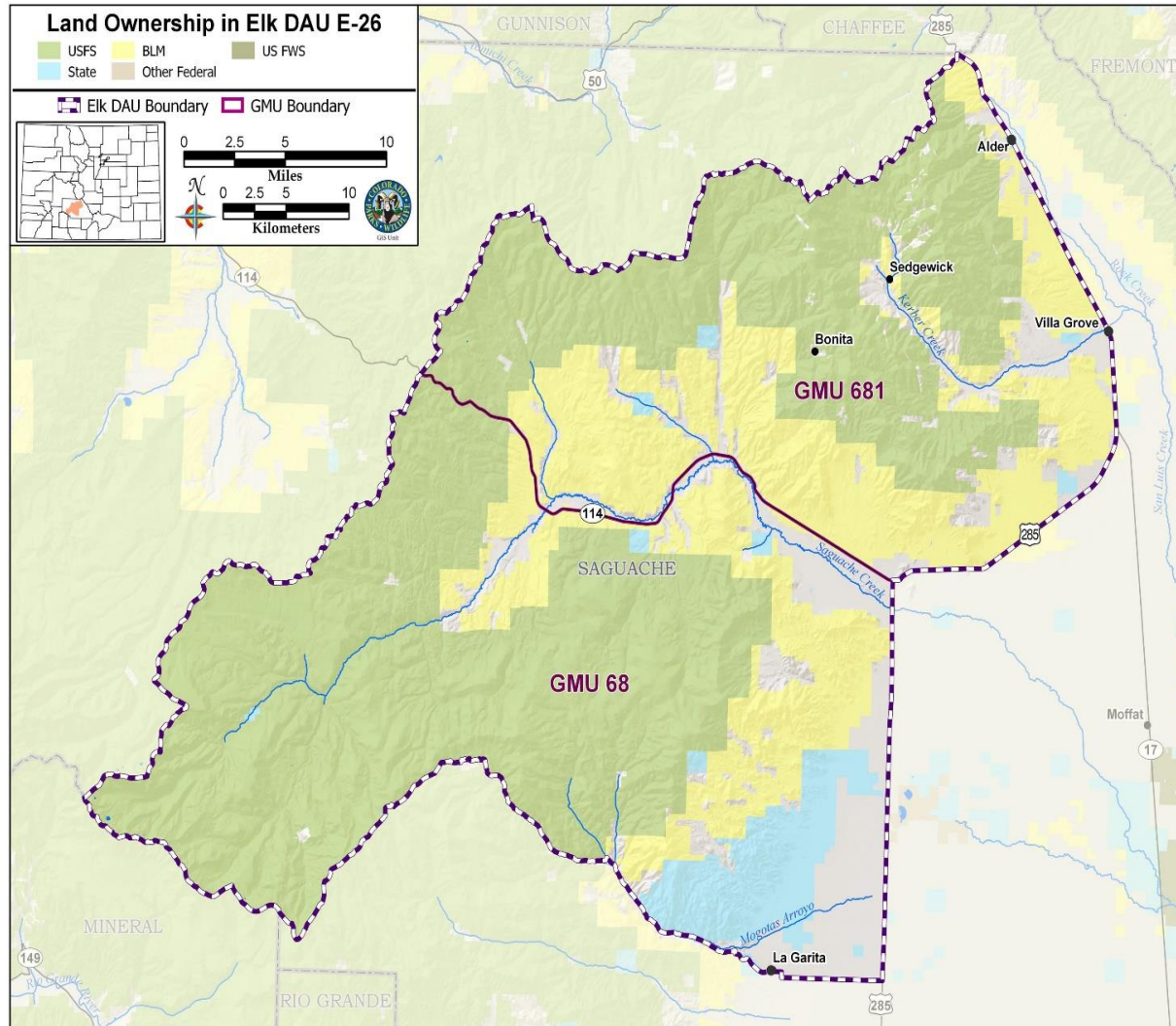
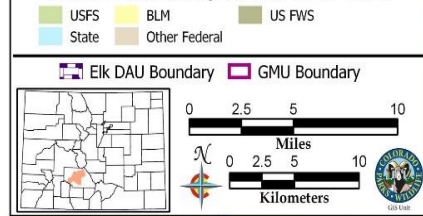


### Land Ownership in Eik DAU E-26



# E-26 Saguache Eik HMP

GMU's 68 & 681

~ 1,047 square miles  
(670,000 acres)

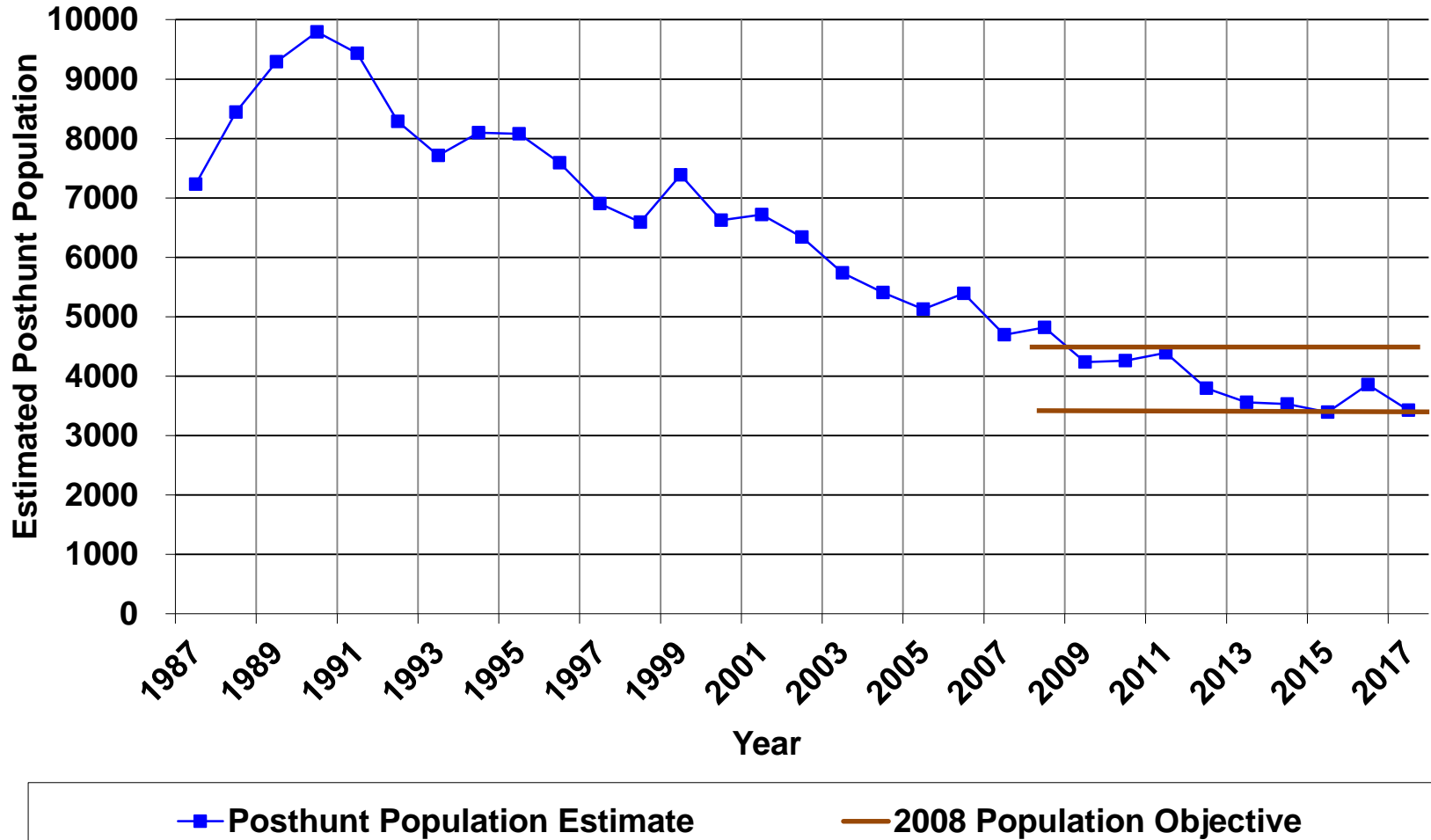
58% RGNF, 25% BLM,  
5% CO State, 12%  
Private



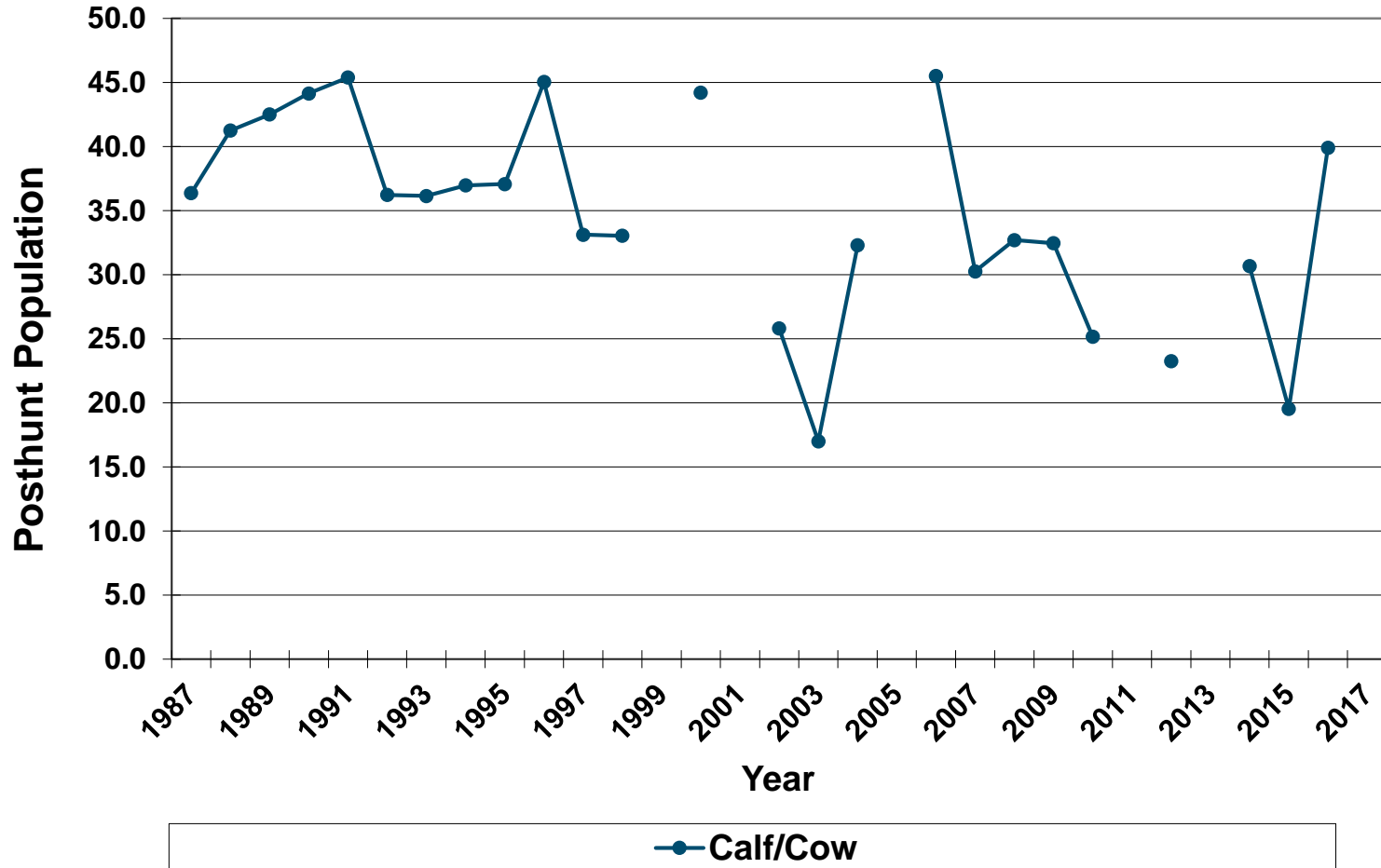
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## E-26 Posthunt Population Estimate



## E-26 Posthunt Observed Calf/Cow Ratios



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# E-26 Herd Management Plan PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

- Public meeting – Saguache
- Public online survey
- Public comment period
- Input received from RGNF, BLM, and HPP

**Results: Increase elk population**  
**Maintain expected bull to cow ratios**



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# E-26 Herd Management Plan

## ALTERNATIVE OBJECTIVES SUMMARY

Alternatives	Posthunt Population Size
Current Objective	3,500 - 4,500 elk
2017 Model Estimate	3,400 elk
Alternative 1	3,200 - 3,800 elk
Alternative 2	3,600 - 4,200 elk
<b>Alternative 3</b>	<b>4,000 - 4,800 elk - preferred</b>

**Expected Bull to Cow Ratio – 18-22 Bulls to 100 Cows**



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# E-26 HMP

## Significant Issues and Strategies to Address the Concerns

- Elk population level and distribution
- Damage to agricultural land
- Winter range
- Recreational activity



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# Strategies For Achieving Objectives

- **Population** – Reduce antlerless licenses >90%
  - Game damage licenses



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