

Attention Elk Hunters

Game Management Unit 171

If you hold a valid 2021 regular rifle elk license that allows you to hunt in GMU 171 you are eligible to apply for an opportunity to draw a limited access permit to hunt a portion of the Yarmony Ranch SWA south of the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge. Two hunters per regular first, third, and fourth rifle seasons will be allowed to access the Yarmony Ranch to hunt elk. Application deadline for all regular season rifle license holders is August 19, 2021.

If you hold a valid 2021 over the counter archery elk license and are interested in hunting in GMU 171, you are eligible to apply for an opportunity to draw a limited access permit to hunt a portion of the Yarmony Ranch SWA. Two hunters per week for the first two weeks of the season and two hunters for the last week of the season will be allowed to access the Yarmony ranch to hunt elk during the archery elk season. The three time periods to be drawn for are September 2- September 8, September 9 – September 15, and September 23 – 30. The application deadline for all over the counter archery license holders is August 19, 2021.

To apply, call the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Steamboat Springs Service Center at (970) 871-2858 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you get a recording, please leave a brief message including intent for Yarmony Ranch State Wildlife Area, your name, date of birth, CID number and season or time period(s) for which you are applying. Preference will be given to youth hunters and hunters with disabilities. If you are a disabled hunter, you must already have a valid disability permit issued by the CPW.

The drawing for all seasons will be held on August 20, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. The successful applicants will be mailed a notification along with instructions on how to contact the CPW prior to the hunt for special access instructions, restrictions, access permit, and a map of the ranch.

All hunting access and game retrieval will be by foot or horseback only.