

## GMU 3, 11, 211, 301

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**LOWER YAMPA DEER** 



The buck-doe ratio is increasing. The mid-range elevations with mountain shrub and pinyon-juniper breaks generally hold the most deer, especially during the regular rifle seasons. Movement occurs with weather and hunting pressure. In 211 and 11, deer are generally found in the Danforth Hills during 2nd rifle season moving to lower elevations in Axial Basin (GMU 211), Bitterbrush SWA and adjacent BLM (GMU 11), and Crooked Wash (GMU 11) by 3rd and 4th rifle. Several thousand acres are open for public hunting in Axial Basin through a coordinated resource management plan (see Meeker CPW office for more details.)

DEER POPULATION				
Bears Ears GMUs 3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441				
Objective	Estimate			
37,800	38,660			
White River GMUs 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231				
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67,500	36,460			

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CPW LINKS	CPW Big Game Brochure
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AREA INFO	Craig-Chamber.org
FEDERAL AGENCIES	BLM - Little Snake, Craig
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UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL Hunters		3 YR AVG	5 YR AVG
11	Archery	4	0	0	4	43	9	13	17
11	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	11	55	41	46
11	2nd Rifle	197	9	0	206	377	55	58	62
11	3rd Rifle	404	19	0	423	667	63	71	73
11	4th Rifle	14	0	0	14	31	45	63	61
211	Archery	4	4	0	8	15	53	23	13
211	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	11	55	44	48
211	2nd Rifle	117	6	0	123	224	55	60	61
211	3rd Rifle	212	12	0	224	416	54 45 100 49	64 52	70 58
211	4th Rifle	14		0	14	31			
211	Late	0	2	0	2	2		67	70
3	Archery	14	21	0	35	71		23	33
3	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	14	21	28	46
3	2nd Rifle	389	85	0	474	729	65	69	70
3	3rd Rifle	603	305	25	933	1353	69	75	77
3	4th Rifle	35	0	0	35	51	69	73	73
301	Archery	0	21	0	21	57	37	55	54
301	Muzzle	6	2	0	8	10	80	56	64
301	2nd Rifle	177	37	0	214	375	57	66	67
301	3rd Rifle	322	35	0	357	505	71	72	74
301	4th Rifle	11	0	0	11	20	55	48	56

## **LOWER YAMPA ELK**



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The large elk herd occupies all available habitat. The later seasons are usually better, especially on public land, due to snow and hunting pressure pushing the elk out of the adjacent units. The success rate is very good on late cow elk hunts. Axial Basin CRM is a hot spot for hunting, but crowding is significant. The best bull hunting will be on private lands. Youth hunting participation during the late seasons in these GMUs is now limited. Please see big game brochure for details.

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	UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	2019 SUCCESS %	3 YR AVG.	5 YR AVG
		Archery	47	6	0	53	277	19	16	17
		Muzzle	12	0	0	12	67	18	19	16
		Early	0	59	16	75	162	46	34	43
_	11	1st Rifle	259	146	0	405	1444	28	26	28
╛		2nd Rifle	30	40	0	70	636	11	16	15
		3rd Rifle	106	165	11	282	1155	24	19	18
		4th Rifle	84	213	8	305	1351	23	21	24
		Archery	64	20	0	84	330	25	27	25
1		Muzzle	14	7	0	21	62	34	30	26
_		Early	0	35	8	43	59	73	41	39
	211	1st Rifle	60	16	21	97	401	24	38	39
		2nd Rifle	75	36	0	111	640	17	18	21
		3rd Rifle	139	75	0	214	913	23	18	18
		4th Rifle	22	55	8	85	509	17	22	22
		Archery	0	0	0	0	101	0	6	6
		Muzzle	0	0	0	0	15	0	14	21
		Early	0	38	10	48	266	18	24	35
	3	1st Rifle	30	62	10	102	323	32	30	35
		2nd Rifle	22	36	3	61	431	14	9	11
		3rd Rifle	179	139	15	333	1327	25	15	13
		4th Rifle	31	225	56	312	1101	28	21	23
		Archery	17	3	3	23	55	42	26	19
	301	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
		Early	0	60	24	84	145	58	38	41
		1st Rifle	12	5	0	17	112	15	31	28
		2nd Rifle	23	10	10	43	261	16	12	12
		3rd Rifle	96	65	0	161	693	23	15	14
		4th Rifle	21	50	0	71	507	14	15	17