Proof:** Current and valid Colorado driver's license/ID with a Colorado address issued 6 or more months prior. If the Colorado driver's license/ID is not 6 months old, you must provide at least two forms of additional residency proof, as outlined in "Additional Residency Proofs" below.

#### 2. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME IN COLORADO

- a. Requirements:** You must be attending school full time at an accredited Colorado school starting at least 6 months prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product.
- b. Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, school transcript showing full-time status.

#### 3. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL-TIME OUTSIDE OF COLORADO

- a. Requirements:** You must meet Colorado residency requirements and be attending an accredited school outside of Colorado, paying nonresident tuition.
- b. Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, proof of out-of-state tuition payment.

#### 4. MILITARY: STATIONED IN COLORADO

- a. Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed in Colorado. Military member's spouse and/or dependants share the same residency status. Residency begins the date the orders begin.
- b. Proof:** Military ID and orders.

#### 5. MILITARY: COLORADO HOME OF RECORD

- a. Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed outside of Colorado, but with Colorado as your home of record, paying income tax as a Colorado resident. Military member's spouse and/or dependants share the same residency status.
- b. Proof:** Military ID and orders.

#### 6. YOUTH

Children under the age of 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live the majority of the time per court order.

### OTHER RESIDENCY INFORMATION

#### 1. ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY PROOFS

If you otherwise meet residency requirements but your Colorado driver's license or ID was issued or renewed less than 6 months ago, or you have a CPW-approved religious exemption to photo identification on your record, you must provide at least two additional proofs of residency showing 6 consecutive months of Colorado residency immediately prior to buying or applying for a license. Those proofs include: income sources (pay stubs), utility bills, state income tax documents (as a full-time resident), lease agreements/rent receipts, motor vehicle registration, voter registration.

#### 2. MULTIPLE HOMES

If you have a home in Colorado and another location, call 303-297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a CPW license or state park pass.

## SPECIAL LICENSE INFORMATION

### YOUTH LICENSES & MENTOR HUNTING

People under age 18 must have a license to hunt small game. A youth small-game license is for hunters 17 and younger, and costs \$1.40. If a youth plans on hunting with a youth small-game license, they must be accompanied by a mentor and must meet hunter education requirements. A mentor must be 18 or older and must meet hunter education requirements; mentors aren't required to hunt. While hunting, youths and mentors must be able to see and hear each other without binoculars, radios, or other aids. Youths also have the option to purchase an adult small-game license, which allows them to hunt without a mentor, as long as they meet hunter education requirements.

At age 18, hunters must buy an adult license. Mentors are not permitted to hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots during the youth waterfowl hunt season.

## 2 HUNTER EDUCATION

### HUNTER EDUCATION (SAFETY) REQUIREMENTS

1. Anyone born on or after January 1, 1949, must have a hunter education card to hunt in Colorado.
2. A hunter education card is needed to apply for/buy a license.
3. Your hunter education card must be carried while hunting, unless it is verified and your license is marked with a "V." To get your hunter education card verified, take your hunter education card to a CPW office (*listed on inside front cover*) or state park.
4. CPW honors hunter education cards from other states, provinces and countries.

### HUNTER EDUCATION EXEMPTIONS

1. Individuals over age 50 or active duty U.S. military and veterans can obtain a hunter education certificate by testing out of hunter education: [cpw.info/hunter-education-test-out](http://cpw.info/hunter-education-test-out)
  2. An apprentice certificate can be obtained for hunters who are at least 10 years old and who must be accompanied by a mentor in the field. This hunter education waiver can be obtained twice in a lifetime: [cpw.info/apprentice-certificate](http://cpw.info/apprentice-certificate)
- ▶ For more information, go to: [cpw.info/hunter-education](http://cpw.info/hunter-education)

## 3 HABITAT STAMPS

Habitat Stamps are **REQUIRED** for hunters and cost \$11.50; only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. Habitat Stamps are now valid March 1–March 31 of the following year (13 months).

- ▶ A lifetime stamp is \$345.36.
- ▶ Anyone buying a one-day or additional-day license for fishing and/or small game is exempt from purchasing the Habitat Stamp with the first two of these licenses. The habitat fee will be assessed when a third one-day or additional-day license is purchased for fishing or small game.
- ▶ Anyone who is approved in the Columbine, Blue Spruce, Independence and/or Big Game Mobility programs is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See [cpw.info/accessibility](http://cpw.info/accessibility)
- ▶ For more information, go to: [cpw.info/habitat-stamp](http://cpw.info/habitat-stamp)

CPW offers several licenses for hunters and anglers with disabilities.

Go to [cpw.info/accessibility](http://cpw.info/accessibility) for more license information and how to apply. *These licenses require advance legal paperwork submissions.*

### RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Colorado resident first responders who have proof of a permanent occupational disability can qualify for the First Responder program to obtain a lifetime combo small game/fishing license.

### RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Military veterans who have a service-connected disability (with an overall combined rating of 60% or more by the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs) and are residents of Colorado can obtain a lifetime combo small game/fishing license.



# GENERAL HUNTING LAWS

1. Colorado Parks and Wildlife can post firing lines at its properties.
2. It is illegal to kill, capture, injure or harass wildlife from a motor vehicle or an aircraft. It is also illegal to operate aircraft with intent to injure, harass, drive or rally wildlife. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from a motor vehicle or an aircraft.
3. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from, on or across a public road. Hunting with rifles, handguns, shotguns firing a single slug and archery equipment is prohibited within 50 feet on each side of the center line of any public road. On a divided road, the prohibition includes the median, and the 50-foot requirement is measured from the center line of both roads.
4. It is illegal to carry or have a firearm, except a pistol or revolver, in or on a motor vehicle unless the chamber is unloaded. While using artificial light from a vehicle, it is illegal to have a firearm with cartridges in the chamber or magazine, or possess a strung bow unless the bow is cased.
5. You must take edible portions of meat from the field and prepare for human consumption. Do not leave wounded wildlife (or wildlife that might be wounded) without attempting to track and kill it.
6. Possession of wildlife is evidence you hunted.
7. Small-game and migratory bird hunters are not required to wear solid, fluorescent orange or pink clothes. However, CPW encourages you to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothes for safety.
8. You must stop at CPW check stations when told to do so.
9. Violations of Colorado wildlife laws carry point values. You can face suspension of license privileges for up to five years or more if you accumulate 20 or more points in five years.
10. During deer, elk, pronghorn and bear seasons, firearms (except handguns) must be unloaded in the chamber and magazine when carried on an off-highway vehicle (OHV). Firearms (except handguns) and bows carried on an OHV must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Scabbards or cases with open ends or sides are prohibited. This regulation does not apply to landowners or their agents carrying a firearm on an OHV for the purpose of taking depredating wildlife on property owned or leased by them.
11. **CALIBER RESTRICTION:** It is illegal to hunt game birds, small-game animals or furbearers with a centerfire rifle larger than .23 caliber in regular rifle deer and elk seasons west of I-25, unless you have an unfilled deer or elk license for the season you are hunting. A small-game license is required.

## RESTRICTIONS

### CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY

State law requires a Social Security number to buy a license. It is not displayed on the license but is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to those suspended for noncompliance with child support. Any current licenses become invalid if held by an individual who is noncompliant with child support.

### WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS

Colorado and federal laws prohibit people convicted of certain crimes, such as domestic violence, from possessing weapons even for hunting. If you've been convicted of a crime, check with the appropriate law enforcement authority to find out how the laws apply to you.

## DONATING GAME MEAT

You can donate edible parts of wildlife to a like-license holder anywhere or to anyone at the recipient's home. A like-license is for the same species, sex, dates and manner of take as the donor's license. Bag and possession limits apply to donors and recipients and birds must be properly tagged. See the 2023 *Small Game & Waterfowl brochure* for more information.

## WILDLIFE CAUSING DAMAGE

Colorado law allows landowners to protect private property from most wildlife damage. For information, call CPW at 303-297-1192. Also see [cpw.info/regulations](http://cpw.info/regulations), Chapter W-17: Game Damage, for updated trapping regulations and details on small-game damage.

## NO HUNTING THESE BIRDS ON WIA LANDS

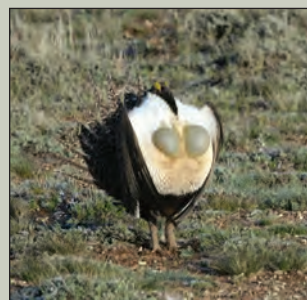


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### GAMBEL'S QUAIL

**REGION FOUND:** Western Colorado, primarily in the Grand and Uncompahgre valleys. They may inhabit some WIA properties in this area.

**IDENTIFICATION:** A distinctive plume feather on the head. Males have a black face and copper feathers on top of the head. Females have mostly gray plumage with a tannish-gray face and beige plumage underneath.



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### SAGE-GROUSE

**REGION FOUND:** Western Colorado. They may inhabit some WIA properties.

**IDENTIFICATION:** Large, grayish bird with a slow wing beat in flight. They have distinctly pointed tail feathers and black breast feathers, both of which are visible when flushed. Sage-grouse tend to be silent when flushed.



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### PLAINS SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

**REGION FOUND:** Weld, western Logan and northern Morgan counties. Plains sharp-tailed grouse are not a legal game bird in Colorado but have been transplanted into some areas to re-establish populations. When hunting in these counties, please take special care to clearly identify the target before shooting.

**IDENTIFICATION:** Much lighter in color than cock pheasants and have a short, distinctly pointed tail, which shows white when in flight. They often emit a low-pitched series of clucks when flushed.

## HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM

Small-game, **NEW** coyote and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with HIP **EACH YEAR** before their license is valid. You can get a 2023–2024 HIP number beginning on April 1 but can get a HIP number any time after April 1, as long as it's before you hunt small game **NEW** or coyotes during the 2023–2024 season. Write the new HIP number on your license!

**To sign up with HIP, call 1-866-265-6447 (1-866-COLOHIP) from 7 a.m. –10:30 p.m., or go to [colohip.com](http://colohip.com).** You will be asked for basic information, including how many birds and small game you harvested the previous season, and the species you plan to hunt this year. A season means Sept. 1 through March 15 of the next year. This information helps CPW manage migratory bird and resident small-game species by improving harvest estimates.

Live operator phone registrations at 1-866-COLO-HIP are no longer offered during the overnight hours from 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. The live operator system is also closed all day on major holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). During these out-of-service periods, please call back during open service times or go to [colohip.com](http://colohip.com) and register online, still available 24/7.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## BIG-GAME HUNTING

Continuing in 2023, big-game hunting will be available on certain Walk-In Access (WIA) properties. Big-game access within the program has been expanded to the entire eastern plains, totaling approximately 211,114 acres.

The big game program will allow public access to specified Colorado WIA properties for deer, elk and pronghorn hunting within specified big game season dates, from Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2023.

Hunters should be aware that many WIA properties will be open for both small game and big game, while other properties will remain small game only. Small/big game combo properties will be shown as YELLOW polygons on the printed and mobile maps, and marked in the field with yellow boundary signs. Small game-only signs will be depicted as white polygons on the maps, and will be marked with white boundary signs.

Big game hunters thinking of applying for licenses in 2024, on the basis of hunting on Walk-In Access properties, should consider that each property is enrolled on an annual basis in July of each year. There can be significant turnover in properties that are available each year. All big-game properties are enrolled for the Regular Walk-In Access Brochure.



# REPORT POACHERS

**OPERATION GAME THIEF: 1-877-265-6648**

**EMAIL: GAME.THIEF@STATE.CO.US**

Earn a reward payment for reporting wildlife violations by calling Operation Game Thief. Callers can remain anonymous.  
(This number is not for information requests or emergencies.)

**TO DONATE:**  
[co.accessgov.com/ogt/Forms/Page/ogt/payments/](https://co.accessgov.com/ogt/Forms/Page/ogt/payments/)

## NOVICE HUNTER PROGRAM

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Novice Hunter Program (NHP) provides people new to hunting with a solid foundation of knowledge and skills to instill the confidence that aids in future safe and enjoyable hunting experiences in Colorado.

The novice program includes classroom time, and the curriculum focuses on the fundamentals of pheasant biology, hunting techniques, firearms safety and hunting ethics, as well as practical exercises in the field.

But there's one thing that we can't give you, and that's experience. As part of this program, CPW leases some Walk-In Access properties specifically for novice hunters, to give an opportunity to hunt in good pheasant habitat in a relatively unpressured setting. These lands are not open to the general public and are available to you just for this hunting season.

There are some restrictions on how these lands can be hunted. We ask you to please abide by program regulations and property-specific rules while you are hunting. Remember to plan ahead and be safe. Good luck and have fun!



Look for the signs!  
WIA properties that are open for novice hunters will be posted with special yellow signs that look like this.

## CORNERS FOR CONSERVATION

Colorado Parks and Wildlife initiated the Corners for Conservation (C4C) program in 2016 to develop highly diverse habitat for wildlife on sprinkler corners and other difficult-to-farm areas in select Eastern Colorado counties. The program creates excellent habitat for wildlife, including upland game birds and pollinating insects, by establishing highly diverse cover, including tall native grasses and flowering forbs, on sprinkler corners. Developed in conjunction with our partners at Pheasants Forever Inc., High Plains Land Conservancy and Muley Fanatics Foundation, C4C has successfully created habitat on 719 corners over the last eight years.

Doubly important, all C4C projects are open to public hunting through the Walk-In Access Program (WIA). C4C projects are primarily located within the sprinkler-irrigated portions of Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, Washington and Kit Carson counties. All of these projects are posted in the Late Cropland Walk-in Access brochure, but they are not specifically identified as C4C projects in the atlas. However, all are posted with WIA boundary signs and C4C signs (pictured above) in the field.



## SMALL-GAME SURVEYS

Colorado Parks and Wildlife conducts several small-game harvest surveys annually to estimate harvest, hunter numbers and recreation days, in addition to assessing satisfaction and crowding. Past surveys are available on the CPW website at [cpw.info/small-game-stats](https://cpw.info/small-game-stats), and updated reports are available after annual surveys conclude. Hunters are selected randomly to participate. Small-game surveys are by telephone or by email. If contacted, your participation is not required, but responding — even if you did not hunt or harvest an animal — helps CPW manage small game.

## WATCH FOR BANDED BIRDS

Wildlife managers need your help gathering information about migratory bird populations. If you kill or find a banded bird, please report it to the US Geological Survey Bird Banding Lab: [reportband.gov](https://reportband.gov)

To hunt these special designated pheasant properties:

1. You must be a current-year graduate of the Novice Hunter Program must be present and actively hunting during all hunting activities.
2. Up to four additional licensed hunters may accompany and hunt with a graduate of the Novice Hunter Program.
3. A valid "student" hang tag must be hung from the rearview mirror from students' vehicles while they are hunting NHP WIA properties.
4. A valid "mentor" hang tag must be hung from the rearview mirror of vehicles carrying hunters accompanying an NHP student.
5. No more than two vehicles are allowed per NHP hunter.
6. Lands enrolled and posted as NHP Walk-In Access properties may be accessed from Nov. 11, 2023 through the end of February 2024. All hunting season dates must be followed.
7. Access shall be by foot only. Entry by horseback, motorized vehicle, or other means is prohibited.
8. Access is allowed for hunting only; all other activities are prohibited.

See additional walk-in hunting regulations on page 5.



# WALK-IN PROPERTY LAWS

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Lands are open for public access one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. When hunting waterfowl, deer, elk and pronghorn, public access is allowed two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset.
  - Species of take will be restricted as follows:
    - Lands enrolled and posted as Regular, Late Cropland or Extended Season Walk-In Access properties are open for the take of all small game, furbearers, migratory game birds and Eurasian collared-doves, except Gambel's quail, Gunnison sage-grouse and greater sage-grouse.
    - Lands enrolled and posted as Big Game Walk-In Access properties are open for the take of deer, elk and pronghorn by hunters holding a valid license for the GMU in which the property lies.
  - Public access is allowed:
    - From September 1 through the end of February annually for lands enrolled and posted as Regular Season Walk-In Access properties.
    - From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of February annually for lands enrolled and posted as Late Season Cropland Walk-In Access properties.
    - From September 1 through the end of the mountain sharp-tailed grouse season annually, for all lands enrolled and posted as Grouse Walk-In Access properties.
  - From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of March annually for lands enrolled and posted as Extended Walk-In Access properties.
  - From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of February annually for lands enrolled and posted as Novice Hunter Program Walk-In Access properties.
    - A current year's graduate of the Novice Hunter Program must be present and actively hunting with each group during all hunting activities.
    - Up to four additional hunters may accompany and hunt with a graduate of the Novice Hunter Program.
  - From September 1 through the end of December annually for lands enrolled and posted as Big Game Walk-In Access properties.
- Access shall be by foot only. Entry by horseback, motorized vehicle or other means is prohibited.
  - Access is allowed for hunting only; all other activities are prohibited.
  - Access is prohibited as posted when the landowner is actively harvesting crops.

## WALK-IN PROPERTY SIGNS

There are a variety of Walk-In Access program boundary signs. Knowing what to look for in the field will help during your hunt.



**ACCESS SIGNS** in the field will have an access date of Sept. 1 through the end of Feb. that tell when the property is open for hunting.



**PHEASANT SEASON ACCESS SIGNS** have an access date of "The opening day of pheasant season" through the end of Feb. Properties that are posted to open on the opening day of pheasant season cannot be accessed prior to Nov. 11, 2023.



**EXTENDED ACCESS** properties are posted to close at the end of March, annually. These signs have an access date of "The opening day of pheasant season" through the end of March. These properties cannot be accessed prior to Nov. 11, 2023.



**PARKING SIGNS** designate where hunters should park at some walk-in areas. The majority of WIA properties do not have established parking areas. Instead, hunters should park along the road, taking care to stay out of the traveled portion of the road but also not park in tall weeds and grass where a fire hazard exists.



**SAFETY ZONE SIGNS** are common on or near WIA properties. These signs are used to delineate safety zones around buildings, homesteads, livestock corrals or neighboring landowners' homes and properties. Please respect safety zone signs wherever you find them posted.



**CLOSED!** **DO NOT HUNT IF FIELDS HAVE YELLOW "WARNING!" SIGNS.** Rarely, it is necessary to remove a property from the WIA program after this brochure is printed. When that happens, boundary signs are replaced with yellow warning signs to notify hunters the property is no longer available for walk-in hunting. Remember, if you find a WIA property listed in the brochure but boundary signs are not present at the field corners, please do not hunt that field!



**BIG GAME ACCESS PROGRAM** CPW and partnering landowners are offering big game hunting access on many Walk-In Access (WIA) properties in Eastern Colorado. Properties that allow big-game hunting are yellow in the WIA maps in this brochure. These properties will be signed with yellow WIA boundary signs in the field. These properties are open for big-game hunting to properly licensed hunters during established big-game seasons from Sept. 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2023, and to small-game hunting from Sept. 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024. Big-game hunters must possess a valid pronghorn, deer or elk license valid for the Game Management Unit (GMU) in which the Walk-In Access property lies. All normal WIA regulations apply. All big-game hunting regulations apply.

## BEWARE OF HITCHHIKING SEEDS

Many "noxious" weeds reproduce primarily by seed. These seeds are often transported by wind, birds, rodents and other animals, but they can also be carried on shoelaces or pant cuffs. Please help control their spread by taking a few minutes as you leave the field to clean your shoelaces and pant cuffs of any seeds that may have become attached. And don't forget to give your hunting dog a quick brush over to remove any hitchhiking seeds before traveling to a new hunting spot!



Cocklebur plant. Photo by © Elizabeth Brown, CPW

# SEASON DATES

Select big-and small-game season dates are included within this atlas for your convenience; however, all season dates are not listed.

A complete synopsis of the big-game hunting season dates can be found in the 2023 Colorado Big Game brochure, while the complete small-game

hunting season dates can be found in the 2023 Small Game & Waterfowl brochure. These brochures are available at license agents, CPW offices and online in downloadable PDF and interactive, searchable formats at [cpw.info/big-game-brochure](http://cpw.info/big-game-brochure) and [cpw.info/small-game-brochure](http://cpw.info/small-game-brochure).

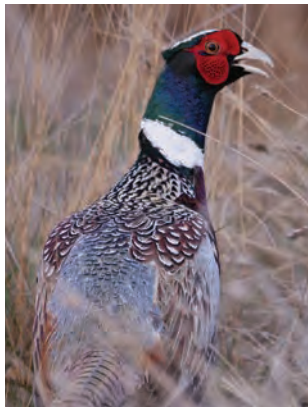
## SMALL-GAME SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS

### ▶ PHEASANT

**SEASON 1:** Nov. 11–Jan. 31, 2024  
**AREA:** East of I-25

**SEASON 2:** Nov. 11–Jan. 7, 2024  
**AREA:** West of I-25

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 cocks  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9 cocks



*Pheasant © Jerry Neal, CPW*

### ▶ SQUIRREL: FOX, PINE

**SEASON:** Oct. 1–end of Feb. 2024  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 5 of each species  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 10 of each species



*Pine squirrel © Wayne Lewis, CPW*

### ▶ COTTONTAIL RABBIT

### ▶ SNOWSHOE HARE

### ▶ JACKRABBIT: WHITE-TAILED, BLACK-TAILED

**SEASON:** Oct. 1–end of Feb. 2024  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 10 of each species  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 20 of each species



*Cottontail © Wayne Lewis, CPW*

### ▶ QUAIL:

#### NORTHERN BOBWHITE, SCALED

**SEASON 1:** Nov. 11–Jan. 31, 2024  
**AREA:** East of I-25 and south of I-70 from I-25 to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas, and the parts of the following counties that are west of I-25: Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano, El Paso and Las Animas counties.

**SEASON 2:** Nov. 11–Jan. 7, 2024  
**AREA:** East of I-25 and north of I-70 from I-25 east to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas.

**SEASON 3:** Nov. 11–Jan. 7, 2024  
**AREA:** West of I-25 except those areas west of I-25 in Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano, El Paso and Las Animas counties.

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 8 of each species  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 24 of each species

## LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

Legal hunting times for big game are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, unless specifically restricted. Legal times to hunt small game are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. An exception is made for furbearers, which can be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Go to [gml.noaa.gov/grad/solcalc](http://gml.noaa.gov/grad/solcalc) to pinpoint the sunrise/sunset time for your hunting location.

## BIG-GAME SEASON DATES

### ▶ DEER

#### PLAINS ARCHERY

**SEASON:** Oct. 1–27, Nov. 8–30, Dec. 15–31\*  
**GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 116, 117, 122, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

**SEASON:** Oct. 1–27, Nov. 8–Dec. 31\*  
**GMUs:** 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 128, 133, 134, 135

**SEASON:** Oct. 1–Nov. 30, Dec. 15–31\*  
**GMU:** 142

#### PLAINS MUZZLELOADER

**SEASON:** Oct. 14–22\*  
**GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

#### PLAINS RIFLE

**SEASON:** Oct. 28–Nov. 7\*  
**GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

#### LATE PLAINS RIFLE

**SEASON:** Dec. 1–14\*  
**GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 116, 117, 122, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951



*Mule deer buck © Wayne Lewis, CPW*

### ▶ PRONGHORN PLAINS RIFLE

**SEASON:** Oct. 7–15\*  
**GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 90, 93, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 951

**SEASON:** Nov. 1–Dec. 31\* (doe)  
**GMUs:** 87, 88, 89, 95, 951

**SEASON:** Dec. 1–Dec. 31\* (doe)  
**GMUs:** 105, 110, 111, 116, 117, 118, 119, 122, 123, 124, 127, 130, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 143, 144, 145, 146

**SEASON:** Dec. 1–5\* (doe)  
**GMUs:** 128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 141, 140, 147

**SEASON:** Dec. 1–14\* (doe)  
**GMUs:** 97

**SEASON:** Dec. 2–10\* (doe)  
**GMUs:** 112, 113, 114, 115, 120, 121, 125, 126

*\*Please refer to the 2023 Big Game brochure for a detailed listing of all season dates, GMUs and methods of take for deer and pronghorn, as well as information about over-the-counter license dates and units.*

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### Reading the Maps

In this Walk-In Atlas, lands enrolled in the Walk-In Access program for small game hunting only are colored in **WHITE**.

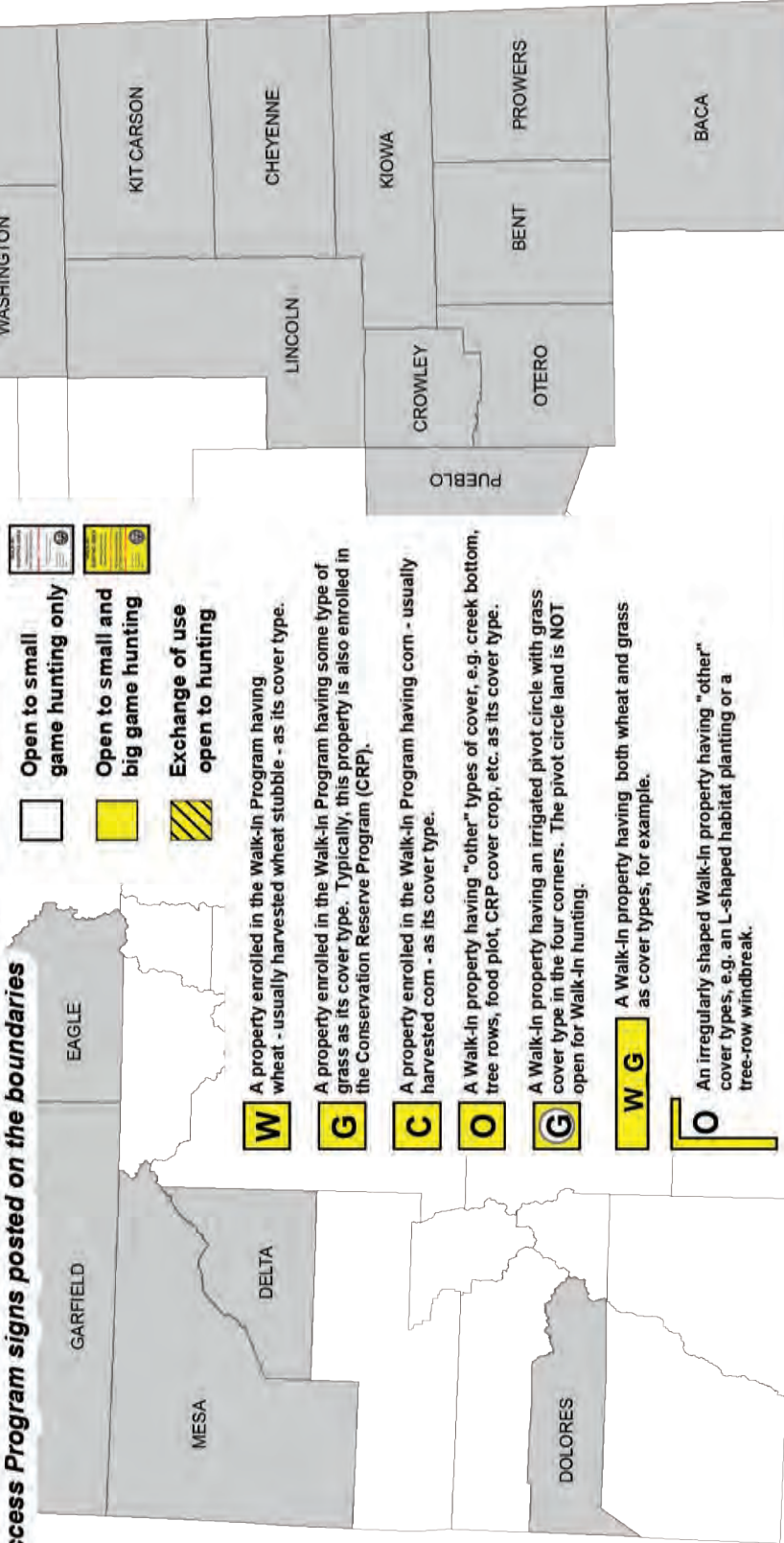
Colorado Parks and Wildlife is offering a Big Game Access program on select Walk-In Access properties. Properties that allow big game hunting are colored in **YELLOW**.

Properties colored in **BLUE** are special novice hunter walk-in properties open through the last day in February and are only accessible to graduates of the Novice Hunter Program and their mentors. Properties colored in **GREEN** remain open through March 31, 2024.

Lands designated as WIA properties in this atlas are open to hunters holding a valid small or appropriate big game license.

**Do not hunt on fields depicted in this atlas unless you also see Walk-In**

**Access Program signs posted on the boundaries**







Coordinates provided in decimal degrees, GCS, WGS84

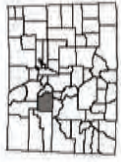
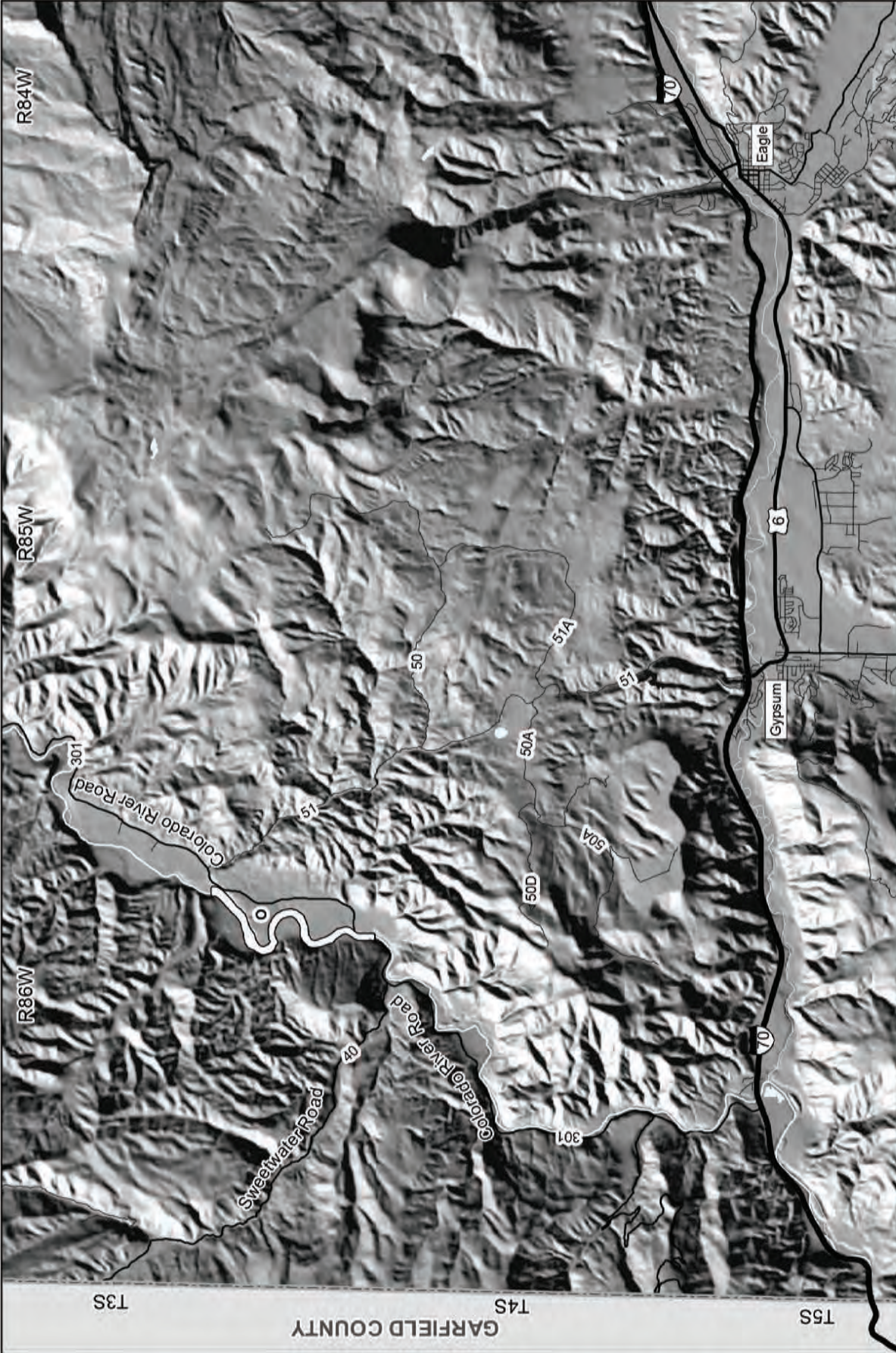
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 C - Corn O - Other

Open to small game hunting only





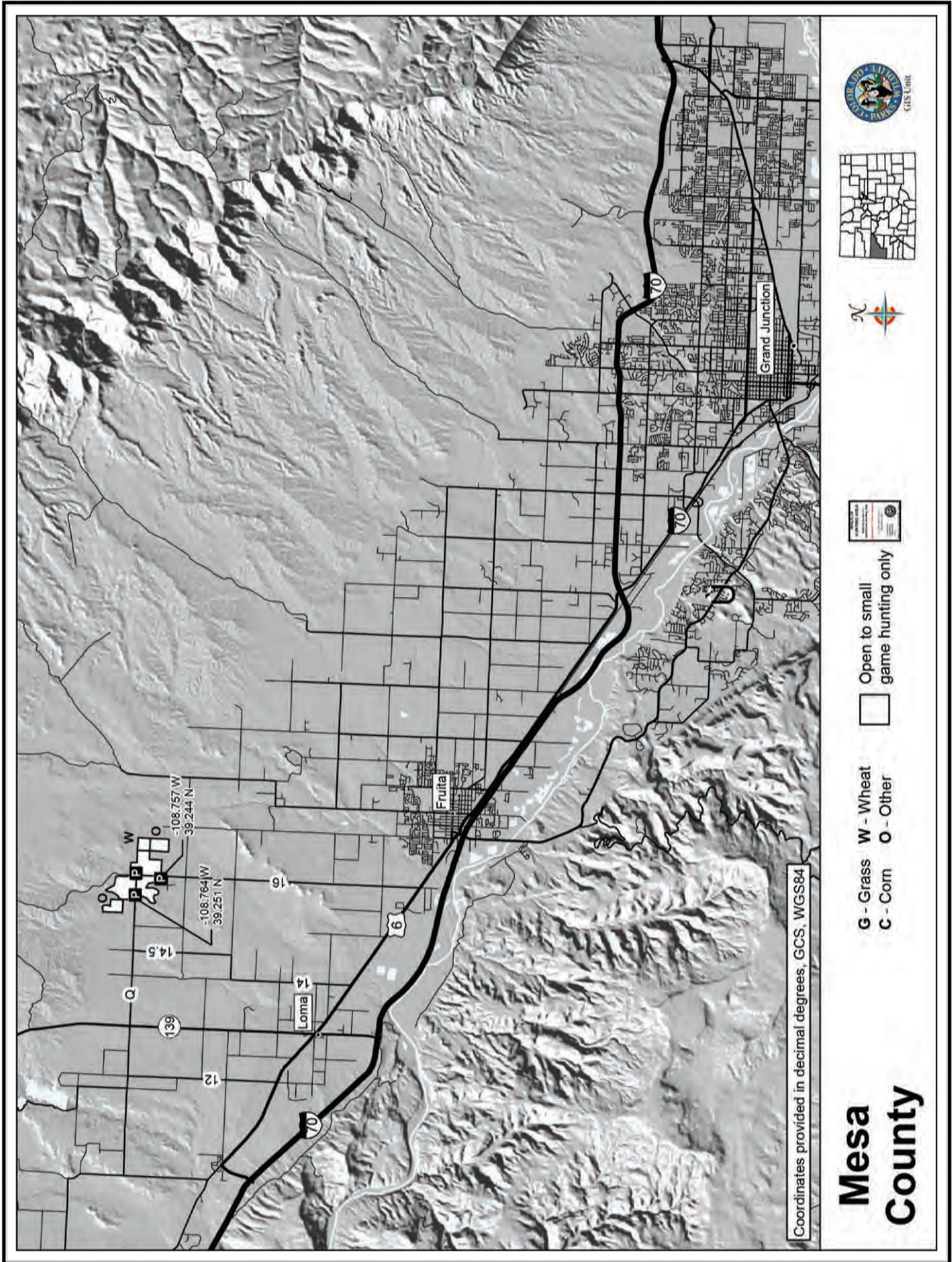


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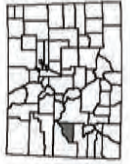
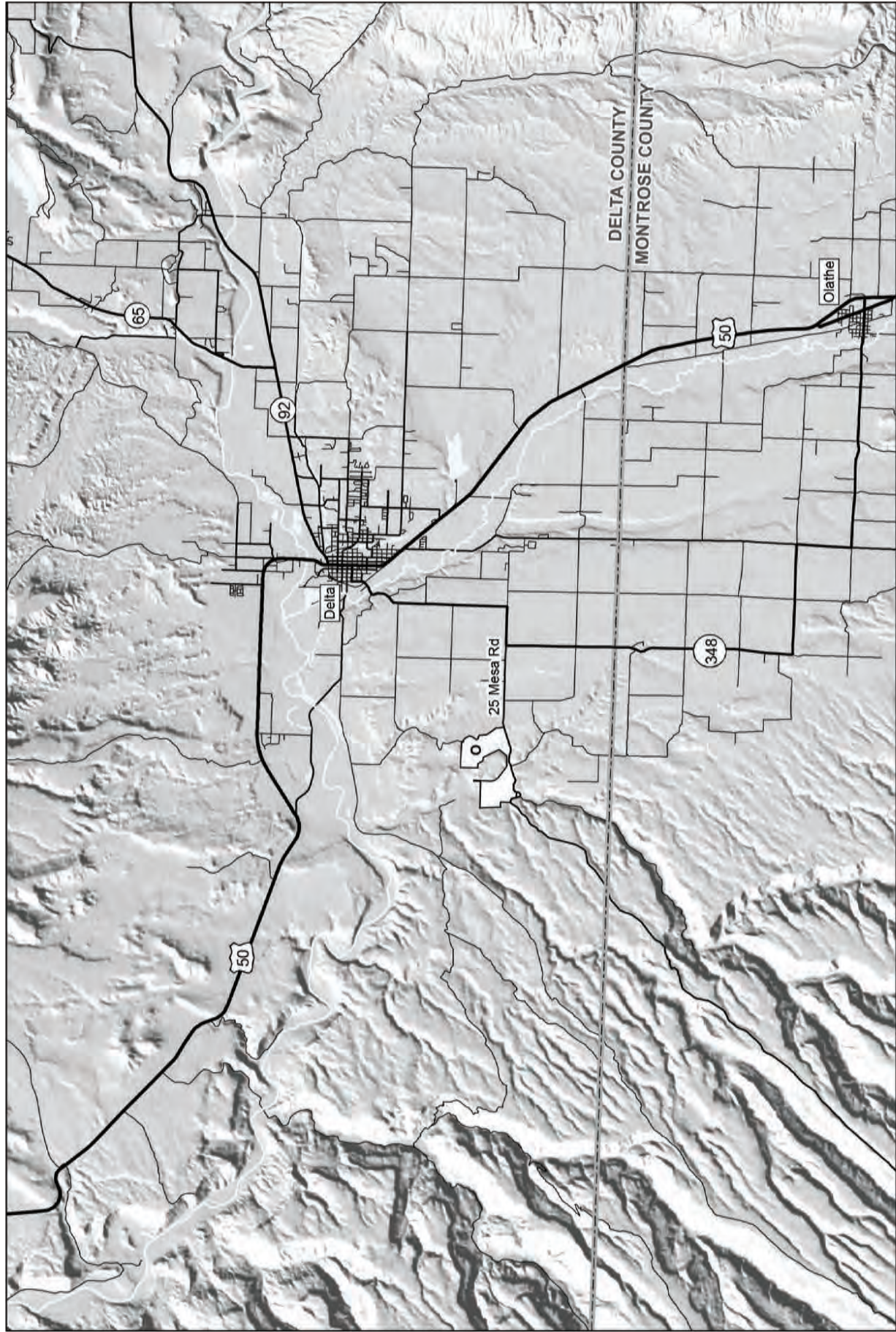
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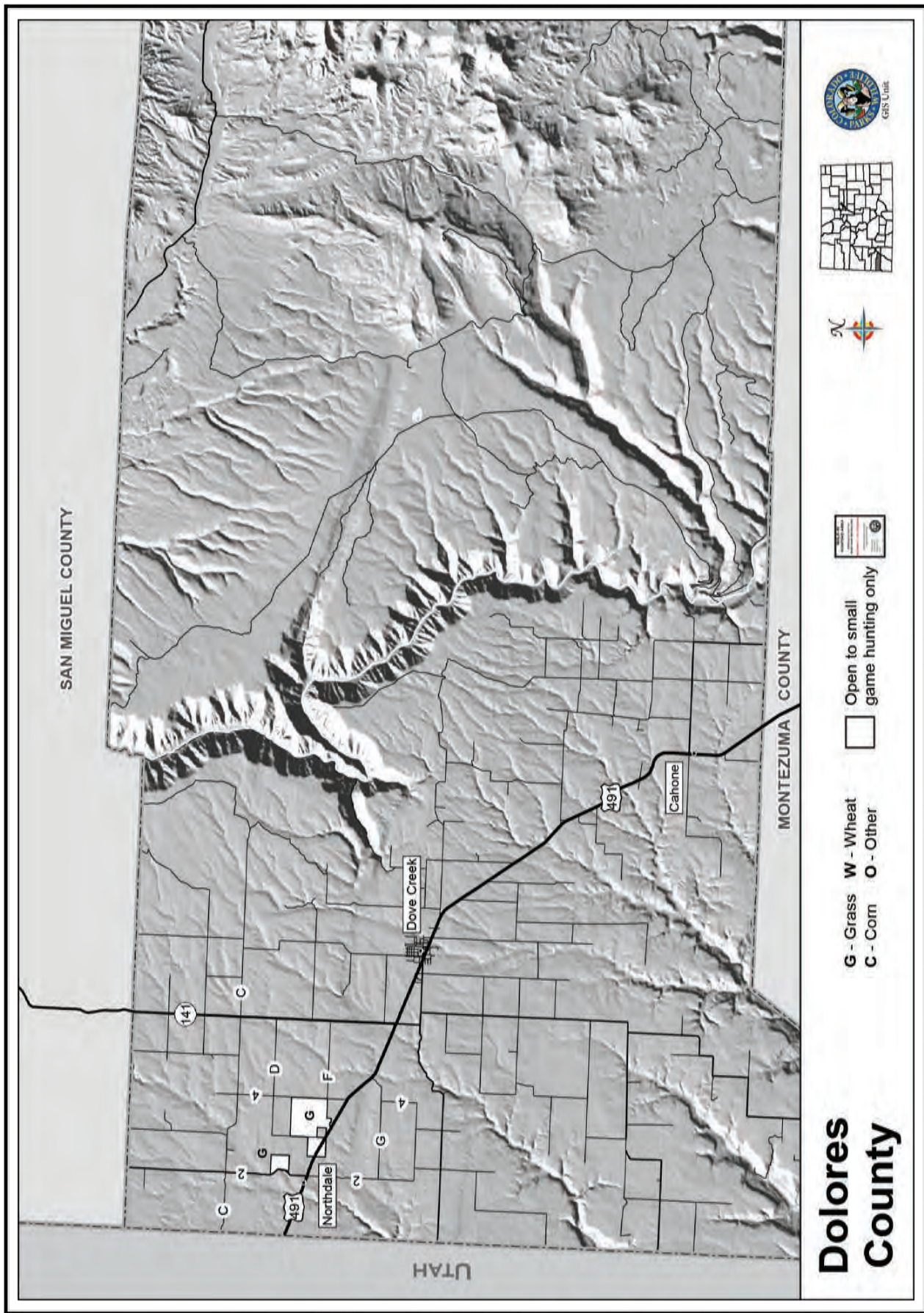
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# Delta County







# Morgan & Weld Counties

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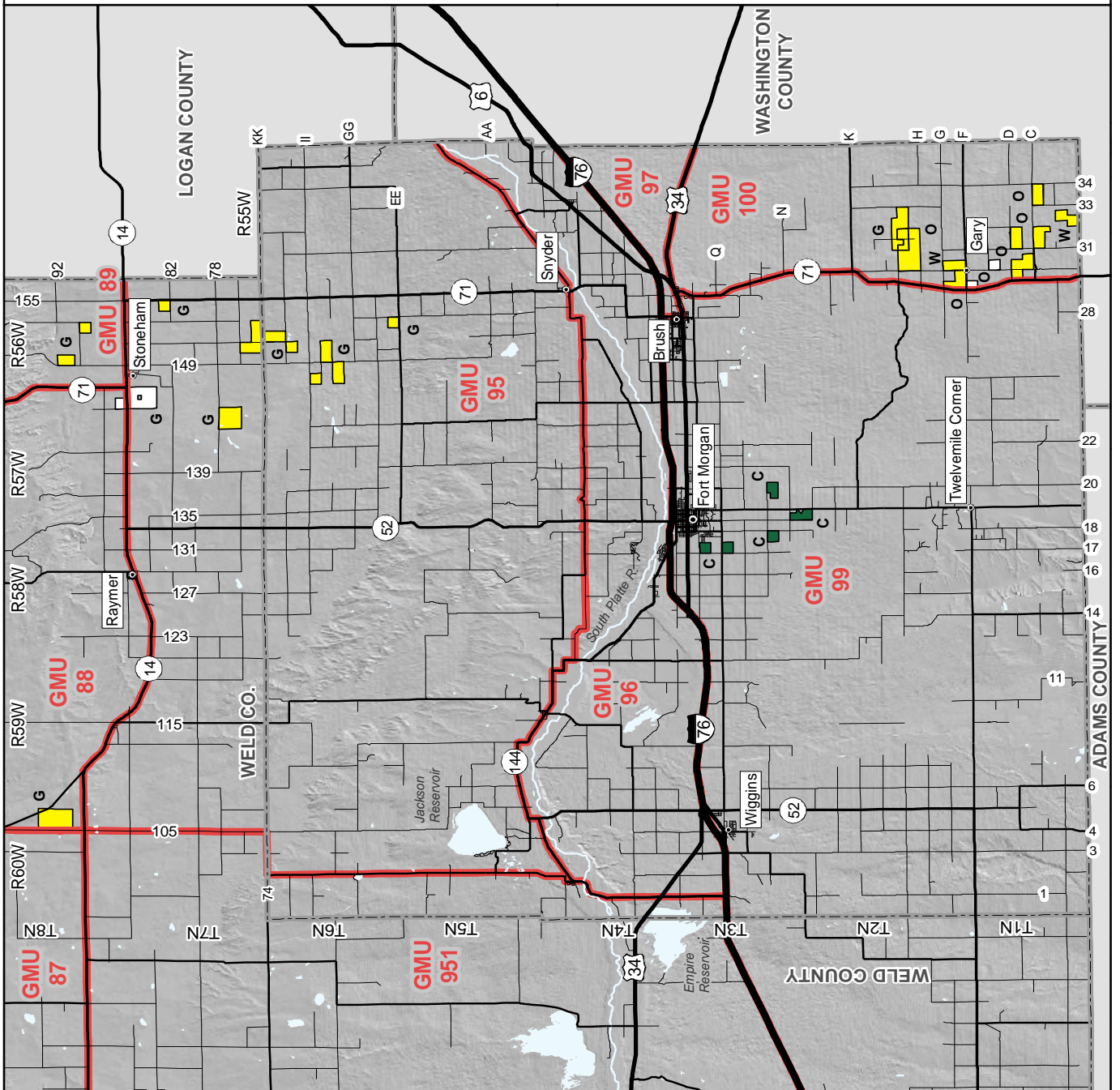
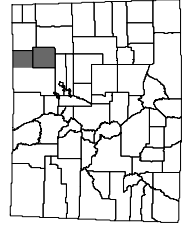
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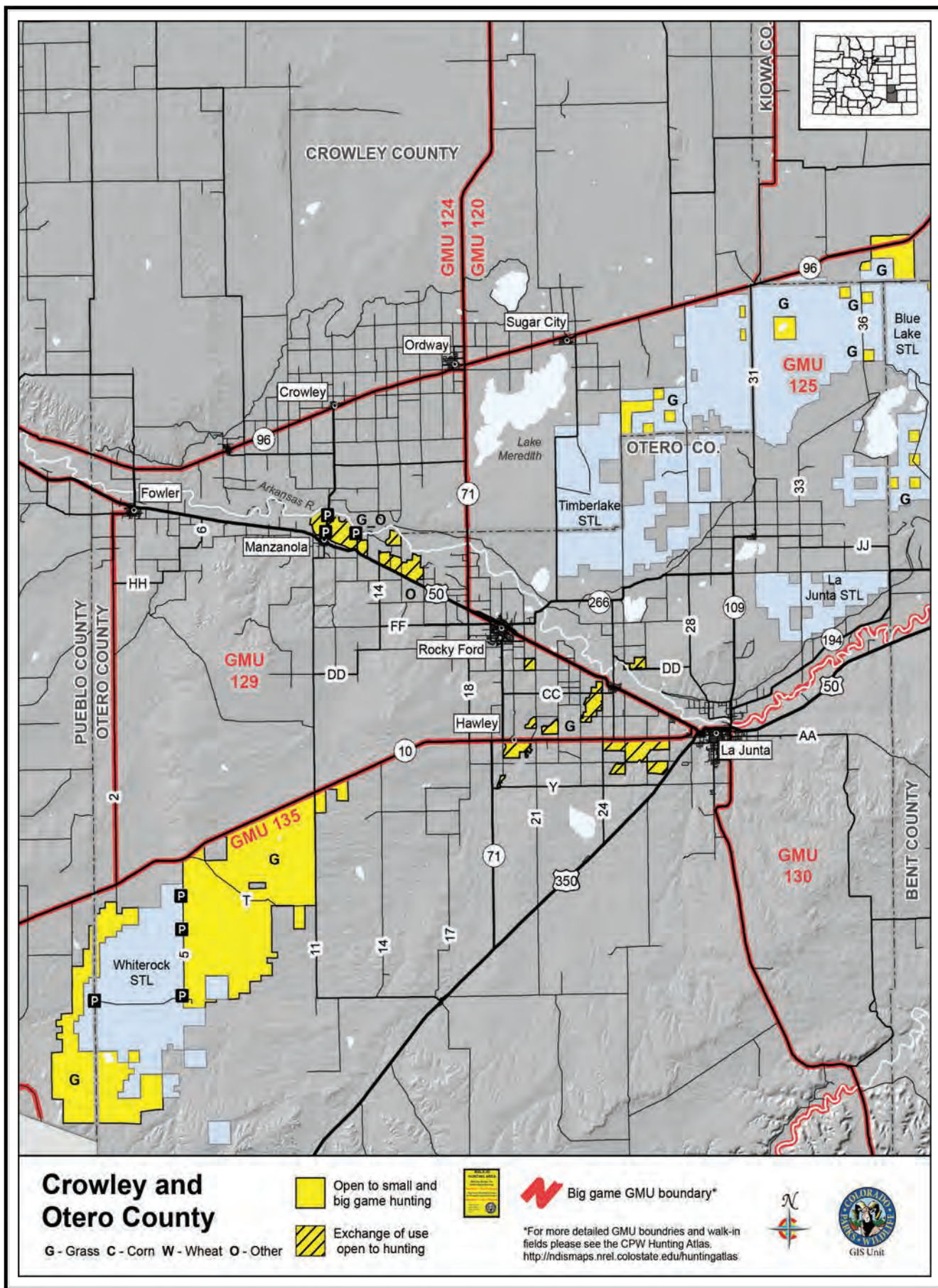
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Big game GMU boundary\*

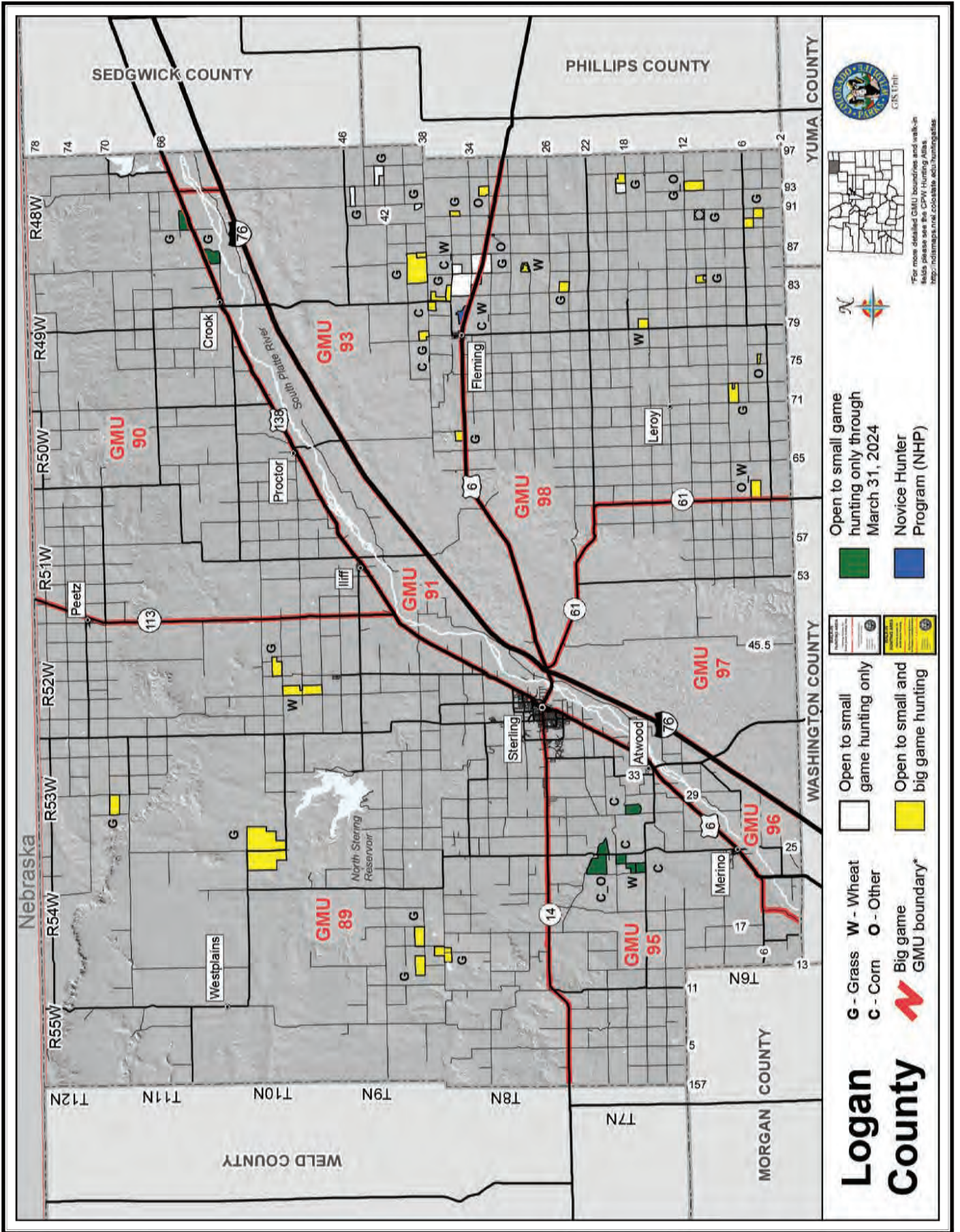
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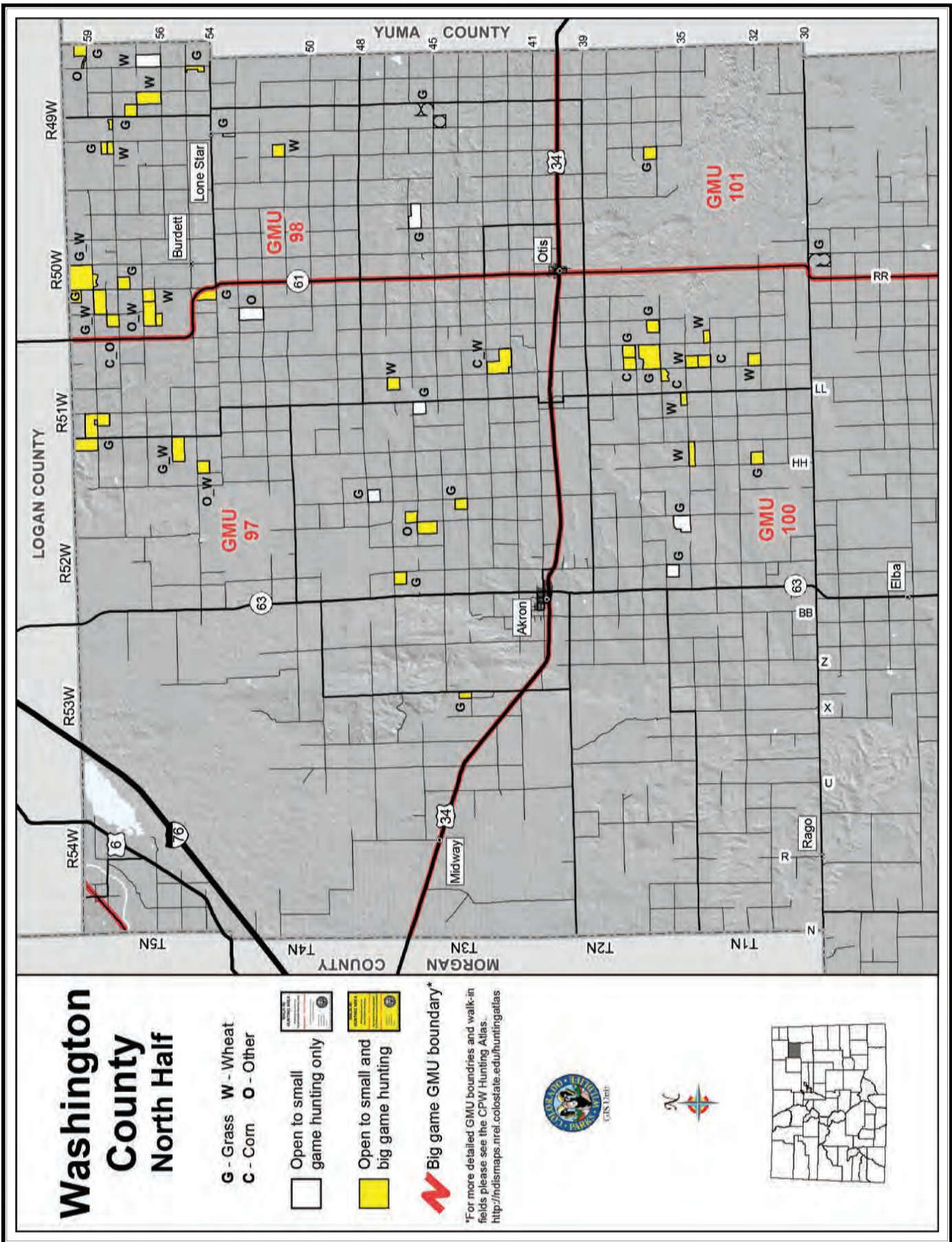




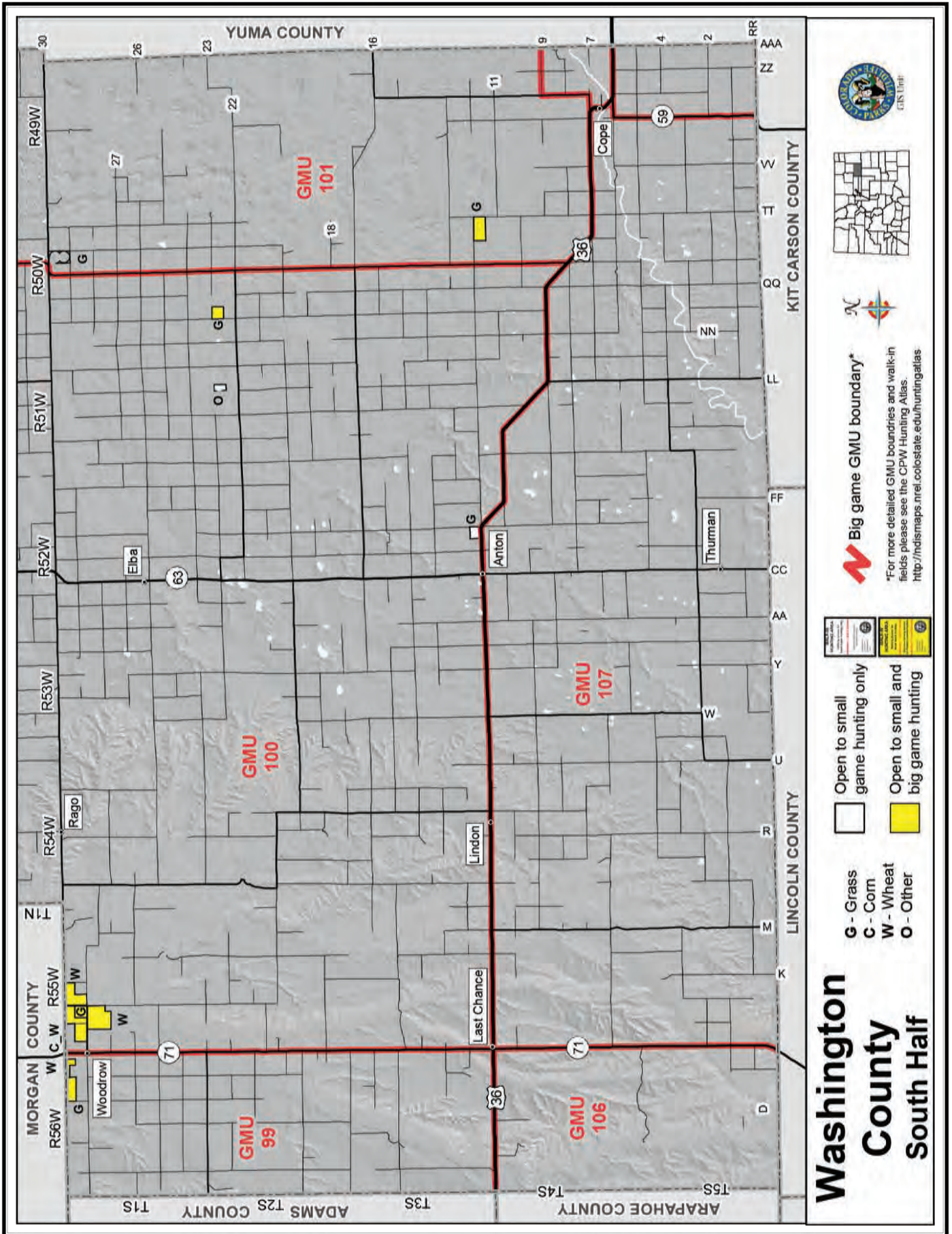




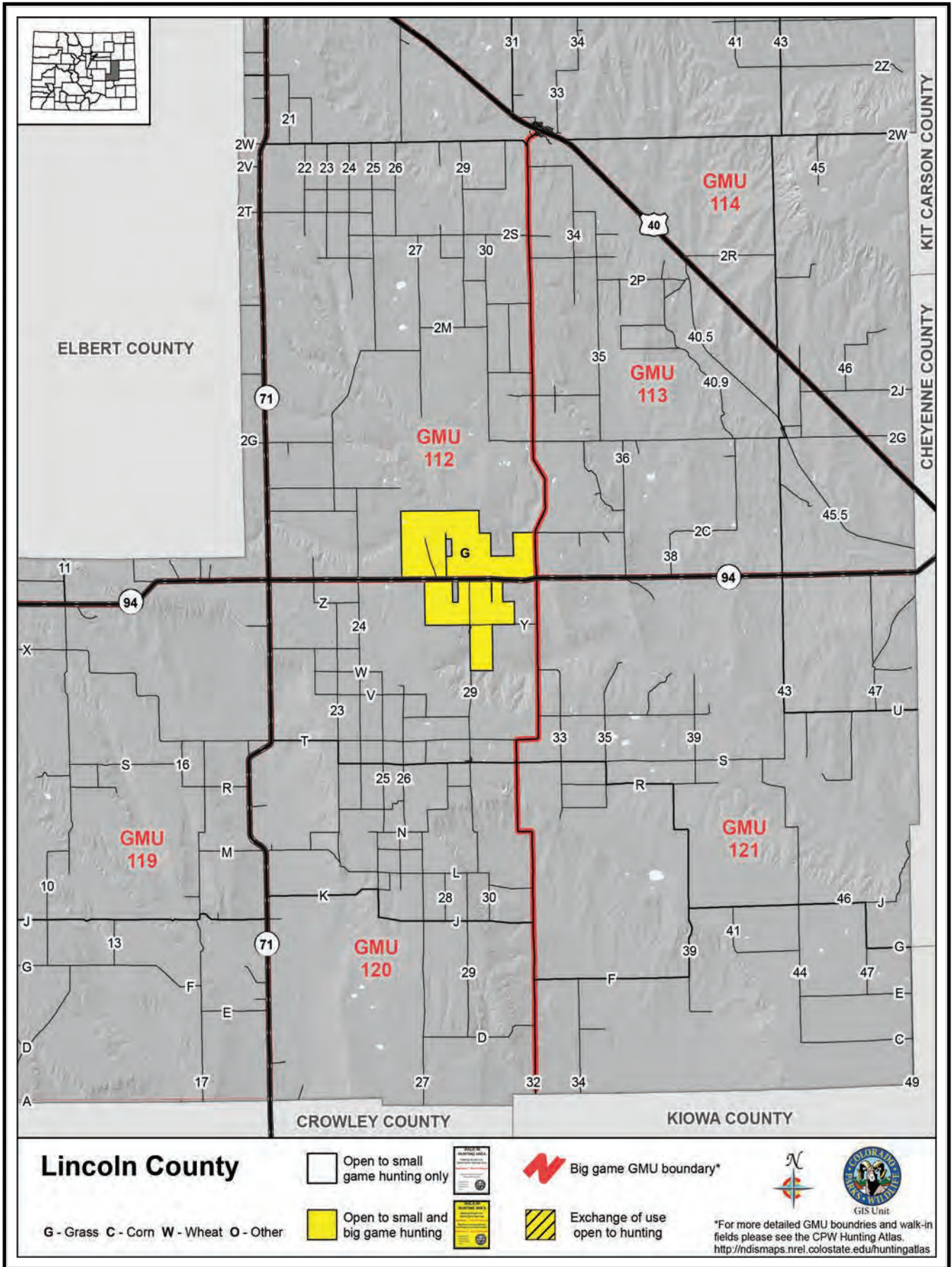




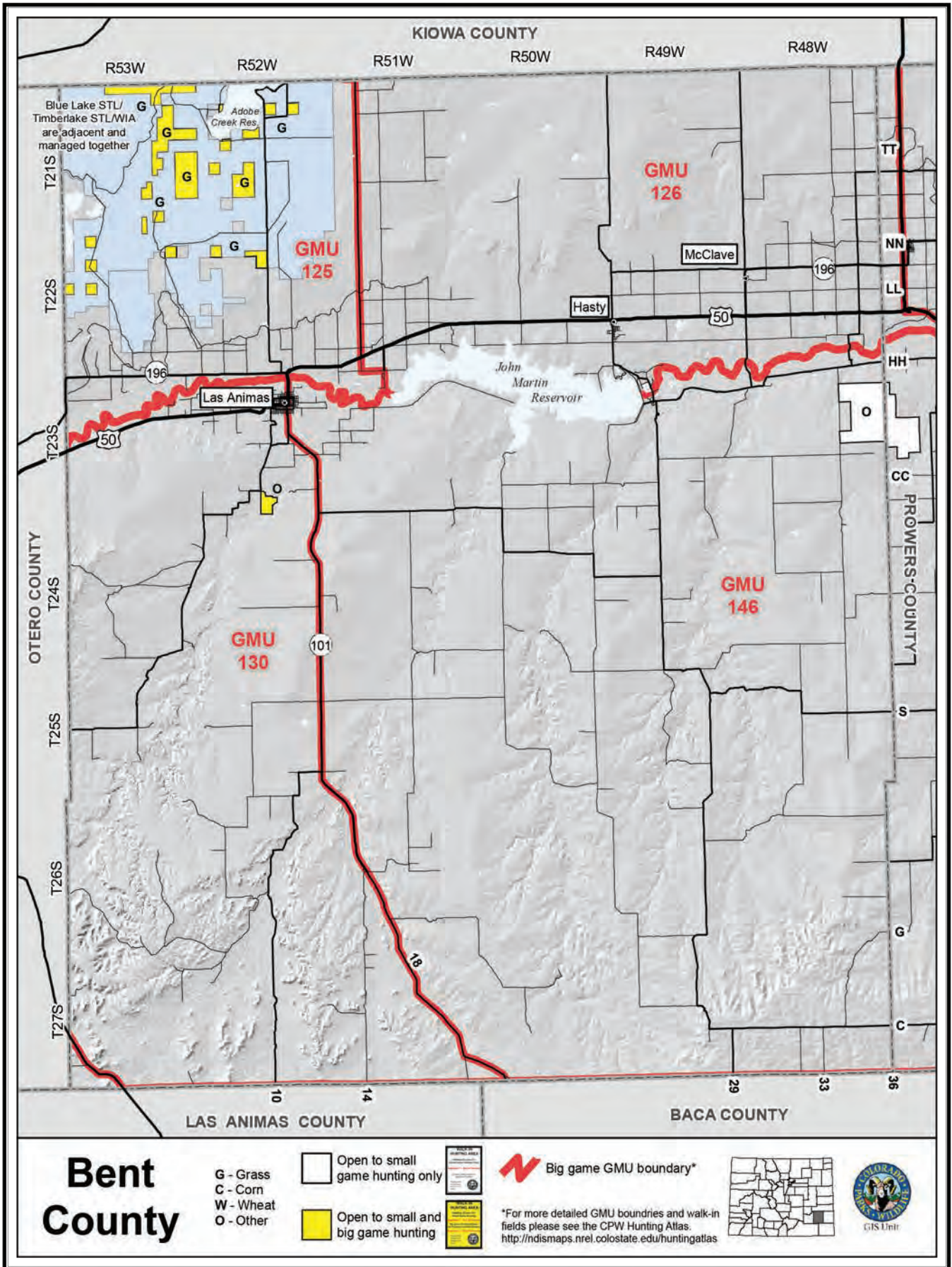




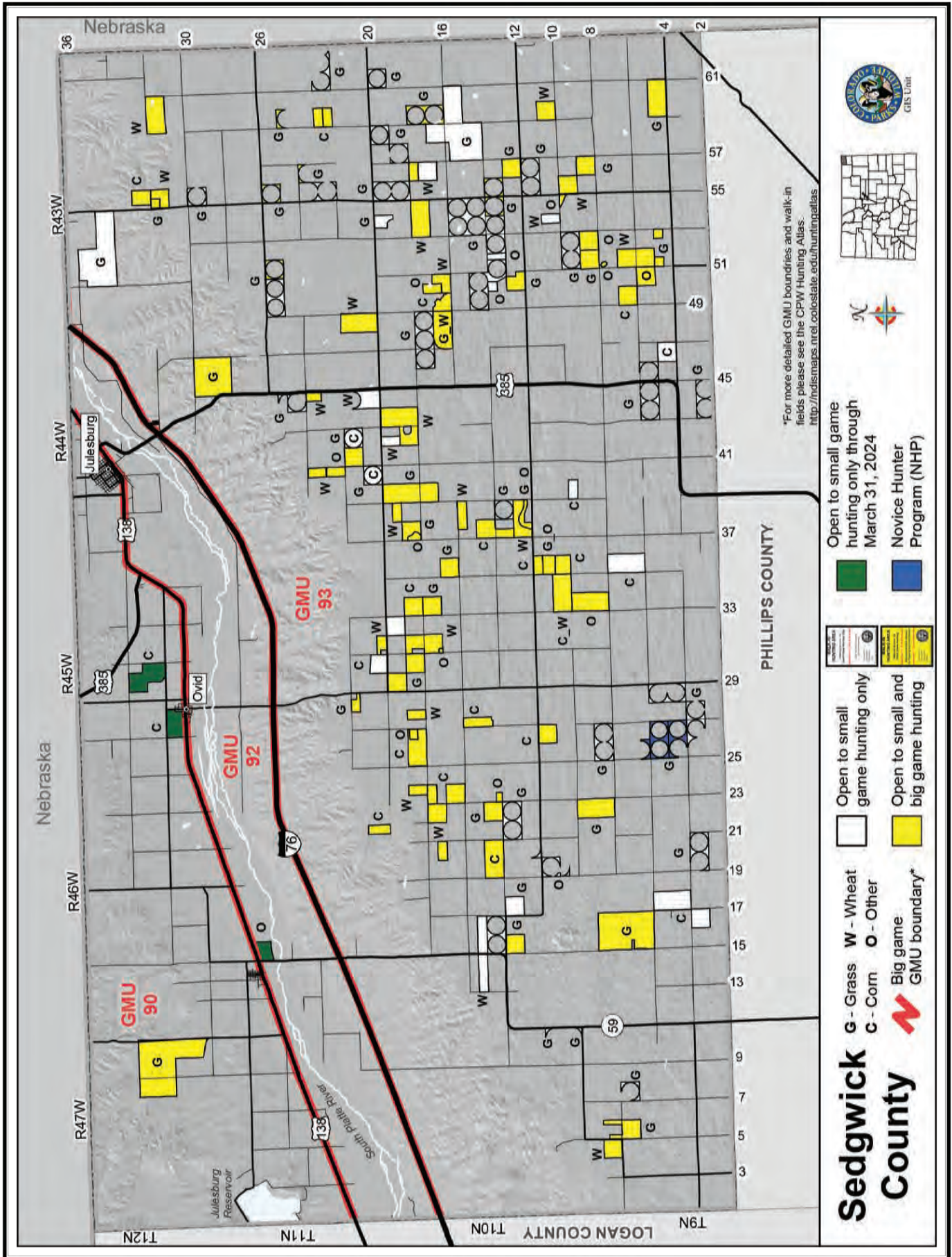




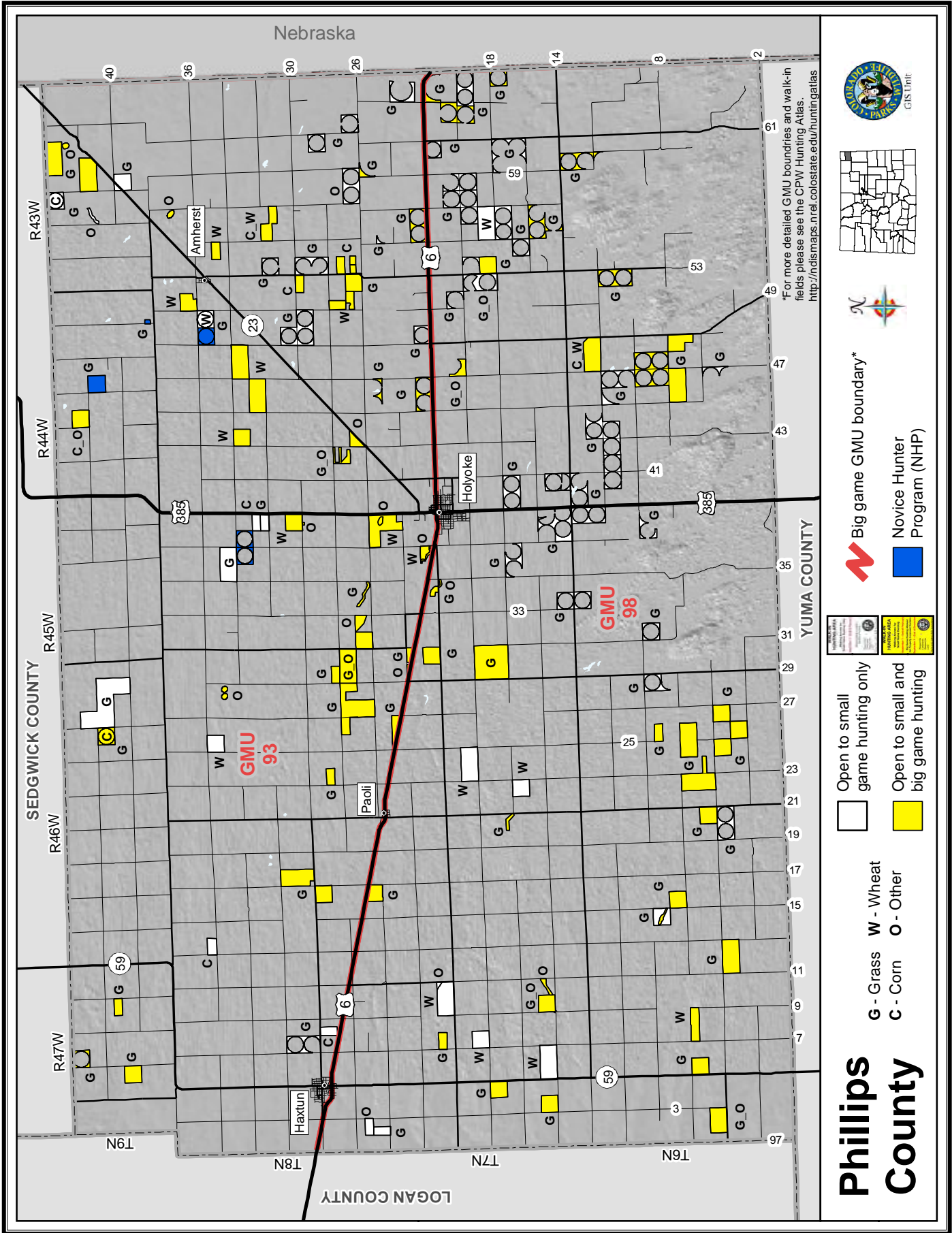




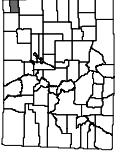












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-  Big game GMU boundary\*
-  Novice Hunter Program (NHP)



-  Open to small game hunting only
-  Open to small and big game hunting

- G** - Grass    **W** - Wheat
- C** - Corn    **O** - Other

# Phillips County



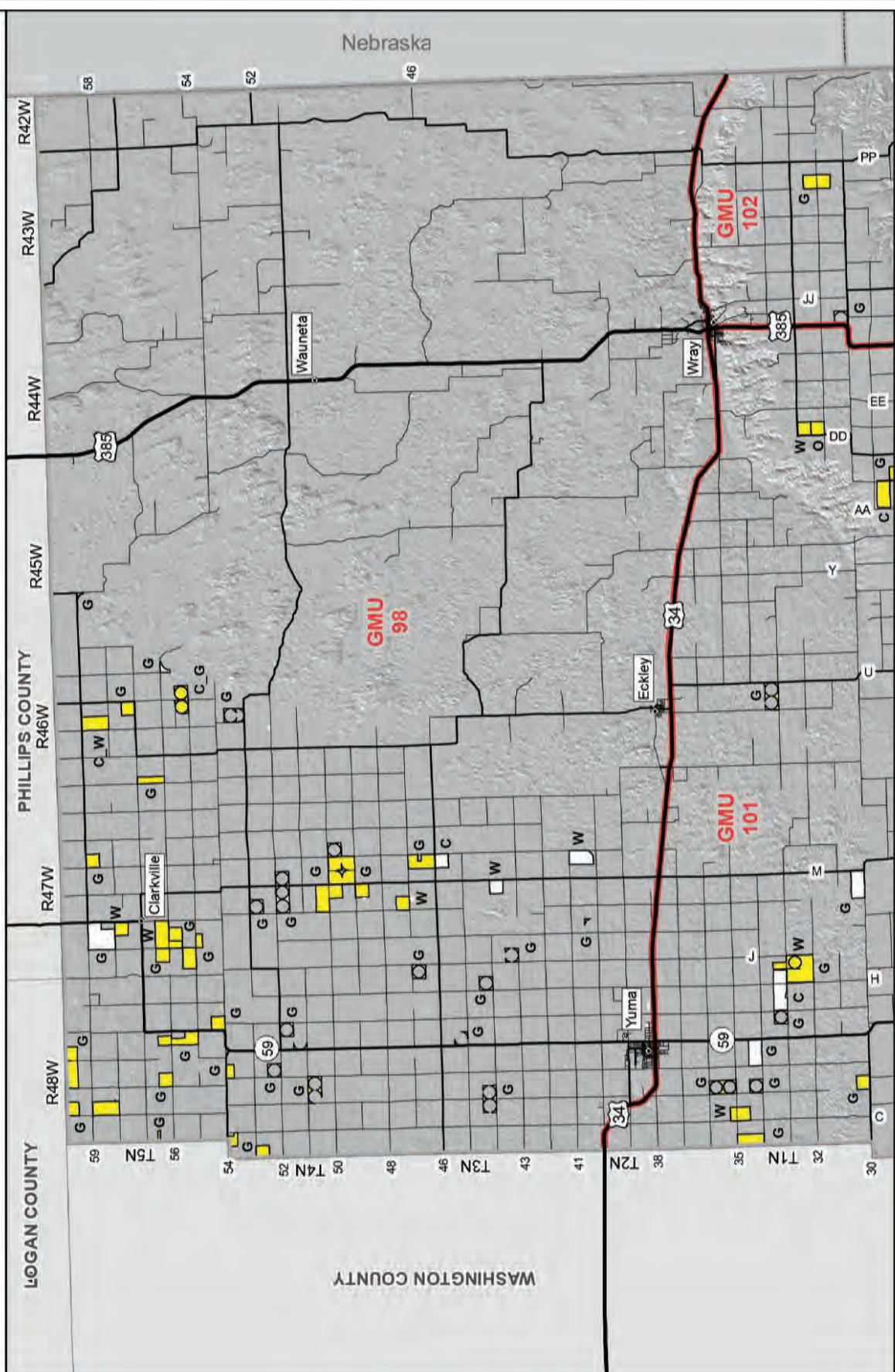
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- C - Corn
- W - Wheat
- O - Other

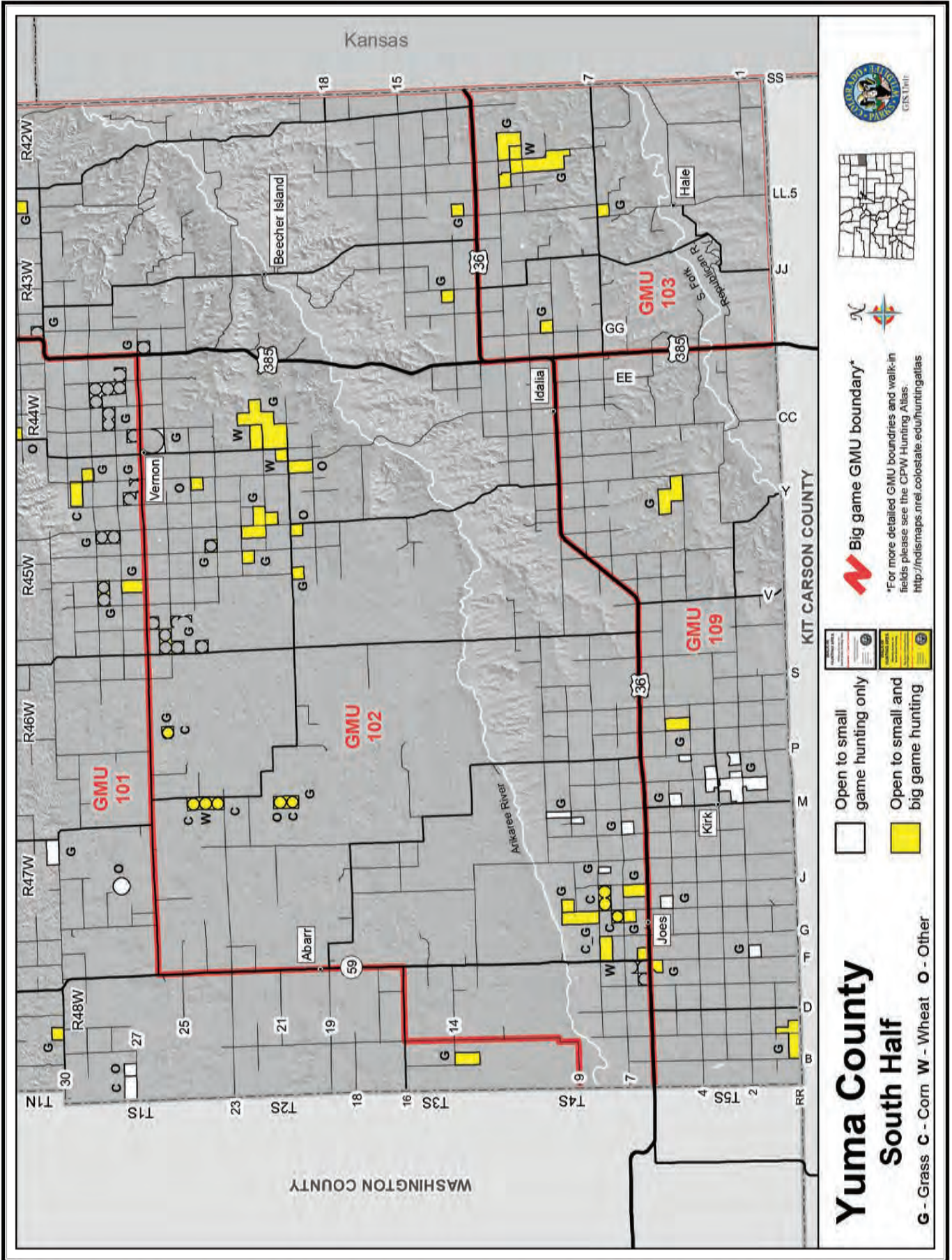
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**Big game GMU boundary\***

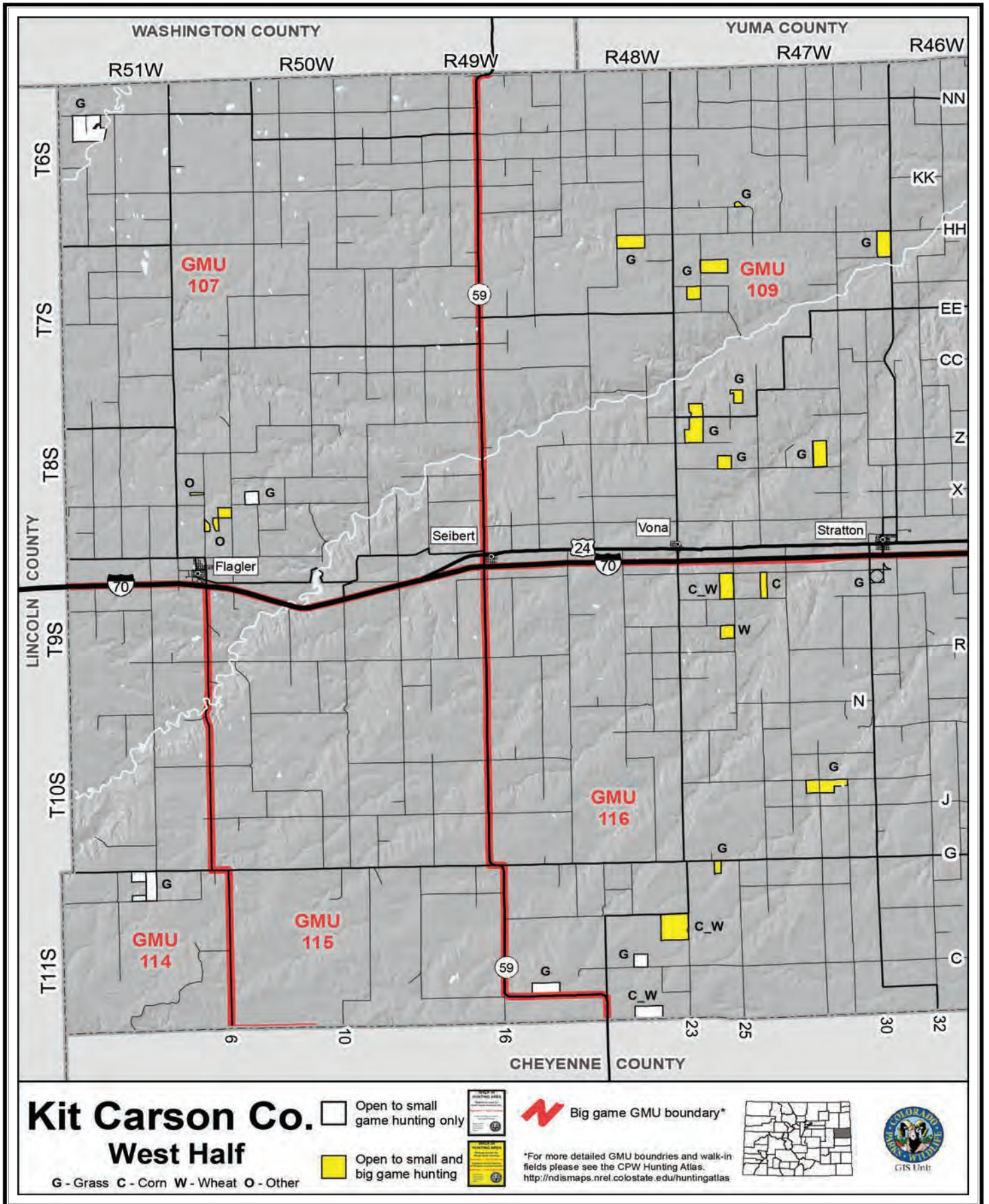
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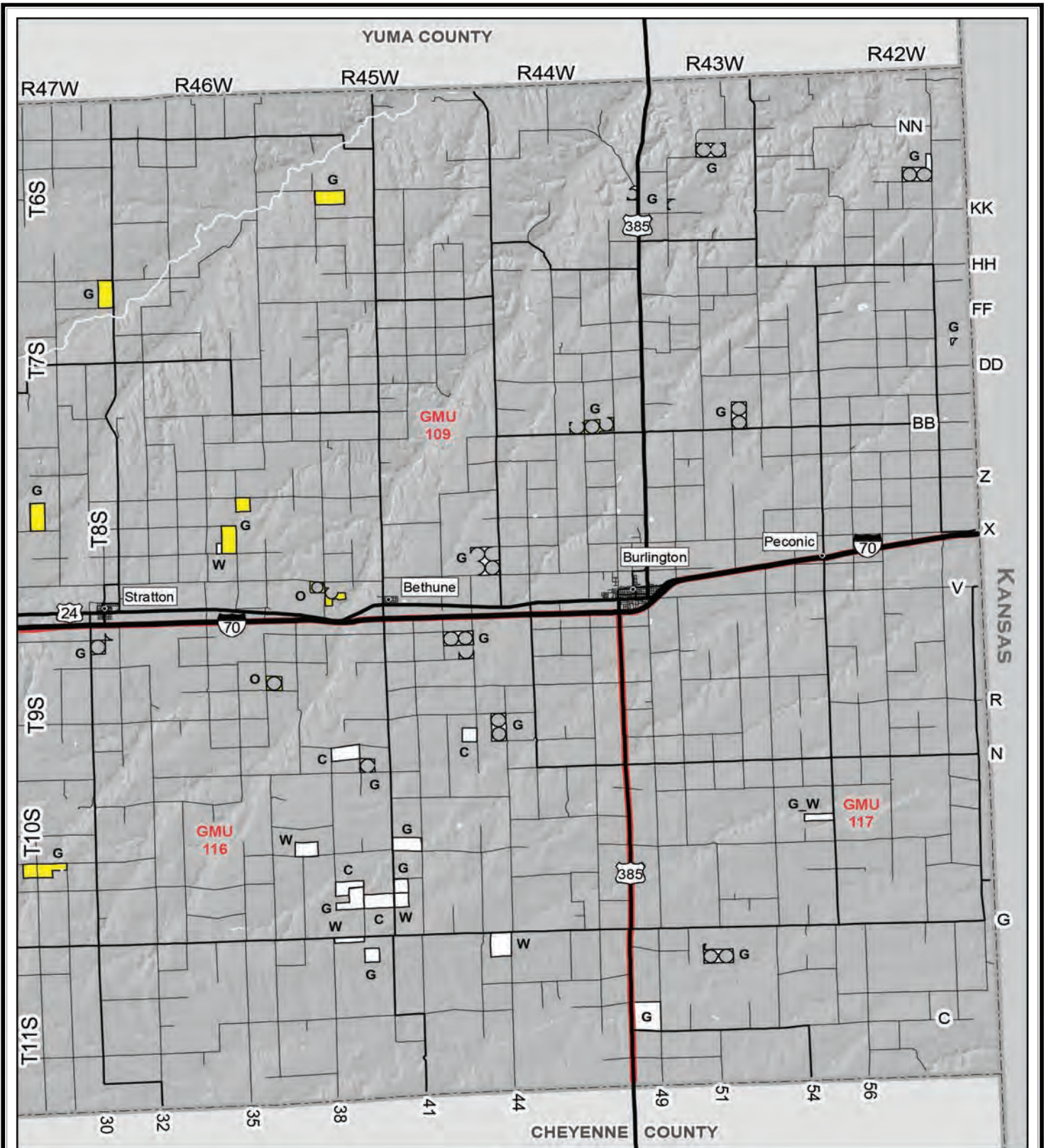












# Kit Carson Co. East Half

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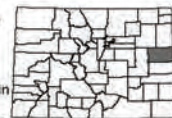
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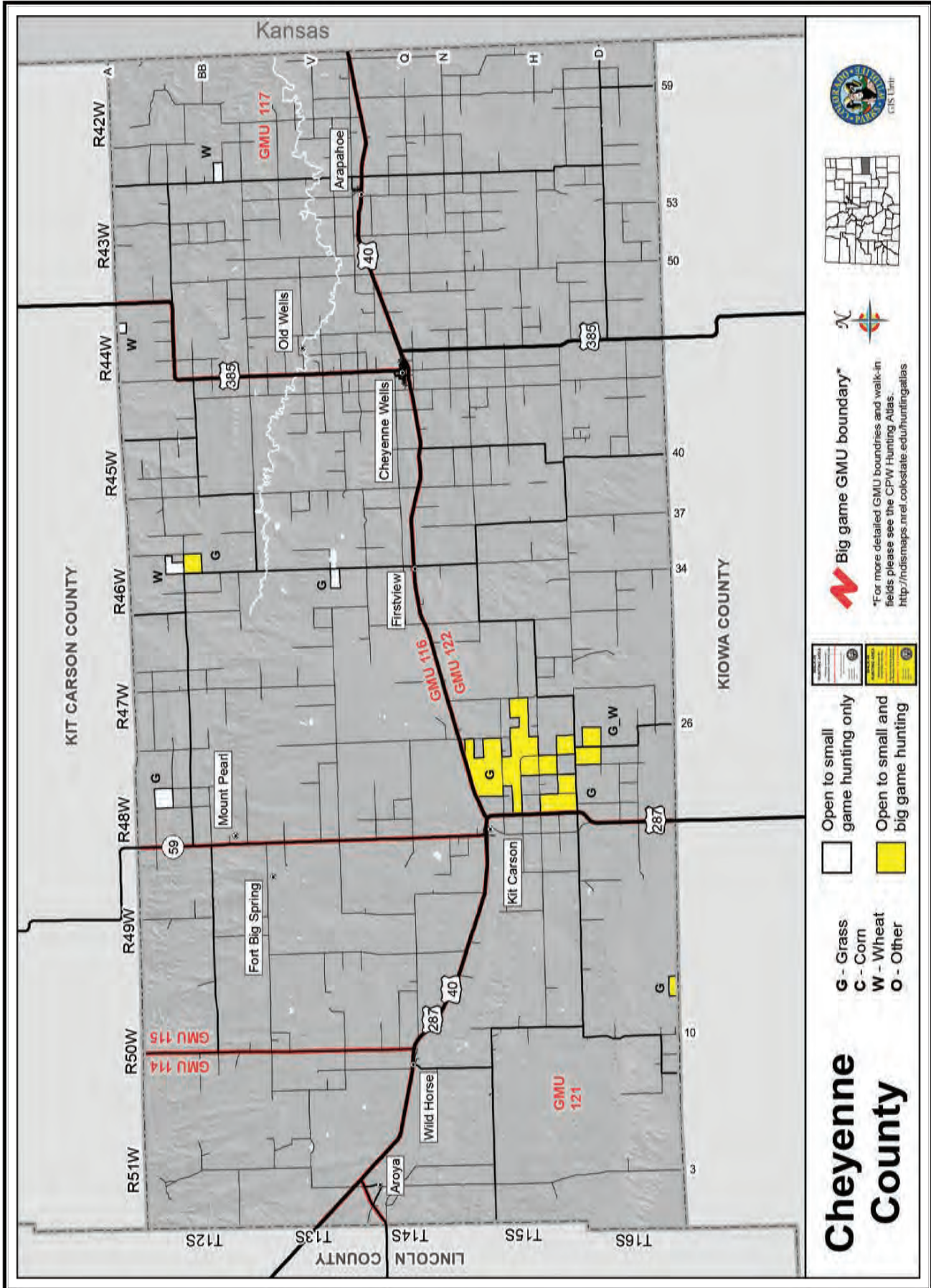


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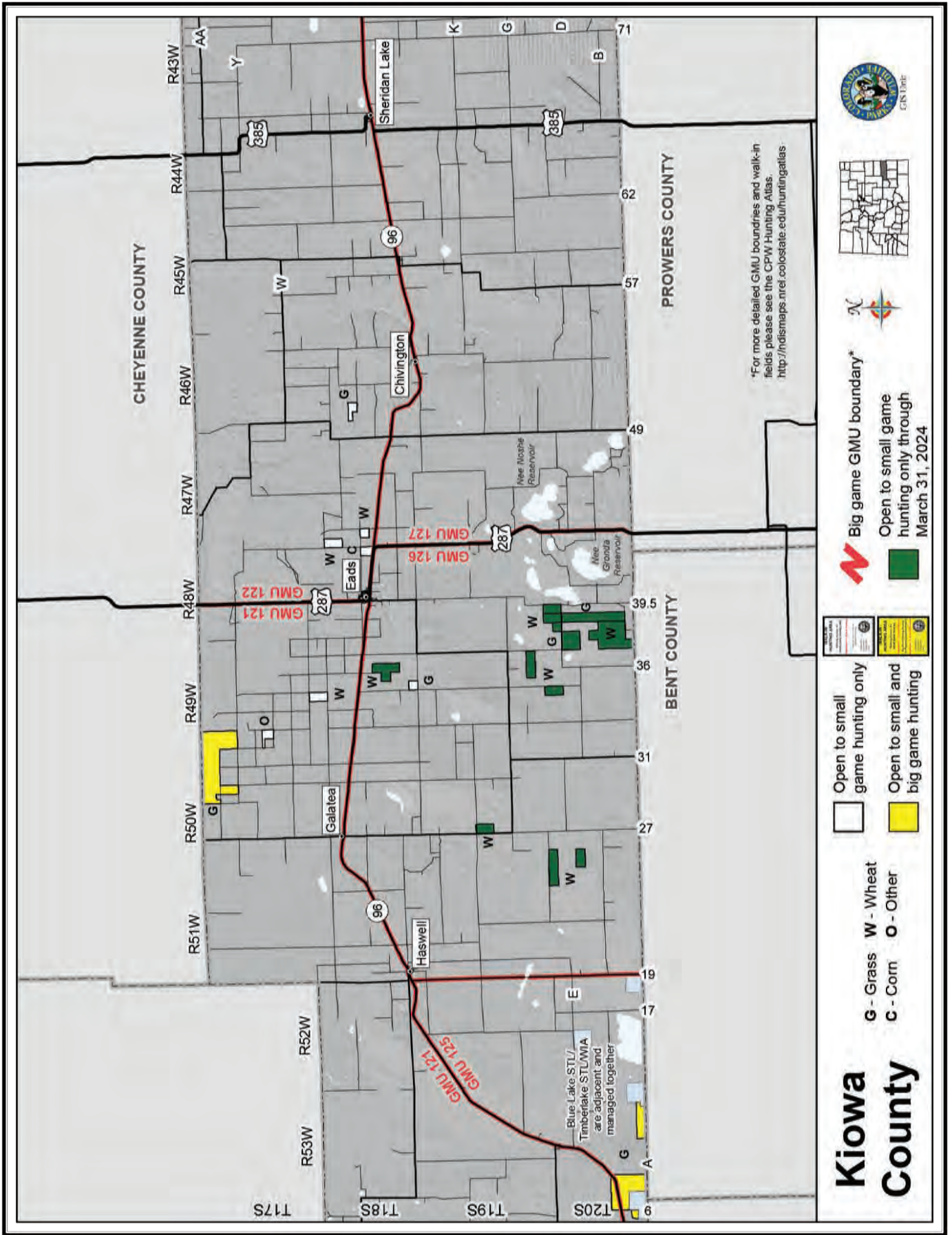
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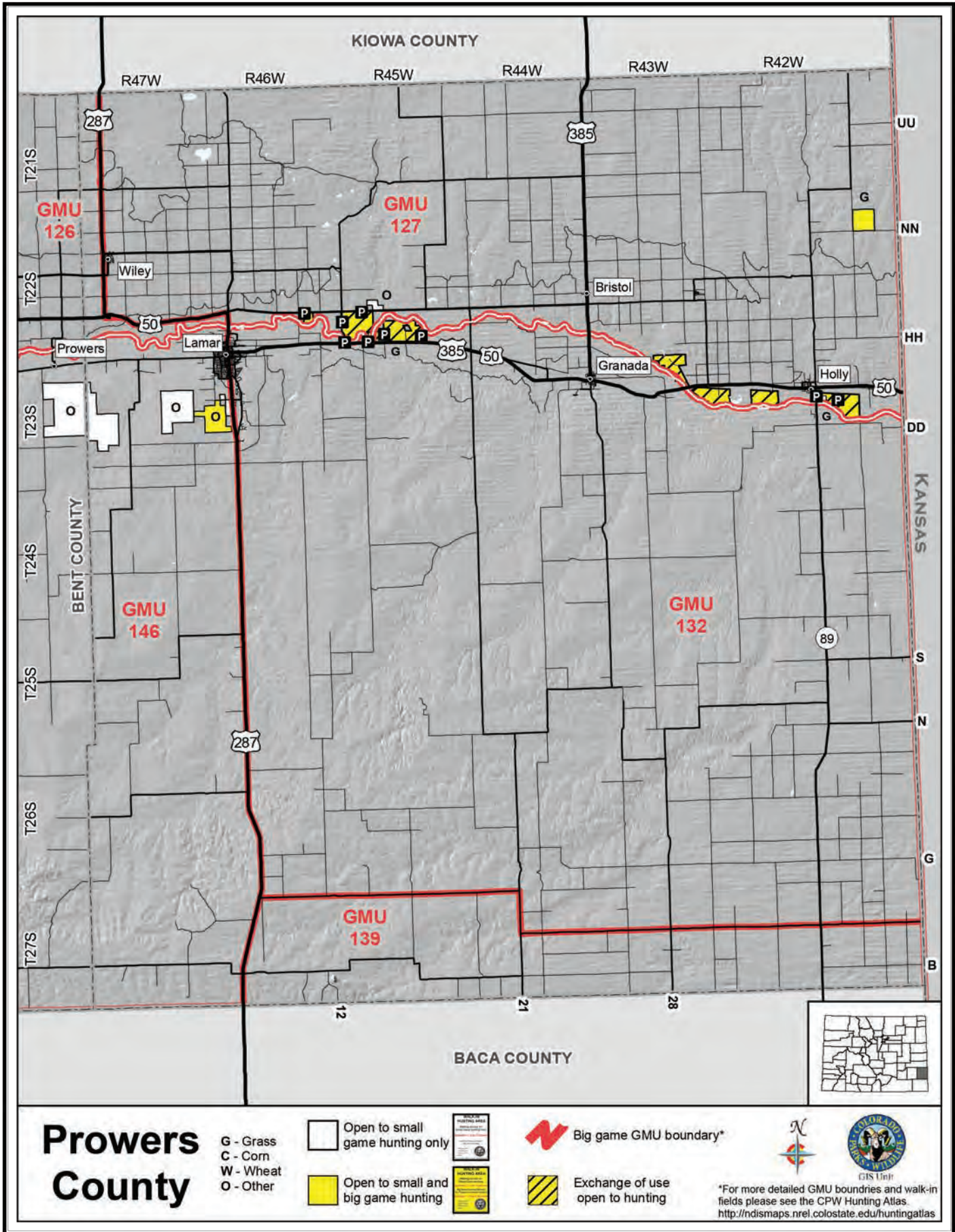












# Prowers County

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W - Wheat  
O - Other

Open to small game hunting only  
Open to small and big game hunting

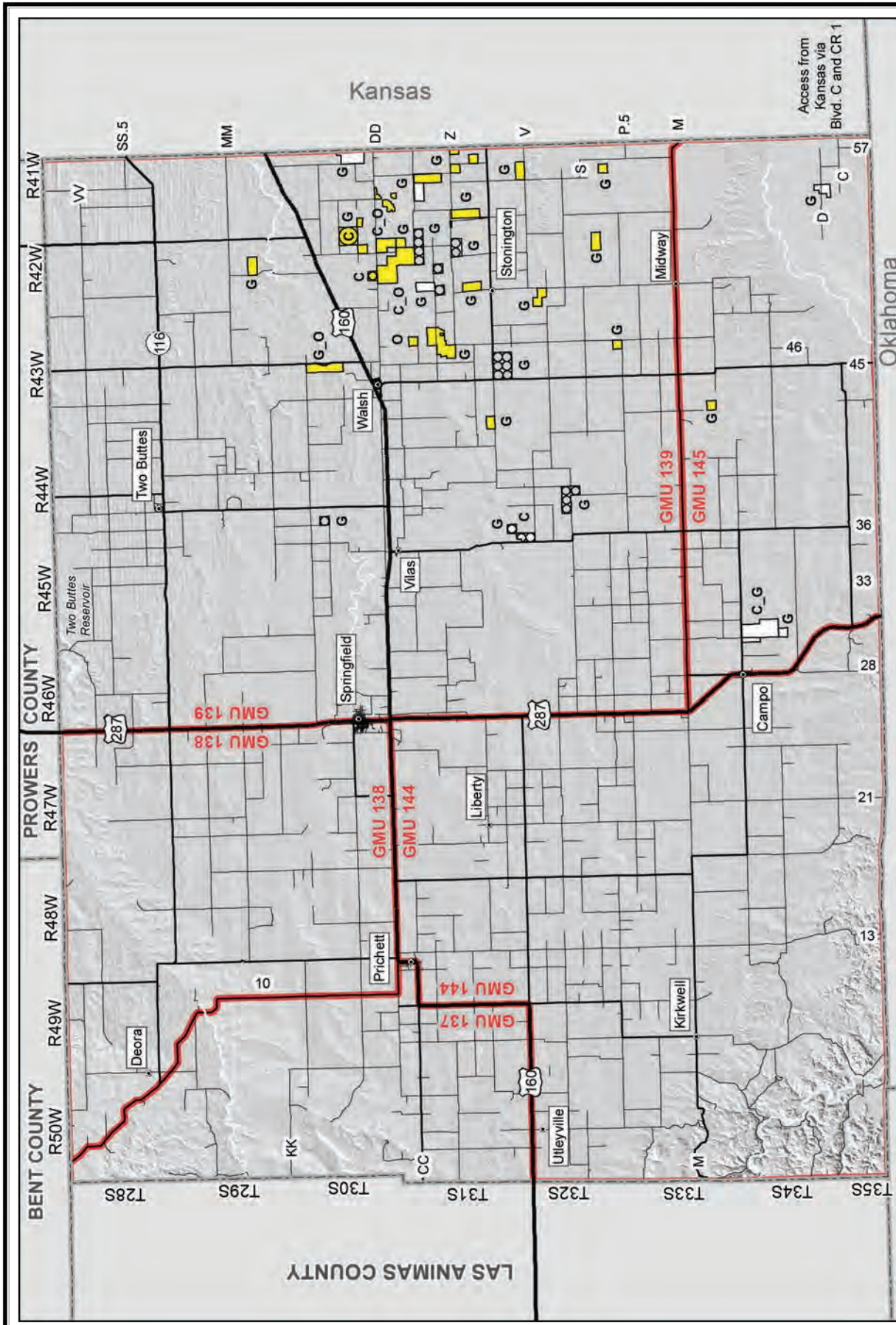


Big game GMU boundary\*  
Exchange of use open to hunting



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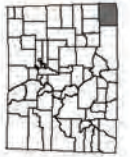
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- Open to small game hunting only
- Open to small and big game hunting



**Big game GMU boundary\***

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