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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Wildlife Commissioners

From: Dan Prenzl, Director

Date: 8/22/2019

Subject: Big Game Season Structure: Discussion on Archery Elk Limitations

The following memo reviews the Commission's decision on early seasons for deer and elk west of interstate 25 and GMU 140 for the 2020-2024 Big Game Season Structure (BGSS), made in July 2019. In addition, a map and matrix have been provided to explain the recent history (2014-2019) of DAUs and GMUs where CPW has reviewed submitted issue papers that discuss biological or social concerns related to the over-the-counter (OTC) archery elk seasons. The DAUs and GMUs where CPW is considering changes to OTC archery elk licenses in 2020 per the recent changes to BGSS (2020-2024) are highlighted in the second map.

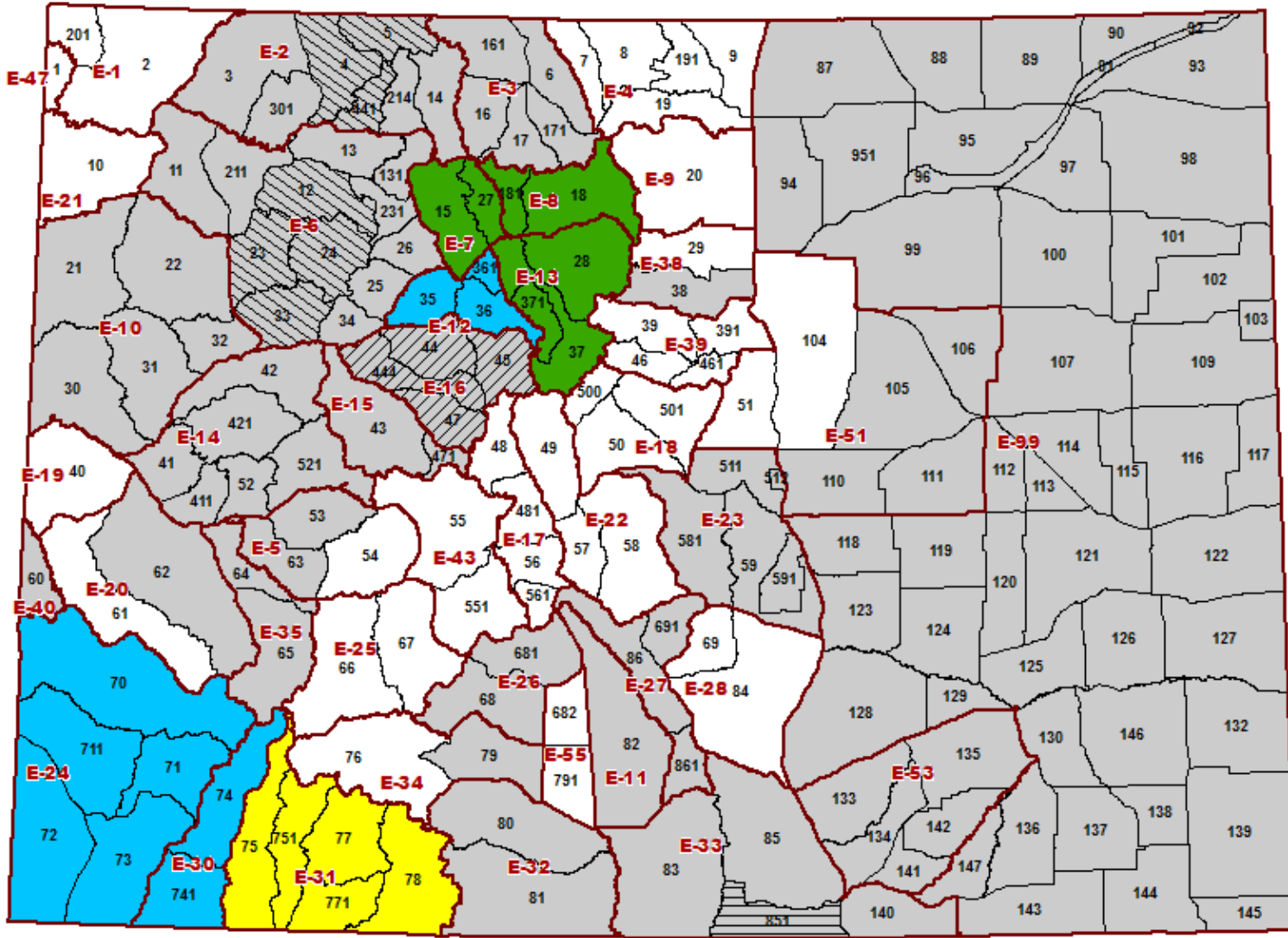


2020-2024 Big Game Season Structure

Finalized by the Parks and Wildlife Commission - July 2019

I. Early Seasons - Deer and Elk West of I-25 and GMU 140

| A. Archery - Deer and Elk Season Structure West of I-25 and GMU 140 | |
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| New | Archery season will be a 29-day season and shall open September 2 nd and close September 30 th , annually. |
| New | <p>Elk- Unlimited either-sex and antlerless archery elk licenses are available in certain units; however, either-sex licenses for elk can be specified as bull-only with limited cow licenses geographically to meet management objectives. Limited either-sex licenses valid in totally limited units. Over-the-Counter (OTC) List B archery elk antlerless licenses only valid in units that also have List B rifle elk antlerless licenses.</p> <p><u>Deer</u>- All archery deer licenses are limited either-sex or limited buck and issued by Game Management Unit (GMU)/Data Analysis Unit (DAU).</p> |
| B. Muzzleloader - Deer and Elk Season Structure West of I-25 and GMU 140 (Status Quo) | |
| | <p>Muzzleloader season shall open on the second Saturday of September and run for 9 days.</p> <p>Elk- Limited either-sex or limited antlered, and limited antlerless; all licenses issued by GMU/DAU.</p> <p><u>Deer</u>- Limited either-sex or limited antlered, and limited antlerless in some GMUs; all licenses issued by GMU/DAU.</p> |
| C. Season Dates | |
| New | <p>Archery season shall be the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-2024- September 2 - September 30, annually. <p>Muzzleloader season shall be the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020- 09/12- 09/20 • 2021- 09/11- 09/19 • 2022- 09/10- 09/18 • 2023- 09/09- 09/17 • 2024- 09/14- 09/22 |



OTC Archery Either-Sex / Bull Elk Discussion: Concerns Raised 2014 - 2019

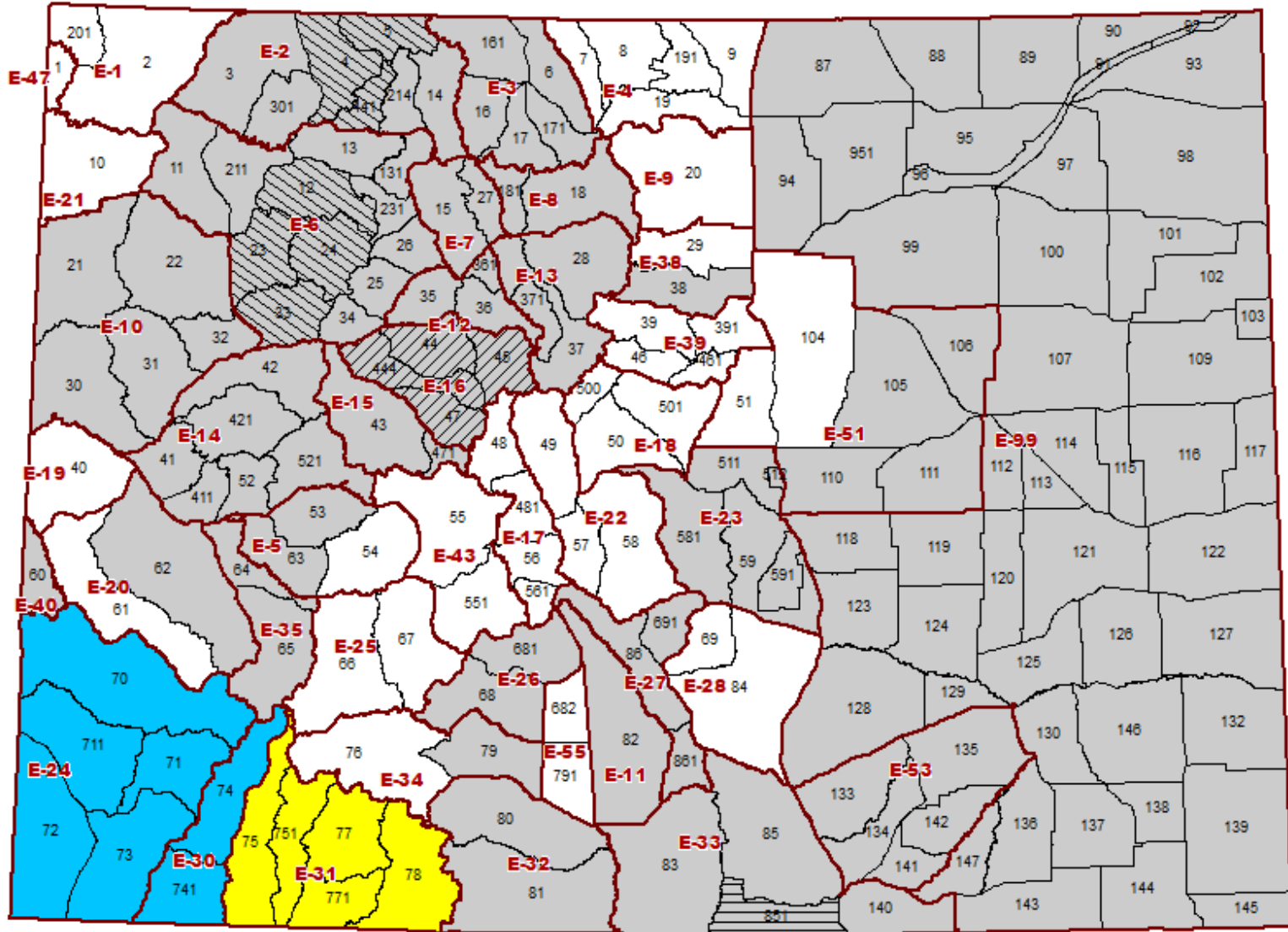
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- Biological and Social
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- Except Bosque del Oso SWA



Outcomes of Biological and Social Concerns Regarding Over-the-Counter Archery Elk Seasons in Specific DAUs and GMUs Raised by CPW staff from 2014-2019

| DAU | GMUs | Year | Rationale of Concern | Outcome |
|------|----------------------|------|-----------------------|---|
| E-7 | 15, 27 | 2015 | Social | Issue paper dismissed because there was not a compelling need for change at that time. |
| E-8 | 18, 181 | 2015 | Social | Issue paper dismissed because there was not a compelling need for change at that time. |
| E-12 | 35, 36, 361 | 2018 | Biological | One issue paper was adopted; change implemented. Antlerless elk licenses moved to List A; GMUs removed from OTC archery cow area. A second issue paper was dismissed because there was not a compelling need for change at that time. |
| E-13 | 28, 37, 371 | 2015 | Social | Issue paper dismissed because there was not a compelling need for change at that time. |
| E-16 | 44, 45, 47, 444 | 2018 | Biological and Social | Two issue papers adopted, changes implemented. Archery OTC either sex licenses shifted to sex-specified. Bull licenses are OTC while all archery cow licenses were eliminated. |
| E-24 | 70, 71, 72, 73, 711 | 2017 | Biological | Issue paper deferred from consideration because it was outside of the 2014-2019 BGSS. |
| E-30 | 74, 741 | 2017 | Biological | Issue paper deferred from consideration because it was outside of the 2014-2019 BGSS. |
| E-31 | 75, 77, 78, 751, 771 | 2017 | Biological and Social | Issue paper deferred from consideration because it was outside of the 2014-2019 BGSS. |





OTC Archery Either-Sex / Bull Elk Discussion: Potential 2020 Changes

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