



# UPPER YAMPA DEER

**GMUs**  
**4, 5, 13, 14,**  
**15, 131, 214,**  
**231, 441**

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Domestic sheep grazing typically occurs on parts of the Routt National Forest through the months of August and September. Elk will typically avoid areas actively used by sheep but often are not far away. Hunters can use this knowledge to their advantage. To learn more about sheep management and actively grazed areas, archery and muzzleloader hunters are encouraged to contact the Hahns Peak-Bears Ranger District in Steamboat Springs at 970-870-2299, or visit the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

**MANDATORY CWD  
 TESTING FOR DEER IN  
 THESE UNITS IN 2020**

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DEER POPULATION	
BEARS EARS	
GMUs 3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	
Objective	Estimate
37,800	38,660
STATE BRIDGE	
GMUs 15, 35, 36, 45, 361	
Objective	Estimate
13,500-16,500	12,480
WHITE RIVER GMUs 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	
Objective	Estimate
67,500	36,460

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The deer herd has declined due to a variety of factors. Most of the deer will be found in the western sections. Movement is also to the west. Hot spots are located north of Hayden. Some good trophy bucks are seen in the southern portion. In GMUs 4 & 5, the buck hunting has shown steady improvement. This area is not managed for trophy bucks, but it does have a good number of adult males in the population. Hunt the aspen and brush areas.

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	2019 SUCCESS %	3 YR AVG	5 YR AVG
13	Archery	4	0	0	4	30	13	14	23
	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	12	50	58	40
	2nd Rifle	63	4	0	67	122	55	61	63
	3rd Rifle	163	12	0	175	299	59	58	59
	4th Rifle	5	0	0	5	5	100	100	100
131	Archery	0	4	0	4	12	33	34	28
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	18
	2nd Rifle	11	2	0	13	50	26	28	30
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	19	0	5	17
14	Archery	15	42	0	57	124	46	38	36
	Muzzle	6	0	0	6	29	21	39	35
	Early	12	0	0	12	23	52	55	50
	2nd Rifle	109	44	13	166	322	52	43	40
	3rd Rifle	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0
15	Archery	0	26	0	26	156	17	14	17
	Muzzle	23	8	0	31	161	19	17	17
	2nd Rifle	193	46	0	239	759	31	36	37
	3rd Rifle	145	16	0	161	491	33	38	42
	4th Rifle	29	0	0	29	50	58	59	64
214	Archery	22	8	0	30	80	38	39	35
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	11	27	40	38
	2nd Rifle	10	20	0	30	190	16	22	35
	3rd Rifle	7	0	0	7	52	13	14	23
4	Archery	16	14	0	30	89	34	19	16
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	23	13	40	36
	2nd Rifle	412	51	22	485	1154	42	51	55
	3rd Rifle	465	132	7	604	792	76	81	82
	4th Rifle	24	0	0	24	45	53	60	65
441	Archery	7	0	0	7	30	23	9	22
	Muzzle	3	0	0	3	11	27	50	56
	2nd Rifle	124	41	0	165	289	57	63	60
	3rd Rifle	65	0	0	65	217	30	40	45
	4th Rifle	4	0	0	4	4	100	100	100
5	Archery	15	7	0	22	63	35	28	29
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	6	0	46	42
	2nd Rifle	93	67	9	169	220	77	64	63
	3rd Rifle	69	11	0	80	93	86	86	84
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	10	100	100	100



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Elk are plentiful throughout the Upper Yampa area. Licenses are also readily available, but hunters should not rely on leftover license availability as these herds approach population objective. CPW has been working to minimize crop damage and significantly reduce the number of elk in these units. There are good numbers of bull elk, however, do not expect to see many large adult males. Large elk numbers occur on the Routt National Forest. The basic movement is from the higher to lower elevation in response to hunting pressure and weather. Hunt the timber and hunt the Routt National Forest early. Within the Upper Yampa GMUs, private lands access is primarily available on a fee hunting basis.

ELK POPULATION	
BEARS EARS	
GMUs 3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	
Objective	Estimate
15,000-18,000	22,280
GORE PASS	
GMUs 15, 27	
Objective	Estimate
3,500-4,500	4,700
WHITE RIVER GMUs 11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	
Objective	Estimate
32,000-39,000	45,000

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13	Archery	41	21	0	62	234	26	25	23
13	Muzzle	9	18	0	27	47	57	48	49
13	Early	0	214	0	214	373	57	45	47
13	1st Rifle	45	54	0	99	318	31	36	36
13	2nd Rifle	76	68	0	144	439	33	33	33
13	3rd Rifle	113	62	0	175	510	34	27	29
13	4th Rifle	50	75	9	134	432	31	36	39
131	Archery	68	14	3	85	430	20	19	18
131	Muzzle	2	8	2	12	43	28	36	35
131	1st Rifle	71	20	6	97	201	48	39	34
131	2nd Rifle	34	32	5	71	232	31	21	22
131	3rd Rifle	16	29	4	49	167	29	21	20
131	4th Rifle	9	11	2	22	78	28	31	31
131	Late	0	25	0	25	75	33	30	41
14	Archery	98	17	0	115	1582	7	9	10
14	Muzzle	21	11	0	32	246	13	17	18
14	1st Rifle	20	7	0	27	205	13	18	20
14	2nd Rifle	49	23	0	72	670	11	12	12
14	3rd Rifle	13	17	0	30	271	11	16	14
14	4th Rifle	9	5	0	14	101	14	20	20
14	Late	0	23	0	23	55	42	40	47
15	Archery	75	11	0	86	1254	7	7	7
15	Muzzle	10	3	0	13	236	6	13	10
15	1st Rifle	48	31	0	79	477	17	22	20
15	2nd Rifle	58	24	3	85	1214	7	9	9
15	3rd Rifle	31	22	11	64	848	8	10	9
15	4th Rifle	6	8	0	14	256	5	13	17
15	Late	0	49	9	58	180	32	28	36

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# UPPER YAMPA ELK (continued)

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	2019 %	3 YR AVG	5 YR AVG
214	Archery	84	24	3	111	637	17	15	16
214	Muzzle	18	12	0	30	95	32	24	25
214	Early	0	29	0	29	111	26	50	55
214	1st Rifle	65	27	0	92	164	56	45	43
214	2nd Rifle	30	59	0	89	430	21	20	23
214	3rd Rifle	27	11	2	40	160	25	24	22
214	4th Rifle	3	6	0	9	58	16	21	21
214	Late	0	33	7	40	85	47	43	49
4	Archery	57	31	0	88	419	21	19	19
4	Muzzle	22	30	4	56	181	31	29	31
4	Early	0	176	10	186	407	46	49	48
4	1st Rifle	110	139	22	271	814	33	37	37
4	2nd Rifle	139	92	0	231	1413	16	18	18
4	3rd Rifle	159	81	6	246	985	25	21	21
4	4th Rifle	20	34	0	54	646	8	14	19
441	Archery	32	40	0	72	213	34	23	25
441	Muzzle	5	10	0	15	66	23	33	32
441	Early	0	21	0	21	110	19	39	43
441	1st Rifle	67	43	0	110	384	29	41	43
441	2nd Rifle	57	18	0	75	390	19	16	17
441	3rd Rifle	27	20	9	56	360	16	18	20
441	4th Rifle	14	6	0	20	127	16	26	27
441	Late	0	65	3	68	109	62	57	62
5	Archery	74	22	0	96	229	42	30	27
5	Muzzle	11	12	0	23	65	35	30	30
5	Early	0	45	0	45	95	47	56	55
5	1st Rifle	75	39	0	114	395	29	35	35
5	2nd Rifle	87	6	0	93	555	17	17	19
5	3rd Rifle	35	17	3	55	211	26	28	25
5	4th Rifle	0	6	0	6	115	5	22	21