

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

	Date: 11/03/2023
ISSUE:	Should the game management unit (GMU) 74 early season, high country rifle buck hunt language be changed from “above timberline” to “above 11,000 ft elevation”?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>Currently a hunter is required to hunt “above timberline” during the early season, high country buck hunt in GMU 74 (DM074E1R). Although timberline seems to be a good definition of an elevation boundary, this definition is vague and varies from drainage to drainage or even within drainages. Thus, hunters are frequently confused by this demarcation, leading to ambiguity and annual questions directed towards CPW officers and other staff. This has been an issue since the “above timberline” wording was implemented.</p> <p>Area 15 DWMs and the Terrestrial Biologist propose to change the wording for the early season, high country buck hunt in GMU 74 from “above timberline” to “above 11,000 ft elevation”. Hunters traditionally carry topographical maps or GPS units to assist them in determining their location on the landscape, which includes elevation. Determining location and elevation has become even simpler with the use of current technology, including electronic maps and mapping systems used by the majority of hunters. Using a defined elevation for the high country hunt makes it easier for the hunter and law enforcement officers to know if a hunter is in an area they can legally hunt.</p>	
<p>STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:</p> <p>*IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.</p> <p>[List stakeholder groups and briefly summarize comments received]</p> <p>High country buck hunters due to annual confusion of current regulation.</p>	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<p>1. *Preferred Alternative*: Change the wording in regulation 250.A.1. for DM074E1R to say:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">That portion of GMU 74 above timberline <u>11,000 feet elevation</u></p> <p>2. Status quo: Regulation states that DM074E1R hunters can hunt “above timberline”</p>	
Issue Raised by:	Brandon Dye, DWM
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APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:	Cory Chick, Jamin Grigg
REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XNO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	XYES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	SW Terrestrial
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Date: 11/03/2023	
ISSUE:	Should the private land only (PLO) antlerless elk licenses in game management unit (GMU) 104 be changed from a list B to a list C?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>Data analysis unit (DAU) E-51 has experienced a growing elk herd for the past several years. The population is over the current provisional objective of 1,200 elk. Currently, this elk herd is estimated at 2,500 animals for 2022. In GMU 104 roughly 89% of the unit is private property and there has been a high number of landowner complaints over the past few years about property damage from this growing elk herd. The current PLO antlerless elk license in GMU 104 is a List B license, which limits both landowners and hunters to harvesting one additional cow during the season, which is no longer adequate for addressing the current level of game damage. Changing this license to a List C would allow landowners and hunters the opportunity to purchase multiple tags and harvest more than one cow during the season. CPW staff believes this change will alleviate more of the elk damage on private lands and help reduce the overall elk population back to objective.</p> <p>Therefore, we propose to change the PLO antlerless limited elk license (hunt code EF104P5R) in GMU 104 from a List B to a List C license, given the same limited license quota. This change will provide more opportunity for landowners and hunters to harvest more cow elk helping reduce the elk herd in E-51, and alleviate some of the game damage.</p>	
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IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.	
[List stakeholder groups and briefly summarize comments received]	
<p>Landowners and elk hunters in GMU 104. No formal comments have been solicited. However, District Wildlife Officers have received numerous anecdotal comments and complaints from landowners about too many elk.</p>	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<p>1. *Preferred Alternative*: Change the PLO antlerless elk license (EF104P5R) in GMU 104 from a List B to a List C license.</p> <p>#205 - ANNUAL BAG LIMITS AND MAXIMUM NUMBERS OF LICENSES PER PERSON</p> <p>A. Deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, mountain lion, moose, rocky mountain bighorn sheep, and mountain goat</p> <p>2. Elk</p> <p>c. Any Number of Licenses - A hunter may also obtain any number of the following elk licenses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. antlerless private land only license for GMUs 104, 391, or 461, 2. any over the counter either-sex license, except archery license, issued for GMUs 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 	

112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, or 951,

3. a license issued for hunt code EF003E1R, EF020L3R, EF128L1R, or EF391P5R.
4. an auction license,
5. a raffle license,
6. a game damage license,
7. a special population management license (except that a hunter may not purchase more than one extra antlerless Ranching for Wildlife license as provided in #271(A)(2)) , a special allocation Ranching for Wildlife license for donation to youths or hunters with mobility impairments,
8. a disease management license,
9. a replacement license for an animal found CWD positive,
10. a rewards program license (except that a hunter may not be issued more than one Turn In Poachers (TIPS) license per year, as provided in #002(J).
11. a Youth Outreach license, as provided in #206(B)(4)(e).
12. an Adult Novice Outreach license, as provided in #206(B)(4)(f).

2. Status quo

Issue Raised by:	Katie Doyle (DWM-Castle Rock)
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	NE Terrestrial, Area 5
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Date: 11/03/2023	
ISSUE:	Should hunt codes EF851O1M and EF851O3R be removed?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>The Bosque del Oso is a 30,000 acre state wildlife area (SWA) located west of Trinidad in south central Colorado. It is comprised of bull elk winter range and has become a destination for elk hunters and wildlife watchers.</p> <p>When the Bosque del Oso SWA was established, a management advisory group was created to guide management decisions about hunting, grazing and recreation for the property. When they set the season framework little was known about how the elk and elk hunters would utilize the property. They worked from established successful hunting seasons based in the rest of the state. Electing to have several hunting seasons for antlerless elk, including muzzleloader, 3rd rifle, and three late seasons to assist with harvest objectives.</p> <p>Since the property is primarily winter range for bull elk, antlerless elk are not typically found on the property until snowfall depths force the animals east into the property. This has resulted in very low success rates and hunter satisfaction for the antlerless muzzleloader and antlerless 3rd rifle hunting seasons. Staff have documented only 2 antlerless elk being harvested during these seasons in the 27 years that CPW has owned the property.</p> <p>CPW would like to remove the two early antlerless seasons and focus antlerless hunting opportunities to the later seasons to better fit the timing of antlerless elk occupancy of the SWA, allowing for greater harvest opportunities and better hunter satisfaction.</p>	
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ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<p>1. *Preferred Alternative*: Remove the EF851O1M and EF851O3R because of the lack of antlerless elk on the property for those periods.</p> <p>2. Status quo: Retain the EF851O1M and EF851O3R hunt codes.</p>	
Issue Raised by:	Allen Vitt, Bob Holder and Dylan Thompsen
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Terrestrial
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO