Draw Working Group Workshop

Draw Methods and Points for Sheep, Goat and Moose



Draw Working Group

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Vision Statement

- The Draw Working Group will
- simplify the draw process to be more readily understood by most hunters;
- enable reasonable and transparent opportunities for current and future hunters to draw limited and highly-desirable licenses; and
- continue to maintain a focus on wildlife conservation and sustainability.



Timeline

October 2023: Draw Process Working Group kickoff meeting- complete January 2024: Work Session #1, <u>Primary Draw Methods</u> - January 31 - complete February 2024: Work Session #2, <u>Preference Points</u> - February 7 - complete March 2024: Commission Meeting Workshop #1 and #2- March 14 - complete April 2024: Work Session #3, <u>Weighted Draw/Weighted Points</u> - April 4 - complete May 2024: Commission Meeting Workshop #3 - TODAY! May 2024: Work Session #4, <u>Reissue Process</u> - May 29th July 2024: Commission Meeting Workshop #4- date TBD



Topics Covered

- Current Draw Methods
- Weighted Points and Preference Point Fee
- Residency Allocation
- Youth Preference
- Waiting Periods
- Group Applications
- Manual Reissues- Held for Meeting #4

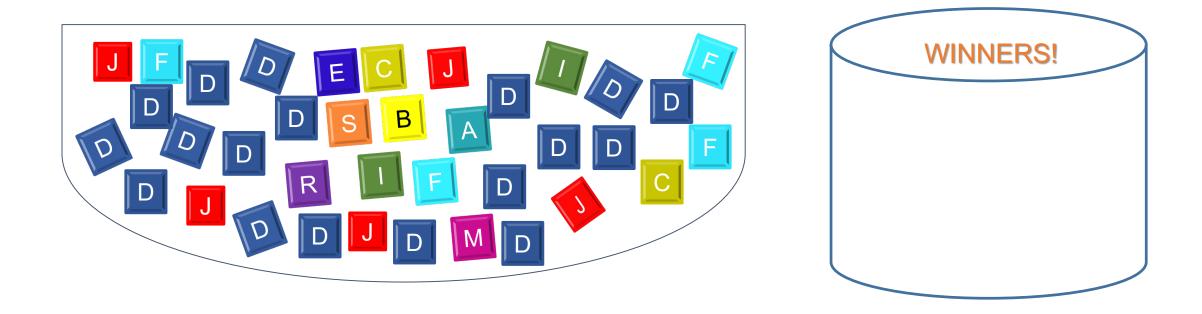


Primary Draw Methods- RM Bighorn, Mountain Goat and Moose



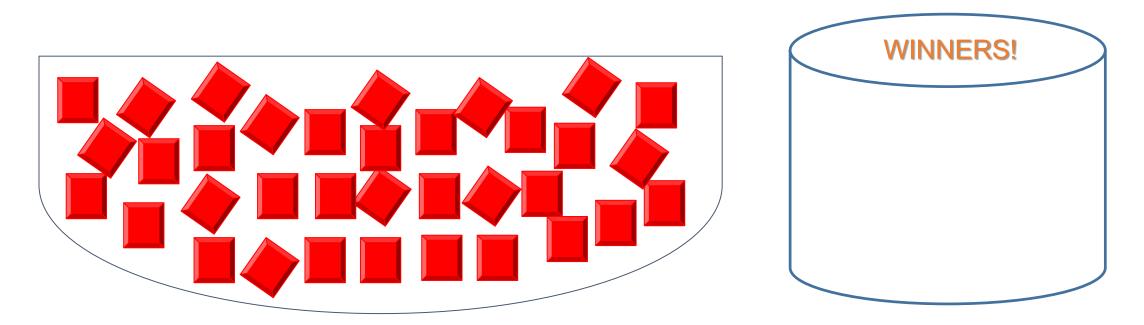


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Random Draw- Desert Bighorn Sheep AND any new limited species added in the future





Points are Points. All Points are Equal

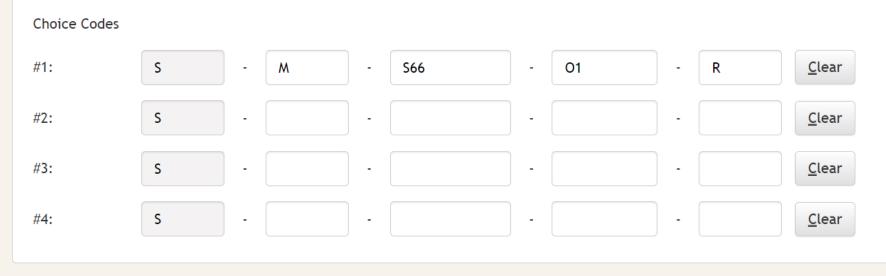
Conversion of Weighted Points

| Regular Preference Points | Weighted Points | New Species Point Value | Chances in Bonus Draw (+1) | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 3 | 22 | 25 | 26 | |
| 3 | 15 | 18 | 19 | - |
| 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |





Barriers to Entry- Point Fee



If I am unsuccessful in this drawing, please send me:

- I wish to receive a preference point for the 2024 draw year and acknowledge that I will be charged if a preference point is received. Youth, lifetime, and qualifying military licenses holders exempt
- [NO PREFERENCE POINT] I do not wish to be charged for a Preference Point and will not receive a preference point for the 2024 draw year





Barriers to Entry- 3-Point Threshold

3 years of applying <u>and</u> buying points



No waiting period or point threshold





Barrier to Entry- Current Waiting Periods

- Moose- once in a lifetime antlered harvest.
- Desert Sheep- once in a lifetime harvest.
- RM Sheep-5-year waiting period for any person who harvests a ram, one-half (1/2) curl or larger. During this five-year period a person may apply for a ewe license, but if unsuccessful will not receive preference points or chances.
- Mountain goats-5-year waiting period for any person who harvests a mountain goat. Applications for a nanny license, not allowed during waiting period.



Once-in-a-Lifetime Harvest

- Bull moose and desert bighorn sheepcurrently once-in-a-lifetime upon harvest
- Recommendation to extend once-in-a-lifetime upon harvest to Rocky Mountain bighorn rams and any mountain goat
- Once-in-a-lifetime <u>upon</u> harvest
- Into the future, not retroactive

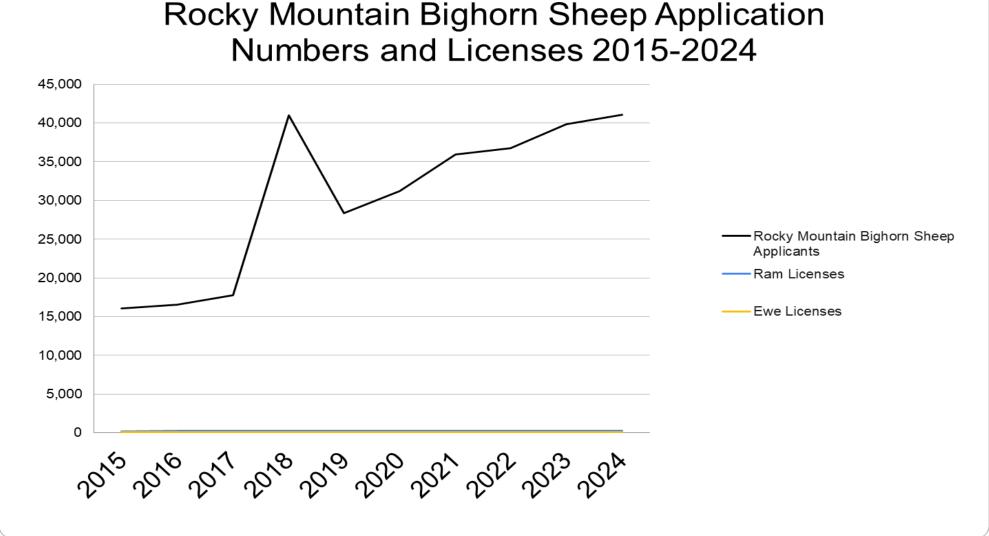






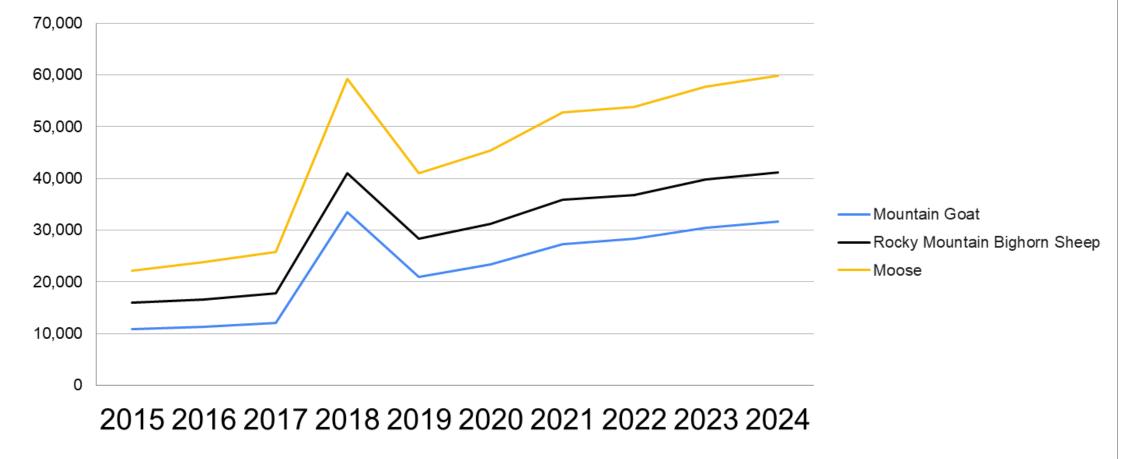
Once-in-a Lifetime Harvest Considerations

- Fairness
- Once-in-alifetime won't measurably improve draw odds



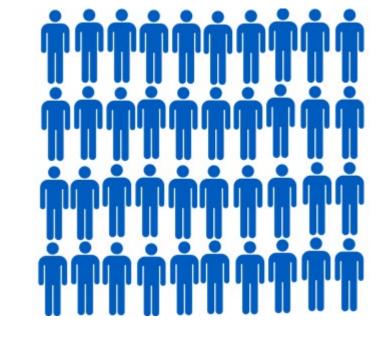


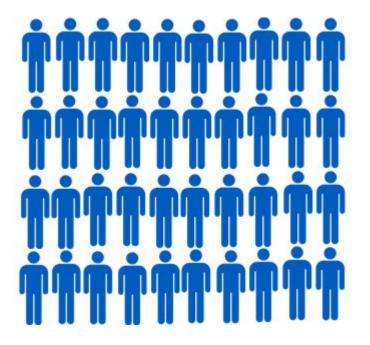
Moose, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Application Numbers 2015-2024





Addressing Application Rates: Current State















Barrier to Entry- Choose Only One Species

(Applicants can still purchase points for more than one species)









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Barrier to Entry- Choose Only One Species: Current Applicant Behavior

| Number of Species Applied for | Percentage of Applicants | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 46% | | |
| 2 | 19% | | |
| 3 | 35% | | |



Breakdown of applicants who only applied for one species.

| Species | Percentage of Applicants |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Desert Sheep | 7% |
| Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep | 19% |
| Goat | 3% |
| Moose | 71% |



Breakdown of applicants that applied for two species

| Two Species Applied For | Percentage of those who applied for two species | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep/ Goat | 22% | | | |
| Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep/Moose | 56% | | | |
| Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep/Desert Bighorn Sheep | 0% | | | |
| Moose/Goat | 10% | | | |
| Moose/Desert Bighorn Sheep | 9 % | | | |
| Goat/Desert Bighorn Sheep | 3% | | | |



Residency Allocation

- Nonresidents hunters shall receive no more than 10% of available moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat licenses for all hunt codes. If there is insufficient nonresident demand, the 10% can roll to residents.
 - Not a soft cap, like it is for deer, elk, bear and pronghorn. Excess resident licenses never roll to nonresidents.



| 1. Archery Season Dates, Units, License Types and Number | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Unit #/Unit Name | Hunt Code | Season Dates | Resident Licenses (2024) | | Nonresident Licenses (2024) | |
| | | | Ram | Ewe | Ram | Ewe |
| S12 Buffalo Peaks and S78 Ten Mile | SMS12O1A | 08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024 | 7 | | 1 | |
| S20 Marshall Pass | SMS20O1A | 08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024 | 2 | | 0 | |
| S26 Taylor River | SMS26O1A | 08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024 | 2 | | 0 | |
| S32 Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40 | SMS32O1A | 07/30/2024 - 08/18/2024 | 4 | | 1 | |



Youth Preference



No youth preference for Sheep, Goat or Moose.

These species are also not included in the Secondary Draw.

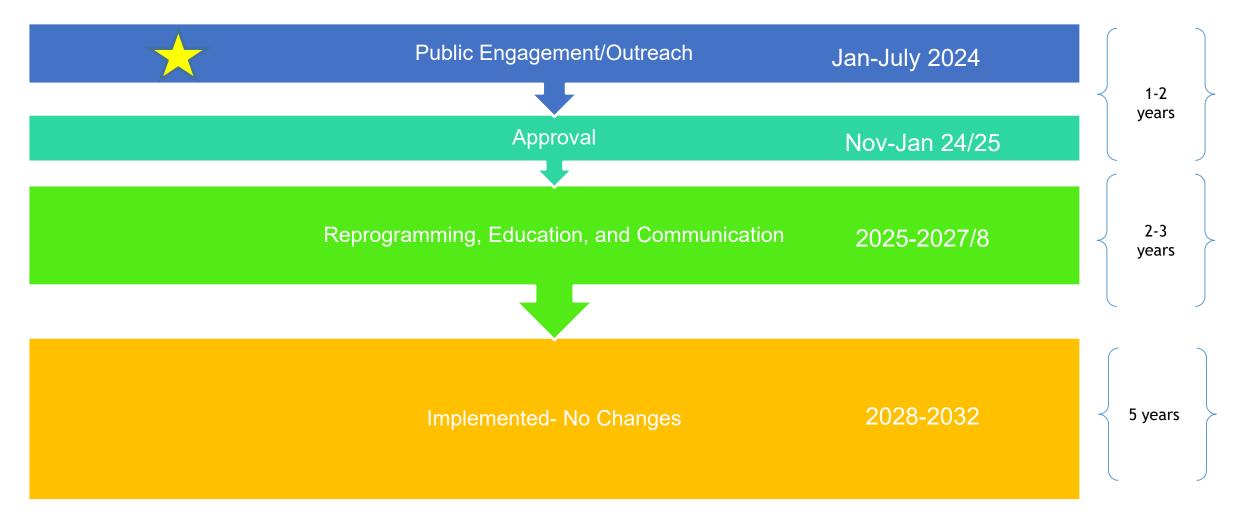


Group Applications-

- 2 applicant maximums for all bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose. Residents and nonresidents cannot apply together.
- For all other species, group applications allowed with no limits on the number of group members or restrictions on residency status.



Implementation Timeline





Questions & Discussion

