



# A Review of Herd Management Planning



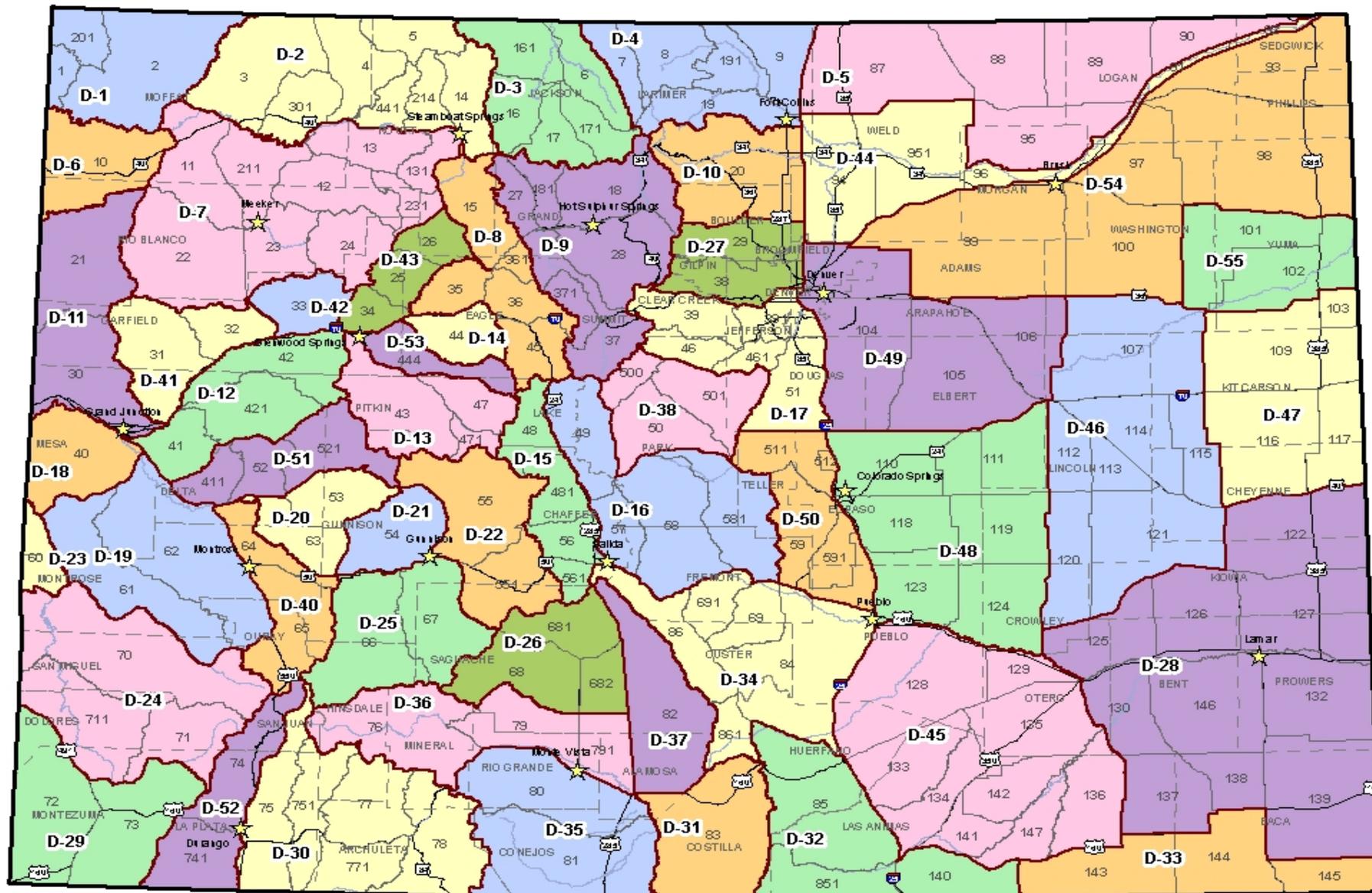
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Total # of DAUs:

Deer	54
Elk	42
Pronghorn	29
Black Bear	17
Moose	12
Sheep	42
Mtn Goat	2
Mtn Lion	19
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>217</b>



# Colorado's Big Game Management Approach Using Herd Management Plans

- Herd- or Population-specific
- Primary Objectives
  - Population size
  - Male:Female ratio
- Alternative Metrics



# Development of Herd Management Plans

Assemble Available Data



Public Involvement



Establish Objectives



Draft Plan & Internal Review



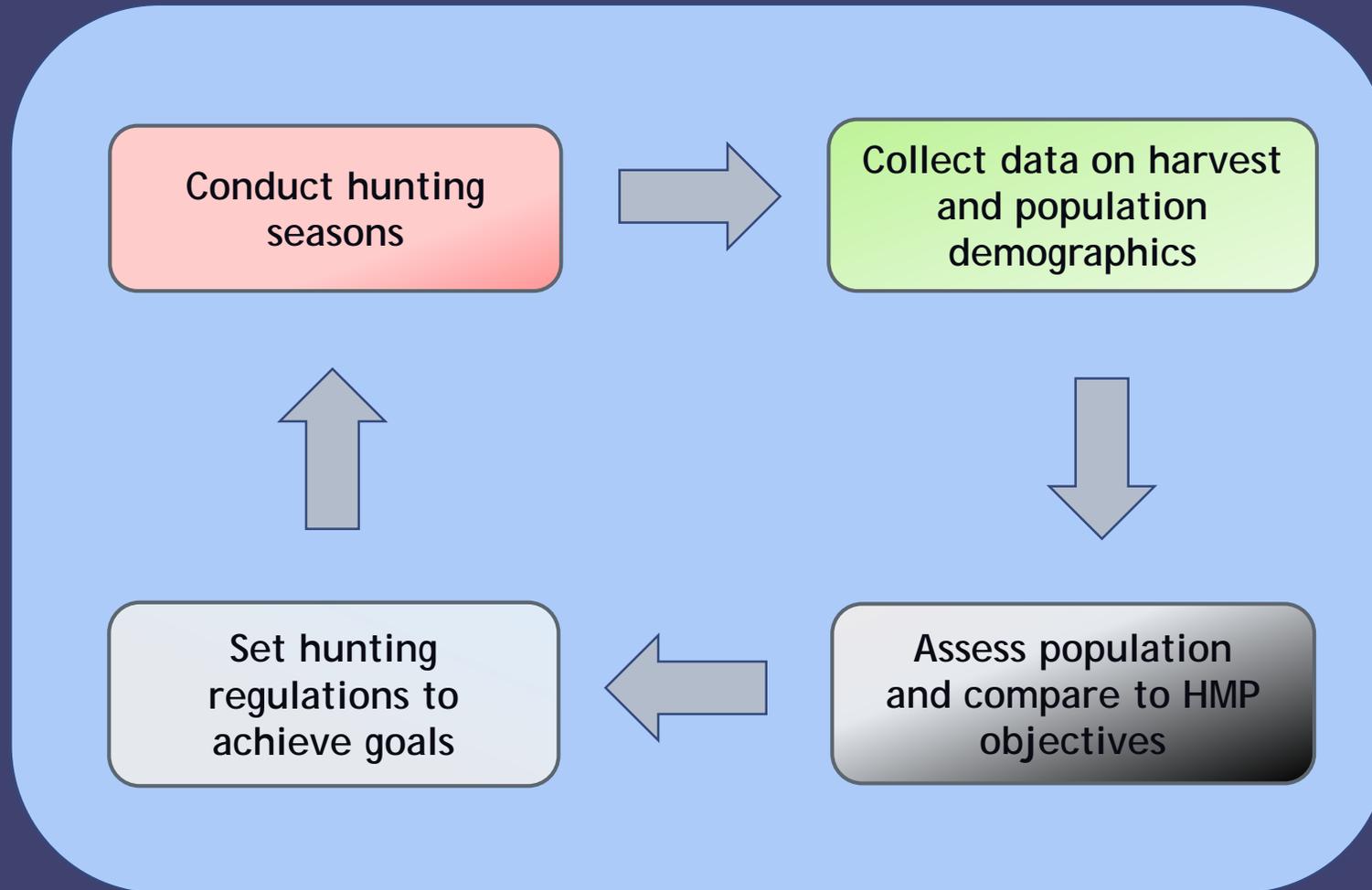
Public Review



Approval by PWC



# Annual Cycle of Management



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# Overview of HMP Planning Process

## Lean Process (2017)

- Improve public involvement
- Set # plan completions/revisions needed per year

## Proposed Timeline: All Plans Up to Date by 2026

- >200 plans require updating every 10 years
- With 2-Step Approval Process, >40 presentations every year
- Need 2X this rate to “catch up” by 2026



# Improvement of Herd Management Planning

- Prioritize Public Input in HMP Development
- Simplify Content
- Streamline Approval Process
- Focus on Annual Management Actions that Achieve Objectives

