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

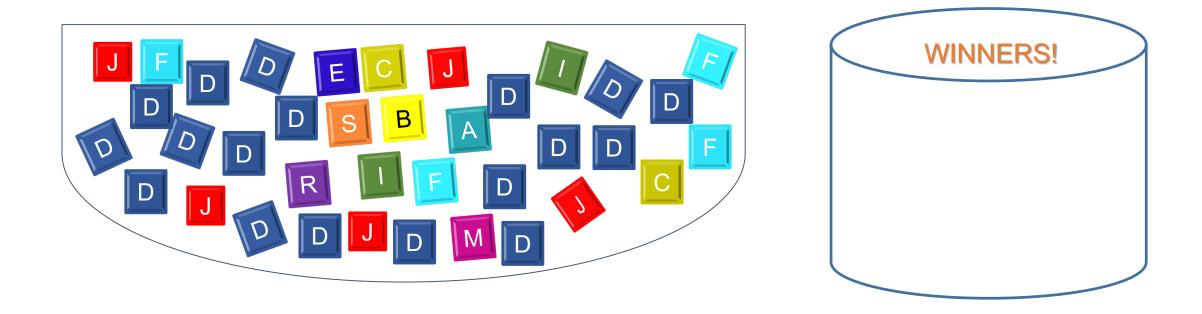


Primary Draw Methods- RM Bighorn, Mountain Goat and Moose



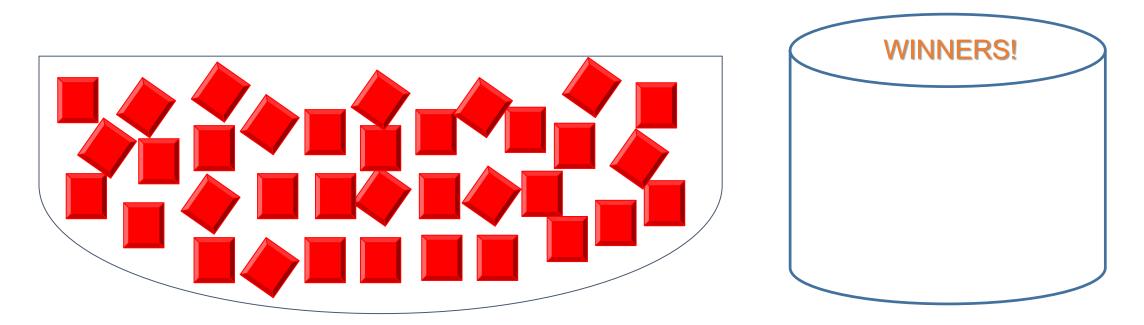


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Random Draw- Desert Bighorn Sheep AND any new limited species added in the future





Points are Points. All Points are Equal

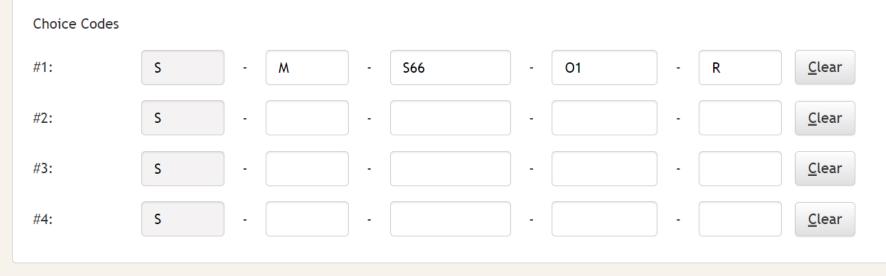
Conversion of Weighted Points

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

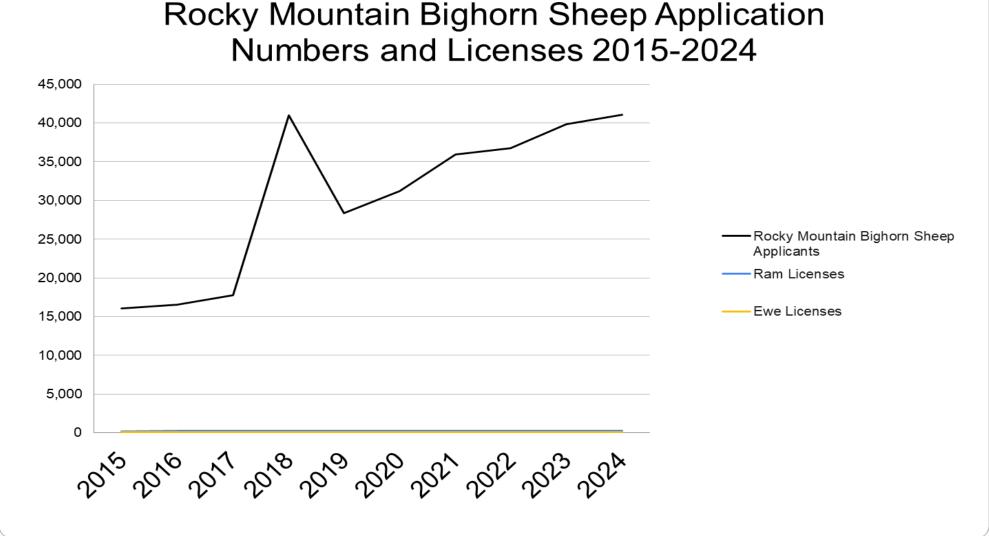






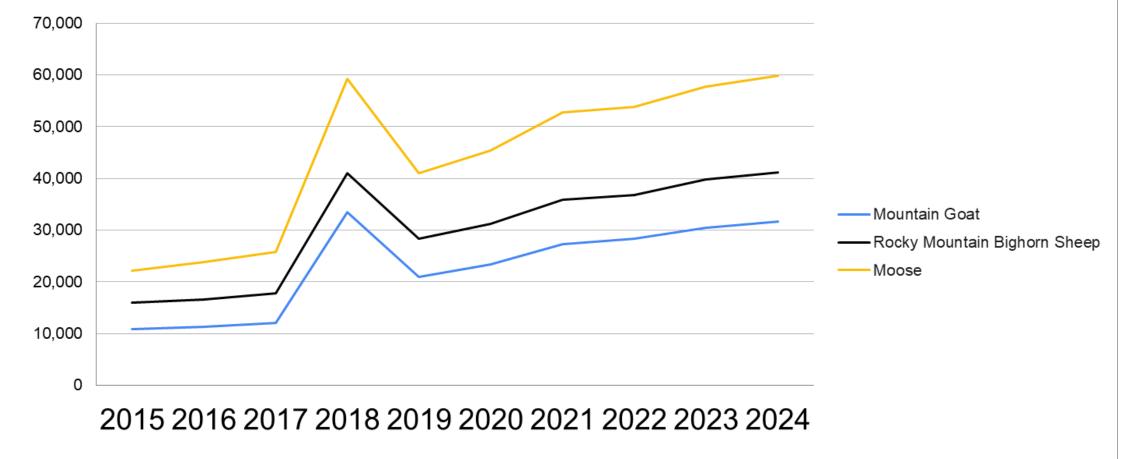
Once-in-a Lifetime Harvest Considerations

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



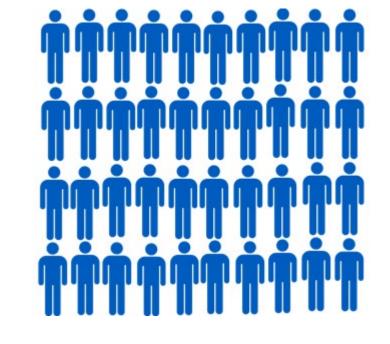


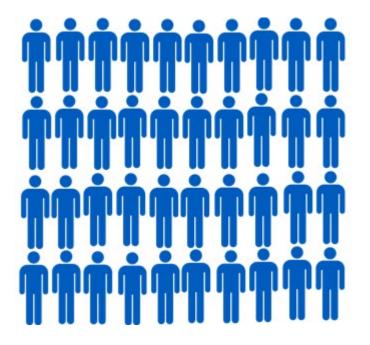
Moose, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Application Numbers 2015-2024





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.

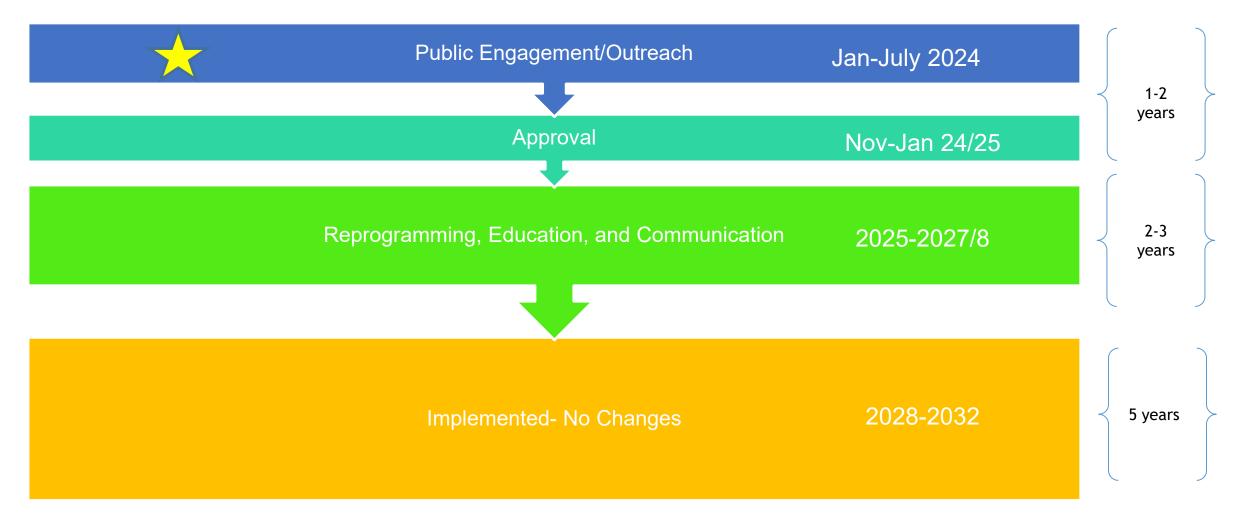


Group Applications-

- 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

