

WHITE RIVER DEER



GMUs
12, 23, 24, 25,
26, 33, 34

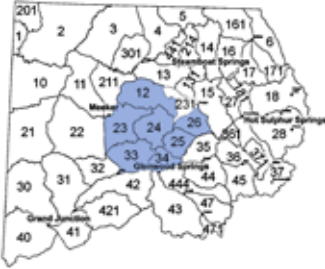
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MANDATORY CWD
TESTING FOR DEER IN
GMUs 25, 26, AND 34 IN 2020

CPW LINKS	CPW Main Website
	CPW Big Game Website
	CPW Big Game Brochure
	CPW Hunt Atlas
AREA INFO	GlenwoodChamber.com
	EagleOutside.com
FEDERAL AGENCIES	BLM Colorado River Valley - Silt
	USFS - White River NF - Glenwood Spgs

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The deer are scattered and will move in response to hunt pressure and weather. On National Forest lands in GMUs 12, 23, and 24, deer hunting is generally better in early seasons. Good public land deer hunting can typically be found in GMU 12 on the Jensen and Indian Run State Wildlife Areas. Jensen SWA is north of Meeker and Indian Run SWA is east of Hamilton. GMU 23 deer hunters can try Hay Flats and Miller Creek southwest of Meeker and the Jensen and Oak Ridge SWAs north and east of Meeker. Deer densities are lower across GMU 24 but hunters can find deer on the south facing slopes above the White River.

DEER POPULATION	
RIFLE CREEK GMU 33	
Objective	Estimate
7,700-9,400	5,880
SWEETWATER CREEK GMUs 25, 26, 34	
Objective	Estimate
5,000-6,000	5,100
WHITE RIVER GMUs 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	
Objective	Estimate
67,500	36,460

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	2019 SUCCESS %	3 YR AVG	5 YR AVG
12	Archery	2	3	3	8	81	10	6	13
	Muzzle	14	5	0	19	43	44	33	31
	Early	2	0	0	2	3	67	86	55
	2nd Rifle	196	0	0	196	459	43	42	47
	3rd Rifle	146	23	0	169	448	38	48	53
	4th Rifle	12	0	0	12	12	100	100	95
23	Archery	29	4	0	33	124	27	24	25
	Muzzle	9	5	0	14	69	20	19	25
	2nd Rifle	64	2	0	66	236	28	38	41
	3rd Rifle	69	0	0	69	410	17	32	39
	4th Rifle	15	0	0	15	25	60	59	60
231	Archery	4	8	0	12	36	33	32	25
	Muzzle	0	0	0	0	25	0	10	25
	Early	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	33
	2nd Rifle	13	0	0	13	44	30	26	29
	3rd Rifle	13	0	0	13	34	38	34	33

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Unit 33 archery and muzzleloader licenses are no longer valid in GMU 23 and 24. There are now separate tags for these units. See the hunt tables for corresponding hunt codes.

UNIT	SEASON	BUCK	DOE	FAWN	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	2019 SUCCESS %	3 YR AVG	5 YR AVG
24	Archery	4	7	0	11	84	13	13	13
	Muzzle	11	3	0	14	39	36	25	20
	Early	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	8
	2nd Rifle	38	2	0	40	148	27	33	30
	3rd Rifle	30	0	0	30	89	34	26	28
	4th Rifle	3	0	0	3	3	100	60	43
25	Archery	0	7	0	7	96	7	7	11
	Muzzle	4	2	0	6	85	7	9	13
	2nd Rifle	90	30	0	120	430	28	29	29
	3rd Rifle	73	34	0	107	369	29	38	42
	4th Rifle	16	0	0	16	33	48	47	54
26	Archery	0	0	0	0	63	0	11	10
	Muzzle	0	4	0	4	33	12	9	12
	Early	4	0	0	4	4	100	67	71
	2nd Rifle	44	32	0	76	293	26	33	37
	3rd Rifle	64	8	6	78	207	38	44	45
	4th Rifle	14	0	0	14	34	41	34	35
33	Archery	13	18	0	31	139	22	20	20
	Muzzle	16	7	0	23	135	17	24	27
	2nd Rifle	104	0	0	104	464	22	28	32
	3rd Rifle	102	0	0	102	561	18	31	38
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	27	30	46	55
34	Archery	10	3	0	13	104	13	8	10
	Muzzle	10	0	0	10	123	8	21	18
	2nd Rifle	23	4	0	27	284	10	12	16
	3rd Rifle	15	3	0	18	204	9	14	19
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	31	26	27	31



WHITE RIVER ELK

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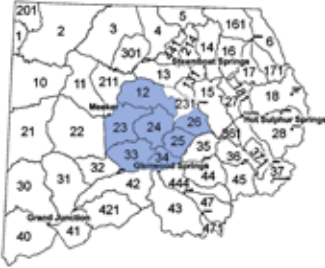
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ELK POPULATION

WHITE RIVER GMUs 11, 12,
13, 23, 24, 25, 131, 211, 231

Objective

Estimate

32,000-39,000

45,000



Generally all of GMUs 12, 23 and 24 are considered very good elk hunting. They are generally at higher elevations in the eastern portions of GMUs 12 and 24 during early seasons, and move west to lower elevations (and private lands) as hunting pressure and snow depth increase. Try the abundant public lands in eastern GMU 12 and 24 early on. Because of access roads, hunting pressure is high on Sleepy Cat, Lost Park and Sand Peak. The Flattops Wilderness Area offers good hunting, but travel is limited to walking or horseback and the potential for heavy snowfall means hunters must be prepared. Successful hunters avoid the main roads and hunt the dark timber and deeper canyons. Jensen State Wildlife Area is good during most seasons. Oak Ridge State Wildlife Area is good during 3rd and 4th rifle seasons. Both properties are limited to foot or horseback travel.

UNIT	SEASON	BULL	COW	CALF	TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL HUNTERS	2019 SUCCESS %	3 YR AVG	5 YR AVG
12	Archery	155	19	0	174	687	25	22	25
	Muzzle	30	21	0	51	168	30	34	33
	Early	0	123	12	135	234	58	50	51
	1st Rifle	366	196	10	572	1556	37	33	33
	2nd Rifle	132	80	12	224	1299	17	18	18
	3rd Rifle	74	211	0	285	943	30	21	21
	4th Rifle	41	27	0	68	503	14	21	23
23	Archery	70	43	0	113	594	19	18	21
	Muzzle	17	6	0	23	66	35	29	25
	Early	0	48	0	48	124	39	41	42
	1st Rifle	58	62	6	126	1011	12	19	21
	2nd Rifle	84	35	0	119	1107	11	11	11
	3rd Rifle	49	62	13	124	786	16	16	16
	4th Rifle	8	27	0	35	477	7	22	24
	Late	0	64	0	64	119	54	50	55
231	Archery	68	24	0	92	792	12	10	10
	Muzzle	13	3	3	19	132	14	15	14
	Early	0	29	0	29	50	58	42	37
	1st Rifle	36	51	21	108	607	18	21	20
	2nd Rifle	12	6	0	18	328	5	10	11
	3rd Rifle	0	31	4	35	266	13	15	16
	4th Rifle	3	2	2	7	52	13	15	14

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24	Archery	77	0	0	77	464	17	15	16
	Muzzle	32	0	0	32	97	33	27	24
	Early	0	0	0	0	12	0	44	43
	1st Rifle	158	61	0	219	1232	18	19	20
	2nd Rifle	50	33	12	95	967	10	9	10
	3rd Rifle	30	25	0	55	574	10	11	11
	4th Rifle	8	0	0	8	269	3	14	14
	Late	0	4	0	4	12	33	22	16
25	Archery	21	3	0	24	424	6	9	8
	Muzzle	3	10	0	13	101	13	18	14
	Early	0	21	3	24	64	38	24	28
	1st Rifle	12	5	0	17	200	9	9	12
	2nd Rifle	15	0	0	15	347	4	9	9
	3rd Rifle	39	11	4	54	353	15	16	13
	4th Rifle	3	2	0	5	46	11	19	16
26	Archery	34	0	0	34	402	8	7	7
	Muzzle	3	4	0	7	35	20	14	13
	Early	0	8	0	8	19	42	22	45
	1st Rifle	0	0	0	0	119	0	13	19
	2nd Rifle	15	3	0	18	230	8	8	9
	3rd Rifle	25	17	3	45	277	16	16	17
	4th Rifle	7	0	0	7	62	11	14	14
33	Archery	56	28	0	84	635	13	15	14
	Muzzle	15	5	7	27	109	25	15	18
	1st Rifle	33	21	0	54	683	8	13	12
	2nd Rifle	30	26	0	56	928	6	9	10
	3rd Rifle	12	31	3	46	587	8	11	10
	4th Rifle	0	5	5	10	192	5	9	13
	Late	0	7	0	7	65	11	25	29
34	Archery	31	13	3	47	411	11	10	9
	Muzzle	3	4	0	7	55	13	10	10
	Early	0	8	0	8	11	73	47	47
	1st Rifle	12	0	0	12	125	10	11	16
	2nd Rifle	7	2	0	9	228	4	8	8
	3rd Rifle	8	3	3	14	184	8	7	7
	4th Rifle	10	0	0	10	35	29	18	18