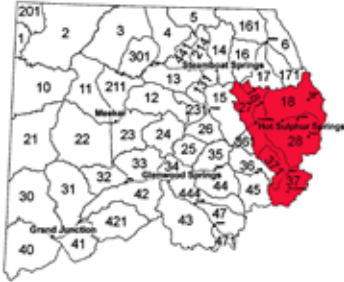




MIDDLE PARK

GMU
18, 27, 28, 37,
181, 371

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CPW LINKS	CPW Main Website
	CPW Big Game Website
	CPW Big Game Brochure
	CPW Hunt Atlas w/GIS Layers
AREA INFO	KremmlingChamber.com
	VisitGrandCounty.com
FEDERAL AGENCIES	BLM - Kremmling
	BLM - Colo River Valley, Silt

The Continental and Gore Range Divides encircle Middle Park. Most terrain is steep to very steep. Weather can change rapidly. Areas can become snowbound. 4WD is recommended, along with chains. Sagebrush/shrubs are common on southern exposures at lower elevations. The valley bottoms are mostly private land. GMU 27 has less public land than the other GMUs. Check USFS maps for ATV closures/restrictions. Hunters around Wolford Mountain (GMU 181 and 27) should be aware that a travel management plan is in place - check with BLM Kremmling at 970-724-3000 for info. Horses/pack animals are recommended for remote tracts and for Wilderness Areas. Due to proximity to Denver, there are many weekend hunters and recreationalists (bikers, hikers, ATVers).

A mountain pine beetle infestation killed a majority of the mature lodgepole pines in Grand County, creating numerous hazards along public roadways as these trees begin to fall. As a result, fire danger is increased, big game distribution is changing in some areas and logging operations are likely. Hunters might focus on some of the dead lodgepole areas as increased sunlight to the forest floor creates more forage. **Be aware of possible falling trees when hiking, or setting up camp in pine beetle kill sections!** Set up camps in cleared areas. Dead trees fall without wind or warning.

DEER POPULATION	
MIDDLE PARK	
Objective	Estimate
10,500-12,500	16,670

ELK POPULATION	
GORE PASS GMUs 15, 27	
Objective	Estimate
3,500-4,500	4,700
TROUBLESOME CREEK GMUs 18, 181	
Objective	Estimate
3,600-4,300	5,670
WILLIAMS FORK GMUs 28, 37, 371	
Objective	Estimate
4,700-5,500	4,550

MIDDLE PARK DEER

All GMUs have good numbers of deer. The buck-to-doe ratio remains relatively steady at around 40 bucks to 100 does. All units are managed for a mix of opportunity with some quality bucks. There are good numbers of mature bucks, but they rarely reach trophy status found in lower elevation mtn shrub & mild winter areas. Concentrate on transition zones that have aspen, shrub and coniferous cover. Deer tend to move west and down in elevation over the seasons, snow will move them faster and farther. They typically migrate out of GMU 371 with average snowfall. A limited number of 4th season deer licenses are available.

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	2019 SUCCESS %	3 YR AVG.	5 YR AVG
18	Archery	40	4	0	44	438	10	13	12
	Muzzle	45	8	0	53	306	17	21	20
	2nd Rifle	142	77	24	243	1423	17	19	18
	3rd Rifle	283	176	30	489	1354	36	41	35
	4th Rifle	32	0	0	32	136	24	36	44
181	Archery	0	9	0	9	54	17	19	17
	Muzzle	12	8	0	20	101	20	19	15
	2nd Rifle	47	29	6	82	355	23	26	25
	3rd Rifle	72	115	7	194	448	43	49	41
	4th Rifle	22	0	0	22	59	37	55	58
27	Archery	9	18	0	27	97	28	28	24
	Muzzle	19	17	0	36	142	25	26	31
	2nd Rifle	71	64	0	135	436	31	28	27
	3rd Rifle	64	15	0	79	291	27	28	28
	4th Rifle	18	0	0	18	42	43	39	52
28	Archery	18	9	0	27	278	10	9	11
	Muzzle	0	25	17	42	279	15	22	21
	2nd Rifle	144	93	4	241	861	28	26	24
	3rd Rifle	117	83	13	213	732	29	27	26
	4th Rifle	39	0	0	39	92	42	36	37
37	Archery	9	27	0	36	187	19	17	18
	Muzzle	22	8	0	30	172	17	24	23
	2nd Rifle	69	58	16	143	548	26	32	30
	3rd Rifle	138	57	0	195	496	39	46	43
	4th Rifle	43	0	0	43	82	52	54	52
371	Archery	9	18	0	27	94	29	18	15
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	66	0	9	11
	2nd Rifle	46	12	0	58	168	35	21	22
	3rd Rifle	11	0	0	11	59	19	24	32
	4th Rifle	0	0	0	0	4	0	46	34

MIDDLE PARK ELK

Elk are well distributed. The area is fairly steep and heavily timbered. Trophy bulls are rare (a few are taken every year) because bulls are managed for hunter opportunity. With hunting pressure and snow, elk move to dark timber and lower elevation lands. Hunt rough terrain and heavy cover away from roads.

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	2019 SUCCEESS %	3 YR AVG.	5 YR AVG
18	Archery	44	33	0	77	1502	5	5	6
	Muzzle	60	21	0	81	470	17	14	13
	Early	0	47	0	47	162	29	37	37
	1st Rifle	52	28	0	80	1077	7	15	14
	2nd Rifle	41	35	0	76	1123	7	9	9
	3rd Rifle	41	23	0	64	1168	5	11	10
	4th Rifle	16	2	0	18	851	2	7	8
181	Archery	21	0	0	21	299	7	7	7
	Muzzle	0	6	0	6	83	7	14	12
	Early	0	33	6	39	44	89	62	62
	1st Rifle	4	0	0	4	224	2	10	12
	2nd Rifle	15	12	2	29	336	9	9	8
	3rd Rifle	17	0	0	17	485	4	13	12
	4th Rifle	0	27	0	27	567	5	16	13
27	Archery	24	17	0	41	519	8	8	7
	Muzzle	29	5	0	34	140	24	15	17
	Early	0	30	0	30	74	41	41	41
	1st Rifle	22	20	3	45	161	28	30	26
	2nd Rifle	19	10	0	29	451	6	10	10
	3rd Rifle	12	17	0	29	290	10	11	7
	4th Rifle	0	0	4	4	78	5	8	8
28	Archery	74	23	0	97	1272	8	8	7
	Muzzle	9	5	5	19	302	6	8	11
	Early	0	99	9	108	170	64	57	57
	1st Rifle	26	42	10	78	512	15	17	16
	2nd Rifle	26	33	0	59	890	7	11	11
	3rd Rifle	40	37	0	77	877	9	10	10
	4th Rifle	5	27	14	46	594	8	14	16
37	Archery	20	6	0	26	781	3	6	5
	Muzzle	5	0	0	5	138	4	13	13
	Early	0	9	0	9	18	50	50	50
	1st Rifle	0	45	0	45	312	14	12	13
	2nd Rifle	26	49	6	81	550	15	17	15
	3rd Rifle	21	14	0	35	630	6	10	10
	4th Rifle	0	12	0	12	446	3	15	15
371	Archery	24	3	0	27	528	5	6	6
	Muzzle	5	9	0	14	95	15	9	10
	Early	0	15	0	15	24	63	56	56
	1st Rifle	8	8	0	16	219	7	16	16
	2nd Rifle	19	0	0	19	212	9	7	7
	3rd Rifle	9	10	0	19	228	8	10	9
	4th Rifle	0	2	0	2	173	1	8	11