

2023 Black Bear License Recommendations



Parks and Wildlife Commission

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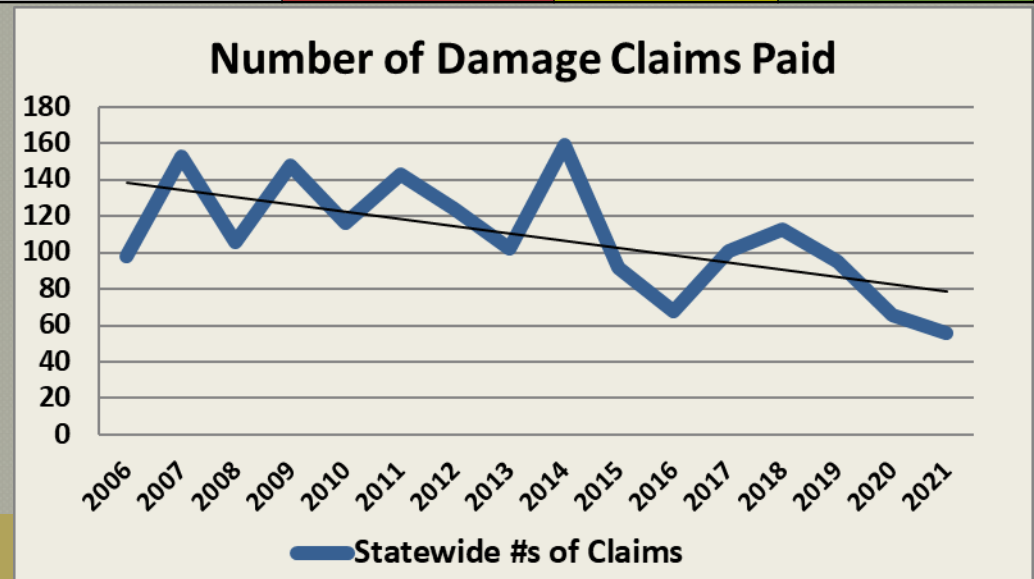


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Information Supporting Recommendations

- Harvest Composition (Age Classes & Gender)
- Bear Damage Claims
- Human Conflicts and Other Data

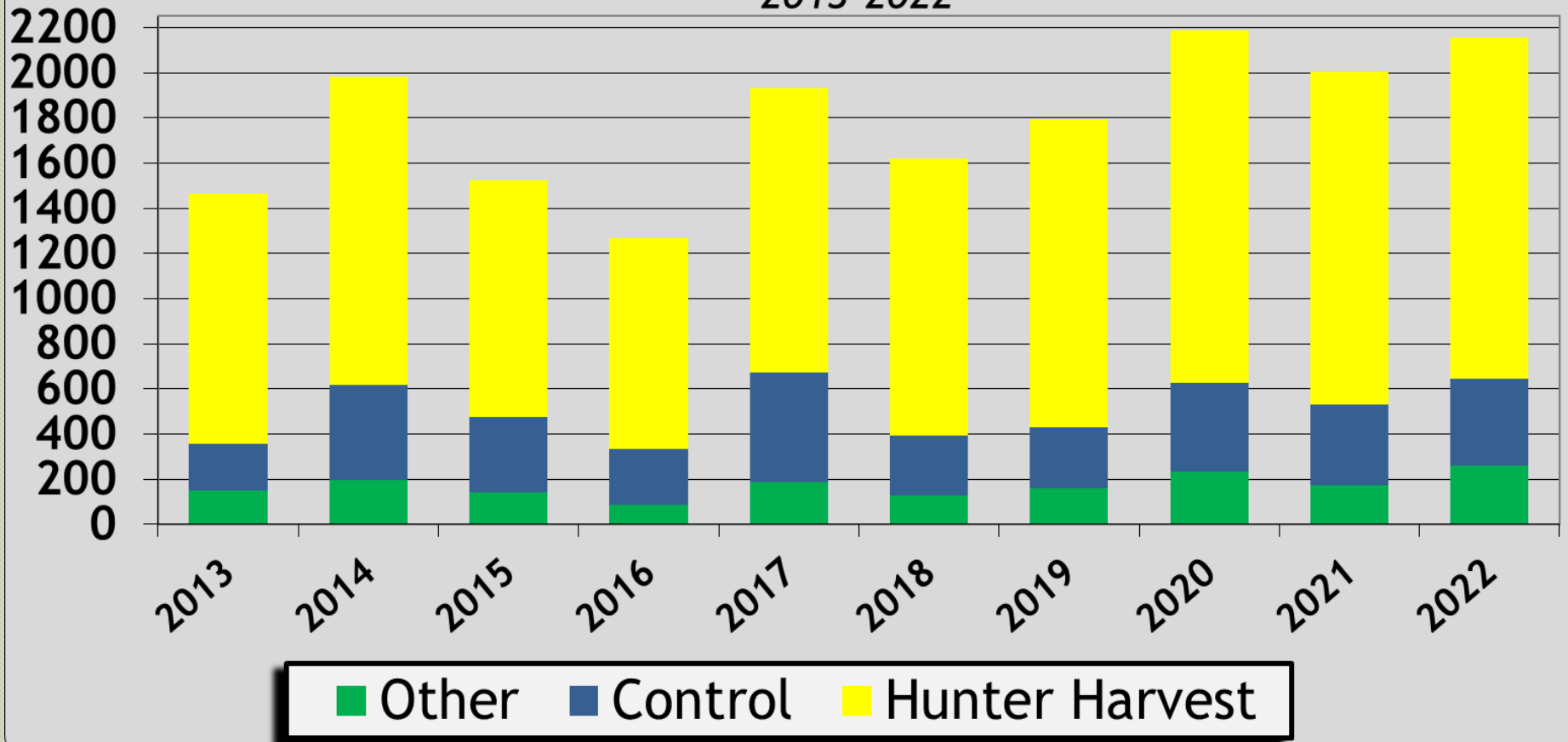
Harvest Composition Monitoring Standards			
Age/Gender Class	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Adult Male Harvest in All Harvest	< 25%	25-35%	> 35%
Total Female Harvest in All Harvest	> 40%	30-40%	< 30%
Adult Female in Total Female Harvest	> 55%	45-55%	< 45%



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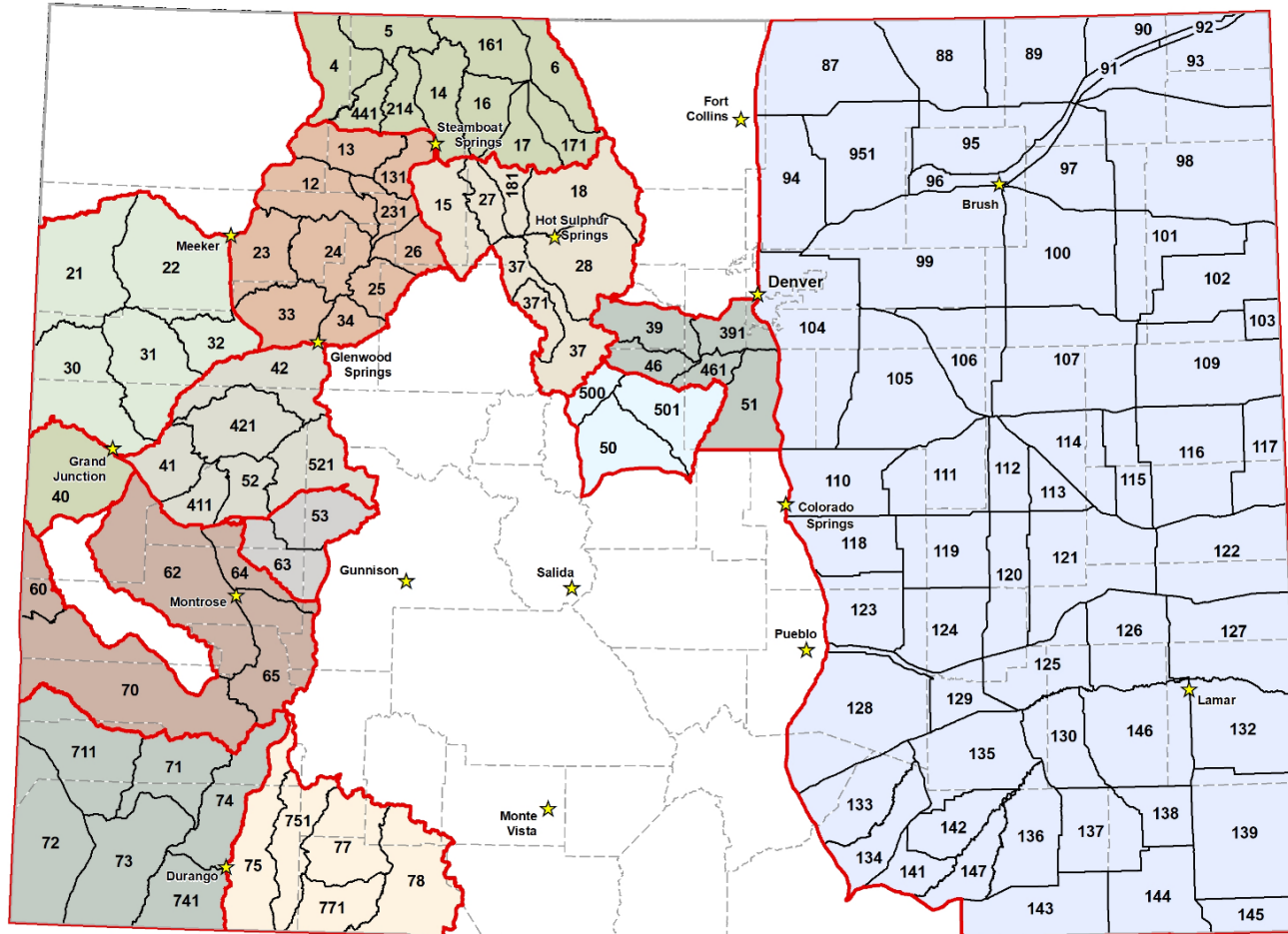
Annual Statewide Mortality

Colorado Bear Mortality by Mortality Type 2013-2022

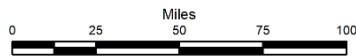


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2023 Bear Management License Strategy



Units with OTC Rifle Black Bear Licenses 2023



★ CPW offices

□ Only limited licenses available

▭ Grouped units boundary

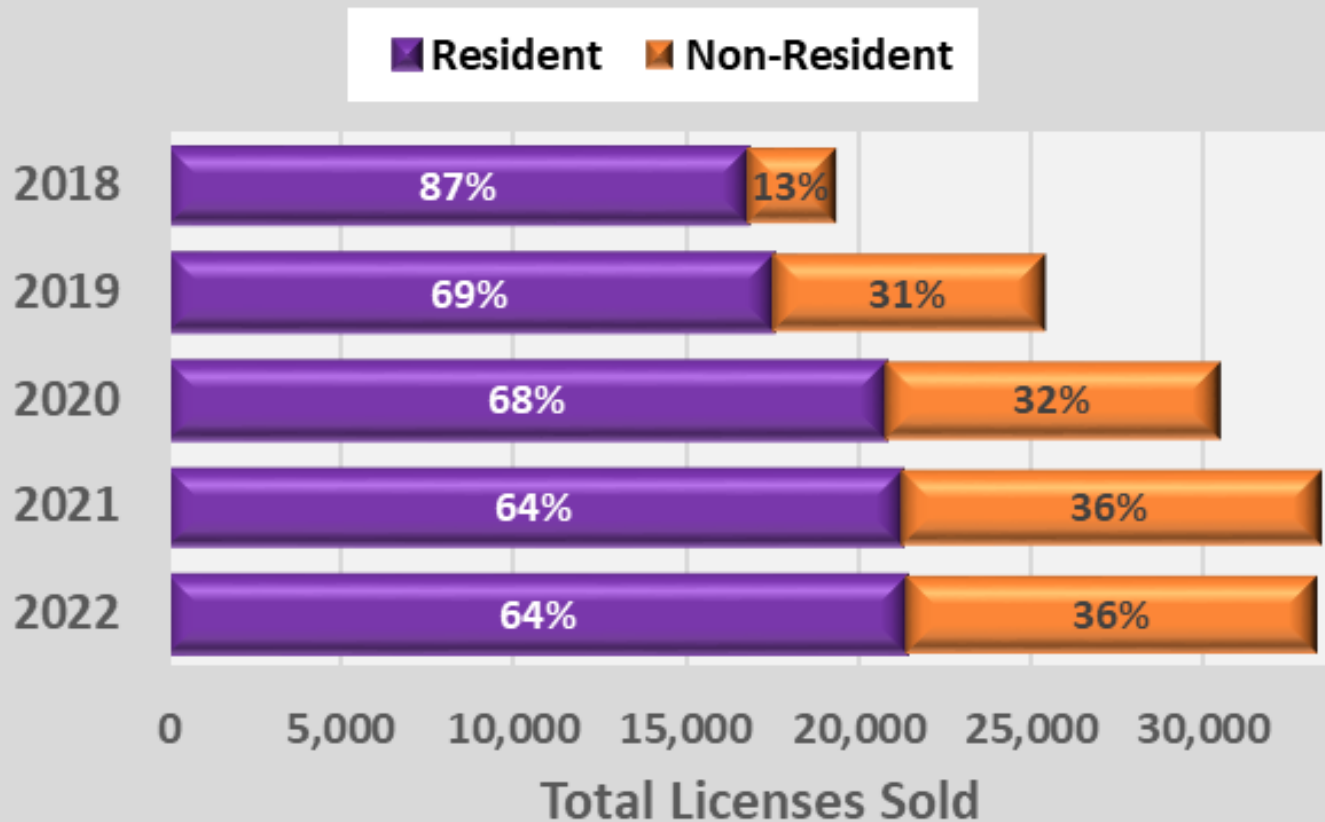
Units shaded the same color are part of the same unit grouping for rifle over-the-counter licenses. See the archery, muzzleloader and rifle tables.



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NR Fee Reduction and BGSS: Increases in License Sales

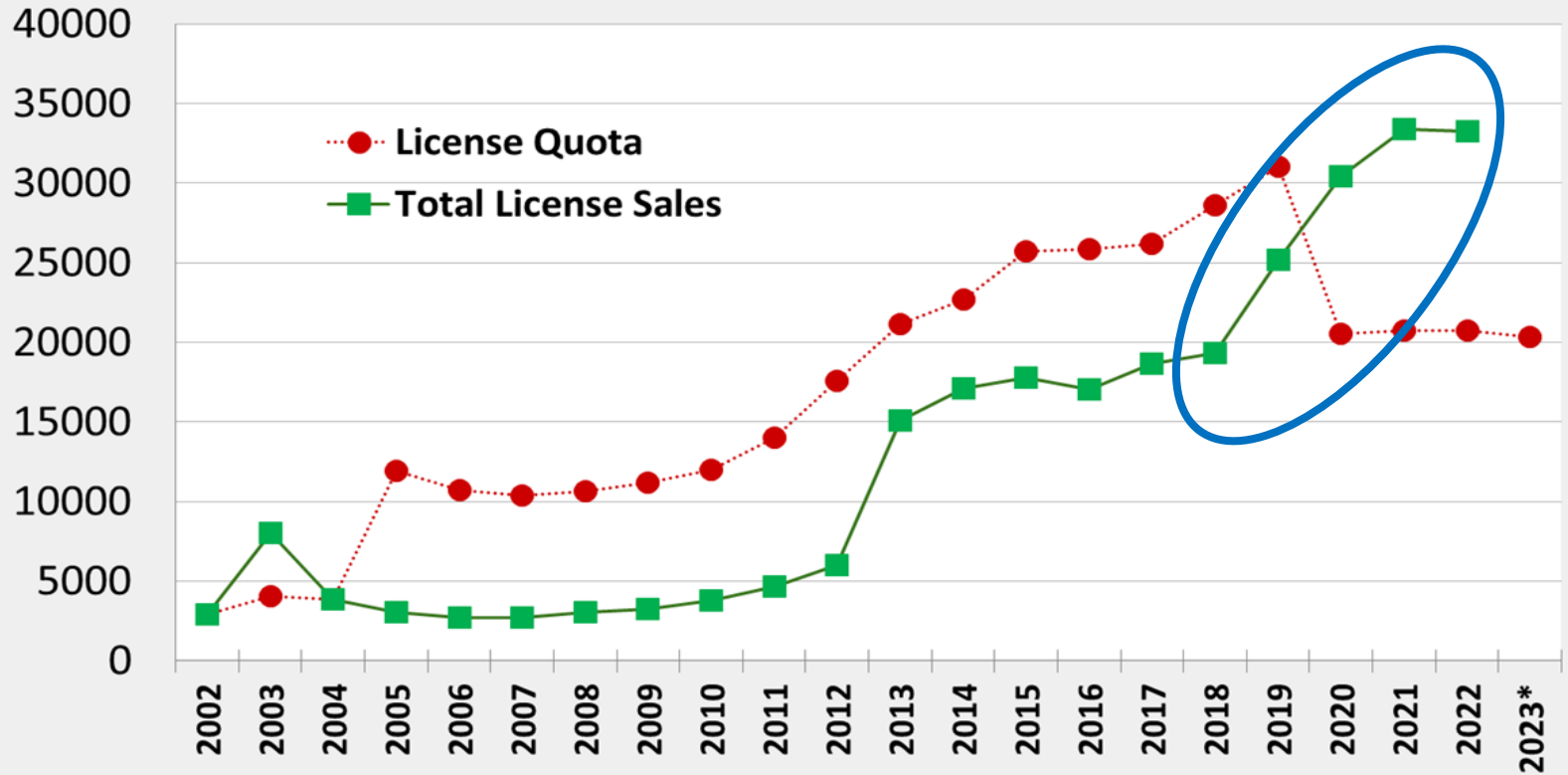
Total Bear License Sales



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License History

Bear Limited License Quota and License Sales by Year



**2023 quota recommendation is 20,100 limited licenses
(3% decrease from 2022)**



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