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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager
RE: November 4-5, 2026, Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting Regulatory Items
DATE: October 23, 2026

The regulatory and policy items detailed below are scheduled to be addressed at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission's November 4-5, 2026 meeting. If there are questions about any of the agenda items below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact Hilary Hernandez at hilary.hernandez@state.co.us.

FINAL REGULATIONS

Agenda Item 10: Chapter W-0 - "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0, and those related provisions of Chapter W- 2 ("Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2), Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3), Chapter W-11 ("Wildlife Parks and Unregulated Wildlife" 2 CCR 406-11), Chapter W-16 ("Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" 2 CCR 406-16), Chapter P-1 ("Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" 2 CCR 405-1), Chapter P-4 ("Snowmobile Regulations" 2 CCR 405-4), Chapter P-5 ("Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations" 2 CCR 405-5), and Chapter P-7 ("Passes, Permits, and Regulations" 2 CCR 405-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-0 (Step 2 of 2)

> Open for final consideration of regulations including adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index. Also open for final consideration of regulations to implement the new licensing and registration system in June of 2027.

Agenda Item 11: Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 and those related provisions of Chapter W-3 ("Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-2 (Step 2 of 2)

> Open for final consideration of preference point fees for bear, elk, deer, pronghorn, and turkey.

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Agenda Item 12: Chapter W-0 "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for annual review of game management unit boundary modifications and other annual changes. Specific changes include:

- Adopting regulations to prohibit hunting, fishing or trapping on lands managed by Eagle County, Larimer County, and the City of Fort Collins that are closed by rule or ordinance by the managing city or county agency.
- Updating game management unit boundaries for GMU 125 and 126.
- Updating game management unit boundary for S44 be extended to include areas used by the S44 bighorn sheep herd on the north side of Red Table Mountain.
- Updating game management unit boundaries for G17 and 18.

Agenda Item 14: Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for review of annual changes to season dates, limited license areas and manner of take provisions for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat. Specific changes include:

Deer

- Creating a first rifle antlered deer season in data analysis unit (DAU) D-41.
- Extending the season dates for DE052P6R to be from August 15 to September 30 annually.
- Converting hunt codes in mule deer data analysis unit D-29 to be game management unit specific.
- Adding private-land-only antlered hunt codes to the fourth rifle season in data analysis units D-23 and D-24.
- Adding private-land-only antlered hunt codes to select rifle seasons in data analysis unit D-19.

Elk

- Closing the regular rifle antlerless seasons in game management unit 461 while maintaining the antlerless private-land-only season.
- Creating new hunt codes in game management unit 38 to create a subunit at Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.
- Creating over-the-counter private-land-only either-sex archery licenses.
- Updating data analysis unit E-14 muzzleloader hunt codes to be standard with E-14 archery hunt codes.
- Updating Eastern Plains either-sex rifle elk licenses from list C to list B.
- Closing the archery antlerless elk season in the St. Vrain Elk Herd.
- Closing the first late antlerless elk season in the St. Vrain Elk Herd.
- Modifying season start dates for private-land-only antlerless licenses in data analysis unit E-4.
- Modifying either-sex licensees in muzzleloader, first season and fourth season rifle data analysis unit E-8 to sex specific licenses.
- Modifying either-sex licensees in muzzleloader, first season and fourth season rifle data analysis unit E-13 to sex specific licenses.

- Modifying antlered hunt codes EM011O1R, EM011O4R, and EM012O4R in data analysis unit E-6 to either-sex hunt codes EE011O1R, EE011O4R, and EE012O4R.
- Updating list A antlerless elk licenses to be list B licenses, and adding over-the-counter antlerless licenses in data analysis units E-2 and E-6.

Pronghorn

- Modifying regulations for youth hunting extended season with an unfilled doe license.

Moose

- Modifying antlered and antlerless hunt codes in data analysis unit M-9.

Bighorn Sheep

- Changing the S39 archery ram season to a rifle season.
- Closing S40 for sheep hunting.
- Removing hunt code SMS37O1A in the St. Vrain bighorn sheep herd.
- Closing S28 for sheep hunting.
- Adding a late rifle ram season to game management unit S04.
- Adding a second ewe rifle season to game management unit S03.
- Adding an archery ram season to game management unit S04 and add a rifle ram season aligned with S03.
- Modifying existing ewe rifle seasons in game management unit S41.

Agenda Item 15: Chapter W-3 "Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for review of prairie dog bag and possession limits, and legal methods of take on public lands, including consideration of a season closure on public lands.

CITIZEN PETITION

Agenda Item 21: Renaming Roxborough State Park

At its November meeting, the Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider whether to initiate rulemaking as requested in a petition for rulemaking related to renaming Roxborough State Park to Richard D. Lamm State Park at Roxborough.

CONSENT AGENDA

FINAL REGULATIONS

Agenda Item 20.1: Chapter P-3 - "River Outfitters" 2 CCR 405-3 (Step 2 of 2)

Open for final consideration to update river outfitter regulations to implement HB 26-1197, which revised the statutory definition of "vessel." Allowing the limited use of single-chamber vessels on regulated trips.

Agenda Item 20.2: Chapter W-1- "Fishing" 2 CCR 406-1 and those related provisions of Chapter W-0 ("General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0) and Chapter W-7 ("Herpetofauna" 2 CCR 406-7) necessary to accommodate changes to or ensure consistency with Chapter W-1 (Step 2 of 2 except as noted)

Open for final review of the entire chapter including, but not limited to, consideration of regulations regarding season dates, bag and possession limits, licensing requirements, manner of take provisions and special conditions or restrictions applicable to waters of the state. Specific considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Requiring aquatic nuisance species (ANS) inspection and management for aquatic wildlife production facilities in Chapter W-0, Article VII, #014 Aquatic Wildlife Health Management.
- Amending regulations to prohibit the use of any amphibian (alive or dead) as fishing bait.
- Modifying bag and possession limits for walleye and saugeye, and remove the restriction limiting angler harvest to a single walleye or saugeye exceeding 21 inches at Boyd Lake.
- Updating regulations at Button Rock Reservoir to remove regulations not directed by CPW.
- Modifying property-specific fishing regulations at Golden Park Ponds for largemouth and smallmouth bass for the use of artificial flies and lures.
- Updating Lutz Reservoir regulations to establish a 10" minimum size limit on crappie, establish catch and release fishing regulations for largemouth and smallmouth bass, and establish an artificial fly and lure only regulation.
- Restricting harvest and manner of take regulations for cutthroat trout at Mill Creek.
- Updating regulations at Willow Bend Natural Area Ponds (Willow Bend, Kingfisher, and Turtle) to implement special regulations for largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- Establishing catch-and-release regulations for largemouth and smallmouth bass at the following Front Range locations: Arapahoe Bend Natural Area, Riverbend Ponds, Dixon Reservoir, Prospect Ponds, and Kyger Reservoir.
- Updating property-specific regulations on Scotland Peak Reservoir to include flies and lures only and trout must be released immediately upon catch. (Step 1 of 1)

*The effective date for these regulations is April 1, 2027.

Agenda Item 20.3: Chapter W-3 - " Furbearers and Small Game, except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 1 of 1 and Step 2 of 2)

Open for final consideration of regulations regarding turkey hunting, including but not limited to, license areas, season dates, manner of take provisions for the 2026 turkey hunting seasons and adding game management unit 26 to the over-the-counter turkey hunt code.

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

Agenda Item 20.4: Chapter W-0 "General Provisions" 2 CCR 406-0 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for annual review of game management unit boundary modifications and other annual changes. Specific changes include:

- Updating game management unit boundaries for GMU 30, 31 and S75.

Agenda Item 20.5: Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 1 of 2)

Open for review of annual changes to season dates, limited license areas and manner of take provisions for elk, pronghorn antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat. Specific changes include:

Elk

- Modify data analysis unit E-19 late-season cow tags from list A to list B licenses.

Pronghorn

- Modifying private-land-only seasons in data analysis unit PH-36.
- Creating a new private-land-only doe hunt code in the data analysis unit PH-39.

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-0 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Note: Amendments to the Rules are added in red text and deletions are in red text with strikethrough.

ARTICLE I - Definitions

#000 – The following definitions supplement the statutory definitions found in the Wildlife Act including, but not limited to, those definitions found in section 33-1-102, C.R.S.

A. General Definitions Including Manner of Take Definitions

1. **"Aggregate"** when applied to bag and possession limits, means the total number of species which are covered by such bag and possession limits. Any combination of the species may be possessed up to the total number established as the aggregate bag and possession limits.

2. **"Air gun"** means any rifle or handgun .177 caliber or larger firing pellets, slugs, or round ball ammunition powered by high pressure air or compressed inert gas. This includes devices referred to as pellet guns or pneumatic weapons.

3. **"Archery"** means the use of a hand-held bow.

4. **"Bag Limit"** means the maximum number of wildlife which may be taken in a single day during an established open season. This includes any wildlife which are consumed or donated during the same day they were legally taken. The terms "bag limit," "daily bag" and "bag" are considered to have the same meaning.

5. **"Baiting"** means the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, mineral, grain, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement for wildlife.

6. **"Bison"**

   a. "Domestic bison" means privately owned bison, bison legally reduced to captivity, bison that have escaped lawful captivity, and bison owned by or lawfully reduced to captivity by an Indian tribe. Domestic bison, including hybrids with domestic cattle, are domestic animals pursuant to regulation #1103.

   b. "Wild bison" means the big game species bison.

7. **"Crossbow"** means a bow which is attached at a right angle to a stock with a mechanical mechanism for holding the bow string in a cocked position and fired from the shoulder.

8. **"Feral Hog"** means any species or hybrid of species from the family *Suidae* (European boar, Eurasian boar, Russian boar, feral hog) or the family *Tayassuidae* (Javelina and peccary), which possesses one or more morphological characteristic distinguishing it from domestic swine including, but not limited to, an elongated snout, visible tusks, muscular shoulders with small hams and short loins, coarse hair, or a predominant ridge of hair along its back. For the purposes of these regulations, any swine running at large which possesses one or more of the above characteristics, may be presumed to be a feral hog, unless a person has received actual notice that the swine has escaped containment and its return is actively sought, in which case the person should report its location to the owner, if known, and the Division and the Department of Agriculture.

9. **"Handgun"** means any pistol or revolver having no shoulder stock or attachment.

10. **"Hand-held bow"** means a long bow, recurved bow, or compound bow on which the string is not drawn mechanically or held mechanically under tension. String releases or mechanical releases which are hand-drawn and hand-held with no other attachment or connection to the bow other than to the bowstring are lawful devices.

11. **Licenses**

    a. **"Leftover license"** means a limited license, including an electronic limited license, which is leftover after the primary application and drawing process.

    b. **"Limited license"** means any license, including an electronic license, which is limited in number by regulation and which is issued through the drawing process.

    c. **"Over the counter license"** means a license, including an electronic license, that may be purchased at a license agent. Most over the counter licenses are unlimited in number, but some may have an established cap.

    d. **"Private Land Only license"** means a limited license, including an electronic limited license, valid only for use on private land and State Trust Lands not leased by the Division, excluding those limited licenses issued as part of the Ranching for Wildlife program. Contact the State Land Board for access restrictions.

    e. **"Unlimited license"** means a hunting license, including an electronic license, and carcass tag or e-tag when appropriate which is not restricted in quantity and which is sold by license agents throughout the state and is not valid in any unit where licenses are available only through application and computer or hand drawn selection.

12. **"Mentor"** means a person eighteen years of age or older who holds a valid hunter education certificate or who was born before January 1, 1949, and accompanies a youth or apprentice while hunting. A person whose hunting and fishing license privileges are suspended cannot be a mentor.

13. **"Muzzle-loading rifle or musket"** means a firearm fired from the shoulder, with a single barrel which fires a single patched round ball or bullet.

14. **"Pre-charged pneumatic air gun"** means an air gun that is charged from an external high compression source such as an air compressor, air tank, or external hand pump.

15. **"Private use"** means the possession of wildlife only for private enjoyment and not intended to be sold, traded, bartered, or entered into commerce.

16. **Privately-owned game birds"** means game birds held in private ownership and otherwise acquired in accordance with Commission regulations.

17. **"Processed meat"** means those edible parts of wildlife which have been cut into normal portions and wrapped for storage. It does not include game meat that is whole, has been quartered, or has not been packaged into normally accepted butcher's portions including but not limited to steaks, roasts, loins, chops, and ground meat.

18. **"Rifle"** means a firearm fired from the shoulder, with a rifled bore, having a barrel length of sixteen (16) inches or more and a minimum overall length of twenty-six (26) inches.

19. **"Shotgun"** means a firearm fired from the shoulder with a smooth bore, having a barrel length of eighteen (18) inches or more and a minimum overall length of twenty-six (26) inches.

20. **“Slingbow”** means a hand-held device, not drawn or held mechanically, with the arms or attachment points to which an elastic band is attached for propelling an arrow. The term also includes string releases or mechanical releases which are hand-drawn and hand-held with no other attachment or connection to the slingbow other than to the bowstring. Wrist-brace attachments are considered normal components of a slingbow.

21. **"Slingshot"** means a hand-held device, not drawn or held mechanically, with the arms or attachment points to which an elastic band is attached for propelling small stones or metal projectiles. Wrist-brace attachments and non-elastic projectile pouches are considered normal components of a slingshot.

22. **“State Trust Lands”** means those lands owned or under the control of the State Board of Land Commissioners.

B. Definitions related to Aquatic Species or Fish Health

1. “**Aquatic Nuisance Species” (ANS**) means exotic or nonnative aquatic wildlife or any plant species that have been determined by the Commission to pose a significant threat to the aquatic resources or water infrastructure of the state.

2. **"Best management practices"** means the most effective, practicable (including technological, economic, constructible, and institutional considerations) means of preventing or minimizing the presence or spread of ANS, parasites, or diseases in a fish production facility.

3. **“Certification”** means a document issued by the Division certifying that the facility and the fish located thereon, have been tested for regulated fish pathogens in the numbers and by methods meeting the minimum standards established by these regulations, or any analogous document issued by a qualified fish health official from a recognized state, federal, or foreign fish and wildlife agency.

4. **"Coldwater stream"-** means a segment or reach of a creek, stream, or river that has water temperatures that do not exceed 68 degrees F for 24 consecutive hours.

5. **"Critical Habitat"**- means the following river reaches and their 100 year floodplains: the Gunnison River downstream of the Uncompahgre River confluence, the Colorado River downstream of the exit 90 north bridge from I-70, the White River downstream of Rio Blanco Dam, the Green River downstream of the Yampa River confluence, and the Yampa River downstream of the Colo 394 bridge.

6. **“Direct connection”** means waters in the Upper Colorado River Basin that flow directly into critical habitat. This does not include reservoirs, and waters above such reservoirs, where fish escapement has been addressed according to a management plan approved by the Division.

7. **"Drainages"**- means sub-sets of the USGS hydrologic code system as set forth in the Hydrologic Unit Maps (U.S. Geological Survey Water Supply Paper 2294, U.S. Dept. of Interior U.S. Geological Survey, 1974, State of Colorado section reprinted 1992). This document, but not later amendments or editions, have been incorporated by reference and can be viewed and copies obtained at the Division as set forth in the “Incorporated References” section of Chapter 0 of these regulations.

8. **“Food Production Facility”** – means any operation which raises or produces fish or crustacean for the purpose of human consumption that the Division, after consultation with the Colorado Fish Health Board, has determined possesses a biosecurity plan and ensures that such fish or crustacean never escapes the facility live.

9. **"Gametes"-** means eggs or sperm.

10. **"Inlets" -** means the bay or recess at the confluence of a stream with the surface of a lake or reservoir.

11. **"Isolated Water"**- means ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that have no outlet.

12. **"*Myxobolus cerebralis* intensity"** means average spore levels in salmonid fish as determined by standardized testing in accordance with the provisions of #014 Aquatic Wildlife Health Management.

13. **"*Myxobolus cerebralis* negative salmonid fish production facility"** means a facility in which *Myxobolus cerebralis* has never been found or in which *Myxobolus cerebralis* has been eliminated in accordance with the provisions of #014 Aquatic Wildlife Health Management.

14. **"*Myxobolus cerebralis* negative water"** means a lake, pond or coldwater stream segment sampled for a statistically valid number of fish that do not test positive for *Myxobolus cerebralis*, or a water that has not been tested and has not been stocked with salmonid fish from a *Myxobolus cerebralis* positive facility.

15. ***Myxobolus cerebralis* positive water"** means a lake, pond or coldwater stream segment sampled and found to have salmonids that test positive for *Myxobolus cerebralis*, or which has been stocked with salmonid fish from a *Myxobolus cerebralis* positive facility.

16. **"Myxospore (spore)"** means the stage of *Myxobolus cerebralis* formed in the cartilage of infected fish which re-infects the alternate host, the *Tubifex tubifex* worm.

17. **"Nonsalmonid fish"** - means all species of fish and their hybrids that are not in the family Salmonidae.

18. **"Ordinary high water line"–** means the point where perennial, hydrophytic plant life converges with bare substrate (rock, gravel, sand, fines) or with substrate interspersed with annual vegetation.

19. **"Prevalence"** is the percentage of individuals in a population found to be infected with a pathogen as determined by standardized testing in accordance with the provisions of #014 Aquatic Wildlife Health Management.

20. **"Qualified fish pathologist"** means an individual who meets professional standards as set forth by the CPW and who conducts inspections as set forth in #014 Aquatic Wildlife Health Management.

21. **"Salmonid fish"** - means all species of fish and their hybrids in the family Salmonidae, including but not limited to trout, salmon, char, whitefish, and grayling

22. **"Salmonid fish production facility"** - means one or more lakes, ponds, raceways, tanks or other containers in a single location and under the same ownership and management in which salmonid fish are reared for eventual live shipment or release.

23. **"Salmonid habitat"** means any water that supports, is capable of supporting, or is upstream of a water that supports a self-sustaining population of trout, salmon, char, whitefish, or grayling; and includes the drainages listed in Appendix D.

24. **"Spore concentration technique (SCT)"** means tests conducted according to:

a. "*Myxosoma cerebralis*: Isolation and Concentration from Fish Skeletal Element – Sequential Enzymatic Digestion and Purification by Differential Centrifugation", Maria E. Markiw and Ken Wolf, Journal Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Volume 31, No. 1, 1974., or
b. "Whirling Disease *Myxobolus cerebralis* Spore Concentration using the Continuous Plankton Centrifuge", Joseph J. O'Grodnick, Journal of Wildlife Diseases Volume 11 pp 54-57, 1975.

These documents, but not later amendments or editions, have been incorporated by reference and can be viewed and copies obtained as set forth in the "Incorporated References" section of Chapter 0 of these regulations.

25. "Triactinomyxons (TAMS)" are a stage of *Myxobolus cerebralis* formed in the gut lining of the *Tubifex tubifex* (tubifex) worm, and which are then released into the water column and re-infect fish with *Myxobolus cerebralis*.

26. "Upper Colorado River Basin" - means that portion of the Colorado River drainage that lies within the boundaries of the State of Colorado. This includes all waters in the Yampa, White, Gunnison, Dolores, San Juan, and Colorado River basins.

27. " 100-year floodplain"- for the upper Colorado River Basin means river floodplain 5.5 vertical feet above the ordinary high water line (OHWL).

C. Definitions related to Terrestrial Species or Wildlife Health

1. "Pelt" means the skin of a furbearer with pelage intact on the skin.

ARTICLE II - License Types and Requirements

#002 - License Requirements

A. Except as otherwise provided by these regulations any person who takes or possesses any wildlife shall have in possession the appropriate and valid Colorado resident or non-resident license as provided in §33-4-102, C.R.S, or as licensed as provided in Chapter W-7. and shall only take wildlife of the species and type as indicated on the license. In addition to the required license, the taking of some species may also require a permit.

B. Except as otherwise provided, any person who hunts or fishes in Colorado shall have in possession the appropriate and valid Colorado resident or nonresident hunting, fishing or furbearer license including a customer identification number.

~~A customer identification number is not required for the following license categories:~~

~~1. Senior Lifetime licenses issued prior to 1990.~~

~~2. Senior Lifetime Low-Income licenses issued prior to 1994.~~

C. Except for licenses that require a carcass tag, all telephone and internet license, pass, or permit sales where a physical license, pass or permit is requested to be mailed or picked up at an agent by the customer may be issued a Temporary Authorization Number (TAN). This number allows the license, pass or permit holder to exercise the benefits of that license, pass or permit prior to receiving or picking up the physical license, pass or permit but not to exceed 45 days from the date of purchase. Any person who purchases a 1- or 5-day license by phone or internet will not be issued a physical license unless the valid dates for the license are more than fourteen days out from the date of purchase.

~~3.~~1. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales

system, physical licenses will not be issued. TANs will only be used for snowmobile and off-highway vehicle permits.

~~C.~~**D.** All annual resident and nonresident licenses authorized in 33-4-102 (1.4), C.R.S., including fishing, small game hunting, furbearer, and combination fishing and small game hunting shall be valid and otherwise in effect from March 1st to March 31st of the following year.

1. The Colorado wildlife habitat stamp shall be valid and otherwise in effect for the same license year as the license to which it was originally associated. If purchased independently of a license, the Colorado wildlife habitat stamp shall be valid and otherwise in effect from March 1st to March 31st of the following year.

~~D.~~**E.** Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, any person who hunts or fishes in Colorado shall be physically present in the immediate vicinity of the activity. Internet or other computer-assisted remote hunting or fishing is prohibited.

~~E.~~**F.** Any person who hunts big game or turkey in a game management unit, or portions thereof, for which the Wildlife Commission has established limited license quotas must have a limited license valid for that unit. General season, over-the-counter licenses may not be used in a limited license unit unless validated by the Division.

~~F.~~**G.** Any person possessing a license or permit restricted to a specific game management unit or portions thereof, may only hunt that unit or area for which his license or permit is issued.

~~G.~~**H.** Until June 8, 2027, ~~D~~duplicate small game, fishing, furbearers, senior citizen lifetime licenses and combination small game licenses may be obtained from the Division by submitting an affidavit on forms provided by the Division and payment of a $5.00 fee. All other license duplicates may be obtained from the Division by submitting an affidavit on forms provided by the Division and payment of a fee of fifty percent of the cost of the original license, not to exceed $25.00.

~~H.~~**I.** All license exchanges will be charged a fee of $5.00.

~~I.~~**J.** Any person who is authorized to hunt, fish, trap, collect, or possess wildlife in Colorado pursuant to a license or permit issued by the Division shall comply with all of the terms and conditions of that license or permit.

~~J.~~**K.** The Director is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses.

1. Licenses for law enforcement investigative purposes to District Wildlife Managers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife (USFWS) Service Special Agents, or other persons cooperating with them or otherwise participating in a wildlife-related law enforcement activity authorizing them to hunt or fish as an appropriate element of an investigation of violation of Articles 1 through 6 of Title 33 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, regulations issued pursuant thereto, or federal wildlife laws; provided however, that no wildlife shall be taken with such a license if the taking would jeopardize the maintenance of populations at viable self-sustaining levels.

   A written report shall be provided by the Director to the Wildlife Commission annually specifying the total number of licenses issued under this authority during the previous calendar year.

~~K.~~**L.** **Turning In Poachers (TIPS) Reward Program**

1. The Director is authorized to award licenses and preference points in accordance with

this regulation to otherwise eligible persons that report the illegal take or possession or willful destruction of big game or turkey in Colorado to the Division.

2. Any person who voluntarily provides information that results in a person being charged with the illegal take or possession of big game or turkey may be awarded a preference point for the wildlife species of their choice or an over-the-counter license for the same species reported. As an alternative to the above reward options, and except as provided below, any person who voluntarily provides information that results in a person being charged with willful destruction of big game or turkey or assessment of a § 33-6-109(3.4), C.R.S., penalty may be awarded a limited license for the same species and unit reported.

    a. In limited license units where less than 10 licenses (total) are allocated annually for all manners of take, only one reward license can be issued in any three year period.

    b. In limited license units where less than 20 licenses (total) are allocated annually for all methods of take, only one reward license may be issued per year.

    c. In limited license units where the reward license has already been issued the person may:

        1. wait until the next reward license in that unit is available, or

        2. select another limited license unit for which a reward license is available.

    d. If the violation(s) reported occurred within a game management unit, which is closed to hunting the species reported, the person may select another limited license unit for which a reward license is available.

3. Limited licenses awarded as part of the TIPs Reward Program shall be in addition to the number of licenses generally available through or allocated as part of the Division's limited license draw.

4. Licenses for use on properties participating in the Division's Ranching for Wildlife program are not available as part of the TIPs Reward Program.

5. Licenses awarded as part of the TIPs Reward Program do not confer or otherwise guarantee access to any property for the purpose of exercising the benefits of the license. Securing such access is the responsibility of the license holder.

6. Except as provided in 2(c)(1), all licenses awarded as part of the TIPs Reward Program must be for a season occurring within 18 months of the final judicial disposition of the charges.

7. Licenses and preference points issued as part of the TIPs Reward Program are nontransferable.

8. For the purposes of the TIPs Reward Program, "charging" means the issuance of a penalty assessment or summons and complaint and such charging decision is at the sole discretion of the investigating officer or District Attorney.

9. While conviction is not necessary to support the awarding of a preference point or license, no applications for TIPs rewards will be accepted and no such rewards will be issued until final judicial disposition of the charges.

10. Only one TIPs reward will be issued per poaching incident, no matter how many animals are illegally taken. Further, if more than one person reports the violation(s) and files an

application, the TIPS reward will be awarded to the person the Director finds to have provided the most pertinent information regarding the violation.

11. Applications for TIPs rewards~~ must be made on forms provided by the Division~~, must be filed within 90 days of the judicial disposition of the charges and all applicants are subject to the following eligibility requirements:

    a. To be eligible for a TIPs reward, a person must voluntarily come forward and report the violation, and must be willing to testify, and testify if requested, in any subsequent criminal prosecution. Information obtained through criminal investigation or court process is not considered "voluntary" for the purposes of the TIPs Reward Program.

    b. A person is eligible for only one TIPs reward per year.

    c. A person is ineligible to receive a TIPs reward if they have received any other reward for reporting the violation(s), including but not limited to a monetary payment under the Operation Game Thief program.

    c. A person must be eligible to apply for, possess or exercise the benefits of any license or preference point conferred through the TIPs Reward Program and must otherwise comply with all other generally applicable hunting requirements and restrictions.

    d. All Division employees, and peace officers that report violation(s) to the Division as part of their law enforcement duties, are ineligible for the TIPs Reward Program.

~~L.~~M. Terrestrial Invasive Species

1. The following terrestrial invasive species are hereby declared to be detrimental to Colorado's wildlife and habitat. They may be seized, captured or destroyed by the Division or its authorized agents whenever and wherever found.

    a. Feral hog

    b. Eurasian collared-dove

    c. European starling

    d. House (English) sparrow

2. No license is required for a person to hunt or take terrestrial invasive species. However, commercial hunting or taking of terrestrial invasive species is prohibited. No person shall receive compensation or attempt to receive compensation from the hunting of terrestrial invasive species in Colorado. Terrestrial invasive species may be taken year-round in any number by any method allowed for the take of big or small game. In addition, terrestrial invasive species may be taken at night with the use of artificial light and night vision equipment.

    a. Except when counted as part of the bag and possession limit for doves in #508 of these regulations, while in the field and during transport all Eurasian collared-doves shall be fully feathered.

3. Except as authorized in writing by the Director when such release is determined to be biologically non-detrimental to Colorado's wildlife and habitats, no person shall release terrestrial invasive species or hybrids of terrestrial invasive species in Colorado for the purpose of allowing them to run at large or otherwise facilitate the distribution or abundance of these species in Colorado.

~~M.~~N. Hunter Education

1. For the purpose of this regulatory provision, the following terms have the following definitions:

    a. **"Active Duty"** means a person who is a full time employee of a U.S. military service branch under the Department of Defense and can be deployed at any time.

    b. **"National Guard"** means the Army National Guard or Air National Guard that is part of an organized militia of any state within the United States of America. National Guard members are not considered active duty military personnel.

    c. **"Reserve Duty"** means a person who is trained and qualified by a U.S, military Reserve Component to be available for active duty in the armed forces when needed. Reserve members are not considered active duty military personnel.

    d. **"Veteran"** means a person who served in the Active Duty or Reserve Duty military or the National Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

2. As authorized and in accordance with §33-6-107(8) and §33-6-107(10) C.R.S, these regulations establish requirements for Colorado's hunter education certification program. Hunter education classes within this state must include a minimum of 10 hours of instruction, including, but not limited to, the topics of wildlife management, wildlife identification, firearms safety, ethics, and laws and regulations. A portion of the course curriculum must also include hands-on activities where students demonstrate, at a minimum, safe firearms handling and a live fire exercise. Students must also pass a written test to successfully complete the course. Except as provided in regulation #002(N)(3) below, any person born on or after January 1, 1949, must have a valid hunter education certificate prior to hunting, trapping, or purchasing any hunting license in accordance with §33-6-107(8) and §33-6-107(10) C.R.S.

3. Allowable hunter education course delivery options and methods are as follows:

    a. Traditional class- 10 hours, minimum, in a standard classroom setting that includes hands-on learning activities. Additional time beyond the 10 hour requirement is also necessary to complete the written test and live fire exercise.

    b. Internet course with conclusion class- The internet portion of the class is credited with 6 hours of study. A 4-6 hour, in-person, conclusion class is required and will cover laws and regulations, wildlife identification, and hands-on firearms activities. Additional time beyond the 4-6 hour requirement is also necessary to complete the written test and live fire exercise.

    c. A person age 50 and older may complete a one-time test-out of the hunter education certification requirements by passing a timed hunter education test online with a score of 90% or above. This online test can only be taken once.

    d. U.S. military veterans, active duty, reserve duty and National Guard members may complete a one-time test-out of the hunter education certification requirements by passing a timed hunter education test online with a score of 90% or above. This online test can only be taken once. Military personnel must bring test certificate and military identification to a CPW office to verify military status and obtain a hunter education certificate. To qualify, a veteran must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Acceptable forms of military identification include:

i. DD 214;

ii. DD Form 2;

iii. DD Form 2765;

iv. Active, retired, veteran military identification card;

v. A current Colorado Drivers License or state issued identification card with the word “veteran” printed on it as specified in 42-2-303(5)(a) C.R.S.;

vi. VA medical card.

e. The Director is authorized to grant temporary exemptions that allow hunter education to be delivered online when the Director determines such exemptions are reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with applicable public health directives related to extreme unforeseen circumstances or where otherwise necessary for the protection of public health, safety and welfare.
Such exemptions shall be dated, contain an expiration date and be posted on the CPW website. Such exemptions shall be effective upon posting to the CPW website.

4. Exceptions to the hunter education certification requirements are as follows:

a. A person 10 years of age or older who obtains an apprentice certificate. An apprentice certificate can only be obtained twice and is valid for a one year period, identified as April 1-March 31 annually. Apprentice certificate holders must be personally accompanied by, and in voice and visual contact with a mentor while hunting. A mentor may oversee no more than 2 apprentices at a time and must carry proof of hunter education and age while in the field.

~~N.~~O. Antler and Horn Collection

These regulations govern the collection of shed antlers, shed horns, or antlers or horns naturally attached to skull plates.

1. On any lands east of I-25, any person may, with lawful access, collect shed antlers or horns at any time. On private lands west of I-25, any person may, with lawful access, collect shed antlers or horns at any time. Public lands west of I-25 are closed to collection from January 1 through April 30, annually. On public lands west of I-25, any person may collect shed antlers or horns from May 1 through December 31, annually, except in GMUs 54, 55, 66, 67, and 551 where the collection of shed antlers or horns shall further be prohibited between legal sunset and 10:00 AM from May 1 through May 15 annually.

2. Possession of antlers or horns on public lands west of I-25 from January 1 through April 30 is prohibited. Possession of antlers or horns on public lands in GMUs 54, 55, 66, 67, and 551 between legal sunset and 10:00 AM from May 1 through May 15 annually is prohibited. Possession of antlers or horns on private property without lawful access is prohibited. Each antler or horn will be treated singularly for the purpose of this regulation, unless naturally attached together on a skull plate.

3. For the purpose of this regulatory provision, the following terms have the following definitions:

a. “**Antlers”** means the bony, deciduous appendages protruding from the heads of

members of the deer family (Cervidae), including deer, elk, and moose.

b. **"Collect"** means to search for, locate, stockpile, or possess shed antlers, shed horns, or antlers or horns naturally attached to skull plates of big game animals on public land or attempt to search for, locate, stockpile, or possess shed antlers, shed horns, or antlers or horns naturally attached to skull plates of big game animals on public land.

c. **"Horns"** means the hard, permanent or deciduous appendages protruding from the heads of bighorn sheep, wild bison, mountain goats, or pronghorn.

d. **"Public land(s)"** means federal lands and lands owned or administered by the Division.

e. **"Shed antler"** or **"shed horn"** means one or more antlers and/or horns having become naturally separated from the skull.

~~O.~~P. Wildlife License Prices

Upon the effectiveness of SB 18-143, wildlife license prices will remain at the price provided in Appendix F, until further amended by regulation.

~~P.~~Q. Lifetime Resident Licenses

1. **Veterans Resident Lifetime License** - Any resident of the state who has received a purple heart for service in the United States armed forces or who is a disabled veteran as defined in state statute 33-4-104 (3) (b) may obtain, free of charge, a veterans resident lifetime combination small game hunting and fishing license, pursuant to 33-4-104 (3), C.R.S. The lifetime license will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-1-102 (38) (a), C.R.S.

   a. In order to qualify for a veterans resident lifetime combination license, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:

      i. A letter from the Veterans Administration indicating a 50% or greater overall-combined rating for service connected disability; or

      ii. A Purple Heart award certificate; or

      iii. A DD214 Form from the United States Defense Department showing decoration of a Purple Heart.

   b. Proof of hunter education certification is also required for the small game hunting component of this license. A veteran's resident lifetime fishing license alone will be issued in the absence of hunter education certification, until such certification is provided to the Division.

2. **Disabled Resident Lifetime Fishing License –** Any resident of the state who is totally and permanently disabled may obtain, free of charge, a disabled resident lifetime fishing license. The lifetime license will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-1-102 (38) (a), C.R.S.

   a. In order to qualify for a disabled resident lifetime fishing license, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:

      i. A "Final Admission of Liability" form from the Division of Workers

Compensation that indicates a total and permanent disability; or

ii. A fully completed Division "Physician's Affidavit" signed by a licensed physician attesting that the resident meets the definition of a total and permanent disability. A **"total and permanent disability"** shall mean any physical or mental impairment which prevents substantial gainful employment, but only if it is reasonably certain that such a disability will continue throughout the lifetime of the disabled person.

3. **First Responder Resident Lifetime License** - Any resident of the state who is a first responder with a permanent occupational disability as defined in state statute 33-4-104.5 (2) may obtain, free of charge, a lifetime resident combination small game hunting and fishing license. The lifetime license will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-1-102 (38) (a), C.R.S.

   a. In order to qualify for a first responder lifetime combination license, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:

      i. The "Initial Disability Administration Decision" form from the Fire and Police Pension Association that specifies a permanent occupational disability; or

      ii. For residents that are not members of the Fire and Police Pension Association, a fully completed Division "First Responder Affidavit" ~~signed by the applicant~~ attesting to the fact that their permanent disability or disease was obtained while on active-duty.

   b. Proof of hunter education certification is also required for the small game hunting component of this license. A first responder resident lifetime fishing license alone will be issued in the absence of hunter education certification, until such certification is provided to the Division.

~~Q.~~R. Mandatory Reporting

For all species requiring mandatory reporting, to include questionnaires and mandatory inspections, electronic or paper forms shall be accurately completed by the hunter.

ARTICLE IV - Manner of Taking Wildlife

#004 - Aids In Taking Wildlife

A. Aids Used in Taking Big Game, Small Game, Herpetofauna, and Furbearers - Except as expressly authorized by these regulations, the use of baits and other aids in hunting or taking big game, small game, herpetofauna, and furbearers is prohibited.

   1. Baits

      a. Furbearers may be taken with the aid of baiting. Where permitted, baits shall consist solely of material of animal or plant origin and shall not contain any materials of metal, glass, porcelain, plastic, cardboard or paper. Wildlife used as bait shall be the carcass, or parts thereof, of legally taken furbearers, carp, shad, white and longnose suckers, and nonedible portions of legally obtained game mammals, birds and game fish.

   2. Dogs

      a. Use of dogs in the taking of wildlife is prohibited except as authorized in Commission Regulations. (See also: §33-4-101.3, C.R.S.)

1. Dogs may be used to hunt or take mountain lion, small game, waterfowl, and furbearers, only as an aid to pursue, bring to bay, retrieve, flush or point, but not otherwise. Except as provided in (3) of this subsection, dogs shall not be used to hunt or take cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hares, and tree squirrels where a regular deer, elk, pronghorn or moose season is in progress.

2. A leashed dog may be used as an aid in locating and recovering wounded big game wildlife, except for black bears, with the purchase of an annual tracking permit. Tracking permits can be purchased for $40.00 ~~from any Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office~~ by the dog handler. Prior to using the permit, the dog handler must notify a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office and provide the following information: the dog handler's name, hunter's name (if different than the handler), hunter's CID number, location of use, species to recover, and time of use. Within five business days of using the permit, the handler must also notify the Division regarding whether they recovered the carcass. A dog may only be used to pursue or locate wounded big game during legal big game hunting hours. Provided however, that such pursuit may continue after legal big game hunting hours if the handler contacts and obtains the permission of a Wildlife Officer prior to continuing such pursuit. In acting on any such request, the Wildlife Officer shall consider the general public safety and may authorize the dispatch of the wounded animal after legal hunting hours. The dog must be leashed at all times and can not be used to kill, chase, or harass wildlife. The properly licensed hunter is required to be present while the dog is tracking and the animal must be dispatched by the hunter using a legal method of take based on their license. The dog handler is required to wear daylight fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink while tracking, unless the handler is tracking an animal shot on an archery license.

3. Organized dog pursuit events involving the hunting of rabbits or hares conducted by state or nationally-recognized sporting associations may be conducted on private lands or public lands not concurrently open to big game hunting during the extended dog pursuit season for such species.

4. A valid small game license is required for all dog handlers participating in any dog pursuit event involving the hunting of rabbits or hares, in accordance with regulation #004(A)(2)(a)(3).

3. Other Aids

a. Mechanical calls may be used to take all species of wildlife during established seasons.

b. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, electronic calls may only be used as an aid in taking furbearers.

c. Decoys may be used.

d. European ferret may be used as an aid in taking small game only in conjunction with hawking. All ferrets used in this activity must be neutered, permanently tattooed on the left inguinal area and dyed along one-fourth (1/4) of their body length for easy field identification.

e. Manner of take accommodations may be issued to persons with disabilities, in accordance with #1680.

B. It shall be unlawful to hunt any game birds, small game mammals or furbearers, with a centerfire rifle larger than .23 caliber during the regular deer and elk seasons west of Interstate 25, unless the hunter holds an unfilled deer or elk license for the season he is

hunting.

C. It shall be unlawful to use a drone to look for, scout, or detect wildlife as an aid in the hunting or taking of wildlife.

1. For the purposes of this regulation, drone shall be defined as including, without limitation, any contrivance invented, used or designed for navigation of, or flight in the air that is unmanned or guided remotely. A drone may also be referred to as “Unmanned Aerial Vehicle” (UAV) or “Unmanned Aerial Vehicle System” (UAVS).

D. Smart Rifles

1. All firearms used to take or attempt to take wildlife shall be fired only by humanly controlled, manually-operated mechanical triggers. No person shall use a smart rifle to take or attempt to take wildlife.

2. **“Smart Rifle”** means any firearm that is equipped with one or more of the following:

a. A target tracking system;

b. An electronically-controlled, electronically-assisted, or computer-linked trigger;

c. A ballistics computer.

E. Live-Action Game Cameras

1. No person shall use a live-action camera to locate, surveil, or aid or assist in any attempt to locate or surveil any game wildlife for the purpose of taking or attempting to take said wildlife during the same day or following day.

2. **“Live-Action Game Camera”** means any device capable of recording and transmitting photographic or video data wirelessly to a remote device, such as a computer or smart phone. “Live-action game camera” does not include game cameras that merely record photographic or video data and store such data for later use, as long as the device cannot transmit data wirelessly.

F. **Aircraft,** by permit only.

1. The Division may issue permits for the taking wildlife by aircraft when it is determined by the Director that such a permit is necessary for the protection of wildlife populations or for depredation purposes. Applicants shall fill out applications furnished by the Division and shall give such information thereon as may be required by the Division; including, if requested, a map of the area where control of animal damage is needed.

2. Permits shall not be issued for longer than a thirty (30) day period. A permit may, however, be renewed without submitting a new application unless deemed necessary by the Director. Any such permit may be revoked by the Director at any time. Permittees shall abide by restrictions and conditions set forth on the permit.

3. Permits to use aircraft will be issued only upon authority of the Director.

4. Reporting.

i. Within ten (10) days after expiration of an aircraft permit the permittee shall file a report on forms provided by the Division. The report shall contain all information the Division may request, including but not limited to: a) number of wildlife killed, b) location of each kill, and c) number of hours flown.

ARTICLE VI - Terrestrial Wildlife

#006 – Transportation

A. Harvested Terrestrial Wildlife

1. Wildlife for which a carcass tag or e-tag number is required by statute or by Commission Regulation must have such tag or e-tag number properly attached to the wildlife unless the wildlife consists of twenty (20) pounds or less of big game meat and is accompanied by a donation certificate.

2. Processed big game meat shall be accompanied by the carcass tag or e-tag number, or in the case of donated meat a donation certificate.

3. Except as provided in subsection four (4) below, wildlife for which no carcass tag or e-tag number is required must be personally accompanied by the license holder.

4. Wildlife shipped by common carrier must be accompanied by either the license, ~~a photo copy of the license,~~ or appropriate carcass tag or e-tag number, and if applicable, a donation certificate.

5. Evidence of sex regulations as provided in #003 shall apply while transporting any wildlife except for processed big game meat.

B. Live Terrestrial Wildlife

1. Intrastate transportation of those species of live wildlife listed in #008(B) is prohibited.

2. Any exportation of live wildlife held under authority of Chapter W-7 or Colorado Wildlife Parks or Lakes licenses shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the receiving country, state or province.

3. All wild ungulates transported within Colorado must be marked with a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) official identification device pursuant to 9 C.F.R. § 77.33 (effective July 29, 2014) and/or ear tags provided or approved by the Division. CPW incorporates 9 C.F.R. § 77.33 (effective July 29, 2014) by reference, but not later amendments or editions. Such document can be viewed, and copies obtained from the Division as set forth in the “Incorporated References” section of Chapter 0 of these regulations or from the USDA at 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737.

4. CWD Surveillance

   Commercial Wildlife Parks facilities seeking to move live cervids within Colorado must obtain written authorization from the Director and shall request such authorization from the Division at least 30 days prior to the proposed movement date. Cervids from alternative livestock facilities licensed by the Dept. of Agriculture being transferred into Commercial Wildlife Parks are included in this requirement. Provided further that no such captive cervid transportation will be permitted anytime a new CWD diagnosis is made in any such facility, until all tracebacks have been completed and CWD-free facility status has been confirmed.

   a. Criteria for approval or denial:

      1. Written authorization will be based on compliance with a sixty (60) month surveillance requirement for CWD including a review of inventory records for all cervids, except fallow deer, on the facility. Such review shall include proof of individual animal identification; all additions, exports and mortalities; and copies of the results of any animal inventory or records of audits and verification records; for at least the previous sixty (60) months, and laboratory reports

documenting the absence of CWD lesions, after microscopic evaluation of brain tissues by an accredited veterinary diagnostic laboratory, or a negative result from another CWD diagnostic test conducted by an accredited laboratory, which test has been approved by the Director and State Veterinarian as having equal or greater diagnostic reliability, in all adult (12 months of age or older) cervids, except fallow deer, dying of any cause over the required surveillance period. Determination of when a facility meets the sixty (60) month minimum surveillance period shall be based on the age of the animals on the facility, the source facility of the animals, and the length of the surveillance program of the source facility(ies). Every individual in the source herd must meet the sixty month surveillance requirement, except for fallow deer and young born into a herd during the sixty month surveillance period, provided that all other cervids, except fallow deer, in the facility during that time period and all cervids, except fallow deer, imported into the facility during that time period also meet the sixty (60) month requirement, unless the Division and the Dept. of Agriculture agree that movement does not present a substantial risk of moving CWD based on the location of the source and receiving facilities, length of surveillance at the source facility, fencing at the receiving facility and other relevant factors.

2. For the purpose of determining and maintaining 60 months CWD-free status, records must positively account for all animals and cause of death, unless the Division and the Dept. of Agriculture agree otherwise. If any animals remain untested or unaccounted for or cause of death is otherwise unknown or in question, status is adversely impacted and reduced to the date the untested or unaccounted for animal or animal with the unknown or questionable cause of death was introduced into the herd, unless the Division and the Dept. of Agriculture agree that the associate risk is negligible, taking into consideration the possibility of predation, theft, or other relevant factors. Provided, however, that anytime a facility receives animals from another in-state facility with lower CWD status, the receiving facility shall assume the lower CWD status level. Any cervids, except fallow deer, transported within Colorado as described in 4 above in violation of this standard, or any pre-existing standard, or for which documentation does not exist which clearly establishes compliance with said standard, must be immediately destroyed and tested for CWD. In addition, the status of the receiving herd may be reduced up to 0 months. Both the source facility and the receiving facility are quarantined upon discovery of the violation, until test results show that CWD was not detected in any of the subject animals. If CWD is detected in any of them, the quarantines remain in effect.

3. Except fallow deer, all cervid mortalities of animals 12 months of age or older shall be submitted for CWD testing. If CWD is detected in any animal, the status of the herd exposed to such animal shall be reduced to 0 months.

4. Upon receipt of any request to move captive wildlife or alternative livestock to a captive wildlife facility within the state, the Division shall forward the request and all necessary documentation, including but not limited to, the status records for the facilities involved, to the Dept. of Agriculture for review and approval. The Dept. of Agriculture and the Division shall have 5 business days to review all necessary surveillance documents.

5. No evaluation of determination of CWD risk is required for alternative livestock or captive wildlife shipped directly to slaughter or to a biosecure facility approved by the Division and the Dept. of Agriculture.

ARTICLE X - Donation, Disposition and Sale of Wildlife

#015 - Procedures for Donation of Edible Portions of Wildlife and Fish by Licensees

A. General Provisions

1. Edible portions of wildlife may be donated only as expressly permitted under this chapter.

2. Both donor and recipient are subject to all bag and possession limits.

3. The recipient of donated wildlife shall be deemed to have a "like license" if the individual~~he~~ has a license that would have permitted them~~him~~ to take wildlife of the same species and sex at the same time and in the same manner that the donated wildlife was taken.

B. Donation of big game

1. A donation certificate shall be required for donation of any edible portion of big game. The donation certificate need not be on any prescribed form, but must contain the following information:
   a. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of the donor and recipient.
   b. The hunting license or e-tag number of the donor.
   c. The species and number or portion donated.
   d. The date the wildlife was taken.
   e. The signature of the donor.

   The donation certificate must remain with donated meat until it is consumed.

2. Big game meat may be donated to the holder of an unfilled like license at any location. Any such donated big game meat must be properly tagged or e-tagged by the recipient. If an entire carcass is donated, the donor's tag or e-tag number must also remain on the carcass; if any portion is retained by the donor, ~~his~~ their carcass tag or e-tag number must remain with that portion.

3. Unprocessed big game meat may be donated to a person without a like license only at the home of the recipient or as provided in these regulations.

4. Up to 20 pounds of unprocessed big game meat may be donated to any person at any location.

5. Processed and packaged big game meat may be donated to any person at any location.

C. Donation of edible portions of wildlife other than big game.

1. Edible portions of wildlife other than big game may be donated to a like license holder at any location or to any other person at the home of the recipient.

#016 - Procedures for Donation of Edible Portions of Wildlife by the Division

A. Except as otherwise provided, each Regional Manager shall be responsible for the disposition of all wildlife confiscated or otherwise obtained by Division personnel within ~~his~~ their region and shall keep storage reports, correspondence, and other records necessary to document compliance with the provisions of this Chapter.

B. Each person who receives wildlife under provisions of this Chapter shall receive a receipt or a donation certificate evidencing its lawful possession and designating the conditions under which the wildlife may be used, and if necessary, establishing a limit for such use.

C. Any person desiring to possess edible portions of road-killed wildlife from any road in the state of Colorado is permitted to do so, provided that he/she possesses one of the following:

1. An ~~prior letter of~~ authorization from the Division.
   a. ~~Letters of a~~Authorization shall be available by the Director to any person or entity which commits to putting such wildlife to a beneficial use (e.g., providing for its consumption by humans or captive animals), or

2. A valid scientific collecting permit for the specific species, or

3. A donation certificate ~~or tag~~ issued by the Division or any entity authorized by the Division. A person must notify the Division or other authorized agency within 48 hours of taking possession of the animal to obtain a donation certificate. The person requesting the certificate may have to present the animal for inspection, to verify its possession meets the criteria of this regulation.

D. None of the provisions of this section shall apply to wildlife species covered under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act; federal or state threatened or endangered species; or those species whose possession is prohibited by federal or state statute or regulation.

E. With respect to processed meat, the Division may require payment by the doner of actual processing costs.

#017 - Procedures for Disposition of Nonedible Portions of Wildlife

A. Wildlife unfit for human consumption which has no marketable value may be possessed by a rendering company or any other person, or may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of provided that any disposition shall be in accordance with state and local health standards and pollution laws.

B. Nonedible dead wildlife or portions thereof which in the opinion of the Regional Manager have a marketable value because of potential commercial, trophy, or other use (e.g., bighorn sheep head suitable for mounting, bear hides or claws, bobcat or lion hide) shall be disposed of under the direction of the Regional Manager.

   1. In determining whether wildlife, or portions thereof, have a marketable value, the ~~r~~Regional ~~m~~Manager shall consider the costs associated with disposition by donation or sale, storage costs, quantity of wildlife or portions thereof, available for disposition, market demand for same, and other relevant factors.

C. None of the provisions of this regulation shall apply to wildlife species covered under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act; federal or state threatened or endangered species lists; or those species the possession of which is expressly prohibited by federal or state statute, rule, or regulation.

#018 - Sale of Wildlife

A. Except as prohibited by Federal law or regulations of the Parks and Wildlife Commission, any person may sell, barter or trade nonedible portions of wildlife (fur, feathers, hides, hair, teeth, claws, hooves, horns, antlers, skulls and bones) which were legally taken or acquired.

   1. It shall be illegal to sell, trade, barter or offer to sell, trade or barter bear gall bladders, bighorn sheep ram skulls or horns, bighorn sheep capes and velvet antlers. Velvet antlers attached to mounted deer, elk or moose heads and bighorn sheep skulls and horns marked in accordance with Commission Regulation #220(C), may be sold, bartered or traded.
      a. Wildlife and wildlife parts legally possessed under a valid commercial parks license may be sold, bartered or traded in accordance with Chapter 11 of Commission Regulations.

b. For the purpose of these regulations velvet antlers are those deer, elk and moose antlers completely enveloped by soft vascular skin.

B. State employees may receive wildlife, or portions thereof, which have been deemed scrap provided:

1. State employees who are responsible for making determinations that wildlife, or portions thereof, are scrap are not eligible to receive same; and

2. State employees receiving scrapped wildlife, or portions thereof, may not sell, barter or trade same or otherwise receive anything of value in exchange therefore.

C. The possession of wild game meat received by a commercial meat processing facility shall be documented. The possession of undocumented wild game is prohibited. Records shall be retained by the meat processing facility for a period of one year following date of release or disposal of the meat. As used herein "Documented" means that the wild game meat shall be accompanied by the carcass tag or e-tag number, donation certificate, or other document as required by these regulations.

1. For the purposes of this regulation, the disposal of game meat by commercial meat processing facilities shall be permitted as follows:
   a. Legally taken wild game meat (other than migratory birds) not claimed or for which fees are unpaid within 60 days of completion of processing may be disposed of, after notification of the owner, by the meat processing facility for the balance of the processing fee charged.
   b. No later than June 30 of each year, all unclaimed migratory birds and any remaining wild game meat from the preceding year must be legally donated or released to the Division. Possession of such meat after June 30 is prohibited. This regulation shall not be construed as requiring such disposition by meat storage facilities by June 30.

2. Meat processing facility records shall contain the following information:
   a. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Licensee
   b. Carcass Tag or e-tag Number and Species
   c. Date of Receipt and Disposition
   d. All meat processing facilities which process wild game meat shall allow any peace officer authorized to enforce these regulations to inspect records during normal business hours.

ARTICLE XI - Special Restrictions

#020 -

A. Most restrictive Federal or State law - In all cases of licensing, taking, possession, importation, exportation, release, marking and sale of any wildlife, irrespective of current status (threatened, endangered, game or nongame), the most restrictive state or federal regulation shall apply by species.

B. Tagging, ~~and~~ carcass tag and e-tagging requirements.

1. ~~A carcass tag~~Tagging is required for all big game and for turkey.

2. When any person kills a wildlife species for which a carcass tag is required such person must immediately void the carcass tag by signing, dating and detaching it. Such tag must be attached to the carcass immediately prior to and during transportation in any vehicle or while in camp or at a residence or other place of storage. Such tag, when so dated, signed and attached to the species lawfully taken or killed and lawfully in possession, authorizes the possession, use, storage, and transportation of the carcass, or any part thereof.

a. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales and electronic tagging system, when any person kills a wildlife species for which an e-tag is required (in replacement of a carcass tag), such person must immediately report their harvest by e-tagging either through the Division's mobile phone application, online through the CPWShop website, by calling 866-776-3121 or by some other method provided by the Division. If a person does not have access to report their harvest via these methods, they must immediately sign and date a paper copy of their license as a temporary measure, until e-tagging is possible. E-tagging must be completed within 48 hours in circumstances when a paper license is being used to temporarily tag.

A harvested animal may be transported without physical documentation on the animal so long as the hunter is present. If the hunter is not present, the harvested animal should be marked with the hunter's name and e-tagging number or the signed and dated paper copy of the license.

3. If the carcass tag and/or license are inadvertently or accidentally detached, lost or destroyed, the licensee must obtain a duplicate carcass tag and/or license before ~~he~~ they can lawfully hunt with such license. The duplicate carcass tag may be obtained upon furnishing satisfactory proof as to the inadvertent or accidental nature of detachment, loss, or destruction to the Division.

   a. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales and electronic tagging system, if a license is inadvertently or accidentally electronically voided, the tag can be reactivated by contacting the Division for assistance.

C. Waste of Wildlife

1. Except for furbearers, Terrestrial Invasive Species listed in Commission Regulation #002(M)(1), wildlife listed in Commission Regulation #300(D)(3), or any wildlife taken under the authority of §33-6-107(9), C.R.S., all edible portions of game wildlife taken under the authority of a license shall be properly prepared to provide for human consumption. For the purpose of this restriction edible portions shall not include internal organs.

2. Any consumption or spoilage of game wildlife by a falconry raptor upon the raptor's capture of the game wildlife shall not be considered waste of wildlife, provided the falconer makes a reasonable and timely attempt to retrieve the game wildlife and prepare some remaining edible portion for human consumption.

D. Closures

1. Federal fish hatcheries and rearing units except that persons designated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service may take fish or amphibians within the boundaries of said hatcheries or rearing units.

2. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations all Division hatcheries, rearing units and holding basins shall be closed to the taking of fish and amphibians.

3. State Refuges, Parks and Monuments - Public access to any refuge, park or monument, the jurisdiction over which is by law given to any federal or state agency or municipality, may be limited by order of said agency or municipality to the same extent as if said agency or municipality were a private person.

4. Hunting with rifles, handguns or shotguns firing a single slug, or archery equipment is prohibited within an area fifty (50) feet on each side of the center line of any state highway or municipal or county road as designated by the county. In the case of a divided road or highway this shall include the entire median area and the fifty (50) feet shall be

measured from the center line of both roads.

5. Hunting is prohibited on Mt. Blue Sky Summit Lake cirque, and within 1/4 (one-quarter) mile of either side of the centerline of Mt. Blue Sky Highway (Colo 5) while the road is open to motor vehicle traffic, from its intersection with Colo 103 to the summit of Mt. Blue Sky. When Colo 5 is closed to motor vehicle traffic at the entrance gates at the intersection of Colo 5 and Colo 103, this hunting closure is lifted. Hunting is prohibited within 1/2 (one-half) mile of Colo 5 at all times for ptarmigan. (Information note: maps are available from the Division, Northeast Region Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216.)

6. All lands in the Gore Creek Drainage south of I-70 from Lions Head Ski Lift at Vail to the intersection of I-70 and US 24, and all lands on the north side and within one-half (1/2) mile of I-70 from the main Vail exit (exit 176) west to the intersection of I-70 and US 24 shall be closed to all hunting during the regular rifle deer and elk seasons each year.

7. Hunting is prohibited, year-round, along Kenosha Pass within ¼ (one-quarter) mile of either side of the centerline of U.S. Highway 285 between mile marker 203 and mile marker 206 located within Park County, excluding private lands.

8. Hunting is prohibited within ¼ (one-quarter) mile of either side of the centerline of Guanella Pass Road (Clear Creek County Road 381 and Park County Road 62) while the road is open to motor-vehicle traffic, from mile marker 12.5 to mile marker 19 (which is located at the intersection of Guanella Pass Road and Clear Lake picnic area), also to include a ¼ (one-quarter) mile closure around and including Deadman's Lake located to the east of Guanella Pass Road and to the North of Mt. Bierstadt Trail (USFS trail #711), excluding private lands. When Guanella Pass Road is closed to motor-vehicle traffic, this hunting closure is lifted.

E. Director's Authority

1. The Director of the Division may establish and enforce temporary closures of, or restrictions on, lands and waters of the state to hunting, fishing or other wildlife-related recreation, including but not limited to the collection of shed antlers, for a period not to exceed 9 months. Such temporary closures may be established and enforced only where necessary to protect public safety, protect threatened or endangered wildlife species, protect wildlife resources from significant natural or manmade threats, such as the introduction or spread of disease or nuisance species, changing environmental conditions or other similar threats, protect time-sensitive wildlife use of lands or waters, protect against additional and significant environmental damage after an area has sustained a natural or manmade disaster, or to facilitate Division-sponsored wildlife research projects or management activities. Whenever such closure is established, public notice of the closure shall be given, including the posting of the lands and waters affected, indicating the nature and purpose of the closure. Upon posting, it shall be unlawful to hunt, fish or engage in any other designated wildlife-related recreation on such lands or waters or enter the lands or waters for the purpose of hunting, fishing or any other designated wildlife-related recreation.

F. Incorporated References

1. Materials incorporated by reference in these regulations only include the edition of the material specifically identified by date in the incorporation by reference. The incorporation by reference does not include later amendments to, or editions of, the incorporated materials. Information regarding how and where the incorporated materials may be examined, or copies obtained, is available from:

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2. In addition, materials incorporated by reference in these regulations are maintained by, and available for examination at, any state publications depository library.

G. Possession of Edible and Non-edible Portions of Mountain Lions and Bears

The possession of the carcass, hide, skull, claws, or any part of any bear or lion is prohibited unless the animal was taken by a licensed hunter during an established hunting season or unless specifically authorized by the Division.

H. Chronic Wasting Disease Reporting

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is classified as a disease which, whenever detected in the wild or in a commercial park, must be reported to the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife Veterinarian, 317 W. Prospect, Ft. Collins 80526, within 24 hours of the receipt of any CWD positive test result. As a condition of issuance of a license or permit, any hunter, commercial park licensee, other license holder or permittee of the Division, or any member of the public who submits a deer or elk head for CWD testing grants consent for the lab to report the test results to the Division. A written copy of the test report shall be provided to the Division at the above address within 10 days of test completion, either by the lab or by the person who submits the sample.

I. Electronic Ignition Muzzle Loaders

It is unlawful for any person, except a person authorized by law or by the division, to possess or have under his control a loaded electronic-ignition muzzle loader in or on any motor vehicle unless the chamber of such firearm is unloaded or unless the battery is disconnected and removed from its compartment.

APPENDIX F - Wildlife License and Pass Prices

(1) Resident and nonresident licenses

License	Residency	Fees
3-year possession/hunting raptor license	Resident	$198.40~~191.46~~***
Annual possession/hunting raptor license	Nonresident	$105.80~~102.11~~***
Peregrine falcon capture license	Resident	$396.75~~382.91~~***
Extra rod stamp	Resident	$11.90~~11.49~~**
Extra rod stamp	Nonresident	$11.90~~11.49~~**
Fishing - 1 day	Resident	$15.85~~15.32~~**
Fishing - 1 day	Nonresident	$19.80~~19.15~~**
Fishing - additional day	Resident	$6.60~~6.38~~**
Fishing - additional day	Nonresident	$6.60~~6.38~~**
Fishing - 5 day	Nonresident	$39.65~~38.29~~**
Fishing - annual	Resident	$43.65~~42.12~~**
Fishing - annual	Nonresident	$125.65~~121.26~~**
Youth (ages 16-17) annual fishing	Resident	$10.55~~10.21~~**
Senior annual fishing	Resident	$10.55~~10.21~~**
Small game hunting	Resident	$37.00~~35.74~~**
Senior lifetime fishing, and resident low-income senior fishing annual upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting^	Resident	$25.95~~25.07~~**
Small game hunting	Nonresident	$105.80~~102.11~~**
Small game - 1 day	Resident	$15.85~~15.32~~**
Small game - 1 day	Nonresident	$19.80~~19.15~~**
Small game - additional day	Resident	$6.60~~6.38~~**
Small game - additional day	Nonresident	$6.60~~6.38~~**
Furbearer license	Resident	$37.00~~35.74~~**
Furbearer license	Nonresident	$105.80~~102.11~~**
Turkey, fall	Resident	$30.40~~29.36~~**
Turkey, fall	Nonresident	$198.40~~191.46~~**
Turkey, spring	Resident	$37.00~~35.74~~**
Turkey, spring	Nonresident	$198.40~~191.46~~**
Turkey (youth)	Resident	$18.50~~17.87~~**
Turkey (youth)	Nonresident	$132.25~~127.64~~**
Combination fishing and small game hunting	Resident	$63.45~~61.27~~**
Senior (ages 64 and older) combination fishing and small game hunting	Resident	$36.55~~35.28~~**
Pronghorn	Resident	$50.25~~48.50~~**
Pronghorn	Nonresident	$522.45~~504.17~~**
Pronghorn	UMU Tribe Enrolled Member; LPP; Pinecrest Ranch Only	$50.25~~48.50~~**
Bear, fall	Resident	$63.45~~61.26~~**
Bear, fall	Nonresident	$310.65~~299.81~~**
Bear, fall (youth)	Resident	$17.80~~17.18~~**
Bear, fall (youth)	Nonresident	$63.55~~61.35~~**
Deer	Resident	$50.25~~48.50~~**
Deer	Nonresident	$522.45~~504.17~~**
Deer	UMU Tribe Enrolled Member; LPP; Pinecrest Ranch Only	$50.25~~48.50~~**

License	Residency	Fees
Elk	Resident	$70.10~~67.65~~**
Elk	Nonresident	$872.95~~842.41~~**
Elk	UMU Tribe Enrolled Member; LPP; Pinecrest Ranch Only	$70.10~~67.65~~**
Mountain goat	Resident	$396.75~~382.91~~**
Mountain goat	Nonresident	$2923.05~~2820.78~~**
Moose	Resident	$396.75~~382.91~~**
Moose	Nonresident	$2923.05~~2820.78~~**
Mountain lion	Resident	$63.45~~61.27~~**
Mountain lion	Nonresident	$872.95~~842.41~~**
Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	Resident	$396.75~~382.91~~**
Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	Nonresident	$2923.05~~2,820.78~~**
Desert bighorn sheep	Resident	$396.75~~382.91~~**
Desert bighorn sheep	Nonresident	$2923.05~~2,820.78~~**
Resident low-income senior fishing	Resident	$8.45~~8.19~~**
Youth big game (deer, elk, pronghorn)	Resident	$18.15~~17.55~~ each **
Youth big game (deer, elk, pronghorn)	Nonresident	$131.90~~127.32~~ each**
Youth small game hunting	Resident	$1.30~~1.28~~***
Youth small game hunting	Nonresident	$1.30~~1.28~~***
Colorado wildlife habitat stamp, purchased in conjunction with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license	Resident	$13.20~~12.76~~
Colorado wildlife habitat stamp, purchased in conjunction with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license	Nonresident	$13.20~~12.76~~
"Lifetime" Colorado wildlife habitat stamp	Resident	$396.75~~382.91~~***
"Lifetime" Colorado wildlife habitat stamp	Nonresident	$396.75~~382.91~~***
Wild Bison	Resident	$396.75~~382.91~~**
Wild Bison	Nonresident	$2923.05~~2,820.78~~**
3-year Resident Herpetofauna Collection and Possession license	Resident	$40.00**

*Plus additional surcharge of $1.50 for the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund.
**Plus additional surcharge of $1.50 for the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund and $1.25 for the Backcountry Search and Rescue Fund.
***Plus additional surcharge of $1.25 for the Backcountry Search and Rescue Fund.
^Valid only for resident senior Lifetime Disability and Low Income Fishing license holders.

All ~~2025~~ 2026 licenses sold through March ~~2026~~ 2027 shall be sold at the ~~2025~~ 2026 license fee and commission rates.

License prices established in this table are the actual license price. Some license prices have discounts applied from the statutory maximum price as provided for in Chapters W-2 and W-3.

(2) Special licenses

License	Fees
Scientific collecting license	$37.00~~35.74~~
Importation license	$99.20~~95.73~~
Field trial license	$30.40~~29.36~~
Commercial lake license	$264.50~~255.27~~
Private lake license	$18.50~~17.87~~
Commercial wildlife park license	$198.40~~191.46~~

Noncommercial park license	$37.00~~35.74~~
Wildlife sanctuary license	$198.40~~191.46~~
Zoological park license	$198.40~~191.46~~

(3) The fee for each migratory waterfowl stamp is $13.20~~12.76~~.

(4) The fee for each Federal Waterfowl Stamp is $33.00.

(5) The nonrefundable application-processing fee for each limited license is $9.25~~8.93~~ for resident applications and $11.90~~11.49~~ for nonresident applications.

(6) Colorado State Wildlife Area passes

Pass	Fees
Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass - annual	$44.90~~42.37~~**
Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass - 1 day	$~~8.50~~8.80*
Youth (ages 16-17) annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	$11.80~~10.46~~*
Senior (ages 64 and older) annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	$11.80~~10.46~~*
Low-income annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	$11.80~~10.46~~*

*Plus a surcharge of $1.50 for the wildlife management public education fund.
**Plus a surcharge of $1.50 for the wildlife management public education fund and a fee of $~~12.76~~13.20 for a Colorado wildlife habitat stamp.

In order to qualify for an annual low-income Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass and the resident low-income senior fishing license an individual must show a photo identification card and:

Provide written proof, in the form of a federal or state income tax return from the immediately preceding calendar year, that the federal taxable income of such individual is at or below one hundred percent of the official poverty line for an individual or a family, as appropriate to the applicant. If said tax return is not available, a return for the year immediately preceding such year shall suffice. Or,

If an individual's income is at a level where such individual is not required to file an income tax return, such individual shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury in the second degree to such effect. No such affidavit shall be required to be notarized. Or,

A Colorado resident may provide documentation in the form of a card or other verifiable written materials that the resident is currently enrolled in any one of the following programs: TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children), Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program), SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations), or LEAP (Low-income Energy Assistance Program).

The federal taxable income amounts, based on the number of people in the family/household, cannot be greater than the applicable guideline set forth in the Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, 91 Fed. Reg. 1797 (January 15, 2026) issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201. This federal guideline, but not later amendments to or editions thereof, has been incorporated by reference. Information regarding how and where the incorporated materials may be examined, or copies obtained, is available from:

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(7) The Firearms Training and Safety Course Record Fee is $52.00 pursuant to §33-9-115(5)(a).

Basis and Purpose:

Following the passage of the Hunting, Fishing, and Parks for Future Generations Act (SB 18-143), the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission has the authority to adjust most wildlife licenses annually with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Consumer Price Indices for the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood metropolitan statistical area (successor to the Denver-Boulder-Greeley statistical area) are compiled by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. CPI figures are reported bimonthly, in addition to the average CPI for the first half of the calendar year, the average CPI for the second half of the calendar year, and the average CPI for the entire calendar year. The chart below shows the average CPI for the first half of each year.

Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers	
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Metropolitan Area	
First Half 2018	260.790
First Half 2019	264.147
First Half 2020	271.264
First Half 2021	276.290
First Half 2022	300.002
First Half 2023	316.758
First Half 2024	325.308
First Half 2025	332.865
First Half 2026	344.933
Annual Percentage Change (2025 Base Year)	3.6%
Cumulative Percentage Change (Rounded) (2018 Base Year)	32.3%

The CPI calculation above yields the following fees as adjusted in regulation. The fees shown in the blue highlighted column are the statutory caps for each license fee. The Parks and Wildlife Commission may reduce these as appropriate through the rule-making process. The fees shown in the green highlighted rows are the products that the commission created so they do not have a statutory cap. The fees shown in the yellow highlighted rows are the products that have differential pricing that is less than the statutory cap. Proposed prices have been rounded to the nearest five cents due to the shortage of pennies.

License Type	**Residency**	**2026**	**2026**	**2026**	**2027**	**2027**	**2027**
		CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	With annual increase in CPI only	**Proposed Price***	CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	With annual increase in CPI only	Proposed Price*
3-year possession/hunting raptor license	Resident	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$198.40	$198.40	$198.40
Annual possession/hunting raptor license	Nonresident	$ 102.11	$ 102.11	$ 102.11	$105.81	$105.81	$105.80
Peregrine falcon capture license	Resident	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$396.79	$396.79	$396.75
Extra rod stamp	Resident	$ 11.49	$ 11.49	$ 11.49	$ 11.90	$ 11.90	$ 11.90
Extra rod stamp	Nonresident	$ 11.49	$ 11.49	$ 11.49	$ 11.90	$ 11.90	$ 11.90
Fishing - 1 day	Resident	$ 15.32	$ 15.32	$ 15.32	$ 15.87	$ 15.87	$ 15.85
Fishing - 1 day	Nonresident	$ 19.15	$ 19.15	$ 19.15	$ 19.84	$ 19.84	$ 19.80
Fishing - additional day	Resident	$ 6.38	$ 6.38	$ 6.38	$ 6.61	$ 6.61	$ 6.60

Fishing - additional day	Nonresident	$ 6.38	$ 6.38	$ 6.38	$ 6.61	$6.61	$6.60
Fishing - 5 day	Nonresident	$ 38.29	$ 38.29	$ 38.29	$ 39.68	$39.68	$39.65
Fishing- annual	Resident	$ 42.12	$ 42.12	$ 42.12	$ 43.65	$43.65	$43.65
Fishing - annual	Nonresident	$ 121.26	$ 121.26	$ 121.26	$ 125.65	$125.65	$125.65
Youth (ages 16-17) annual fishing	Resident	$ 10.21	$ 10.21	$ 10.21	$ 10.58	$10.58	$10.55
Senior annual fishing	Resident	$ 10.21	$ 10.21	$ 10.21	$ 10.58	$10.58	$10.55
Small game hunting	Resident	$ 35.74	$ 35.74	$ 35.74	$ 37.03	$37.03	$37.00
Senior lifetime fishing, and resident low-income senior fishing annual upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting^	Resident	$ -	$ 25.06	$ 25.07	$-	$25.98	$25.95
Small game	Nonresident	$ 102.11	$ 102.11	$ 102.11	$105.81	$105.81	$105.80
Small game - 1 day	Resident	$ 15.32	$ 15.32	$ 15.32	$ 15.87	$ 15.87	$ 15.85
Small game - 1 day	Nonresident	$ 19.15	$ 19.15	$ 19.15	$ 19.84	$ 19.84	$ 19.80
Small game - additional day	Resident	$ 6.38	$ 6.38	$ 6.38	$ 6.61	$ 6.61	$ 6.60
Small game - additional day	Nonresident	$ 6.38	$ 6.38	$ 6.38	$ 6.61	$ 6.61	$ 6.60
Furbearer license	Resident	$ 35.74	$ 35.74	$ 35.74	$ 37.03	$ 37.03	$ 37.00
Furbearer license	Nonresident	$ 319.09	$ 102.11	$ 102.11	$330.66	$105.81	$105.80
Turkey, fall	Resident	$ 29.36	$ 29.36	$ 29.36	$ 30.42	$ 30.42	$ 30.40
Turkey, fall	Nonresident	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$198.40	$198.40	$198.40
Turkey, spring	Resident	$ 35.74	$ 35.74	$ 35.74	$ 37.03	$ 37.03	$ 37.00
Turkey, spring	Nonresident	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$198.40	$198.40	$198.40
Turkey (youth)	Resident	$ 17.87	$ 17.87	$ 17.87	$ 18.52	$ 18.52	$ 18.50
Turkey (youth)	Nonresident	$ 127.64	$ 127.64	$ 127.64	$132.26	$132.26	$132.25
Combination fishing and small game hunting	Resident	$ 61.27	$ 61.27	$ 61.27	$ 63.49	$ 63.49	$ 63.45
Senior (ages 64 and older) combination fishing and small game hunting	Resident	$ -	$ 35.28	$ 35.28	$-	$36.55	$36.55
Pronghorn	Resident	$ 48.50	$ 48.50	$ 48.50	$ 50.26	$ 50.26	$ 50.25
Pronghorn	Nonresident	$ 504.17	$ 504.17	$ 504.17	$522.45	$522.45	$522.45
Bear, fall	Resident	$ 61.27	$ 61.26	$ 61.26	$ 63.49	$ 63.49	$ 63.45
Bear, fall	Nonresident	$ 842.41	$ 299.81	$ 299.81	$872.95	$310.68	$310.65
Bear (youth)	Resident	$ -	$ 17.18	$ 17.18	$ -	$ 17.80	$ 17.80
Bear (youth)	Nonresident	$ -	$ 61.35	$ 61.35	$ -	$ 63.58	$ 63.55
Deer	Resident	$ 48.50	$ 48.50	$ 48.50	$ 50.26	$ 50.26	$ 50.25
Deer	Nonresident	$ 504.17	$ 504.17	$ 504.17	$522.45	$522.45	$522.45
Elk	Resident	$ 67.65	$ 67.65	$ 67.65	$ 70.10	$ 70.10	$ 70.10
Elk (either sex)	Nonresident	$ 842.41	$ 842.41	$ 842.41	$872.95	$872.95	$872.95
Elk (antlerless)	Nonresident	$ 842.41	$ 842.41	$ 842.41	$872.95	$872.95	$872.95
Mountain goat	Resident	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 396.79	$396.79	$ 396.75
Mountain goat	Nonresident	$ 2,820.78	$ 2,820.78	$ 2,820.78	$2,923.05	$2,923.05	$2,923.05
Moose	Resident	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 396.79	$ 396.79	$ 396.75
Moose	Nonresident	$ 2,820.78	$ 2,820.78	$ 2,820.78	$2,923.05	$ 2,923.05	$2,923.05
Mountain lion	Resident	$ 61.27	$ 61.27	$ 61.27	$ 63.49	$63.49	$ 63.45
Mountain lion	Nonresident	$ 842.41	$ 842.41	$ 842.41	$ 872.95	$ 872.95	$ 872.95
Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	Resident	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 396.79	$ 396.79	$ 396.75
Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	Nonresident	$ 2,820.78	$ 2,820.78	$ 2,820.78	$2,923.05	$2,923.05	$2,923.05
Desert bighorn sheep	Resident	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 396.79	$ 396.79	$ 396.75
Desert bighorn sheep	Nonresident	$ 2,820.78	$ 2,820.78	$ 2,820.78	$2,923.05	$ 2,923.05	$2,923.05
Resident low-income senior fishing	Resident	$ 10.21	$ 8.19	$ 8.19	$ 10.58	$ 8.48	$ 8.45
Youth big game (deer, elk, pronghorn)	Resident	$ 17.55	$ 17.55	$ 17.55	$ 18.19	$ 18.19	$ 18.15
Youth big game (deer, elk, pronghorn)	Nonresident	$ 127.32	$ 127.32	$ 127.32	$ 131.93	$131.93	$ 131.90
Youth small game hunting	Resident	$ 1.28	$ 1.28	$ 1.28	$ 1.32	$ 1.32	$ 1.30

Youth small game hunting	Nonresident	$ 1.28	$ 1.28	$ 1.28	$ 1.32	$ 1.32	$ 1.30
Colorado wildlife habitat stamp, purchased in conjunction with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license	Resident	$ 12.76	$ 12.76	$ 12.76	$ 13.23	$ 13.23	$ 13.20
Colorado wildlife habitat stamp, purchased in conjunction with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license	Nonresident	$ 12.76	$ 12.76	$ 12.76	$ 13.23	$ 13.23	$ 13.20
"Lifetime" Colorado wildlife habitat stamp	Resident	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 396.79	$ 396.79	$ 396.75
"Lifetime" Colorado wildlife habitat stamp	Nonresident	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 396.79	$ 396.79	$ 396.75
Wild Bison	Resident	$ 374.22	$ 382.91	$ 382.91	$ 396.79	$ 396.79	$ 396.75
Wild Bison	Nonresident	$ 2,756.74	$2,820.78	$2,820.78	$2,923.05	$ 2,923.05	$2,923.05
3-year Resident Herpetofauna Collection and Possession	Resident	-	-	-	-	-	$40.00

*excludes additional surcharges and fees
**2018 base year

License Type	Residency	2026	2026	2027	2027
		CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	**Proposed Price***	CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	Proposed Price*
Scientific collecting license	N/A	$ 35.74	$ 35.74	$ 37.03	$ 37.00
Importation license	N/A	$ 95.73	$ 95.73	$ 99.20	$ 99.20
Field trial license	N/A	$ 29.36	$ 29.36	$ 30.42	$ 30.40
Commercial lake license	N/A	$ 255.27	$ 255.27	$ 264.53	$ 264.50
Private lake license	N/A	$ 17.87	$ 17.87	$ 18.52	$ 18.50
Commercial wildlife park license	N/A	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$ 198.40	$ 198.40
Noncommercial park license	N/A	$ 35.74	$ 35.74	$ 37.03	$ 37.00
Wildlife sanctuary license	N/A	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$ 198.40	$ 198.40
Zoological park license	N/A	$ 191.46	$ 191.46	$ 198.40	$ 198.40

*excludes additional surcharges and fees
**2018 base year

License Type	Residency	2026	2026	2027	2027
		CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	Actual Price*	CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	Proposed Price*
Migratory waterfowl stamp	N/A	$12.76	$12.75	$ 13.23	$ 13.20

**2018 base year

License Type	Residency	2026	2026	2026	2027	2027	2027
		CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	With annual increase in CPI only	Actual Price*	CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	With annual increase in CPI only	Proposed Price*
Non-refundable application-processing fee	Resident	$ 8.93	$ 8.19	$ 8.00	$ 9.26	$ 9.26	$ 9.25
Non-refundable application-processing fee	Nonresident	$ 11.49	$ 11.26	$ 11.00	$ 11.90	$ 11.90	$ 11.90

**2018 base year

Colorado State Wildlife Area Passes	2026	2026	2027	2027
	CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid	Proposed Price*	CPI Adjusted Statutory Lid**	Proposed Price*
Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass - annual	-	$ 42.37	-	$ 44.90
Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass - 1 day	-	$ 8.50	-	$ 8.80
Youth (ages 16-17) annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	-	$ 10.46	-	$ 11.80
Senior (ages 64 and older) annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	-	$ 10.46	-	$ 11.80
Low-income annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	-	$ 10.46	-	$ 11.80

*excludes additional surcharges and fees

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

In June of 2027 CPW will be moving to a new licensing system. As part of the change most of the CPW products will be changing from physical products to electronic products or e-products. To make this switch to e-products the regulations need to be updated with the new terminology and procedures. These changes remove references to paper forms where they are no longer going to be accepted as customers will instead fill out paperwork electronically.

E-tag numbers will also replace the current carcass tags. In order to get an e-tag number a person who has killed a wildlife species for which an e-tag is required must immediately report their harvest by e-tagging either through the Division's mobile phone app, online through the CPWShop website, or by calling the harvest in. If a person does not have access to report their harvest, they must immediately sign and date a paper copy of their license as a temporary measure, until e-tagging is possible. E-tagging must be completed within 48 hours in circumstances when a paper license is being used a temporarily tag. A harvested animal may be transported without physical documentation on the animal so long as the hunter is present. If the hunter is not present, the harvested animal should be marked with the hunter's name and e-tagging number or the signed and dated paper copy of the license. If a license is inadvertently or accidentally electronically voided, the tag can be reactivated by contacting the Division for assistance.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, and §§ 33-9-115(5)(a) C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME

Note: Amendments to the Rules are added in red text and deletions are in red text with strikethrough.

ARTICLE I – General Provisions

#200 – Definitions

See also §33-1-102 C.R.S. and Chapter 0 of these regulations for other applicable definitions.

A. "Antlered" means any deer, elk, or moose with an antler or antlers of at least five (5) inches in length as measured on the outside curve of the antler from the skull to the tip.

B. "Antlerless" means any deer, elk, or moose; including fawn deer and calf elk or moose; without antlers or with antlers of less than five (5) inches in length.

C. "Antler Point" means a projection of the antler at least one (1) inch long and which is longer than the width of its base.

D. "Bait" means any salt, mineral, grain, or other feed. Salt or mineral blocks used for normal agricultural practices are not considered bait.

E. Bighorn Sheep:

1. "One-half (1/2) curl ram" means: A male sheep with a horn or horns that have one (1) or both tips grown at least through one-half (1/2) or 180 degrees of a circle to be measured by first establishing a reference line which bisects the eye and the base of the ear; and which has horn tips which have grown at least as far as the projection of this reference line.

2. "Three-quarter (3/4) curl ram" means: A male sheep with a horn or horns that have one or both tips grown at least through three-quarters (3/4) or 270 degrees of a circle to be measured by first establishing a reference line which bisects the eye and the base of the ear; then by establishing a line which intersects the reference line at the base of the ear, and is perpendicular thereto; and which has horn tips which have grown at least as far as the downward projection of the perpendicular line.

3. "Ewe" means: any female sheep having a horn or horns of at least five (5) inches in length as measured on the outside curve of the horn from the skull to the tip.

F. "Brow tine" means a projection of the antler at least five (5) inches long located on the lower half of the antler.

G. "Buck" means any pronghorn with a black cheek patch and a horn or horns of at least five (5) inches in length as measured on the outside curve of the horn from the skull to the tip, excluding any prong or point occurring between base (skull) and tip.

H. "Doe" means any pronghorn; including fawn pronghorn; without horns, or with a horn or horns of less than five (5) inches in length.

I. "Game Management Objectives" means specific data analysis unit (DAU) objectives relative to long- term population and/or sex ratio objectives.

J. "Intermingled Lands" means lands where: 1) private land deeded to one landowner completely surrounds public land, or 2) public land is intermingled with private lands owned by a landowner where a quantified access component exists, the landowner possesses some ability to affect game management on the adjacent public land, and the issuance of licenses valid on both private and public lands would help to achieve game management objectives.

K. "Habitat Evaluation Committee (HEC)" means local advisory committees established in units where the Wildlife Landowner Conservation pilot program is implemented.

L. Definitions related to Landowner Preference Program.

1. "**Agricultural Land**" means lands classified for the purposes of taxation as agricultural.

2. "**Broker**" means for a third party to transfer a voucher for compensation or any other consideration, or otherwise arrange for such transfer, on behalf of the landowner, or land manager or on behalf of any individual.

3. **"Land manager"** means an individual designated in writing to CPW by the landowner who is 1) a ranch manager, property manager, business partner, employee, or relative of the landowner who has control of the property or 2) a licensed outfitter or other individual who has entered into a written agreement with the landowner for control of the hunting operations on the property, and who has a working knowledge of the property, including but not limited to, boundaries and access points.

4. "**Landowner**"- means a person that owns private agricultural land in Colorado, as shown by a recorded deed.

5. "**Transfer**"- means to buy, sell, assign, trade, exchange, acquire or otherwise arrange to buy, sell, assign, trade, exchange, acquire or dispose of a voucher.

6. "**Immediate family**"- means the landowner's spouse, parents, grandparent, children, grandchildren, and sibling including in-law and step relations.

7. "**Voucher**"- means a purchase authorization or document issued by the division, authorizing the landowner or any individual to whom the authorization~~document~~ is lawfully transferred to purchase a hunting license for the unit, species, sex and season specified~~printed on the document.~~

8. **"Landowner Preference Program"** – means the license preference program for owners of private agricultural land established by § 33-4-103, C.R.S., and any implementing regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

#201 – License Fees

A. Big Game License Fees

1. License Fee Reduction:

In accordance with the provisions of §33-4-102, C.R.S., the following big game license fees shall be reduced to the fee specified herein, from the level set forth in §33-4-102, C.R.S.:

a) Nonresident Bear ……...$310.65~~299.81~~

b) Resident Bear (Youth) ……..$17.80~~17.18~~

c) Nonresident Bear (Youth) …….....$63.55~~61.35~~

B. Combination Big Game/Annual Fishing Licenses for Nonresidents

1. Big game licenses issued to non-residents shall be issued as combination Big Game/Annual Fishing licenses, and for each such combination license purchased each year by a nonresident $10 of the above license fee shall be allocated to the fishing portion of such combination license.

#206 – Applications and Drawings for Limited Licenses

A. Exceeding of Quota: The Division shall only exceed the number of licenses authorized by the Commission:

1. If there is proof of Division error in the application for or issuance of a limited license, provided that the director or their~~his~~ designee determines there will be no detrimental impact to the subject wildlife population.

2. To issue licenses to hunters with mobility impairments or United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior hunters, who qualify for such licenses in accordance with regulation #206(B)(4)(g) or #206(B)(4)(h), provided there is no detrimental impact to the established herd population and sex ratio objectives. For each of these two programs:

   - no more than 100 limited antlerless deer, 100 limited doe pronghorn, and 200 limited antlerless elk licenses may be issued each year.

   - no more than 100 total antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses in the aggregate may be issued each year.

   Provided further, that limited license numbers for wildlife ranching properties cannot exceed the levels established by the Division and the landowner on the Ranching for Wildlife Seasons Form.

B. Application and Drawing Provisions and Restrictions:

1. General Provisions and Restrictions

   a. Number of Applications: No person may submit more than one application per year for the regular drawing process for a limited license for any big game species, or more than one application per year for the secondary draw for any species.

   b. Additional Choice Applications: Any additional choice on any application must be for the same species as the first choice.

   c. Valid Applications: Only complete and correct application forms will be accepted. Any forms involved in a violation of (a) or (b) above will be considered to be incorrect. Any incorrect application by one member of a group will invalidate the entire application.

   d. To be eligible for any big game license draw an individual must have first purchased either a veterans lifetime resident combination license, a first responder lifetime resident combination license, an annual small game license, an annual small game/fishing combination license, an annual senior small game/fishing combination license, a senior lifetime fishing upgrade to an annual combination small game/fishing combination license, or an annual spring turkey license valid for the same license year as the big game license for which they are applying. Individuals that do not hold one of these qualifying licenses may not apply.

1. To be eligible for the Secondary Draw, an individual must have first purchased either an annual fall turkey license valid for the same license year as the big game license for which they are applying or any one of the licenses listed in #206.B.1.d. valid for the same license year as the big game license for which they are applying. Individuals that do not hold one of these qualifying licenses may not apply for the Secondary Draw.

e. Until January 1, 2028, Group Applications: Group applications are accepted for the regular drawing for all species except moose and desert bighorn sheep, with no limit on the number of applicants per group except as follows:

Bighorn Sheep	2 applicant maximum
Mountain Goat	2 applicant maximum

Provided further that residents and nonresidents may not apply for the sheep or mountain goat on the same group application.

Beginning January 1, 2028, Group Applications: Group applications are accepted for the regular drawing for all species with no limit on the number of applications per group except as follows:

Bighorn Sheep	2 applicant maximum
Mountain Goat	2 applicant maximum
Moose	2 applicant maximum

Provided further that residents and nonresidents may not apply for the sheep, mountain goat, or moose hunt codes on the same group application.

f. Ranching for Wildlife: Non-residents are not eligible to apply for public Ranching for Wildlife licenses for any big game species.

g. Bighorn Sheep Access Program: Non-residents are not eligible to apply for public Bighorn Sheep Access Program licenses.

2. Restrictions by Species

a. Until January 1, 2028, Bighorn Sheep: Any person who harvests a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, a rewards program license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall not be eligible to apply for, or participate in the drawing for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred. During this five-year period a person may apply for a ewe license, but if unsuccessful will not receive preference points or chances. Any person who harvests a desert bighorn sheep, shall never again be eligible to apply for or participate in a desert bighorn sheep license drawing.

Bighorn Sheep: Any person who harvests a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram, on or after January 1, 2028, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, a rewards program license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall not be eligible:

1. to apply for, or purchase another license for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram.

2. to apply for a point, or participate in the drawing for a ewe-only license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred.

   Any person who harvests a desert bighorn sheep, shall never again be eligible to apply for or participate in a desert bighorn sheep license drawing.

b. Until January 1, 2028, Mountain Goat: Any person who harvests a mountain goat, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, a special goat management license, a rewards program license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall not be eligible to apply for or participate in the drawing for a mountain goat license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred.

   Mountain Goat: Any person who harvests a mountain goat on a male or either-sex license on or after January 1, 2028, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, a special goat management license, a rewards program license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall not be eligible:

   1. to apply for or purchase a male or either-sex mountain goat license.

   2. to apply for a point, or participate in the drawing for a nanny-only license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred.

c. Until January 1, 2028, Moose: Any person who harvests an antlered moose, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, a rewards program license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272 shall never again be eligible to apply for or participate in an antlered or either-sex moose license drawing.

   Beginning January 1, 2028, Moose: Any person who harvests an antlered moose, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, a rewards program license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall never again be eligible:

   1. to apply for or purchase an antlered or either-sex moose license.

   2. to apply for a point or participate in the drawing for an antlerless moose license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred.

3. Application Submittal

   a. Applications for limited licenses will be accepted only by methods (on-line or by phone) provided by the Division.

   b. Application submittal shall include a non-refundable application fee for residents and nonresidents in accordance to the fee structure in Chapter W-0 Appendix F.

   c. Applications for the regular drawing must be submitted appropriately no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time on the first Tuesday in April. Applications not submitted by this deadline are void.

4. Preference Systems

   Note: see also §33-4-103, C.R.S.

a. Landowner Preference: General Provisions

1. Preference for hunting licenses under the Landowner Preference Program shall only be given to eligible landowners who apply using the Landowner registration form(s) provided by the division. Only complete and correct registration forms will be accepted. Except for the carryover registration provided in § 33-4-103(2)(c), C.R.S., registration in the Landowner Preference Program is valid for 5 years. All landowners shall re-register their properties every 5 years (or on or before July 1, 2016 for carryover registrations) to continue participation, if desired, in the Landowner Preference Program.

2. As a condition of registration and participation in the Landowner Preference Program, landowners shall provide and maintain accurate ownership information with the division for all lands registered in the Program. During the statutory period of carryover registration provided in §33-4-103(2)(c), C.R.S., and any five-year registration period, landowners shall notify the division of any changes to required registration information in writing within 30 days.

3. Landowner preference is species specific and available only in units that are totally limited for all rifle licenses for deer, elk or pronghorn and vouchers will be allocated to eligible landowners by unit, species, sex and season. In units where vouchers remain after the initial allocation, eligible landowners may apply for the unused vouchers and shall pay $25 for each reallocated female (antlerless/doe) and $40 for each either-sex or male (antlered/buck) voucher. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund ~~check~~.

4. Vouchers not otherwise allocated to landowners as part of the Landowner Preference Program shall be made available as licenses to the general public in the remaining limited licenses draws or sales.

~~5. All landowners and hunters participating in the Landowner Preference Program shall file reports using the forms provided by the division. Reports must be complete and correct, and submitted to the Division by within 30 days after the close of the season.~~

~~6.~~5. Landowners and their registered properties may be audited for compliance with eligibility requirements of the Landowner Preference Program during any carryover or 5-year registration period. Notice of any noncompliance will be provided in writing to the landowner and the landowner shall have 30 days to resolve the noncompliance or withdraw the property from the Landowner Preference Program.

b. Landowner Preference: Voucher Requirements and Restrictions

1. Vouchers shall only be transferred by the landowner or the landowner's land manager, if any, directly to an individual to be used by that individual for the purchase of a license. Landowners may only designate one land manager for all lands registered in the Landowner Preference Program in any one unit.

2. The transfer of any voucher must include permission to access and hunt all lands in the unit registered in the Landowner Preference Program for the entire season for which the voucher was awarded. Such access shall be allowed without discrimination between hunters accessing the property, and without restriction other than manner of access restrictions (foot, horseback, vehicular) that are reasonably necessary to prevent damage to property.

3. The transfer of a voucher by any person other than the landowner or the landowner's land manager to any person other than an individual for purchase of a license is

prohibited. Violation of this prohibition shall void the voucher and any license purchased with it.

4. No person shall broker a voucher on behalf of any landowner or person, or use or possess any brokered voucher. Violation of this prohibition shall void the voucher and any license purchased with it.

c. Landowner Preference: Disqualification

1. Landowners, or the landowner's land manager, who fail to comply with any requirements of the Landowner Preference Program, may be disqualified from participation in the Program for up to five years. Disqualification of a joint or co-owner of property registered with the Landowner Preference Program shall disqualify all other joint or co-owners of the registered properties from participation in the Program.

2. Disqualification of a landowner from the Landowner Preference Program shall invalidate all preference points associated with property registered by the landowner in the Program.

3. Any landowner, or the landowner's land manager, that has been disqualified from the Landowner Preference Program shall not register properties, apply for vouchers or acquire or use any vouchers during the term of disqualification. Landowners that have been disqualified from participation in the Landowner Preference Program shall be required to re-register at the end of their period of disqualification and prior to further participation, if desired, in the Program.

4. Any other person that fails to comply with any requirements of the Landowner Preference Program may also be disqualified from participation in the Landowner Preference Program for up to five years. Any person disqualified shall not participate in the Landowner Preference Program in any manner, including, but not limited to, as a landowner, as a landowner's land manager, enrolling properties in any name, submitting applications for vouchers, receiving vouchers, transferring vouchers, redeeming vouchers or using licenses obtained with vouchers.

5. Any person convicted of a violation of the Landowner Preference Program will be given notice in writing of their possible disqualification from the Landowner Preference Program and the opportunity to appear and show cause why they should not be disqualified from participation in the Program. Any such disqualification hearing shall be held in the Denver office of the division, or at another location acceptable to the division. Notice of any resulting disqualification shall be sent to the person by certified mail, return receipt requested.

d. Landowner Preference: Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Pinecrest Ranch

1. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (UMU Tribe) owns the Pinecrest Ranch, identified by the Gunnison County assessor as Parcel Id. Nos. 4049-000-00-005, 4049-000-00-018, 3983-000-00-046 and 3981-000-00045.

2. The UMU Tribe may transfer LPP vouchers yielded by the Pinecrest Ranch to any person consistent with § 33-4-103, C.R.S. and the Commission's implementing regulations. If the UMU Tribe transfers such a voucher to a nonresident, enrolled member of the UMU Tribe, such member may elect to redeem the voucher for a reduced price equal to the price a resident would pay for the same license. Provided, however, any license obtained at a reduced price is only valid on the Pinecrest Ranch.

3. In order to redeem a voucher at a reduced price, the recipient must visit a CPW office in person, present a valid voucher, and show proof of enrollment by presenting UMU Tribal identification. The Division shall manually issue licenses redeemed at the reduced price.

e. Youth Preference - a minimum of 15 percent of the number of the limited doe pronghorn licenses, limited either-sex and antlerless deer licenses and limited antlerless elk licenses established for each GMU shall be made available for purchase by qualified youth applicants. ~~Licenses shall be available through application and computer selection from the Division headquarters, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216.~~ Licenses not allocated to youth shall be made available to the general public in the remaining drawings.

1. Any eligible hunter, ages 12-17 is entitled to youth hunt preference for all seasons and methods of take for the license types listed in the preceding paragraph, except that public, non-youth only Ranching for Wildlife and Air Force Academy licenses shall not be included in this preference. The applicant must submit an individual application for the desired, eligible license~~ on forms provided by the Division~~. Group applications will not be accepted for youth preference. Where more than one (1) hunt code choice is shown on the application, all hunt codes must be youth preference-eligible hunt codes or youth-only hunt codes.

2. Youth preference will be set at 50% for all antlerless deer licenses in GMUs 54, 55, 66, 67, and 551.

3. Youth preference will be set at 50% for licenses issued under hunt code DF006P5R.

f. Outreach Hunting Licenses – The Director may make additional outreach program deer, elk and pronghorn licenses available to qualified organizations sponsoring youth, novice adult, or disabled veteran hunting activities.

1. There will be no more than 600 elk licenses (100 antlered or either-sex, 500 antlerless), no more than 400 deer licenses (100 antlered or either-sex, 300 antlerless) and no more than 400 pronghorn licenses (60 buck or either-sex, 340 doe) issued annually under this subsection.

2. Licenses in game management units with at least one hunt code requiring 6 or more resident preference points to draw, excluding Ranching for Wildlife properties, will not be authorized for use under this subsection unless the request is for a hunt exclusively on private land.

3. Licenses are issued on a first come, first served basis to qualified organizations. No more than 10 licenses may be issued per event to any single requesting organization.

4. Requested dates for hunting events must occur between August 15 and January 31 each year.

5. Organizations who wish to request an Outreach license must submit the request in writing to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216 no later than 60 days prior to the planned hunting event.

6. Licenses are limited to the following:

a. Youth Outreach Hunting Licenses - Limited to youth hunters 12 to 17 years of age.

b. Novice Adult Hunting Licenses - For the purpose of these regulations a novice adult hunter is defined as a Colorado resident 18 years of age or older, who has either: no big game license purchase history, only held a big game hunting license(s) in the current or previous year, or has no big game license purchase history in the previous five years.

c. Disabled Veterans Outreach Hunting License - A disabled veteran for this purpose is defined as a honorably-discharged veteran with written proof to the Division of the following:

i. DD 214 Form or other documentation indicating the veteran received an Honorable Discharge from a branch of the Armed Services of the United States, AND

ii. A qualification letter, on official stationary/letterhead, from the Veteran's Administration, Department of Veteran's Affairs, or the branch of service from which the veteran is receiving compensation, that states one of the following:

1. 50% or greater, service-connected permanent disability;

2. Loss of use of one or both feet;

3. Loss of use of one or both hands; or a

4. Loss of vision in both eyes

g. Hunting Licenses for Hunters with Mobility Impairments - The Director may make certain deer, elk, and pronghorn licenses available to qualified hunters with mobility impairments.

1. Applicants for hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments must have a mobility impairment resulting from permanent medical conditions, which makes it physically impossible for them to hunt without the assistance of an attendant. Evidence of an impossibility to participate in the hunt without the assistance of an attendant may include, but is not limited to, prescribed use of a wheelchair; shoulder or arm crutches; walker; two canes; or other prescribed medical devices or equipment.

2. ~~Applications for antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall be made on the form available from, and submitted with the applicable license fee to, the Division, Limited License Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado, 80216. Applications for antlered deer and elk and pronghorn buck licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall be made on the form available from, and submitted with the applicable license fee to, the applicable Division regional service center.~~ Hunters may apply for the mobility impaired program from the Monday after the May Commission meeting through the last day of the rifle seasons.

3. Applications for hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall contain a statement from a licensed medical doctor or a certified physical, occupational, or recreational therapist describing the applicant's mobility impairment and the permanent medical condition which makes it impossible for the applicant to hunt without the assistance of an attendant. Additional documentation may be required if necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility for a hunting license for hunters with mobility impairments. For the 2001 seasons and thereafter, once certified by the

Division as mobility-impaired according to these regulations, applicants will not be required to submit the medical statement.

4. Antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses will be available in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlerless deer or 100 antlerless elk or 50 doe pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257, and #262 of these regulations. For any one game management unit no more than 10 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlerless deer or elk or doe pronghorn licenses for the game management unit, whichever number is greater, shall be issued as hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments for the species in question.

5. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be private land only licenses and will be available for hunt codes requiring four or fewer resident preference points to draw in the previous year in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlered or either-sex deer, 100 antlered or either-sex elk, or 50 buck pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257 and #262 of these regulations. For any one game management unit no more than 5 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlered, either-sex or buck licenses for the game management unit, whichever is greater, shall be issued as hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments for the species in question.

6. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis for hunters who qualify as mobility-impaired in instances where an organization assisting hunters with mobility impairments has coordinated a hunting opportunity specifically for this program and where all other avenues of obtaining a license have been exhausted.

7. Hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments will be valid only for the season dates and any units included in the authorized hunt code. Licenses for hunters with mobility impairments may not be issued for Ranching for Wildlife properties unless otherwise provided in the ranch contract.

h. Wounded Warrior Hunting Licenses - The Director may make certain deer, elk, and pronghorn licenses available to qualified participants in any United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior programs.

1. Applicants must be members of the United States Armed Forces, who are residents of, or stationed in, Colorado returning from post-September 11, 2001, overseas contingency operations who have been so severely injured during combat, including combat-related support activities, that they will require years of intense, ongoing care or assistance. Additionally, applicants must be members of a United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior program, as defined in 33-4-102(1.9) C.R.S., and must be assigned to a military medical treatment facility at the time of application for this program.

2. Applications shall contain a statement from a licensed medical doctor certifying the applicant's eligibility under the criteria in 1 above. Additional documentation may be required if necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility under this program.

3. ~~Applications for antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses shall be made on the form available from the Division, Limited License Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado. Applications for antlered deer and elk and pronghorn buck licenses shall be made on the form available from the applicable Division regional service center.~~ Hunters may apply from the Monday after the May Commission meeting through the

last day of the rifle seasons. Licenses issued under this program shall be issued as free licenses.

4. Antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses will be available in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlerless deer or 100 antlerless elk or 50 doe pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in 250, 257, and 262 of these regulations. Licenses issued for military installations will be exempted from these minimum license requirements. Wounded Warrior licenses issued for military installation property will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager. For any one game management unit no more than 10 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlerless deer or elk or doe pronghorn licenses for the game management unit, whichever number is greater, shall be issued as Wounded Warrior hunting licenses for the species in question.

5. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be private land only licenses and will be available for hunt codes requiring four or fewer resident preference points to draw in the previous year in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlered or either-sex deer, 100 antlered or either-sex elk, or 50 buck pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257 and #262 of these regulations. Licenses issued for military installations will be exempted from these preference point and minimum license requirements. Wounded Warrior licenses issued for military installation property will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager. For any one game management unit no more than 5 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlered, either-sex or buck licenses for the game management unit, whichever is greater, shall be issued as Wounded Warrior hunting licenses for the species in question.

6. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis for hunters who qualify under this program in instances where an organization assisting Wounded Warrior hunters has coordinated a hunting opportunity specifically for this program and where all other avenues of obtaining a license have been exhausted.

7. Wounded Warrior hunting licenses will be valid only for the season dates and any units included in the authorized hunt code. Wounded Warrior hunting licenses may not be issued for Ranching for Wildlife properties unless otherwise provided in the ranch contract.

i. Dream Hunt Hunting Licenses – The Director may make available additional deer, elk, pronghorn, mountain lion and black bear licenses to individuals qualified under this subsection.

1. Applicants for Dream Hunt licenses must be at least 12 and under 22 years of age, and must have a terminal illness or a life-threatening disease or injury.

2. A request for a Dream Hunt license must be made, in writing, by a sponsoring organization, documenting the individual's life-threatening or terminal condition, desired, hunt experience, desired location, time frame and logistical considerations. Requests should be sent to the Division of Parks and Wildlife, Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216.

3. Requested dates for hunting events must occur between August 15 and January 31 each year, with preferred dates occurring during an existing season for the requested species. However, alternate dates may be approved by the Director on a case-by-case basis as an applicant's condition requires.

4. Written landowner permission must be obtained prior to issuance of a license under this subsection if the individual will be hunting on private land.

j. Preference Points and Chances

1. Preference will be given for qualifying applications for first choice hunt codes only and shall be subject to the following provisions:

a. Until January 1, 2028, Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, and Bear: one preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a limited license for deer, elk, pronghorn, or bear as a first choice in the regular drawing or who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point only. Preference points will be used in future drawings for the same species and will accumulate until the applicant obtains a first choice license. When an applicant obtains a first choice license, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant both fails to apply for a species and has not purchased a license for that same species during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant accepts a first choice license that has been returned and reissued manually, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. No preference points are required for purchasing a returned license placed on the leftover list. In those hunt codes requiring 10 or more resident preference points to draw, up to 20 percent of available licenses for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear shall be issued through a random drawing. The number of preference points required to draw shall be determined by a three-year rolling average for the previous three limited license draws with a one year lag. A minimum of five individual preference points is required for an applicant to participate in the random drawing. Group applications shall not be eligible to participate in the random drawing.

Beginning January 1, 2028, Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, and Bear: one preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a limited license for deer, elk, pronghorn, or bear as a first choice in the regular drawing or who applies for a preference point only (no hunt codes) in the regular drawing. Preference points gained will be used in future drawings for the same species and will accumulate until the applicant obtains a first choice license. A split draw will be used in the regular drawing where the quota for each hunt code will be divided with half of the quota going to a preference point draw, and half going to a bonus draw. In the bonus draw, for every species preference point an applicant holds, the applicant will have one application entered into the bonus drawing, plus one. If the quota can't be evenly split, the extra license will go to the preference point draw. If there is only a single license available, it will be issued through the preference point draw. When an applicant obtains a first choice license in the regular drawing, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant both fails to apply for a species and has not purchased a license or a point for that same species during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant accepts a first choice license that has been returned and reissued all accumulated preference points for that species become void.

b. Until January 1, 2028, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose: One preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a first choice license, until three preference points have been accumulated. Each time an applicant with three (3) points qualifies for and fails to draw a first choice license for rocky mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goat or

moose the applicant will be awarded one (1) weighted preference point to be used in future drawings for that species. Applicants with at least three (3) preference points or any number of weighted preference points will be given weighted preference during the license drawings for each applicable species. Weighted preference is calculated by converting the applicant's original application number into a new random application number, then dividing that random application number by the number of weighted preference points the applicant currently has for that species plus one. The resulting number is the applicant's final and only application number. Final application numbers are sorted from lowest number to highest number, with licenses awarded to applicants starting on the top of the list (lowest number), working down the list until no licenses for that species remain. When an applicant obtains a first choice license, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant both fails to apply for a species and has not purchased a license for that same species during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant accepts a first choice license that has been returned and reissued, all accumulated preference points for that species become void.

Beginning January 1, 2028, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose: One preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a first choice license or who applies for a preference point only (no hunt codes) in the regular drawing. In order to draw a male or either-sex license the person must have a minimum of three (3) preference points for that species. For every species preference point an applicant holds, the applicant will have one application entered into the bonus drawing, plus one. When an applicant obtains a first choice license, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant both fails to apply for a species and has not purchased a license or point for that same species during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant receives a first choice license that has been returned and reissued, all accumulated preference points for that species become void.

c. Until January 1, 2028, in addition to the application fee, found in Chapter W-0 Appendix F, a resident applicant who is unsuccessful on their first choice (except youth as defined by 33-4-117 C.R.S., lifetime license holders, and Colorado resident military personnel on active duty outside Colorado), or a resident who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point or weighted preference point only, for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will be assessed a $50 fee to receive a preference point or weighted preference point. In addition to the application fee, found in Chapter W-0 Appendix F, a nonresident applicant who is unsuccessful on their first choice (except youth as defined by 33-4-117 C.R.S.), or a nonresident who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point or weighted preference point only, for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will be assessed a $100 fee to receive a preference point or weighted preference point. The fee, per species, shall entitle the hunter to preference points or weighted preference points for any unsuccessful first choice moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat application in that year. If the applicant chooses to not pay the preference point fee, the applicant will not receive a preference point or weighted preference point for that application.

Beginning January 1, 2028, in addition to the application fee, found in Chapter W-0 Appendix F, a resident applicant who is unsuccessful on their first choice or

a resident who applies for a preference point only (no hunt codes), for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will be assessed a $50 fee to receive a preference point. For deer, elk, bear, and pronghorn a $X fee will be assessed to receive a preference point for those species. In addition to the application fee, found in Chapter W-0 Appendix F, a nonresident applicant who is unsuccessful on their first choice or a nonresident who applies for a preference point only (no hunt codes), for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will be assessed a $100 fee to receive a preference point. For deer, elk, bear, and pronghorn a $Y fee will be assessed to receive a preference point for those species.

The fee, per species, shall entitle the hunter to a preference point for any unsuccessful first choice regular drawing application. If the applicant chooses to not pay the preference point fee, the applicant will not receive a preference point for that application. Youth as defined by 33-4-117 C.R.S., lifetime license holders, and Colorado resident military personnel on active duty outside Colorado are exempt from preference point fees.

d. Until January 1, 2028, applications receiving preference points will be given priority over all applications with fewer points. Group applications will receive preference at the level of the group member with the fewest accumulated preference points, and, where applicable, the fewest accumulated chances, except that group applications will not be successful, regardless of preference point level or number of chances, when there are fewer licenses remaining in the hunt code quota than the number of applicants in the group.

   Beginning January 1, 2028, applications with higher preference points will be given priority over all applications with fewer points in the preference point half of the draw. In the preference point half of the draw, group applications will receive preference at the level of the group member with the fewest accumulated preference points, and, where applicable, the fewest accumulated chances, except that group applications will not be successful, regardless of preference point level or number of chances, when there are fewer licenses remaining in the hunt code quota than the number of applicants in the group. In the bonus half of the split draw, group applicants will receive one application per preference point held by the group member with the lowest number of preference points, plus one. Group applications will not be successful when there are fewer licenses remaining in the hunt code quota than the number of applicants in the group.

e. In lieu of applying through the regular limited license draw, any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is stationed at any military facility in Colorado and actively deployed outside the United States, or any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Colorado resident and is deployed outside the United States, shall, upon their return to the United States, be eligible to apply for preference points for any regular limited license draw that occurred during their absence. Applications for preference points shall be ~~made on forms provided by the Division and~~ filed within six months upon the member's return to the United States.

5. Drawing Processes

   a. Applications using landowner preference and youth preference shall be drawn, in that order, prior to drawing general public applications for the same species.

b. Beginning January 1, 2028, for the general public drawing for deer, elk, bear and pronghorn, a split draw will be used where the remaining quota (after the landowner and youth preference draws) for each hunt code will be divided, with half of the quota going to a preference point draw, and half going to a bonus draw. If the quota can't be evenly split, the extra license will go to the preference point draw. If there is only a single license available, it will be issued through the preference point draw. The regular drawing shall be run processing all first choice applications for the preference point draw first, followed by all first choice applications for the bonus points draw before moving to second choice applications. The regular drawing will continue in that order, until all choices are processed.

c. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified of their accumulated preference points on their on-line account.

d. Nonresident hunter drawing limitations (until January 1, 2028, first choice applications only, beginning January 1, 2028, first and second application only)

1. Nonresident hunters shall receive no more than 10% of available moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat licenses for all hunt codes. In the event there are an insufficient number of nonresident applications for the allocated number of moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat licenses in any hunt code, the excess nonresident licenses will be issued to residents through the regular drawing process. These drawing limitations do not apply to the issuance of Bighorn Sheep Access Program (BSAP) licenses.

2. Until January 1, 2028, unless there is an insufficient number of resident applications, nonresident hunters shall receive no more than 25% of available deer, elk, bear and pronghorn licenses for hunt codes requiring fewer than six preference points for resident hunters to draw in the regular drawing, and no more than 20% of available deer, elk, bear and pronghorn licenses for hunt codes requiring six or more preference points for resident hunters to draw in the regular drawing as calculated using a rolling three-year average for the previous three limited license draws with a one year lag. These drawing limitations do not apply to the issuance of Private Land Only and Ranching for Wildlife licenses.

   Beginning January 1, 2028, unless there is an insufficient number of resident applications, nonresident hunters shall receive no more than 25% of available deer, elk, bear, and pronghorn licenses per hunt code in the regular drawing during the first and second choices of the draw. These drawing limitations do not apply to the issuance of Private Land Only and Ranching for Wildlife licenses.

6. Secondary Draw, Leftover Licenses, Drawing Provisions and Restrictions

a. Elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses which are not issued through the regular drawing will be issued through a secondary drawing process if the number of remaining licenses is sufficient to justify the administrative cost, except the following licenses will not be issued through a secondary drawing process:

1. Until January 1, 2028, any license that required five (5) or more resident preference points to draw as determined by the current year's limited license draw unless the license cannot be manually reissued to one of the first five (5) people on the regular draw list prior to the opening of the secondary drawing application period, and

   Beginning January 1, 2028, any surrendered or returned license that was drawn during the regular drawing that can be automatically reissued to the applicant next up

in line in the draw order by residency prior to the opening of the secondary drawing application period. During the regular draw application the applicant will have the opportunity to opt-in/opt-out of being added to the automatic reissue list by hunt code~~, and~~

2. Public Ranching for Wildlife licenses.

b. Any eligible hunter, ages 12 – 17 shall receive preference for the secondary draw for elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses.

c. There is no landowner preference for the secondary draw.

d. Any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces stationed at any military facility in Colorado and actively deployed outside the United States, or any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Colorado resident and is deployed outside the United States, shall be allowed a preference for the purchase of leftover licenses prior to their sale to the general public.

e. Group applications are not accepted for the secondary draw.

f. Applicants for the secondary draw must apply online or over the phone following the regular drawing.

g. Secondary draw applications must be submitted no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time, the last business day in June. Applications not submitted by this deadline are void.

~~h. Secondary draw applications not submitted by 8:00 PM Mountain Time the last business day in June will become void.~~

~~i.~~h. Until January 1, 2028, except for Ranching for Wildlife licenses, any licenses remaining after the secondary draw, will be placed on the leftover license list and will become available through the standard over-the-counter leftover process. Leftover or returned Ranching for Wildlife licenses will be reissued up to 14 days prior to the start of the season.~~For information regarding the availability of leftover Ranching for Wildlife licenses available on a first-come, first-served basis, please refer to the big game drawing brochure or call the Division at (303) 297-1192.~~

Beginning January 1, 2028, except for Ranching for Wildlife licenses, any deer, elk, bear or pronghorn licenses remaining after the secondary draw, that cannot be auto-reissued will be placed on the leftover license list and will become available through the standard over-the-counter leftover process. Leftover or returned Ranching for Wildlife licenses will be reissued up to 14 days prior to the start of the season.~~For information regarding the availability of leftover Ranching for Wildlife licenses available on a first-come, first-served basis, please refer to the big game drawing brochure or call the Division at (303) 297-1192.~~

#210 – Ranching for Wildlife – Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Black Bear, Moose, and Bighorn Sheep

A. Implementation Authority

1. The Director is authorized to implement the Ranching for Wildlife program, including the authority to determine ranch enrollment status, enter into cooperative agreements with ranches, establish and modify public and private season dates on each ranch, and establish and modify license allocations to each ranch including the subsequent distribution of licenses

to the public and private share annually, and may establish additional Ranching for Wildlife operating guidelines subject to the following provisions.

B. Ranch Entry and Maintenance

1. Ranches must have a minimum of 10,000 acres of privately owned land in one contiguous unit. Ranches that meet this 10,000-acre minimum requirement may include privately owned non-contiguous parcels in the program if the Director determines that their inclusion will contribute to meeting the performance standards for the ranch.

2. Ranches must develop a Ranching for Wildlife Management Plan that includes goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving such goals and objectives for wildlife habitat management, species management, and public hunting management. The Management Plan shall identify the Tier category in which the ranch seeks to be placed and what specific actions the ranch will take to achieve the appropriate Tier placement criteria. The Management Plan must be approved by the Division prior to execution of a Cooperative Agreement for Ranching for Wildlife.

3. Ranches may not charge public hunters an access fee for hunting.

4. Except as agreed to in writing by the Division when necessary to meet the ranch performance standards or as mutually agreed and contained in the Management Plan, ranches must provide for equality of access in terms of geographical area and mode of transportation for both public and private hunters. No closure or restriction of land or roads shall apply to public hunters that do not also apply to private hunters.

5. Public hunts must be established at a time when the species to be hunted are present and available for harvest. No public seasons shall be established during times when normal winter conditions would prevent access to most of the ranch, nor when normal migration patterns of the species to be hunted result in the species having migrated off the ranch.

6. Ranches that establish coinciding or overlapping public and private hunts may not exclude public hunters from any portion of the ranch due to the presence of private hunters.

7. The Ranch and the Division will mutually agree to ranch rules regarding access to and hunting on the ranch by public hunters. The ranch rules will be provided to hunters prior to seasons on the ranch in accordance with other provisions contained in this regulation.

8. Enrolled ranches shall not be eligible for game damage payments or materials for those species hunted in the program when damage occurs within the boundaries of the enrolled portions of the ranch.

9. The Division may, at its sole discretion, require ranches with public bighorn sheep hunting seasons to provide scouting access to those hunters and their companions prior to such seasons. Provisions for this scouting access shall be contained in the Management Plan.

C. Cooperative Agreements, Enrollment, Denial of Enrollment, Termination of Enrollment

1. The Division is authorized to enter into Cooperative Agreements with ranches.

2. Ranches may appeal enrollment decisions to the Commission.

3. Cooperative Agreements shall incorporate approved Ranching For Wildlife Management Plans as part of the Cooperative Agreement.

4. The Division shall periodically evaluate ranches for enrollment, contract performance, and Tier placement, and shall establish minimum performance standards for ranches enrolled in the program, including wildlife habitat management and improvement, public recreation opportunity and experience, and any factors intended to contribute to meeting Data Analysis Unit (DAU) management objectives. Such performance standards shall be incorporated into the Cooperative Agreement with the ranch.

D. Season Structures, Manner of Take, License Restrictions

1. Public and private seasons opening and closing date parameters

   a. Deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, and bighorn sheep seasons may not begin before the first day of the statewide archery season for that species, nor extend beyond January 31.

   b. Black bear season may not begin before September 2, nor extend beyond October 31.

2. Private season length

   a. Deer, elk, or pronghorn private seasons are restricted to a maximum of ninety (90) days.

   b. Moose or bighorn sheep private seasons are restricted to a maximum of 30 days.

3. Public season length

   a. Deer and elk public season length

      1. Antlered or either sex public hunting seasons shall be a minimum of ten (10) days in length for every licensed public hunter, either as a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days in length or divided into two (2) or more five (5) day periods.

      2. Ranches must offer a total of at least ten (10) days of antlerless public hunting. The season may run a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days; or may be split into two (2) or more five (5) day periods in which a hunter's license is valid in each period; or may be split into two (2) or more five (5) day seasons in which a hunter's license is valid in one but not any other five (5) day season. Ranches electing to split seasons and limit hunter participation to a single five (5) day season must assure that total public hunter harvest and licenses available are as much or more than would be achieved in the other two antlerless season alternatives.

      3. All public seasons or periods will include one full weekend, but seasons need not open on weekend days.

   b. Pronghorn public season length

      1. Buck or doe hunting seasons shall be a minimum of five (5) days in length. All public seasons shall include one full weekend, but seasons need not open on weekend days.

   c. Black Bear public season length

      1. Shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) days in length.

   d. Moose public season length

1. Antlered or antlerless public hunting seasons shall be a minimum of ten (10) days in length. Antlered seasons shall include a minimum of five (5) consecutive days without overlapping any antlerless moose hunting season on the ranch.

e. Bighorn sheep public season length

1. Public hunting seasons for rams shall be a minimum of thirty (30) days in length and shall include a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive days of hunting without overlapping any ewe hunting season on the ranch.

2. Public hunting seasons for ewes shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) days in length.

f. Additional primitive weapon seasons may be established provided that the season is structured so there is a minimum of 5 days of opportunity in which the method of take is restricted to archery or muzzleloading rifles.

1. These seasons shall be in addition to the previously mentioned minimum season lengths. Hunters drawing licenses for these seasons shall be allowed to hunt in the season with the restricted method of take and also in at least 10 additional days of opportunity with rifle method of take for moose, or antlered or either sex deer, elk, or black bear licenses; at least 5 additional days of opportunity with rifle method of take for pronghorn, or antlerless deer or elk licenses; at least 30 additional days of opportunity with rifle method of take for ram bighorn sheep licenses; and at least 15 additional days of opportunity with rifle method of take for ewe bighorn sheep. Additional primitive weapon seasons will include one full weekend.

4. Manner of Take

a. Rifle hunting shall be the designated manner of take. Provided further that additional public hunting seasons beyond the previously mentioned minimum levels may be established with more restricted manner of take. Any such seasons and licenses allocated to those seasons are additional public hunting opportunity and shall not reduce licenses that would otherwise be allocated for the rifle seasons.

5. License Restrictions

a. Ranching for Wildlife licenses are the only licenses valid for hunting of species under contract on the ranch, except as follows:

1. Auction and raffle licenses may be used when there is not a public season for the same species in progress on the ranch.

2. Antlerless deer or elk licenses may be used on a ranch when authorized in writing by the Division, subject to the following provisions:

a. There is an established season in which such licenses would be valid in the Game Management Unit (GMU) in which the ranch is located.

b. Such licenses shall not be used concurrently with any Ranching for Wildlife season, or at any other time when the Division determines that it would result in elk, deer, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, or black bear not being available to Ranching for Wildlife public hunters.

c. The Division determines that any resulting harvest achieved will contribute to achieving DAU management objectives.

3. Any Dream Hunt or Youth Outreach license may be used on a ranch when authorized in writing by the Division, subject to the following provisions:

   a. Such licenses shall not be used concurrently with any public Ranching for Wildlife season, or at any other time when the Division determines that it would result in species under contract on the ranch not being available to Ranching for Wildlife public hunters.

E. License Allocation

1. A maximum of 1,000 licenses of each species and sex for deer, elk, and pronghorn, a maximum of 30 black bear licenses, a maximum of 20 licenses of each sex for bighorn sheep, and a maximum of 50 licenses of each sex for moose may be allocated to each ranch annually, and subsequently distributed to the public and private share according to the distribution table established in this regulation.

2. Division staff recommendations regarding license allocations for each ranch shall be forwarded to and approved by the Director based upon Data Analysis Unit harvest objectives, relative ranch land base and occupied habitat for each species on the ranch to that of the Data Analysis Unit, hunter crowding, enhancement of hunter harvest, and relative densities of the species on the ranch.

3. Substitution of licenses of one species or sex for licenses of another species or sex shall not be permitted.

4. For purposes of determining distribution of licenses allocated to each ranch, either sex licenses will be treated as antlered licenses for deer and elk and buck licenses for pronghorn.

5. Landowner preference shall not be used for any public or private Ranching For Wildlife license. In addition, Ranching for Wildlife property may not be used to qualify for or receive landowner preference pursuant to §33-4-103, C.R.S.

6. The public share of the licenses in the following distribution tables represents the minimum for each species. Fractions of licenses shall be rounded up for public distribution licenses.

	DEER, ELK, AND PRONGHORN			
	Private Share of Licenses		Public Share of Licenses	
	% of total allocation to each ranch		% of total allocation to each ranch	
Tier	Buck, Antlered, or Either Sex	Doe or Antlerless	Buck, Antlered, or Either Sex	Doe or Antlerless
A	90	0	10	100
B	85	0	15	100
C	80	0	20	100

BLACK BEAR			
Private Share of Licenses		Public Share of Licenses	
% of total allocation to each ranch		% of total allocation to each ranch	
Either Sex		Either Sex	
60		40	
BIGHORN SHEEP			
Private Share of Licenses		Public Share of Licenses	
% of total allocation to each ranch		% of total allocation to each ranch	
Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe
50	0	50	100

MOOSE			
Private Share of Licenses		Public Share of Licenses	
% of total allocation to each ranch		% of total allocation to each ranch	
Antlered, or Either Sex	Antlerless	Antlered, or Either Sex	Antlerless
50	0	50	100

F. Youth Licenses

1. The Division and the ranch may formulate and implement youth hunting opportunities on any ranch through Division approved youth hunting programs. The Division must approve the youth hunting program on the ranch prior to any season or license allocation for such youth hunts.

2. A maximum of 15% of the total number for deer, elk, pronghorn, or black bear licenses allocated for a ranch may be allocated as youth hunting licenses on each ranch, over and above the total number of licenses allocated for a ranch.

3. Youth hunting seasons may occur at any time within the broad parameters for seasons within the Ranching For Wildlife program.

4. Youth licenses shall be distributed to individual youth hunters by mechanisms of the approved youth hunting program on the ranch. Youth licenses shall not count as either private or public licenses for purposes of calculating the relative share of other licenses allocated for the ranch.

G. Novice Adult Licenses

1. Starting in 2020, the Division and the ranch may formulate and implement novice adult hunting opportunities on any ranch through Division approved novice adult hunting programs. The Division must approve the novice adult hunting program on the ranch prior to any season or license allocation for such novice adult hunts.

2. A maximum of 15% of the total number for deer, elk, pronghorn, or black bear licenses allocated for a ranch may be allocated as novice adult hunting licenses on each ranch, over and above the total number of licenses allocated for a ranch.

3. Novice adult hunting seasons may occur at any time within the broad parameters for seasons within the Ranching for Wildlife program.

4. Novice adult licenses shall be distributed to individual novice adult hunters by mechanisms of the approved novice adult hunting program on the ranch. Novice adult licenses shall not count as either private or public licenses for purposes of calculating the relative share of other licenses allocated for the ranch.

H. License Distribution

1. Applications

   a. Applications for private hunter licenses stamped with the ranch name and season dates shall be available to the landowner for distribution. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales system, private hunter licenses will be issued in the form of vouchers to the landowner for distribution to redeeming hunters.

   b. Public hunter licenses shall be available through application and selection from the Division during the annual limited license drawing process, except as provided in this regulation.

   c. Leftover Ranching for Wildlife Licenses: Ranching for Wildlife licenses which are not issued through the regular drawing will be issued as "leftover" licenses using the reissue process~~, only through the "leftover" drawing process, rather than through the over-the-counter leftover license process~~.

I. Special Restrictions

1. Unless otherwise provided in these Ranching for Wildlife regulations all hunters must comply with other applicable regulations, including, but not limited to, manner of take (except that private hunters may use any legal weapon during private seasons), hunting hours, application requirements and deadlines, bag limits, season participation, mandatory checks, OHV restrictions, and other generally applicable regulations for big game hunting.

2. A copy of the mutually agreed upon ranch rules will be provided to all public hunters prior to their hunting season. All public hunters will be required to sign a statement acknowledging that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with all ranch rules, before the hunter is allowed access to the ranch.

   a. Compliance with ranch rules is a specific condition of the Ranching For Wildlife public licenses and subsequent access to the ranch. In addition to criminal penalties, non-compliance with ranch rules constitutes grounds for suspension and revocation of the license and/or being prohibited from further participation in hunting on the ranch, and/or in the Ranching For Wildlife program as a public hunter.

b. Final determination on any legal action taken towards hunters found in non-compliance with ranch rules shall be made solely by officers of the Division. This includes any citation that may be issued for non-compliance with the provisions of a license, or directing a hunter to leave a ranch. Ranch personnel may not direct a hunter to leave a ranch without specific authorization of a Division officer.

#211 – Bighorn Sheep Access Program

A. Implementation Authority

1. The Director is authorized to implement the Bighorn Sheep Access Program (BSAP), including the authority to determine private land enrollment status, enter into cooperative agreements with legal landowners, establish and modify public and private season dates on each property, and establish and modify license allocations to each property including the subsequent distribution of licenses to the public and private share, and may establish additional BSAP operating guidelines subject to the following provisions. All new or renewed contracts must be signed by the Director by October 15 in order to participate in the program the following year.

B. Property Enrollment Constraints

1. Properties must have a minimum of 5,000 acres of privately owned land.

2. Except under the provisions of regulation #211(E)(5), there must be a sustainable population of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep that are predictably present on the private lands and at times for which public hunting seasons may be set. All sheep on the property must be a part of a single bighorn sheep herd (DAU). Land under contract may not cross sheep herd boundaries. At least 60% of the sheep herd within the bighorn sheep game management unit to be hunted must be located on private land or State Trust Land.

3. Properties may not charge public hunters an access fee for hunting.

4. Except as agreed to in writing by the Division, enrolled properties must provide for equality of access in terms of geographical area and mode of transportation for both public and private hunters. No closure or restriction of land or roads shall apply to public hunters that do not also apply to private hunters.

5. Public hunts must be established at a time when sheep are present and available for harvest. No public seasons shall be established during times when normal winter conditions would prevent access to most of the property, nor when normal migration patterns would result in sheep having migrated off the property.

6. Ranches that establish coinciding or overlapping public and private hunts may not exclude public hunters from any portion of the property due to the presence of private hunters.

7. The private landowner(s) will provide to each public hunter a property information packet which includes, but is not limited to, property maps showing access routes and camping areas, and landowner contact information.

8. Enrolled properties shall not be eligible for game damage payments or materials for damage caused by Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

C. Cooperative Agreements, Enrollment, Termination of Enrollment

1. The Division is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with private property owners. Multiple private property owners may participate in the program under a single contract as long as all legal owners agree to the same terms and requirements.

2. The Division shall establish minimum performance standards or requirements for properties enrolled in the program. Such performance standards shall be incorporated into the cooperative agreement with each property owner(s). Each cooperative agreement will include an option to renew at the end of the contract period if agreed to by both the Division and private landowner.

3. Each cooperative agreement will also contain a termination clause. Potential termination will be based on public hunter satisfaction that is within the control of the property owner or manager. No future private ram licenses will be allocated to a property after their contract is terminated.

D. Season Structures, Manner of Take, License Restrictions

1. Public and private seasons opening and closing date parameters

   a. Ram seasons may not begin before August 1 and may not extend beyond December 31.

   b. Ewe seasons may not begin before September 1 and may not extend beyond January 15.

   c. Public ram seasons shall always precede private ram seasons. When necessary for private and public seasons to be conducted in the same year, public ram seasons will occur prior to private seasons.

2. Private season length

   a. Private ram seasons shall not be less than 20 days nor greater than 60 days.

3. Public season length

   a. Public ram seasons shall be equal or greater in length to the private ram seasons, but not less than 30 days nor greater than 60 days. If multiple ram seasons are necessary to spread out hunting pressure, then season length may be shortened to not less than 20 days per season.

   b. Ewe seasons shall be not less than 10 days in length with no more than a 5 day overlap with public ram seasons.

4. Method of take for ram hunting will be hunter's choice in accordance with regulation #203 of this chapter. Method of take for ewe hunting will be determined by contract negotiation.

5. License Restrictions

   a. BSAP licenses are the only licenses valid for hunting sheep on the property, except that auction and raffle licenses may be used when there is not a public season in progress on the property.

E. License Allocation

1. Division staff recommendations regarding license allocations for each property shall be approved by the Director.

2. All ewe licenses allocated are public licenses. The Division shall determine if ewe hunting is needed or desired for sheep management on the property.

3. The public share of the licenses in the following distribution table represents the minimum number of licenses provided to the public. Fractions of licenses shall be rounded up for public distribution licenses.

	ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP			
	Private Share of Licenses		Public Share of Licenses	
	% of total allocation to each enrolled property		% of total allocation to each enrolled property	
Option	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe
A	67	0	33	100
B	75	0	25	100
C	50	0	50	100

4. Enrolled properties with a sustainable Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep population already present will have the choice between two license distribution options (option A or B). In order to receive the license allocation percentages listed in option B, a competent, skilled guide will be provided for free to the public ram hunter. The guide must be competent and knowledgeable of the property and of bighorn sheep behavior and use patterns on the property. The guide provided to the public ram hunter must be the same guide provided to the private ram hunter, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Division. In order to receive the license allocation percentages listed in option A, each public sheep hunter will receive free access to the property and a free area for camping if the property is located 40 minutes or more from public accommodations. No free guiding services are provided under option A.

5. Option C is available for property owners who would like their land evaluated for bighorn sheep transplant or augmentation for inclusion in the BSAP under option C. Notice of interest must be submitted in writing to the local district wildlife manager by April 1 annually. If the Division approves the transplant and property enrollment, the Division and landowner will share the costs of the trap and transplant operation. Prior to the transplant, the Division and the ranch will enter a cooperative agreement under option C. The cooperative agreement will extend 10 years beyond the time of transplant. The cooperative agreement may be amended to extend it for additional years if hunting was not initiated within the 10-year cooperative agreement period. When the Division and property owner determine that the herd can sustain hunting harvest, the original cooperative agreement will be amended to include provisions for season dates, licenses and any bighorn sheep habitat management plans agreed to by the landowner and the Division. When hunting is initiated, ram licenses will be issued at a 1:1 public/private ratio for 10 hunting seasons. After the 10 hunting seasons, the landowner may choose to withdraw from the program or re-enroll in a new contract under option A or B.

6. Public ram hunters will be allowed to bring a maximum of two additional non-hunting persons with them onto the property during their hunt. Ewe hunters will be allowed to bring a maximum of one additional non-hunting person with them onto the property during their hunt.

7. Landowners are not required to provide pre-draw or pre-season scouting access in any license allocation option.

F. License Distribution

1. Applications

a. Applications for private ram licenses stamped with the ranch name and season dates shall be available to the landowner for distribution. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales system, private ram licenses will be issued in the form of vouchers to the landowner for distribution to redeeming hunters.

b. Public hunter licenses shall be available through application and selection from the Division during the annual limited license drawing process.

ARTICLE VI – Mountain Lion

#242 – Rifle and Associated Methods Mountain Lion Seasons

A. General and Extended Seasons

1. Dogs may be used to hunt mountain lion. However, the pack size shall be limited to no more than eight (8) dogs.

2. The hunter that takes a mountain lion shall be present at the time and place that any dogs are released on the track of a mountain lion and must continuously participate in the hunt until it ends. After a mountain lion has been pursued, treed, cornered or held at bay, a properly licensed person shall take or release the mountain lion immediately. No person shall in any manner restrict or hinder the mountain lion's ability to escape for the purpose of allowing a person who was not present at the time and place that any dogs were released, to arrive and take the mountain lion.

3. Hunt Type, Dates, Units (as described in Chapter 0 of these regulations), and Harvest Limit Quotas.

a. Mountain Lion, Either-sex Season and Harvest Limits – In Game Management Units, as follows, with seasons as specified starting mid November 2025:

Units	Seasons	Lion Harvest Limit
1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 21, 22, 30, 31, 32, 201, 211, 301	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	85
4 , 5, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 33, 131, 214, 231, 441	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	75
6, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35, 36, 37, 161, 171, 181, 361, 371	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	36

Units	Seasons	Lion Harvest Limit
7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 29, 38, 191	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	28
39, 46, 50, 51, 391, 461, 500, 501	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	19
40, 41, 42, 47, 421, 471	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	31
43, 44, 45, 431, 444	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	33
48, 49, 56, 57, 58, 481, 561, 581	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	30
52, 53, 63, 411, 521	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	31
54, 55, 66, 67, 551	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	20
59, 511, 591	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	9
60, 61, 70	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	24
62, 64, 65	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	25
68, 76, 79, 82, 681, 682, 791	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	16
69, 84, 85, 86, 691, 851, 861	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	47
71, 72, 73, 711	Mid November* - March 31 of the following year, annually	30

Units	Seasons	Lion Harvest Limit
74, 75, 77, 78, 741, 751, 771	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	23
80, 81, 83	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	18
87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 132, 139, 145, 951	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	5
104, 105, 110, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 146, 147	Mid November* – March 31 of the following year, annually	22
TOTAL		**607**

* The November opening date is the day after the close of the final combined deer and elk rifle season annually.

B. Licenses and GMU Harvest Limit Status

1. A valid mountain lion license is required to hunt any mountain lion.

2. Except as provided in 33-3-106 C.R.S., it is unlawful for any person to purchase or obtain a mountain lion hunting license or hunt mountain lions unless the person obtains a mountain lion education certificate issued by the Division attesting to the person's successful completion of the Division's certified mountain lion education and identification course. Any person required to obtain such a certificate shall have proof of the certificate on his or her person while hunting or taking mountain lion.

3. Prior to each hunting trip in any game management unit, but not earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day before hunting, lion hunters must check the *Available Lion Harvest Limit Report* on the Division website or any Division office to determine which game management units have not reached the unit harvest limit and are open to hunting. It shall be unlawful to hunt in a unit after it is closed.

C. Special Restrictions

1. Reporting and Sealing

a. The taking of mountain lions by licensed hunters shall be reported to the Division within 48 hours after the taking thereof, and except as provided in these regulations, the lion shall be personally presented by the hunter for inspection and sealing within five (5) days after the taking thereof. Mountain lion heads and hides must be unfrozen when presented for inspection. If not unfrozen, the Division may retain heads and hides as necessary for

thawing sufficient to extract a premolar tooth. A mandatory check report shall be completed at the time of inspection.

b. At the time of the mandatory check, the Division shall be authorized to extract and retain a premolar tooth.

2. The legal possession seal when attached to the mountain lion skull or hide shall authorize possession, transportation, tanning or mounting thereof. No fee shall be required for the inspection and issuance of a legal possession seal which shall remain attached to the skull or hide until processed. Mountain lions shall not be transported, shipped or otherwise taken out of Colorado until the hide and skull are inspected and sealed.

3. Lions with Kittens – No person shall kill a mountain lion accompanied by one or more kittens or kill a kitten.

4. "Kitten" shall mean a lion with spots.

Special Seasons

ARTICLE XII – Special Hunting Seasons/Licenses for Big Game

#271 – Big Game Animals Causing Damage and Big Game Populations Over Objective

A. Special Population Management Seasons for Big Game Ungulates

1. The Director shall have the authority to establish special management seasons for antlerless or female big game ungulates in specific game management units or portions thereof which significantly exceed the population objective, when the anticipated harvest from the current year's archery, muzzle-loading and regular rifle seasons did not occur. Provided further that the Director shall have the authority to establish these hunts between November 16 and February 28, to specify a time period for each of these hunts but not to exceed ten days each, and shall authorize hunters to use designated unfilled big game licenses for these hunts and units.

2. The Director shall have the authority to allocate antlerless deer and/or elk licenses on existing Ranching for Wildlife properties located in game management units where deer or elk populations significantly exceed the population objective. These licenses shall be in addition to the number of licenses allocated to each ranch pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement established in #210(A)(2). The additional allocation and use of the antlerless licenses provided for in this section shall be allocated by season(s) and quota(s) established in the ranch's respective Cooperative Agreement and subject to the following provisions:

a. No ranch shall be required to accept any additional antlerless licenses.

b. The public allocation of such additional antlerless licenses shall only be offered to hunters who have successfully drawn antlered, either-sex or antlerless licenses for the same species on the ranch. Public hunters who choose to purchase one additional antlerless license from the Division shall be required to use the additional license during the season established for the license for which they drew. No more than one additional antlerless license will be available to any public hunter.

c. The allocation of such additional antlerless licenses for private seasons shall be equal to, and not to exceed, the total number of additional antlerless licenses allocated to public hunters.

B. Special Game Damage Seasons for Big Game Ungulates

1. The Director shall have the authority to establish special hunting seasons for big game ungulates when necessary to control damage to property. Seasons shall be for the taking of antlerless or female animals unless the Director has determined that the taking of antlered or male animals is necessary to alleviate the damage. These seasons may occur year-round for male wild bison, between August 15 and January 31 for female wild bison, and between August 15 and February 28 for other ungulates.

    a. Game damage hunts are limited to a maximum of 50 licenses per species per Game Management Unit or 30 percent of the antlerless, either-sex, or doe licenses issued for the DAU (whichever is greater), unless a distribution management plan establishing a different percentage has been approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission or additional permits are approved by the Director or their~~his~~ designee.

    b. On private lands and Russell Lakes, Rio Grande and Higel State Wildlife Areas, the Area Wildlife Manager (AWM) is authorized to conduct these seasons based upon the following criteria:

        1. The AWM finds that such a season would be consistent with the distribution management plan approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

        2. When there is no approved distribution management plan, the AWM finds that a season will reduce or eliminate damage for which the Division is liable, and that holding a season would be desirable considering

            a. The species and number of animals involved.

            b. The number of animals that would have to be removed to reduce or eliminate damage.

            c. The location of the damage problem.

            d. The type and extent of damage.

            e. The time of year and its relationship to the life history of the animals.

            f. The length of time such damage will continue without big game removal.

            g. Management closures, hunting seasons and other public use.

            h. The effect on population objectives for the GMU and DAU.

            i. Whether landowner operations (e.g., harvesting) or critical wildlife biological activities (e.g., fawning) would be interrupted.

            j. Safety risks.

            k. Any other pertinent factors.

        3. The Area Wildlife Manager shall provide the landowner with special application forms for distribution to individuals of their choice. Participants shall submit the completed application form with payment to the Division office indicated on the application.

        4. In the event the landowner cannot secure enough people to effect an adequate harvest the Division can assist in locating individuals.

a. The Division shall

1. Verify that damage or conflicts are occurring or can reasonably be anticipated to occur.

2. Designate what area shall be open to hunting.

3. Determine the manner of hunting that will be permitted.

4. Determine the number of hunters allowed to hunt in each designated area.

b. Hunting will be done under the direction of a District Wildlife Manager, following approval by the owner of land where such damage is occurring.

c. Hunters shall hunt in designated areas and on the dates indicated on the license.

1. A map or a written description of the designated area open to hunting (which would include, but would not be limited to landowner(s) name, game management unit, township, range and section(s) and/or identification of landmarks such as roads, rivers, or fence lines which coincide with boundaries), will be provided to each licensed hunter by the Division.

d. Any person who purchases a license for a game damage season shall be required to complete a Division harvest survey form and return it to the Area office that is nearest the location of the hunt no later than 5 days after the season ends.

C. Special Game Damage Licenses for Bear and Mountain Lion

1. The Director shall have the authority to establish special hunting licenses for mountain lion and bear, which allow for take in excess of the otherwise applicable limited license numbers or quotas, when necessary to control damage to private property.

a. AWMs are authorized to issue these bear and mountain lion licenses to address specific animals determined after an investigation to be causing damage to private property.

1. Bear or mountain lion licenses above the established limited license numbers or quota for the area may be issued only where necessary to take specific animals determined after an investigation to be causing damage to private property.

2. Bear hunting authorized under this provision will be conducted between September 2 and the end of the fourth regular rifle season annually.

3. Mountain lion hunting authorized under this provision will be conducted during established lion seasons.

4. Licenses will be issued only if licenses are not otherwise available for purchase under standard license distribution methods or where mountain lion quotas have been reached in the area.

5. License will be restricted by manner of take, period of time within the dates specified above, and location within the GMU(s) or DAU(s) in question as necessary to ensure the offending animal is appropriately targeted.

6. Hunting will be conducted under the direction of a District Wildlife Manager.

b. Any person who purchases a license shall be required to complete a Division harvest survey form and return it to the Area office that is nearest the location of the hunt no later than 5 days after the end of the hunting period authorized by the license.

c. Bear and mountain lion taken pursuant to a license issued under this provision shall not be counted against the annual bag and possession limit for the species in question.

D. Special Hunting Season In Game Management Unit 20 For Cow Elk Normally Not Available For Harvest During Regular Or Late Big Game Seasons:

1. Season dates, license types, permit numbers will be established by the Director or their~~his~~ designee.

2. The Division will designate the area open to hunting, manner of take, and season dates which are necessary to achieve its population management objective for this population of elk. Hunting shall occur only during the designated time periods indicated on the hunter's license and only in those areas specifically designated on the map provided by the Division. Special Unit 20 cow elk hunts shall be established based on the following criteria: (a) the hunt does not fall within the criteria established for game damage hunts; (b) snow ground cover and/or other conditions favor are expected to favor successful hunting; (c) elk must be available to hunters in portions of Unit 20 which are open to hunter access; and (d) no special season will be created under this regulation which would extend beyond February 15th.

3. Eligible hunters will be selected in the following priority: a) from the list of hunters who applied for a Unit 20 limited elk license and were unsuccessful; and b) from a new list of hunters established by the Division Northeast Regional office pursuant to notice in local newspapers. Such list will be established on a first-come, first-served basis.

4. Individuals who participate in this special hunt may also participate in any other season for elk if otherwise eligible to do so.

E. Special Hunting Licenses and Seasons For Deer and Elk in Urbanized Areas:

1. The Division Director (or designee) shall have the authority to establish special deer and elk hunting seasons between August 15 and February 28 annually to achieve population management objectives as specified in Division approved county or ~~municiple~~ municipal management plans. Seasons shall be for the taking of antlerless animals unless the Director determines~~determins~~ that the taking of antlered animals is necessary per the issues and goals brought forth in the Division approved management plan.

2. Counties or municipalities must submit a proposed management plan to the Division, which includes the following:

   a. Explanation~~Explaination~~ of the need and scope of the issues (i.e. habitat degradation~~degredation~~, human conflicts, human health and safety issues, etc);
   b. Estimated population of deer or elk creating the issue and a target population number being sought post removal;
   c. Season dates;
   d. Manner of take;
   e. Numbers of licenses and projected harvest;
   f. Geographic location and description of hunting area(s); and
   g. Method for selecting eligible hunters.

3. Management plans will be evaluated on the merits of furthering goals for suburban deer or elk management and in relation to the appropriate Division Big Game Herd (DAU) Management Plan. The Director (or designee) shall provide the county or municipality with special application forms for distribution to individuals as specified within the submitted and approved management plan. Participants shall submit the completed application to the Division to obtain the appropriate hunting license.

4. The participating county or municipality will assume full responsibility for the plans and elements therein. The Division will be available to provide technical assistance to the county or municipality in preparing the management plan.

5. The county or municipality may not charge hunters a fee beyond what is required to cover their administrative costs to run the program.

6. All participating counties, municipalities and individuals are required to follow all applicable state statutes~~statutues~~ and regulations. No county or municipality will allow, encourage, or otherwise promote violations thereof.

7. The Division can unilaterally, without prior notification, terminate or void any applications given to a county or municipality prior to their redemption~~redemtion~~ for a license for issues related to human health, safety, or any wildlife related violations associated with the management plan implementation, or documented deviation from the management plan as it was submitted to the Division. Management plans may be amended with Division approval.

8. Individuals who participate in these special hunts may also participate in any other season for deer or elk if otherwise eligible to do so.

9. Any county or municipality receiving licenses for a special hunting season for deer and elk in urbanized areas shall be required to complete a Division harvest survey form and return it to the Area office that is nearest to the location of the hunt no later than 5 days after the season ends.

Basis and Purpose:

Differential pricing for nonresident black bear, youth black bear, and nonresident mountain lion

Following the passage of the Hunting, Fishing, and Parks for Future Generations Act (SB 18-143), the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission has the authority to adjust most wildlife licenses annually with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). While most resident and nonresident wildlife license fees have been adjusted to the statutory maximum, differential pricing has been retained for nonresident black bear and youth resident and nonresident black bear.

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

In June of 2027 CPW will be moving to a new licensing system. As part of the change most of the CPW products will be changing from physical products to electronic products or e-products. To make this switch to e-products the regulations need to be updated with the new terminology and procedures. These changes remove references to paper forms where they are no longer going to be accepted as customers will instead fill out paperwork electronically.

E-tag numbers will also replace the current carcass tags. In order to get an e-tag number a person who has killed a wildlife species for which an e-tag is required must immediately report their harvest by e-tagging either through the Division's mobile phone app, online through the CPWShop website, or by calling the harvest in. If a person does not have access to report their harvest, they must immediately sign and date a paper copy of their license as a temporary measure, until e-tagging is possible. E-tagging must be completed within 48 hours in circumstances when a paper license is being used a temporarily tag. A harvested animal may be transported without physical documentation on the animal so long as the hunter is present. If the hunter is not present, the harvested animal should be marked with the hunter's name and e-tagging number or the signed and dated paper copy of the license. If a license is inadvertently or accidentally electronically voided, the tag can be reactivated by contacting the Division for assistance.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

CHAPTER W-3 - FURBEARERS and SMALL GAME, EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS

Note: Amendments to the Rules are added in red text and deletions are in red text with strikethrough.

ARTICLE I - General Provisions

#301 – License Fees

A. Furbearer License Fee

1. Furbearer License Fee Reduction:

In accordance with the provisions of §33-4-102, C.R.S., the following furbearer license fees shall be reduced to the fee specified herein, from the level set forth in §33-4-102, C.R.S.:

a. Nonresident Furbearer …….$105.80~~102.11~~

B. Resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license fee

1. Resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license fee reduction:

In accordance with the provisions of §33-4-102, C.R.S., the following combination license shall be created with a reduced fee specified herein, from the level set forth in §33-4-102, C.R.S.:

a. Resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting licenses ……$36.55~~35.28~~

b. Resident senior lifetime fishing upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting license* …….$25.95~~25.07~~

*Valid only for resident senior Lifetime Disability and Low Income Fishing license holders.

ARTICLE II - Small Game Season Dates, Units (as Described in Chapter 0 of These Regulations), Bag and Possession Limits, Limited Licenses and Permits

#322 – Wild Turkey

A. Season Bag and Possession Limits

2. The bag and possession limit for each season annually shall be as provided below.

a. Spring Season - The limit shall be two bearded turkeys in the spring for those persons who possess a limited spring license. One turkey must be harvested on the limited license and in the limited area. The additional bearded turkey must be harvested with an over-the-counter license.

b. Fall Season - The limit shall be one turkey of either sex.

c. Late Season - The limit shall be two beardless turkeys.

3. In addition to the above bag and possession limits, a hunter may obtain any number of nuisance turkey licenses as provided in #322(F).

4. In addition to the above bag and possession limits, a hunter may take one additional turkey with a Turn In Poachers (TIPS) license as provided in #002(H)(11)(b).

B. Applications for Limited Licenses

1. Application requirements

   a. No person shall submit more than one (1) application per season.

   b. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

   c. Applications not submitted by the deadline date and time are void.

2. Drawing applications submittal

   a. Applications will be accepted by phone or internet only through the Division's electronic licensing system.

   b. Each drawing application shall include payment of a non-refundable application fee for residents or a non-refundable application fee for nonresidents, found in Chapter W-0 Appendix F. Individuals successful in the draw will be charged for the limited license as well as applicable surcharges found in Chapter W-0 Appendix F.

   c. Spring season

      1. Applications for limited licenses must be received by phone or online no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time, on the first Tuesday in February annually.

   d. Fall season

      1. Applications for limited licenses must be received by phone or online no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time, on the last business day in May annually.

   e. Beginning January 1, 2028, unless there is an insufficient number of resident applications, nonresident hunters shall receive no more than 25% of available turkey licenses per hunt code in the spring and fall drawings during the first and second choices of both the draws.

3. Preference systems

   a. Preference Points: Preference will be given for correct applications for first choice hunt codes only and shall be subject to the following provisions:

      1. Until January 1, 2028, one preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a limited license as a first choice in the drawing or who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point only. However, no applicant may accumulate more than two turkey preference points per calendar year.

         Beginning January 1, 2028, one preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a limited license as a first choice in the drawing or who applies for a preference point only (no hunt codes). However, no applicant may accumulate more than two turkey preference points per calendar year. Residents unsuccessful in drawing a first choice license or those applying for a preference point only (no hunt codes) will be assessed a $X preference

point fee to receive a preference point. Nonresidents unsuccessful in drawing a first choice license or those applying for a preference point only (no hunt codes) will be assessed a $Y preference point fee to receive a preference point. If the applicant chooses not to pay the preference point fee, the applicant will not receive a preference point for that application. If an applicant accepts a first choice license that has been returned and reissued all accumulated preference points for that species become void. No preference points are required for purchasing a returned license placed on the leftover list.

Youth as defined by 33-4-117 C.R.S., lifetime license holders, and Colorado resident military personnel on active duty outside Colorado are exempt from these preference point fees.

2. Preference points will be used in future drawings for the same species and will continue to accumulate until the applicant draws a license as a first choice. If an applicant both fails to apply for a turkey license and has not purchased a turkey license during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for turkey become void.

3. Until January 1, 2028, applications with higher preference points will be given priority over all applications with fewer points.

   Beginning January 1, 2028, a split draw will be used for both the spring and fall season draws where the quota for each hunt code will be divided, with half of the quota going to a preference point draw, and half going to a bonus draw. If the quota can't be evenly split, the extra license will go to the preference point draw. If there is only a single license available, it will be issued through the preference point draw. In the preference point split half of the draw applications with higher preference points will be given priority over all applications with fewer points. In the bonus draw, for every species preference point an applicant holds, the applicant will have one application entered into the bonus drawing, plus one. Each drawing shall be run processing all first choice applications for the preference point draw first, followed by all first choice applications for the bonus draw before moving to second choice applications. The drawing will continue in that order, until all choices are processed.

4. Until January 1, 2028, group applications will receive preference at the level of the group member with the fewest accumulated points.

   Beginning January 1, 2028, in the preference point half of the draw, group applications will receive preference at the level of the group member with the fewest accumulated preference points, and, where applicable, the fewest accumulated chances, except that group applications will not be successful, regardless of preference point level or number of chances, when there are fewer licenses remaining in the hunt code quota than the number of applicants in the group.

5. Unsuccessful and successful applicants in the drawing can check their current accumulated preference point totals online.

b. Hunting Licenses for Hunters with Mobility Impairments - The Director may make licenses valid in certain GMU's available to qualified hunters with mobility impairments.

   1. Applicants for hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments must have a mobility impairment resulting from permanent medical conditions, which makes it

physically impossible for them to hunt without the assistance of an attendant. Evidence of an impossibility to participate in the hunt without the assistance of an attendant may include, but is not limited to, prescribed use of a wheel chair; shoulder or arm crutches; walker; two canes; or other prescribed medical devices or equipment.

2. ~~Applications for hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall be made on the form, available from and submitted with the applicable license fee to, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Limited License Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216.~~ Hunters may apply from the Monday after the November Commission meeting through the last day of the spring season.

3. Applications for hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall contain a statement from a licensed medical doctor or a certified physical, occupational, or recreational therapist describing the applicant's mobility impairment and the permanent medical condition which makes it impossible for the applicant to hunt without the assistance of an attendant. Additional documentation may be required, if necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility for a hunting license for hunters with mobility impairments. Once certified by the Division as mobility-impaired according to these regulations, applicants will not be required to submit the medical statement.

4. Ten (10) hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments will be available for the spring season, valid only on private lands in units 91, 92, and 96. The licenses will be valid for the season dates established for the authorized hunt code. Licenses for hunters with mobility impairments may not be issued for Ranching for Wildlife properties unless otherwise provided in the ranch contract.

c. Youth Outreach Hunting Licenses – The Director may make additional youth outreach program turkey licenses available to qualified organizations sponsoring youth hunting activities.

1. There will be no more than 200 licenses issued annually under this subsection.

2. Licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis.

3. Licenses are issued on a first come, first served basis to qualified organizations.

4. Organizations who wish to request a Youth Outreach license must submit the request in writing to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216 no later than 60 days prior to the planned hunting event.

5. Licenses are limited to youth hunters under 18 years of age.

d. Novice Outreach Hunting Licenses- The Director may make additional outreach program turkey licenses available to qualified organizations sponsoring novice adult hunting activities.

1. There will be no more than 200 licenses issued annually under this subsection.

2. Licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis.

3. Licenses are issued on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified organizations.

4. Organizations who wish to request an Outreach License must submit the request in writing to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216 no later than 60 days prior to the planned hunting event.

5. Licenses are limited to novice hunters. For the purpose of these regulations a novice adult hunter is defined as a Colorado resident 18 years of age or older, who has either: no turkey license purchase history, only held a turkey license(s) in the current or previous year, or has no turkey license purchase history in the previous five years.

C. Special Restrictions

1. Tagging Requirements

a. When any person kills a turkey, that person must immediately detach, sign, and date the carcass tag. Such tags must be attached to the carcass of the bird while it is transported in any vehicle, while in camp, at a residence, or other place of storage.

Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales and electronic tagging system, when any person kills a turkey, such person must immediately report their harvest by e-tagging either through the Division's mobile phone application, online through the CPWShop website, by calling 866-776-3121 or by some other method provided by the Division. If a person does not have access to report their harvest via these methods, they must immediately sign and date a paper copy of their license as a temporary measure, until e-tagging is possible. E-tagging must be completed within 48 hours in circumstances when a license paper license is being used to temporarily tag.

b. Such tags, when dated, signed and attached to the turkey lawfully taken or killed and lawfully in possession, authorizes the possession, use, storage, and transportation of the carcass, or any part thereof, within the state. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales and electronic tagging system, a harvested turkey may be transported without physical documentation on the bird so long as the hunter is present. If the hunter is not present, the harvested bird should be marked with the hunter's name and e-tagging number or the signed and dated paper copy of the license to authorize possession, use, storage or transportation of the carcass, or any part thereof, within the state.

c. If the carcass tag is inadvertently or accidentally detached from the license or is lost or destroyed, the licensee must obtain a duplicate carcass tag before ~~he~~ they can lawfully hunt with such license. The duplicate carcass tag may be obtained upon furnishing satisfactory proof as to the inadvertent or accidental nature of the detachment, loss, or destruction to Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales and electronic tagging system, if a license is inadvertently or accidentally electronically voided, the tag can be reactivated by contacting the Division for assistance.

2. Spanish Peaks SWA

a. Hunting during the spring turkey season shall be permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays on the Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area, except as provided in subparagraph b of this subsection.

b. For hunters with mobility impairments, hunting during the spring turkey season shall be permitted after the second weekend of the season on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, by special access permit only. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the following restrictions shall apply:

1. Applicants for access permits for hunters with mobility impairments must have a mobility impairment resulting from permanent medical conditions, which makes it physically impossible for them to hunt without the assistance of an attendant. Evidence of an impossibility to participate in the hunt without the assistance of an attendant may include, but is not limited to, prescribed use of a wheelchair; shoulder or arm crutches; walker; two canes; or other prescribed medical devices or equipment. Applications will be accepted until the last day of the spring turkey season. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be limited to two (2) individuals during each Wednesday through Friday time period during the spring season.

~~2. Applications for access permits for hunters with mobility impairments shall be made on the form available from, and submitted to, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Limited License Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216.~~

~~3.~~2. Applications for access permits for mobility-impaired hunters shall contain a statement from a licensed medical doctor or a certified physical, occupational, or recreational therapist describing the applicant's mobility impairment and the permanent medical condition which makes it impossible for the applicant to hunt without the assistance of an attendant. Additional documentation may be required if necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility for an access permit for hunters with mobility impairments. Once certified by the Division as mobility-impaired according to these regulations, applicants will not be required to submit the medical statement.

3. Higel and Rio Grande SWAs

a. Turkey hunting access during the spring turkey season requires an access permit. Access permits will be issued for each property, from the Division Office in Monte Vista through a hand drawing. Permit applications may be obtained from CPW, 0722 S. Road 1E, Monte Vista, CO 81144. Group applications will be accepted. No more than two (2) applicants per group. Application deadline is March 31 of each year. Successful applicants will be notified by email. The date, time and location of the drawing will be included on the application.

4. Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area

a. Turkey hunting access is limited to the spring turkey season and is restricted to youth mentor turkey hunting only, by access permit only. Mentors are not allowed to hunt. Permit applications are available from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Northwest Region Service Center at 711 Independent Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81505, 970-255-6100. The application deadline is March 31. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

5. Youth Turkey Extended Season

Youths under 18 years of age may hunt turkey from the Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Sunday after Thanksgiving, provided they possess an unfilled youth fall turkey license (including, but not limited to, hunt code TE000U3R). Youths may only hunt in the GMU their original unfilled license was valid in; youths with unfilled OTC licenses may hunt in any OTC GMU but may not hunt in a limited unit that the original OTC license was not valid in. All hunters must comply with applicable regulations for the hunt in which they participate, and are accompanied by a mentor. A mentor must be at least 18 years of age and comply with hunter education requirements. The mentor may not hunt.

D. Season Dates and Units - Unlimited Licenses.

1. Spring Seasons

Units	Hunt Code	Date Open	Date Closed	Licenses
001, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 022, 024, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 033, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 046, 048, 049, 050, 051, 052, 053, 054, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059 except on the Beaver Creek SWA and the Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease, 060, 061, 062, 063, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077, 078, 079, 082, 083, 084, 085, 086, 087, 088, 089, 090, 093, 094, 095, 097, 098, 099, 100, 104, 105, 106, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140 except on James M. John and Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Areas, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 161, 171, 181, 191, 211, 214, 231, 301, 391, 411, 421, 441, 461, 481, 500, 501, 511, 512, 521, 551, 561, 581, 591, 681, 682, 691, 711, 741, 751, 771, 791, 851 except the Bosque del Oso SWA, 861, 951, and private land portions of 91, 92, 101, 102, 103, 107, 109, 124, 125, 127, 129, 132, 139.	TM000U1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	Unlimited

1. Fall Seasons

Unit	Hunt Code	Open Date	Close Date	Licenses
001, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 022, 023, 024, 028, 029, 031, 032, 033, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 043, 046, 048, 049, 050, 051, 052, 053, 054, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059 except on the Beaver Creek SWA and the Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease, 060, 061, 062, 063, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077, 078, 079, 082, 083, 084, 085 except on the Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area, 086, 087, 088, 094, 104, 105, 110, 112, 113, 114, 116, 117, 118,	TE000U2R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026 AND 10/23/2026	Unlimited West of I-25 and GMU 140 and East of I-25 (excluding GMU 140)

119, 121, 122, 123, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140 except on the James M. John and Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Areas, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 147, 161, 171, 181, 191, 211, 214, 231, 301, 391, 411, 421, 431, 441, 461, 481, 500, 501, 511, 512, 521, 551, 561, 581, 591, 681, 682, 691, 711, 741, 751, 771, 791, 851 except on the Bosque del Oso SWA, 861, 951, and private land portions of 101, 102.				

2. Private Land Only Late Seasons

   a. Private land only licenses are valid on all private land within the game management unit upon which the license holder has permission to hunt.

Unit	Hunt Code	Open Date	Close Date	Licenses
112, 113	TF000U2R	12/15/2026	01/15/2027	Unlimited

E. Season Dates and Units **-** Limited Licenses and Limited License Areas. Limited licenses shall be valid only for the time period and game management unit(s) or area(s) indicated on the license.

1. Spring Season.				
Unit	**Hunt Code**	**Date Opened**	**Date Closed**	**Licenses**
				Bearded Turkey Only
2	TM002O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	10
15, 27,37 and 361	TM015O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	15
21	TM021O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	25
23	TM023O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	25
23 – private land only	TM023P1R	04/13/2026	05/30/2026	35
25	TM025O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	40
34	TM034O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	40
35, 36	TM035O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	30
43, 431	TM043O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	60
44	TM044O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	80
47	TM047O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	15
59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only	TM059O1R	04/11/2026	05/01/2026	5
59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only	TM059O2R	05/02/2026	05/31/2026	10
59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only – youth only	TM059K1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	10
80	TM080O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	10
81	TM081O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	20
91	TM091O1R	04/11/2026	05/01/2026	25
91, 92, 96, 101, 102-youth only	TM091K1R	04/11/2026	5/31/2026	125

1. Spring Season.				
Unit	Hunt Code	Date Opened	Date Closed	Licenses
				Bearded Turkey Only
91	TM091O2R	05/02/2026	05/31/2026	25
92	TM092O1R	04/11/2026	05/01/2026	25
92	TM092O2R	05/02/2026	05/31/2026	25
96	TM096O1R	04/11/2026	05/01/2026	50
96 - private land only	TM096P1R	04/11/2026	05/01/2026	75
96	TM096O2R	05/02/2026	05/31/2026	50
96 - private land only	TM096P2R	05/02/2026	05/31/2026	50
101, 102	TM101O1R	04/11/2026	05/01/2026	25
101, 102	TM101O2R	05/02/2026	05/31/2026	25
103, 107, and 109	TM103O1R	04/11/2026	05/01/2026	35
103,107, and 109	TM103O2R	05/02/2026	05/31/2026	35
103, 107, 109 - youth only	TM103K1R	04/11/2026	5/31/2026	35
124, 125, and 129	TM124O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	25
124, 125, and 129 - youth only	TM124K1R	04/11/2026	5/31/2026	15
127, 132	TM127O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	30
139	TM139O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	10
140 - Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area only	TM140O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	30
140 - James John State Wildlife Area only	TM140O2R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	20
444	TM444O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	55
444 – Private Land Only	TM444P1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	30
851 - Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area only	TM851O1R	04/11/2026	05/31/2026	20
Total				**1270**

2. Fall Season				
Unit	Hunt Code	Date Opened	Date Closed	Licenses
				Either Sex
15, 27, 37 and 361	TE015L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	15
25	TE025L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	15
34	TE034L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	25
47	TE047L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	25
59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only	TE059L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	15
85 - Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area - Oberosler Tract only	TE085L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	10
85 - Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area – Dochter Tract only	TE085L2R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	10

2. Fall Season				
Unit	**Hunt Code**	**Date Opened**	**Date Closed**	**Licenses**
				Either Sex
85 -Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area - Sakariason Tract only	TE085L3R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	10
91	TE091L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	25
91, 92, 96, 101, and 102 – youth only	TE091K1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	35
92	TE092L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	25
96	TE096L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	60
101, 102	TE101L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	30
103, 107, and 109	TE103L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	10
103, 107, 109 - youth only	TE103K1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	10
124, 125 and 129	TE124L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	15
124, 125 and 129 - youth only	TE124K1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	15
126, 146	TE126L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	20
127, 132	TE127L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	20
139	TE139L1R	09/01/2026	10/23/2026	5
140 - Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area only	TE140L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	10
140 - James John State Wildlife Area only	TE140L2R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	10
444	TE444L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	30
851 - Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area only	TE851L1R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026	10
Total				**455**

F. Special Licenses for Nuisance Turkeys

1. The Director shall have the authority to establish special hunting seasons for turkeys, between December 1 and March 31 on an annual basis, when necessary to control nuisance turkeys. The Area Wildlife Manager will determine the type of license(s) (either-sex or hen only) most appropriate to control the conflict.

   a. Nuisance turkey hunts are limited to a maximum of 50 licenses per landowner, per year.

      1. The Area Wildlife Manager shall provide the landowner with special application forms for distribution to individuals of their choice. Participants shall submit the completed application form with payment to the Division office indicated on the application. Nuisance turkey licenses shall be sold at the fall season license price.

   b. Prior to approving the hunt, the Division shall:

      1. Verify that conflicts are occurring.

      2. Designate what area shall be open to hunting.

      3. Determine the manner of hunting that will be permitted.

4. Determine the number of hunters allowed to hunt in each designated area.

c. Hunting will be done under the direction of a District Wildlife Manager, following approval by the owner of land where such conflict is occurring.

d. Hunters shall hunt in designated areas and on the dates indicated on the license.

1. A map or a written description of the designated area open to hunting (which would include, but would not be limited to landowner(s) name, game management unit, township, range and section(s) and/or identification of landmarks such as roads, rivers, or fence lines which coincide with boundaries), will be provided to each licensed hunter by the Division.

e. Any person who purchases a license for a nuisance turkey season shall be required to complete a Division harvest survey form and return it to the Area office that is nearest the location of the hunt no later than 5 days after the season ends.

#322.5 – Ranching for Wildlife – Turkey

A. Implementation Authority

1. The Director is authorized to implement the Ranching for Wildlife program, including the authority to determine ranch enrollment status, enter into cooperative agreements with ranches, establish and modify public and private season dates on each ranch, and establish and modify license allocations to each ranch including the subsequent distribution of licenses to the public and private share annually, and may establish additional Ranching for Wildlife operating guidelines subject to the following provisions.

B. Ranch Entry and Maintenance

1. Ranches must have a minimum of 10,000 acres of privately owned land in one contiguous unit. Ranches that meet this 10,000-acre minimum requirement may include privately owned non-contiguous parcels in the program if the Director determines that their inclusion will contribute to meeting the performance standards for the ranch.

2. Ranches must develop a Ranching for Wildlife Management Plan that includes goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving such goals and objectives for wildlife habitat management, species management, and public hunting management. The Management Plan must be approved by the Division prior to execution of a Cooperative Agreement for Ranching for Wildlife.

3. Ranches may not charge public hunters an access fee for hunting.

4. Except as agreed to in writing by the Division when necessary to meet the ranch performance standards or as mutually agreed and contained in the Management Plan, ranches must provide for equality of access in terms of geographical area and mode of transportation for both public and private hunters. No closure or restriction of land or roads shall apply to public hunters that do not also apply to private hunters.

5. Public hunts must be established at a time when the species to be hunted are present and available for harvest. No public seasons shall be established during times when normal winter conditions would prevent access to most of the ranch, nor when normal migration patterns of the species to be hunted result in the species having migrated off the ranch.

6. Ranches that establish coinciding or overlapping public and private hunts may not exclude public hunters from any portion of the ranch due to the presence of private hunters.

7. The ranch and the Division will mutually agree to ranch rules regarding access to and hunting on the ranch by public hunters. The ranch rules will be provided to hunters prior to seasons on the ranch in accordance with other provisions contained in this regulation.

C. Cooperative Agreements, Enrollment, Denial of Enrollment, Termination of Enrollment

1. The Division is authorized to enter into Cooperative Agreements with ranches.

2. Ranches may appeal enrollment decisions to the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

3. Cooperative Agreements shall incorporate approved Ranching for Wildlife Management Plans as part of the Cooperative Agreement.

4. The Division shall periodically evaluate ranches for enrollment and contract performance, and shall establish minimum performance standards for ranches enrolled in the program, including wildlife habitat management and improvement, public recreation opportunity and experience, and any factors intended to contribute to meeting turkey management objectives. Such performance standards shall be incorporated into the Cooperative Agreement with the ranch.

D. Turkey Season Structures

1. Public and private spring season opening and closing date parameters.

   a. Private seasons may not begin before April 1, nor extend beyond June 1.

   b. Public seasons may only be established within the opening and closing dates of the regularly established spring season.

   c. Public hunting seasons shall be a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days.

2. Public and private fall season opening and closing date parameters.

   a. Public and private seasons may not begin before September 1, nor extend beyond November 1.

   b. Public hunting seasons shall be a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days.

3. Manner of Take

   c. The manner of take for spring or fall RFW turkey seasons shall be the same as that for regularly established spring or fall seasons.

E. License Allocation

1. A maximum of 100 bearded turkey licenses in the spring season and 100 either-sex turkey licenses in the fall season may be allocated to each ranch annually, and subsequently distributed to the public and private share according to paragraph b of this regulation.

2. The public shall receive a minimum of forty percent (40%) of the total number of licenses allocated for each turkey season on each ranch.

3. License allocation for each ranch shall be approved by the Division and recommended to the Director, based upon harvest objectives for the ranch jointly determined by the Division and the ranch, hunter crowding, enhancement of hunter harvest, and relative densities of the species on the ranch.

4. Substitution of licenses of one species or sex for licenses of another species or sex shall not be permitted.

5. Landowner preference shall not be used for any public or private Ranching for Wildlife license.

F. Youth Licenses

1. The Division and the ranch may formulate and implement youth hunting opportunities on any ranch through Division approved youth hunting programs. The Division must approve the youth hunting program on the ranch prior to any season or license allocation for such youth hunts.

2. A maximum of 15% of the total number of turkey licenses allocated for a ranch may be allocated as youth hunting licenses on each ranch, over and above the total number of licenses allocated for a ranch.

3. Youth hunting seasons may occur at any time within the broad parameters for seasons within the Ranching for Wildlife program.

4. Youth licenses shall be distributed to individual youth hunters by mechanisms of the approved youth hunting program on the ranch. Youth licenses shall not count as either private or public licenses for purposes of calculating the relative share of other licenses allocated for the ranch.

G. License Distribution

1. Applications

a. Applications for private hunter licenses stamped with the ranch name and season dates shall be available to the landowner for distribution.

b. Public hunter licenses shall be available through application and selection from the Division during the annual limited license drawing process, except as provided in this regulation.

H. Special Restrictions

1. Unless otherwise provided in these Ranching for Wildlife regulations all hunters must comply with other applicable regulations, including, but not limited to, manner of take (except that private hunters may use any legal weapon during private seasons), hunting hours, application requirements and deadlines, bag limits, season participation, mandatory checks, OHV restrictions, and other generally applicable regulations for big game hunting.

2. A copy of the mutually agreed upon ranch rules will be provided to all public hunters prior to their hunting season. All public hunters will be required to sign a statement acknowledging that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with all ranch rules, before the hunter is allowed access to the ranch.

a. Compliance with ranch rules is a specific condition of the Ranching for Wildlife public licenses and subsequent access to the ranch. In addition to criminal penalties, non-compliance with ranch rules constitutes grounds for suspension and revocation of the license and/or being prohibited from further participation in hunting on the ranch, and/or in the Ranching for Wildlife program as a public hunter.

b. Final determination on any legal action taken towards hunters found in non-compliance with ranch rules shall be made solely by officers of the Division. This

includes any citation that may be issued for non-compliance with the provisions of a license, or directing a hunter to leave a ranch. Ranch personnel may not direct a hunter to leave a ranch without specific authorization of a Division officer.

Basis and Purpose:

Differential pricing for the nonresident furbearer license, the resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license, and the resident senior lifetime fishing upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting license

Following the passage of the Hunting, Fishing, and Parks for Future Generations Act (SB 18-143), the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission has the authority to adjust most wildlife licenses annually with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). While most resident and nonresident wildlife license fees are at the statutory cap, differential pricing has been retained for certain licenses, including the nonresident furbearer license, in order keep the fee equitable with similar license types, such as the small game license. Differential pricing has also been retained for the resident senior combination fishing and small game hunting license and the resident senior fishing upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting license. However, all the license's prices have increased in accordance with the CPI.

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

In June of 2027 CPW will be moving to a new licensing system. As part of the change most of the CPW products will be changing from physical products to electronic products or e-products. To make this switch to e-products the regulations need to be updated with the new terminology and procedures. As the go live for the new system is June 8th, 2027, it is important that we keep regulations for both physical and e-products while we are adopting these changes.

E-tag numbers will also replace the current carcass tags. In order to get an e-tag number a person who has killed a wildlife species for which an e-tag is required must immediately report their harvest by e-tagging either through the Division's mobile phone app, online through the CPWShop website, or by calling the harvest in. If a person does not have access to report their harvest, they must immediately sign and date a paper copy of their license as a temporary measure, until e-tagging is possible. E-tagging must be completed within 48 hours in circumstances when a paper license is being used a temporarily tag. A harvested animal may be transported without physical documentation on the animal so long as the hunter is present. If the hunter is not present, the harvested animal should be marked with the hunter's name and e-tagging number or the signed and dated paper copy of the license. If a license is inadvertently or accidentally electronically voided, the tag can be reactivated by contacting the Division for assistance.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-11 - WILDLIFE PARKS AND UNREGULATED WILDLIFE

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ARTICLE II - License Requirements, License Exemptions, License Types, Application and Record Requirements, and License Renewal.

#1107 – Expiration and Renewal of Licenses

A. Licenses are nontransferable and, with the exception of Non-commercial Wildlife Park Licenses, shall expire December 31 of each year. Licenses may be renewed upon ~~written~~ request and payment of the required fee without submitting a new application. All record keeping and reporting requirements must be met prior to license renewal. If the license is not renewed by December 31, the licensee may not buy, purchase, sell, trade, broker, barter, transport or participate in any activity authorized by the license until it is renewed. Wildlife held pursuant to the license must be lawfully disposed of within 60 days of expiration if the license is not renewed.

B. All licensees required to renew their licenses annually must submit an annual report prior to license renewal that identifies all animals by species on the facility by species, number, and sex; and any required USDA or DOW tag number or tattoo.

C. All facilities authorized to possess animals from the families *Canidae*, *Felidae* or *Ursidae* must submit an updated facility contingency plan as required in #1102. The contingency plan shall be reviewed upon renewal of a license and updated as necessary, including but not limited to, the current number of animals held from these three families.

D. A renewal application submitted by any facility authorized to possess animals from the families *Canidae*, *Felidae* or *Ursidae* will not be approved unless the financial assurance requirements in #1102 remain in effect.

E. All commercial park licensees must certify that they maintain their commercial status based on the criteria listed in #1105.

F. All Wildlife Sanctuary licensees must certify that they maintain their nonprofit status as specified in #1105.

G. Non-compliance with the provisions of applicable statutes and these regulations is subject to revocation of the license in accordance with provisions of 24-4-104 C.R.S. and 33-6-106 C.R.S. If the license is revoked, the owner or his agent shall lawfully dispose of all wildlife held pursuant to the license within 60 days of license revocation. If a licensee is convicted of cruelty to/neglect of animals, the license shall be revoked.

H. Renewal of a license is contingent upon the licensee's compliance with relevant state statutes, federal regulations, and the provisions of these regulations.

Basis and Purpose:

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

In June of 2027 CPW will be moving to a new licensing system. As part of the change most of the CPW products will be changing from physical products to electronic products or e-products. To make this switch to e-products the regulations need to be updated with the new terminology and procedures. As the go live for the new system is June 8th, 2027, it is important that we keep regulations for both physical and e-products while we are adopting these changes. This change removes the reference to paper forms where they are no longer going to be accepted as customers will instead fill out paperwork electronically.

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The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-16 - PARKS AND WILDLIFE PROCEDURAL RULES

Note: Amendments to the Rules are added in red text and deletions are in red text with strikethrough.

ARTICLE V - Division Agents

See also § 33-4-101, C.R.S. and § 33-12-104 (1) C.R.S., for statutory provisions applicable to Division agents.

#1660 – Definitions

A. "**Division Product**" means any license, pass, permit, or registration which is sold through the Division of Parks and Wildlife integrated system.

B. **"Accountable Inventory"** means equipment ~~or stock~~ which is assigned to agents and which they are responsible to return to the Division or the system agent upon request. Types of accountable inventory include, but are not limited to:

~~1. **"Division Product Stock"** means the specialized paper stock used for the printing of Division products by a Division agent.~~

~~2. **"Receipt Stock"** means the specialized paper stock used for the printing of receipts or affidavits by a license agent.~~

~~3.~~1. **"Point of Sale (POS) Terminal"** means all machine components which license agents use to access the Division's electronic licensing system and conduct license transactions.

C. **"Automatic Cash Handling" ("ACH")** means the direct electronic transfer of funds from one bank account to another,

D. **"Division Agent"** means a business (sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation) which is authorized to sell Division products from a specific location as an agent of the Division of Parks and Wildlife. Types of agencies are defined as follows:

1. **"Retail Agent"** means a business which sells Division products for the Division from its retail store or other location of record.

2. **"Consolidated Agent"** means a retail agent which sells Division products for the Division from two or more stores or other locations of record and which is licensed to conduct all business with the Division as a single entity.

3. **"System Agent"** means the company contracted by the Division to operate its integrated parks and wildlife system, including, but not limited to, the provision of any accountable inventory or other necessary materials to retail agents; the maintenance of the electronic system and provision of electronic reports to the Division; the sale of Division products by telephone and through an internet site; the acceptance of applications through the internet site for the limited license drawings; and the printing and distribution of specified products~~such licenses~~ to the recipients ~~(license fulfillment)~~.

E. **"Location of Record"** means the street address of the retail store or other specified

business location(s) from which an agent sells Division products, as specified in the agent agreement or system agent contract.

#1663 - Division Agent Operation and Performance Standards

A. Division Agent Operation and Performance Standards

1. Division agents are required to meet the following standards at all times:

   a. Maintain the required surety bond level.

   b. Display and distribute all public information, such as brochures and placards, provided by the Division,

   c. Maintain a file of receipts, affidavits, or any other document required in the agent agreement.

   d. Keep all ~~paper stock,~~ POS terminals~~,~~ and any other Division product equipment in a safe place and in good condition at the location of record, as specified in the agent agreement.

   e. Obtain insurance adequate to cover replacement of any POS terminals or other Division product-related equipment leased from the system agent.

   f. Sell all Division products and collect all donations specified in the agent agreement, and only at the location of record.

   g. Sell Division products only at face value, and only to those who are eligible to purchase them, in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

   h. Establish an agent bank account with ACH capability which is electronically accessible to the Division.

   i. Deposit the state share of all Division product revenues in the agent bank account in the total amount due, in accordance with the schedule in the agent agreement.

   j. Immediately report the theft or loss of any accountable inventory.

   k. Attend any training required by the Division concerning applicable statutes and regulations and performance of agent duties, at the location specified by the Division.

   l. Comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements, all provisions of the agent agreement, and all directives of the Division, including, but not limited to, those provided via direct correspondence or in the Division Agent Manual.

   m. Provide reasonable access to any Division officer or other peace officer upon request during normal business hours for the purpose of inspection of equipment, materials, records, or other applicable license agent documents or information.

   n. Read and comply by any correspondence sent to the agency by the Division, including, but not limited to: electronic bulletins; agent bulletins; special communications by mail, email, or through the system; and non-compliance letters.

o. Train all staff in the issuing of Division products as well as applicable policies and procedures prior to their use of the system.

#1664 - Division Agent Status

A. Termination of Agents

1. Division Agent Termination

a. Division agents who wish to terminate their agency shall notify the Division in advance of such termination and the effective date; and shall reconcile with the Division as follows:

(1) All revenues due must be deposited in the agent account and all accountable inventory shall be returned to the Division, to the location or in the manner designated, within 10 business days after the termination date.

~~(2) Agents which have purchased their POS terminal must allow the Division or its system agent to remove the integrated system software from the POS terminal within 3 business days after notification of the effective date of the termination.~~

B. Transfer of Agencies

1. Division Agency Transfer

a. Whenever a Division agent is to be sold, leased, or transferred in any manner, the new owner or person having control of the business may file an application to become a new Division agent. The new agent must qualify to be an agent and independently comply with all other provisions of the statutes and these regulations.

C. Suspension and Cancellation of Agencies

See also §§ 24-4-104 C.R.S. for applicable statutes concerning the appeals process.

1. Failure to Comply with Performance Standards

a. General Performance Standards

i. Failure of a Division agent to comply with applicable rules and regulations of the Parks and Wildlife Commission or any lawful directives of the Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife shall be grounds for an agent being declared delinquent, or for the suspension or cancellation of the Division agent.

ii. When an agent does not comply with performance standards other than surety bond and payment of revenue, the agent shall be notified of the problem and the steps required to correct it. Any failure to correct the problem is grounds for revocation suspension, annulment, limitation, or modification of a Division agent.

b. Performance Standards for Surety and Monies Due the Division

i. When, through agent error, the Division does not receive ACH revenues due to it, the following actions shall be taken:

(1) For the first failed ACH transaction within a twelve-month period, the agent

shall be notified of a new date for an ACH transaction and shall deposit the required amount of funds in the agent account by that date.

(2) For a second failed ACH transaction within the same twelve-month period, the agent's POS terminal shall be disabled until the funds, including any interest due, have been received. The agent shall be notified of the date for another ACH transaction and shall deposit the required amount of funds in the agent account by that date.

(3) For a third failed ACH transaction within the same twelve-month period, the agent's POS terminal shall be disabled and the agent may be revoked. All funds due the Division must be immediately remitted to the Division in certified funds.

ii. When an agent's surety bond is not current, the agent shall be notified of the need to provide a current certificate and shall have fifteen business days to provide the required proof. The agent's POS terminal shall be disabled until the certificate is received. If no bond certificate is received, the agent may be revoked.

c. Consolidated Agent Suspension or Revocation

i. One or more outlets (stores) of a consolidated agency may be suspended or revoked without suspension or revocation of the entire agency.

#1665 – Agent Commission Rates

See also §33-4-101 C.R.S. relative to CPW agents and §33-4-102(1.6)(b) C.R.S. for price indexing information for nonresident big game licenses.

A. Commission Rates for Retail Agents:

1. Division agents shall be paid a 4.75% commission for each license sold electronically, except for those licenses with commissions as shown below in Table A.4.

2. Division agents shall be paid a 5% commission for each pass sold electronically.

3. Division agents who sell registrations shall be paid a flat rate of $1.00 per registration issued.

4. Other Commission Rates:

Table A.4: Division Product Type	**2026 Commission**	**% of license price in 2026**	**2027~~2025~~ Commission**	**% of license price in 2027~~2025~~**
Second Rod Stamp	$ 0.77	6.7%	$0.80~~0.75~~	6.7%
Resident Fishing - 1 day	$ 1.03	6.7%	$1.05~~1.00~~	6.7%
Nonresident Fishing – 1 day	$ 1.28	6.7%	$1.30~~1.25~~	6.7%
Fishing - 5 day	$ 2.57	6.7%	$2.65~~2.51~~	6.7%

Table A.4: Division Product Type	2026 Commission	% of license price in 2026	2027~~2025~~ Commission	% of license price in 2027~~2025~~
Resident Small Game - 1 day	$ 1.03	6.7%	$1.05~~1.00~~	6.7%
Nonresident Small Game – 1 day	$ 1.28	6.7%	$1.30~~1.25~~	6.7%
Nonresident Deer	$ 18.15	3.6%	$18.80~~17.74~~	3.6%
Nonresident Pronghorn	$ 18.15	3.6%	$18.80~~17.74~~	3.6%
Nonresident Bear	$ 10.79	3.6%	$11.15~~10.55~~	3.6%
Nonresident Mountain Lion	$ 30.33	3.6%	$31.40~~29.64~~	3.6%
Nonresident Elk	$ 30.33	3.6%	$31.40~~29.64~~	3.6%
Nonresident Rocky Mtn Bighorn Sheep	$ 101.55	3.6%	$105.20~~99.24~~	3.6%
Nonresident Desert Bighorn Sheep	$ 101.55	3.6%	$105.20~~99.24~~	3.6%
Nonresident Goat	$ 101.55	3.6%	$105.20~~99.24~~	3.6%
Nonresident Moose	$ 101.55	3.6%	$105.20~~99.24~~	3.6%
Nonresident Wild Bison	$ 101.55	3.6%	$105.20~~-~~	3.6%~~-~~

All 2026~~2025~~ licenses sold through March 2027~~2026~~ shall be sold at the 2026~~2025~~ license fee and commission rates.

B. Commission Rates for the System Agent: The system agent Aspira shall be paid the commissions shown in the Table B.1 below for each license sold through the system:

1. Commission pricing for any CPW Commissionable Product sold through IPAWS

Table B.1: Commission Rates	IPAWS Products
a. Contractor Commission Fee percent commission rate to cover AWO System operation and maintenance cost for those products less than $100 and not listed below in c.	3.7%
b. Contractor Commission Fee flat fee commission rate to cover AWO System operation and maintenance cost for those products $100 or greater and not listed below in c.	$4.25
c.1. All Wildlife Applications, regardless of Product Cost.	$4.25
c.2. Parks variable cost products, regardless of actual Product Cost.	3.7%
Breakout Costs	
Contractor credit card fee	2.2%
Contractor fulfillment fee	$1.45

C. Commission Rates for the System Agent: The system agent Brandt shall be paid the commissions shown in the Table C.1 below for each product sold through the system once the system goes live June 8, 2027:

~~1.~~ Commission pricing for any CPW Commissionable Product sold through PROWL

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Table C.1: Commission Rates	**PROWL Products**
a. **Contractor Commission Fee percent commission rate to cover PROWL System operation and maintenance cost for those products less than $100 and not listed below in c.**	**2.8%**
b. Contractor Commission Fee flat fee commission rate to cover PROWL System operation and maintenance cost for those products $100 or greater and not listed below in c.	**$3.25**
c.1. All Wildlife Applications, regardless of Product Cost.	**$3.90**
c.2. Parks variable cost products, regardless of actual Product Cost.	**2.85%**
Breakout Costs	
Contractor credit card fee	**2.2%**

#1666 – Registrations-Only Agents

1. Registration-only agents: except for agents exempted from surety requirements in accordance with C.R.S. 33-12-104(9) when cash sales are made to financially secured agents they shall be subject to the following conditions:

   a. Purchase of accountable inventory registrations and permits shall be made at the designated Division office or by submitting funds by mail to the designated address. Funds submitted for purchase must be in the exact amount of the Division's share for the number of registrations and/or permits;

   b. All mail orders shall be placed on forms supplied by the Division.

   c. Redemption of unsold registrations or permits may be made at the designated Division office or by submitting unsold registrations or permits to the Division by mail.

   d. The termination procedures of registration agents who purchase registrations or permits for cash shall include having the agent turn over to the Division or its representative all unsold registrations or permits.

   e. Yearly submit final payment and return all unused accountable inventory by no later than

November 15. Registrations may be carried over from year to year unless otherwise notified by the Division, in which case instructions will be given as to return/payment deadlines.

ARTICLE VI – Refunds, Reimbursements, Restoration of Preference Points and Reissues

#1670 – Refunds, Restoration of Preference Points and Reissues

See also §§ 33-4-102 (6) for statutory provisions related to refunds

A. General Refund Procedures – Except as provided herein, anyone may request and be given a refund for a license no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the opening day of the applicable turkey season for turkey licenses or thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the season for which the license was issued for all other licenses, minus a $15.00 processing fee. The $15.00 processing fee will not be charged for refunds requested on youth licenses, in the case of Division error, or if any of the following circumstances prevent the license holder from exercising the intended benefits of the license: extreme medical circumstances involving the license holder or a license holder's immediate family member, death of the license holder, death of the license holder's immediate family member, military orders, or jury duty. Requests must have a valid U.S. postmark, or be submitted at a Division office at least fourteen (14) days prior to the opening day of the applicable turkey season or thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of any other season for which the license was issued. Youth are exempt from the (14) days prior requirement for turkey licenses and the (30) days prior requirement for big game licenses and may submit a request up to the day before the start of the season.

1. All refunds shall be requested on a form provided by or in the format requested by the Division. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launch of the Division's new licensing system, refunds will be requested electronically through the Division's integrated sales system or in person at any Division office.

2. All requests for license refunds must be accompanied by the entire license and carcass tag when applicable. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales system, refunds will be requested electronically through the Division's integrated sales system or in person at any Division office with no physical license or carcass tag to be returned.

~~3. Refunds may be requested by mail or in person at any Division office.~~

~~4.~~3. Refunds shall only be issued to the person whose credit card was used or name appears on the license.

~~5.~~4. Licenses purchased through non-Division license agents will be refunded at cost less license agent fee.

~~6.~~5. No refunds shall be made in any circumstance where the license holder was hunting in the field during an active season for the license and designated species as specified in Commission rules and regulations.

~~7.~~6. No refunds shall be made on any special licenses listed in 33-4-102(2), C.R.S., or any auction or raffle licenses as provided for in 33-4-116 or 33-4-116.5, C.R.S., or on any exchanged license, or on any license that costs less than $15.00 with the exceptions of resident youth turkey and resident youth big game licenses, or to any person whose license

privileges have been suspended by the Commission.

~~8.~~7. When the $15.00 processing fee exceeds the original refund amount, no refund shall be issued and the remainder of the processing fee shall be waived.

~~9.~~8. Until January 1, 2028, all limited licenses returned to the Division for a refund or preference point restoration will be available for reissue after the request has been processed using the current leftover list and following all other license purchase regulations, except for the following limited licenses:

a. Turkey, deer, elk, pronghorn and bear hunt codes which required five (5) or more resident preference points to draw as determined by the current year's limited license draw;

b. Bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose licenses;

c. All public Ranching for Wildlife licenses.

~~10.~~9. Until January 1, 2028, the following limited licenses returned for refund or preference point restoration will be reissued by the Division manually:

a. Turkey, deer, elk, pronghorn and bear hunt codes which required five (5) or more resident preference points to draw as determined by the current year's limited license draw;

b. Bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose licenses;

c. All public Ranching for Wildlife licenses.

If the next in line regular draw list applicant accepts one of the aforementioned first choice licenses that has been returned and reissued, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If a license cannot be manually reissued to one of the first five people on the regular draw list, the license will become available for reissue using the current leftover license list. Public Ranching for Wildlife licenses will not be reissued within fourteen (14) days of the start date for the respective hunt code or be available for sale off the leftover license list.

~~11.~~10. Beginning January 1, 2028, the following processes will be used to reissue limited licenses returned to the Division:

a. All limited licenses surrendered, unpaid for by the payment deadline, or returned to the Division for a refund or preference point restoration after completion of the regular drawing and prior to the secondary drawing application period will be made available for auto reissue. These licenses will be automatically reissued to the applicant next in line to draw the license, by residency, if the applicant has opted-in to accept auto reissued licenses for that hunt code and is eligible to receive the license. Applicants who receive an auto-reissued license will be charged the applicable license fee and, if the license was applied for as a first choice, all accumulated preference points for that species will become void. Applicants who opt-out of the auto-reissue process for that hunt code will be skipped and will not be automatically reissued the license. Licenses that are still remaining after the auto-reissue process is complete will be made available for application in the secondary drawing.

b. All limited licenses surrendered, unpaid for by the payment deadline, or returned to the

Division for a refund or preference point restoration after completion of the secondary drawing and prior to the start of leftover sales will be made available for auto-reissue. These licenses will be automatically reissued to the applicant next in line to draw the license, by residency, if the applicant has opted-in to accept auto reissued licenses for that hunt code and is eligible to receive the license. Applicants who receive an auto-reissued license will be charged the applicable license fee, and, if the license was applied for as a first choice in the regular drawing, all accumulated preference points for that species will become void. Applicants who opt-out of the auto-reissue process for that hunt code will be skipped and will not be automatically reissued the license. Licenses that remain after the auto-reissue process is complete will be made available for purchase through the leftover license list and will not require the use of preference points.

c. All limited licenses surrendered or returned to the Division for a refund or preference point restoration after the start of leftover sales and with a season start date two weeks or more from the date of the return, will be made available for auto-reissue. These licenses will be automatically reissued to the applicant next in line to draw the license, by residency, if the applicant has opted-in to accept auto reissued licenses for that hunt code and is eligible to receive the license. Regular drawing applications will be processed prior to secondary draw applications. Applicants who receive an auto-reissued license will be charged the applicable license fee and, if the license was applied for as a first choice in the regular drawing, all accumulated preference points for that species will become void. Applicants who opt-out of the auto-reissue process for that hunt code will be skipped and will not be automatically reissued the license. Licenses that are still remaining after the auto-reissue process is complete will be made available for purchase through the leftover license list and will not require the use of preference points.

d. All limited licenses surrendered or returned to the Division for a refund or preference point restoration after the start of leftover sales and with a season start date less than two weeks from the date of the return, will not be made available for auto-reissue.

   i. For all bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose licenses: Licenses will be reissued by the Division manually. If the next in line regular draw list applicant manually accepts one of the aforementioned first choice licenses that has been returned and reissued, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If a license cannot be manually reissued to one of the first five people on the regular draw list, the license will become available for purchase using the leftover license list. Public Ranching for Wildlife licenses will not be reissued within fourteen (14) days of the start date for the respective hunt code or be available for sale off the leftover license list.

   ii. For all deer, elk, pronghorn and bear licenses: Licenses will be available for purchase after the request has been processed using the current leftover license list.

~~12.~~11. Requests for refunds after the opening of the season will be accompanied by an ~~signed~~ affidavit that the license has not been used and circumstances precluded the licensee from being able to use the license. In addition, to be eligible for a refund the failure to apply for a refund less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the season for which the license was issued cannot be due to a lack of diligence on the part of the licensee. The Division's License Administration Manager will render a decision on the refund request on

behalf of the Division and the Commission and such decision shall constitute final agency action. Circumstances for which reimbursement will be considered shall be limited to:

a. Extreme medical circumstances involving the license holder or a license holder's immediate family member;

b. Death of the license holder or death of a license holder's immediate family member;

c. Active and reserve members of the United States armed forces whose military orders overlap with the season dates of the returned license; or

d. Individuals on jury duty whose jury duty service overlaps with the season dates of the returned license.

B. Other Refunds

1. Refunds or antlerless licenses may be issued in any unit approved by the Division for the same species in the same year to hunters who harvest a deer, elk or moose in which Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is detected through the Division's CWD monitoring or testing programs. Where there is no open season or insufficient time remains to reasonably exercise the benefits of a license granted in the same year, the Division may issue the licensee an antlerless license for the same species in the following year in the same Game Management Unit where the CWD detected animal was harvested, or if antlerless hunting is not permitted in the applicable GMU, the Division may designate a substitute GMU. If the season closes prior to October 31 in the unit, the license will be valid through October 31. The provisions of this regulation shall apply to any hunter who harvests a moose after January 1, 2006 in which CWD is detected. Licenses issued pursuant to this provision shall not be considered part of the quota otherwise established by the Commission for that GMU.

2. Except for cases of Division error, no refunds shall be issued for any annual license, one-day, or five-day license, mountain lion license or preference point fee.

C. Restoration of Preference Points

1. License preference points used to obtain the license will not be restored except as follows:

   a. No later than fourteen (14) days prior to the opening day of the applicable turkey season for turkey licenses or thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the season for all other licenses, preference points may be restored to the pre-drawing level in lieu of a refund at the licensee's request.

   b. Less than fourteen (14) days prior to the opening day of the applicable turkey season for turkey licenses or thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the season for all other licenses, the License Administration Manager may restore license preference points to the pre-drawing level and/or issue a monetary refund if any of the following circumstances prevent the license holder from exercising the intended benefits of the license:

      1. Extreme medical circumstances involving the license holder or a license holder's immediate family member;

      2. Death of a license holder's immediate family member;

3. Active and reserve members of the United States armed forces whose military orders overlap with the season dates of the returned license; or

4. Individuals on jury duty whose jury duty service overlaps with the season dates of the returned license.

c. Beginning with the 2025 draw season, when a license is not paid for by the payment deadline, the license privilege will be removed from the customer's account. Any points used to obtain the license will be restored to the pre-draw level.

D. Requests for refunds and/or restoration of license preference points due to extreme medical circumstances involving the license holder or a license holder's immediate family member, the death of a license holder's immediate family member, military orders that prevents the service member from exercising the intended benefits of the license or jury duty will be accompanied by sufficient evidence demonstrating that the license has not been used and circumstances precluded the licensee from being able to use the license. In addition, sufficient documentation is required to prove extreme medical circumstances, death, military orders or jury duty service.

E. Time Restriction

1. A refund or preference point restoration will be denied when the request is submitted more than thirty (30) days after the opening of the season for which the license was issued. Provided further that all time limits will be extended for active and reserve members of the United States armed forces whose military service requirements precluded their application for a refund or preference point restoration within said periods.

2. When additional documentation is requested and required by the Division to approve a refund and/or restoration of preference points request, the requestor will have thirty (30) days from the ~~mailing~~ date indicated on the notification letter to submit all the required documentation. If required documentation is not submitted prior to the 30-day deadline, the request will be considered closed and denied. No requests from the previous year will be considered after January 31, annually.

F. Director Disaster Relief Authority

1. When, in the determination of the Director, existing Parks and Wildlife regulations will have a significant negative impact following a natural disaster that displaces persons from their homes, or closes areas to public access and results in a time-critical demand for use of park resources or a complete (or near complete) loss of hunting opportunity, the Director is authorized to take emergency administrative actions, including, but not limited to:

   a. Issuance of license fee refunds.

   b. Restoration of preference points.

   c. Exchange of big game hunting licenses for leftover or over-the-counter licenses.

   d. Issue similar guaranteed licenses for another license year.

   e. Suspension of length of stay camping limits on Division-owned or controlled properties.

   f. Imposition of administrative requirements associated with the application for relief

granted under this section.

#1672 - Reimbursement for processing costs associated with CWD positive animals

A. Costs incurred for processing CWD positive animals

1. Hunters may request reimbursement from the Division for the reasonable costs actually incurred when processing any animal that:

   a. receives a positive test result from a USDA approved contract laboratory using a USDA approved test;

   b. is untestable as a result of any act or omission of the Division; or

   c. is untestable for any reason and was required to be submitted for testing by regulation.

2. All requests for reimbursement shall be submitted as required ~~on the forms provided~~ by the Division and accompanied by receipts supporting the amount of reimbursement requested, except that reimbursement for processing shall be allowed without receipts in the amount of $50. Reimbursement with receipts is limited to no more than $100 per animal for private processing supplies or $200 per animal for commercial processing except for moose. The maximum reimbursement for commercial processing for moose is $250.00.

ARTICLE VII - Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities

#1680 – Reasonable Accommodations

a. The Director shall have the authority to grant variances from the regulations adopted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission, including but not limited to manner of take and access accommodations, for the sole purpose of providing reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.

b. Application for such accommodations must be ~~made on a form available from and~~ submitted to the Division at least 30 days prior to the requested effective date.

c. Such applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and supporting documentation may be required. If an accommodation is authorized, the applicant will be provided with a special permit listing the accommodation and any conditions of its use.

   1. When shooting from a motor vehicle is authorized, the permittee is authorized to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from a stationary motor vehicle only after all forward motion has ceased and the motor has been turned off or is incapable of forward motion. No shooting may be done from a public road.

d. Permits are free of charge, and valid for the time period designated on the permit. Permits shall be presented for inspection upon request by an officer of the Division.

e. Hunters with permits must be accompanied by another person when necessary to ensure that the wildlife taken is retrieved and properly prepared for human consumption. Such person may dispatch wounded wildlife when so authorized as a condition of the permit.

f. Persons provided with any accommodation under this regulation shall comply with all other applicable laws and regulations. Permits allow variances only from regulations specifically

addressed and only in the manner and under the circumstances set forth therein.

g. A service animal is defined as any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the handler's disability. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provisions of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition.

Basis and Purpose:

Updating retail agent commission rates according to inflationary increases in license prices

Previously adopted regulations set the retail agent commission at 4.75% of the license fee, except for those commissions that are fixed, as described below. Statutorily, the Commission may set these rates wherever feasible. Historically, the year-to-year Consumer Price Index (CPI) change has been used as a guideline for setting these rates. However, in 2019 CPW proposed fixed commission rates for different types of licenses (6.7% for fishing/small game, and 3.6% for nonresident big game). The fixed rates approved in 2019 yield the following retail agent commissions for the 2027 license year:

Division Product Type	2026	2026	2027	2027
	Actual Price	Commission	Proposed Price	Proposed Commission
Second Rod Stamp	$ 11.49	$ 0.77	$ 11.90	$ 0.80
Resident Fishing - 1 day	$ 15.32	$ 1.03	$ 15.85	$ 1.05
Nonresident Fishing - 1 day	$ 19.15	$ 1.28	$ 19.80	$ 1.30
Fishing - 5 day	$ 38.29	$ 2.57	$ 39.65	$ 2.65
Resident Small Game - 1 day	$ 15.32	$ 1.03	$ 15.85	$ 1.05
Nonresident Small Game - 1 day	$ 19.15	$ 1.28	$ 19.80	$ 1.30
Nonresident Deer	$ 504.17	$ 18.15	$ 522.45	$ 18.80
Nonresident Pronghorn	$ 504.17	$ 18.15	$ 522.45	$ 18.80
Nonresident Bear	$ 299.81	$ 10.79	$ 310.65	$ 11.15
Nonresident Mountain Lion	$ 842.41	$ 30.33	$ 872.95	$ 31.40
Nonresident Antlerless Elk	$ 842.41	$ 30.33	$ 872.95	$ 31.40
Nonresident Either-sex Elk	$ 842.41	$ 30.33	$ 872.95	$ 31.40
Nonresident Antlered Elk	$ 842.41	$ 30.33	$ 872.95	$ 31.40
Nonresident Rocky Mtn Bighorn Sheep	$ 2,820.78	$ 101.55	$ 2,923.05	$ 105.20
Nonresident Desert Bighorn Sheep	$ 2,820.78	$ 101.55	$ 2,923.05	$ 105.20
Nonresident Goat	$ 2,820.78	$ 101.55	$ 2,923.05	$ 105.20
Nonresident Moose	$ 2,820.78	$ 101.55	$ 2,923.05	$ 105.20
Nonresident Wild Bison	$ 2,820.78	$ 101.55	$ 2,923.05	$ 105.20

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

In June of 2027 CPW will be moving to a new licensing system. As part of the change most of the CPW products will be changing from physical products to electronic products or e-products. To make this switch to e-products the regulations need to be updated with the new terminology and procedures. As the go live for the new system is June 8th, 2027, it is important that we keep regulations for both physical and e-products while we are adopting these changes.

The regulations have been updated to remove references to paper forms where they are no longer going to be accepted as customers will instead fill out paperwork electronically. This includes refunds which will now be requested through the new system. Other changes remove references to product stock and

receipt stock which were specialized paper needed to print physical licenses. Additionally, the commission rates for the new system have been added to the regulations.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, § 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: § 33-6-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO ON THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-1 - PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

Note: Amendments to the Rules are added in red text and deletions are in red text with strikethrough.

ARTICLE I - General Provisions Applicable To All Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands and Waters

 # 100 - Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands

Park-Specific Restrictions

A. **In addition to the general land and water regulations, the following restrictions shall also apply:**

1. **Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area**
   a. Except in established campgrounds where toilet facilities are provided, all overnight campers must provide and use a portable toilet device capable of carrying human waste out of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. Contents of the portable toilet must be emptied in compliance with law and may not be deposited within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, unless at a facility specifically designated by the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.
   b. Building or tending fires is allowed pursuant to regulation # 100b.7., except at the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area fire containers must have at least a two inch rigid side. Fire containers must be elevated up off the ground.
   c. Swimming is permitted in the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas within the boundaries of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. All persons swimming within designated whitewater parks and all persons under the age of 13 swimming anywhere in the Arkansas River within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area must wear a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
   d. No motorboats shall be permitted on the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas to the west end of Pueblo Reservoir.
   e. Innertubes, air mattresses, and similar devices are permitted on the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East Fork/Lake Fork of the Arkansas within the boundaries of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. All occupants of these devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
   f. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.
   g. Recreational gold mining within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is allowed, except where prohibited as indicated by posted signs.

2. **Barr Lake State Park**
   a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the wildlife refuge area.
   b. Visitors shall be required to remain on designated trails and boardwalks in the wildlife refuge area.
   c. No fishing or boating shall be permitted in the wildlife refuge area.
   d. Visitors shall be required to remain on the designated trails on Barr Lake Dam.
   e. No horses shall be permitted on the Barr Lake Dam.
   f. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 10 horsepower or less shall be permitted.
   g. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons, in the areas and at the times posted.

h. Shotguns loaded with birdshot may also be used for dove hunting in the areas and at the times posted.
i. All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting~~, at the hunter registration area~~.
j. Swimming is prohibited.

3. **Boyd Lake State Park**
   a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

4. **Cameo Shooting and Education Complex**
   a. Public access is allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except as otherwise authorized by an approved Commercial Use Permit.
   b. All fires may be prohibited, as posted, to comply with current burn restrictions.
   c. Camping is prohibited, except when authorized by an approved Commercial Use Permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated on the permit.
   d. Dogs are prohibited outside of vehicles, unless specifically authorized by an approved Commercial Use Permit, and then only allowed in areas specifically designated on the permit.
   e. Hunting is prohibited, except in the area north of, and no closer than 100 yards of, the Coal Canyon Main Canyon Divide.
   f. All persons must adhere to range safety rules, as posted.
   g. The possession of marijuana is prohibited.
   h. Biking is allowed in designated areas only, as posted.

5. **Castlewood Canyon State Park**
   a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the East Canyon area.
   b. No horses shall be permitted in the East Canyon area.
   c. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel, on or from rock formations in the East Canyon area.
   d. Visitors shall be required to remain on the designated trails in the East Canyon area.

6. **Chatfield State Park**
   a. Entrance to and exit from the dog off leash areas are permitted only at designated access points.
   b. A handler may bring a maximum of three dogs at one time into the designated dog off leash area.
   c. Handlers must possess a leash and at least one waste bag for each dog in the designated dog off leash area.
   d. Sport dog trainers shall obtain a special use permit to access and use the designated upland and flat-water sport dog training areas.
   e. Handlers in the dog off leash area and the sport dog training areas must have a ~~visible and~~ valid dog off leash annual pass or dog off leash daily pass.
   f. Fishing is prohibited on the ponds within the dog off leash area.
   g. Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training area.
   h. A valid permit is required to launch or land any hot-air balloon.
   i. Only float tubes or craft propelled by hand shall be permitted on the ponds within the park, excluding the main reservoir.

7. **Cherry Creek State Park**
   a. Entrance to and exit from the dog off leash areas is permitted only at designated access points.

b. A handler may bring a maximum of three dogs at one time into the designated dog off leash area.
c. Handlers must possess a leash and at least one waste bag for each dog in the designated dog off leash area.
d. Sport dog trainers shall obtain a special use permit to access and use the designated upland sport dog training area.
e. Handlers in the dog off leash area and the sport dog training area must have a ~~visible and~~ valid dog off leash annual pass or dog off leash daily pass.
f. Use of shotgun shells on the trap/skeet range with shot size larger than size 7 is prohibited.
g. Only pistols or other mechanisms incapable of discharging live ammunition may be used at the dog training area.

8. **Cheyenne Mountain State Park**
   a. Dogs and other pets shall be prohibited except leashed dogs and pets shall be permitted in the developed areas of the park and on the following select trails only: Acorn Alley, Bobcat Way, Raccoon Ridge, and that portion of Soaring Kestral west of the eastern most intersection with Bobcat Way. All visitors that have dogs or other pets on the select trails must have in their possession at least one waste bag per animal.
   b. Smoking shall be limited to developed areas only and shall not be permitted in the backcountry, or on the archery range, parking lot or trail system.
   c. Hunting shall be prohibited.
   d. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse or rappel on or from rock formations.
   e. Any person 17 years of age or older who is shooting on the field/3D portion of the archery range must obtain ~~and maintain on one's person~~ a proper and valid daily or annual Cheyenne Mountain Park archery range individual permit.
   f. Public access is prohibited on the archery range from sunset to sunrise.
   g. Any person 16 years of age or younger entering the archery range must be under adult supervision at all times.
   h. Broadheads, crossbows, and firearms, including, but not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles, are prohibited on the archery range.
   i. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted on the archery range.

9. **Crawford State Park**
   a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

10. **Eldorado Canyon State Park**
    a. The use of all portable grills and stoves (including, but not limited to, charcoal, gas, and wood) is prohibited outside of designated high-use pads.
    b. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through March 31, only hand-held bows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons in the western portion of the parks known as crescent meadows.
    c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only primitive weapons (hand-held bow and muzzle-loading rifles) may be used to hunt big game animals in the western portion of Eldorado Canyon State Park known as Crescent Meadows.
    d. During the period of May 1 through October 1 on every Saturday, Sunday and federal or state holiday, no motorized vehicle shall enter, park or use any facilities of Eldorado Canyon State Park from 5:30 am until 3:30 pm unless such use is by the authority of a valid day use reservation issued through the approved reservation system by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
       (1) Day use reservations may be made by phone or online (cpw.state.co.us).
       (2) Reservations may not be made more than 1 month in advance of the date.
       (3) Visitors who wish to cancel a reservation must do so no later than 24 hours before the reservation.

(4) Day use reservations are limited to one reservation per person per day. Each person is limited to a maximum of four reservations each month.
(5) The individual named on the reservation must be in the motor vehicle. Reservations are non-transferable and cannot be traded, sold or auctioned.
(6) In addition to a valid day use reservation, a valid vehicle pass, as required by regulation #700, shall be required for each motor vehicle for each day of entry.

11. **Eleven Mile State Recreation Area**
    a. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate or park snowmobiles on land or on the frozen water surface of the reservoir, unless otherwise posted at the park entrances.
    b. It shall be unlawful to operate or occupy boats on the surface of the reservoir from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
    c. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir.
    d. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Eleven Mile State Recreation Area lying to the east of the restrictive buoy line.
    e. Water skiing is prohibited on Eleven Mile Reservoir.
    f. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.
    g. Swimming is prohibited.

12. **Fishers Peak State Park**
    a. Visitors shall remain on the designated trails except as otherwise authorized in a special use permit issued in accordance with (g) of these regulations.
    b. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel, on or from the summit or rock formations of Fishers Peak.
    c. Pets or other domestic animals are prohibited outside of designated parking areas, except as otherwise authorized in a special use permit issued in accordance with (g) of these regulations.
    d. Snowmobile and off-highway vehicle use are prohibited.
    e. Fires are permitted only in Division-furnished grills or fireplaces; LP gas or liquid fueled stoves which allow the operator to turn the fuel on and off are permitted only in designated campsites or picnic areas.
    f. Raptor nest buffers
        (1) From December 15-July 15, all visitors must remain outside of the ½-mile buffer established for Golden Eagle nests as posted.
        (2) From March 15-July 31, all visitors must remain outside of a ½-mile buffer established for Peregrine Falcon nests as posted.
    g. Hunting access is permitted for licensed big game (deer, elk, mountain lion and bear) or turkey hunters with a hunting access permit in accordance with parts (1) through (3) below:
        (1) A special use permit authorizing access will be issued to successful applicants through a drawing as provided in these regulations. Failure to comply with the conditions stated in the permit, statutes or regulations may result in permit revocation.
        (2) Only a successful special use permit holder and one nonhunting companion are allowed on the property.
        (3) Vehicles involved in hunting use of the park are required to have a valid Colorado State Parks Pass, unless the vehicle displays a Disabled Veteran license plate or Purple Heart license plate.

13. **Golden Gate Canyon**
    a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within Golden Gate Canyon State Park, except as part of an organized class in canoeing sponsored by the Division.

b. In Jefferson County, excluding the 160-acre parcel known as the Vigil Ranch and the posted strip of land along Gilpin County Road 2: During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses. Reservations for hunting are required and shall be limited in number. To make a reservation, hunters must already possess a valid big game license for the specific hunt code permitted on the property or a valid small game license. Reservations must be made through the Hunter Reservation System in accordance with regulation #901.A except that each reservation will be valid for a single day, within the season designated by the license, and made no more than 14 days in advance of the hunt date. Additionally, reservations may be made up to and including the reservation date regardless of species.
c. During deer and elk seasons that are in the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting deer and elk may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in that portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park located in Gilpin County, otherwise known as the Green Ranch. Only hunters selected through a special drawing prior to the beginning of big game seasons are permitted to hunt the Green Ranch portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park.
d. Swimming is prohibited.

14. **Harvey Gap State Recreation Area**
    a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric trolling motors or gasoline motors of 20 horsepower or less shall be permitted on Harvey Gap Reservoir.
    b. Water skiing is prohibited on Harvey Gap Reservoir.
    c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

15. **Highline Canal State Trail**
    a. No swimming, tubing or rafting shall be permitted.
    b. No fires shall be permitted.

16. **Highline Lake State Park**
    a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on Mack Mesa Reservoir.
    b. Boats shall be prohibited on Highline Lake from the first day in October through the last day in February, except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl in the area open to hunting.
    c. Waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
    d. Small game hunting permitted using only shotguns, in the areas and at the times posted.
    e. Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
    f. Big game hunting is prohibited.
    g. All hunters must register prior to beginning hunting and check out at the conclusion of hunting~~, at the hunter registration area~~.
    h. Vessels launched on Highline Lake on Wednesdays are prohibited from traveling at speeds above “wakeless,” as defined in regulation #218.1 in Chapter P-2. If July 4 falls on a Wednesday, this day is exempt from the wakeless restriction.

17. **Jackson Lake State Park**
    a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless

otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

18. **<u>James M. Robb - Colorado River State Park</u>**
    a. Colorado River Wildlife Area
    (1) In accordance with applicable management plans, no dogs or other pets shall be permitted, except on designated trails.
    (2) No fires shall be permitted.
    (3) Swimming is prohibited within East and West Lakes.
    (4) In accordance with applicable management plans, public access is restricted to designated roads and trails from March 15 to May 30 of each year.
    (5) No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes.
    b. Fruita, Connected Lakes, Corn Lake and Island Acres Sections
    (1) Except for the swim area at Island Acres, only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted.
    (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
    (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
    (4) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.
    (5) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
    (6) Hunting is prohibited in Fruita and Connected Lakes sections.
    c. 34 Road Parcel
    (1) No public access except for waterfowl hunting on weekends during designated waterfowl hunting seasons.
    (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
    (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
    (4) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
    (5) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.
    d. Pear Park Section
    (1) No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes between 30 Road and 29 Road.
    (2) Only waterfowl hunting permitted in the areas and at the times posted. All other hunting prohibited.
    (3) Only shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for waterfowl hunting.
    (4) Reservations are required to hunt in accordance with #504.I.
    (5) Waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.

19. **<u>John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area</u>**
    a. No public access shall be permitted on the north shore area of John Martin Reservoir State Recreation Area from the first day of November through March 15 of every year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.
    b. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted on Lake Hasty.
    c. No unauthorized boats, rafts, or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on the waters below John Martin Dam to the Arkansas River bridge.
    d. No public access shall be permitted east of the waterfowl closure line to the dam from the first day of November through March 15 of every year or as posted except to retrieve downed waterfowl.

20. **<u>Lake Pueblo State Park</u>**
    a. Jumping, diving or swinging from cliffs, ledges or man-made structures is prohibited, including, but not limited to, boat docks, marina infrastructure and the railroad trestle in Turkey Creek.

b. Innertubes, air mattresses and similar devices are permitted, below the dam on that part of the Arkansas River within the boundaries of Pueblo State Recreation Area. All occupants of these devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device.
c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

21. **Lathrop State Park**
    a. Boats shall be prohibited on Horseshoe Reservoir from the first Monday in November through the last day of migratory waterfowl seasons, except as posted and except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl on the areas of such lakes open to hunting of migratory waterfowl.
    b. Water skiing is prohibited on Horseshoe Reservoir.
    c. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons west from a north-south line corresponding with the existing barbed-wire fence between Horseshoe Lake and Martin Lake.
    d. Swimming is prohibited except at the designated swim beach at Martin Lake.
22. **Lone Mesa State Park**
    a. During any authorized big game hunting season, any lawful method of hunting deer, elk, and bear may be used in areas not posted as prohibiting such use in Lone Mesa State Park. Only hunters who possess a valid Lone Mesa State Park hunting permit are permitted to hunt.
    b. Hunting is permitted in the spring only in accordance with parts (1) through (3)
        1. Individuals must hold a TM000U1R turkey license.
        2. Vehicles involved in hunting use of the park are required to have a valid Colorado State Parks Pass, unless the vehicle displays a Disabled Veteran license plate or Purple Heart license plate.
        3. Only established roads and parking area defined on the Lone Mesa hunting map may be used. Game retrieval roads are excluded from the spring season and are only for use in the fall big game seasons.
23. **Lory State Park**
    a. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses; except that hunting is not permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.
    b. During the spring turkey hunt at Lory State Park, it shall be permitted to hunt turkey by legal methods on Mondays and Tuesdays only. All other days of the week shall be closed to spring turkey hunting.

24. **Mancos State Park**
    a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on Mancos Reservoir.
    b. Water skiing is prohibited on Mancos Reservoir.

25. **Mueller State Park**
    a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted outside of the developed facilities area.
    b. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles.
    c. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within Mueller State Park.

d. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of controlled hunting may be used, during hunting seasons, in areas not prohibiting such use on Mueller State Park. Hunters may access the posted hunting area only from Trail 5 at the Visitor Center, Trail 11 at the Livery parking lot or Lost Pond Picnic Area and Trail 13 at the group campground. All weapons must be completely unloaded when the hunter is outside the posted hunting area boundary.

26. **Navajo State Park**
    a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.
    b. Kiteboarding is permitted at Navajo State Park via a special use permit with the following restrictions:
        (i) The kiteboard must have three safety systems: a control bar release, a quick release and a safety release.
        (ii) All three safety systems must be in good and operational condition and in compliance with manufacturer specifications so that when activated the kite loses power and falls to the water.
        (iii) Kiteboarders must wear a United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device when kiteboarding.

27. **North Sterling State Park**
    a. Boats shall be prohibited on North Sterling Reservoir from the first Monday in November through the last day of migratory waterfowl seasons, except as posted and except that hand-propelled craft may be used to set out and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl on the areas of such lakes open to hunting of migratory waterfowl.
    b. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting in areas not prohibiting such use on North Sterling State Park, except as follows:
        (i) Hunting is prohibited from the dam, and
        (ii) Hunting is prohibited from the frozen surface of the lake.

28. **Paonia State Park**
    a. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

29. **Pearl Lake State Park**
    a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted.
    b. Water skiing is prohibited on Pearl Lake.
    c. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.

30. **Pikes Peak Recreation Area**
    a. Swimming is prohibited.
    b. Ice fishing is prohibited.
    c. Only hand-propelled vessels and hand-launched vessels with electric motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted.
    d. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted in the reservoir.

31. **Ridgway State Park**

a. No boats, rafts, or other floating devices shall be permitted on any waters within the Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation Site, below Ridgway Dam.
b. On all areas of the park east of Highway 550: during deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and, during the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.
c. During any authorized hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, any lawful method of hunting may be used on all lands at Ridgway State Park open to public access west of Ridgway Reservoir, except that the area bounded by Dallas Creek on the south and the site closure signs on the north shall be closed to all hunting.
d. During any authorized waterfowl hunting season from October 1 to April 30 of each year, and any approved special season, waterfowl hunting shall be permitted within the Dallas Creek Recreation Site at Ridgway State Park; except that hunting shall be prohibited between the park road and U.S. Highway 550 and in other areas posted as prohibiting such use.
e. During approved special seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used in the following areas (or special hunting zones) as defined:
   (i) (Zone 1) Elk Ridge Mesa, including the closed Elk Ridge Campground, and
   (ii) (Zone 2) That area bounded by a distance of 100 yards south of park headquarters, on the north; Ridgway Reservoir on the west; ¼ mile from Colorado Highway 550 on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east and,
   (iii) That area bounded by Ridgway reservoir's main cove on the north; ¼ mile from the Elk Ridge road on the west; the intersection of the Elk Ridge and main park roads on the south; and ¼ mile from the main park road on the east at Ridgway State Park and,
   (iv) The Pa-Co-Chu-Puk Recreation site at Ridgway State Park.

32. **Rifle Falls State Park**
    a. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse, or rappel on or from rock formations.

33. **Rifle Gap State Park**
    a. Hunting permitted in areas not prohibiting such use.

34. **Roxborough State Park**
    a. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted.
    b. No fires shall be permitted.
    c. It shall be unlawful to climb, traverse or rappel on or from rock formations.

35. **Saint Vrain State Park**
    a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted, except on Blue Heron Reservoir.
    b. Only hand or trailer launched vessels with electric or gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on Blue Heron Reservoir.

36. **Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area**
    a. It shall be unlawful, except by law enforcement officers on official duty, to operate or park snowmobiles on land or on the frozen water surface of the reservoir, unless otherwise posted at the park entrances.
    b. It shall be unlawful to operate or occupy boats on the surface of the reservoir from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
    c. It shall be unlawful to enter upon, use or occupy the islands on the reservoir.

d. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area between November 16 and April 30, unless the reservoir is ice-free and the area is otherwise posted as open for public use.
e. It shall be unlawful to enter, use or occupy the lands or waters of Spinney Mountain State Recreation Area between the hours of one hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, or as otherwise posted.
f. Water skiing is prohibited on Spinney Mountain Reservoir.
g. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.
h. Swimming is prohibited.

37. **Stagecoach State Park**
    a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons on the western half of the reservoir.

38. **State Forest State Park**
    a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within The State Forest, except that wakeless boating shall be allowed on North Michigan Reservoir.
    b. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats, boats with electric trolling motors and boats with gasoline motors operated at a wakeless speed shall be permitted on North Michigan Reservoir.
    c. Water skiing is prohibited on North Michigan Reservoir.
    d. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

39. **Staunton State Park**
    a. No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within the park.

40. **Steamboat Lake State Park**
    a. During deer and elk seasons, any lawful method of hunting may be used for hunting such big game; and from the Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, any lawful method of hunting may be used during hunting seasons for small game, in areas not posted as prohibiting such use or uses.

41. **Sweitzer Lake State Park**
    a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.
    b. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited, except in the designated hunt zones.
    c. Waterfowl reservations are required and valid until sunrise. Hunters may check-in on a first come, first serve basis after a hunter checks out or after sunrise. A maximum of four (4) hunters allowed per hunting area.
    d. Leaving decoys overnight is prohibited.
    e. Hunting reservation holders must be present while hunting and may only hunt the hunt area specified on the reservation. Hunters who wish to cancel a reservation must do so no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the hunt date. Failure to hunt a reserved area without prior cancellation, or following check station procedures, may cause forfeiture of the privilege to make reservations for the remainder of the hunting season.
    f. Reservations are limited to four times in a 25 day period per hunter.
    g. The park can close the hunt zones reservation dates for park operations, public outreach, and education events.

42. **Sylvan Lake State Park**
    a. Only hand-propelled craft, sailboats and boats with electric motors shall be permitted.
    b. Water skiing is prohibited on Sylvan Lake.
    c. During any hunting season all year, lawful methods of hunting may be used in areas not prohibiting such use.

43. **Trinidad Lake State Park**
    a. During the period beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only bows and arrows including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.
    b. Dogs or other pets are prohibited on the archery range.
    c. Smoking is prohibited on the archery range.
    d. Broadheads, crossbows, and firearms, including, but not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles are prohibited on the archery range.
    e. Any person 16 years of age or younger entering the archery range must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
    f. Public access is prohibited on the archery range between sunset and sunrise.

44. **Vega State Park**
    a. Hunting permitted beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day and continuing through the Friday prior to Memorial Day.
    b. Only bows and arrows, including crossbow and hand-held bow, unless otherwise restricted, and shotguns loaded with birdshot may be used for hunting during hunting seasons, and only in areas not posted as prohibiting such use.

Basis and Purpose:

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

In June of 2027 CPW will be moving to a new licensing system. As part of that system changes most of the CPW products will be changing from physical products to electronic products or e-products. To make this switch to e-products the regulations need to be updated with the new terminology and procedures. As the go live for the new system is June 8th, 2027, it is important that we keep regulations for both physical and e-products while we are adopting these changes.

The changes in this chapter reflect the switch from physical products to e-products that no longer require passes to be visibly displayed at all time or the use of physical forms.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, §§ 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-10-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-4 - SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

Note: Amendments to the Rules are added in red text and deletions are in red text with strikethrough.

ARTICLE I - Pursuant to the authority vested in the Parks and Wildlife Commission by Article 14 of Title 33, C.R.S., the following regulations concerning required equipment and the registration of snowmobiles are hereby adopted.

 # 402 - Display of Snowmobile Permits

A. When owners or operators of snowmobiles identified in C.R.S. 33-14-121 are required to obtain and display snowmobile permits, such permits shall be displayed as follows:

1. The permit shall be affixed on the left upper half of the cowling of the machine.

2. Printed non-sticker permits must be carried on the machine or on the operator's person and shall, upon demand of any peace officer authorized to enforce this law, produce the snowmobile permit for inspection. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales system, a sticker permit will be shipped or provided to the purchaser for every permit sale. For online sales, a temporary authorization number may be used until the physical permit is received.

Basis and Purpose:

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

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CPW plans to ship the sticker permits to customers who order them online. As the sticker could still be in the mail when the customer wants to use it a temporary authorization number may be used until the physical permit is received.

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FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-5 - OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE I - Pursuant to the authority vested in the Parks and Wildlife Commission by Article 14.5 of Title 33, C.R.S., the following regulations concerning required equipment, off-highway use permits, and the registration of off-highway vehicles are hereby adopted:

 # 502 - Display of Off-Highway Use Permits

A. When owners or operators of vehicles identified in C.R.S. 33-14.5-112 are required to obtain and display off-highway use permits, such permits shall be displayed as follows:

1. For motorcycles and three wheelers: permanently affixed to the outside face of the upper end of the left fork.

2. For all-terrain vehicles (ATVs): permanently affixed to the upper left fender in an observable location.

3. For side-by-sides and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs): permanently affixed to the outside face of left roll bar in an observable location.

4. For plated, full size vehicles: permanently affixed to the front bumper left side of the license plate.

5. Printed non-sticker permits must be carried in the vehicle or on the operator's person and shall, upon demand of any peace officer authorized to enforce this law, produce the off-highway use permit for inspection. Beginning June 8, 2027, with the launching of the Division's new integrated sales system, a sticker permit will be shipped or provided to the purchaser for every permit sale. For online sales, a temporary authorization number may be used until the physical permit is received.

Basis and Purpose:

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

In June of 2027 CPW will be moving to a new licensing system. As part of that system changes most of the CPW products will be changing from physical products to electronic products or e-products. To make this switch to e-products the regulations need to be updated with the new terminology and procedures. As the go live for the new system is June 8th, 2027, it is important that we keep regulations for both physical and e-products while we are adopting these changes.

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The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, §§ 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-10-106, C.R.S.

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FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER P-7 - PASSES, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS

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ARTICLE I - General Provisions and Fees Relating to Passes, Permits and Registrations

Vehicle Passes

#700 - Vehicle Pass

1. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations or by Colorado Revised Statutes, no motor vehicle shall be brought onto any state recreation area or state park unless a valid parks pass issued by the Division of Parks and Wildlife (Division) or the Department of Revenue (DOR) is properly attached, displayed, or carried in the vehicle. Through June 8, 2027, ~~P~~passes that are designed to be affixed to the windshield shall be attached to the extreme lower right-hand corner of the vehicle's windshield in a position so that the pass may be observed and identified. For an annual affixed vehicle pass, including an aspen leaf annual pass to be properly attached to a windshield, it must be permanently affixed. Through June 8, 2027, ~~A~~a state parks annual transferable pass must be hung from the rear-view mirror so that the pass may be observed and identified. Any vehicle whereby a pass cannot be secured inside the passenger compartment or hung from a rear-view mirror shall be treated as a special case, but evidence of a pass shall be required on the person or in the vehicle. A vehicle that has a Keep Colorado Wild annual pass must have evidence of such on its associated DOR issued registration documents, which must be carried in the vehicle or shown in a Division sponsored mobile application. After June 8, 2027, proof of all Division issued annual park passes must be carried in the vehicle or shown in a Division sponsored mobile application.

    a. As referenced in this chapter, "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

2. No vehicle pass shall be required for:

    a. Any snowmobile as defined in section 33-14-101, C.R.S.;

    b. Any off-highway vehicle as defined in section 33-14.5-101(3), C.R.S.;

    c. Any government-owned vehicle, emergency vehicle, or law enforcement vehicle on official business;

    d. Any commercial delivery vehicle delivering goods to the park or a park concessionaire when the goods are directly related to the operation of the park or concession;

    e. Any resident's vehicle displaying a Colorado disabled veteran's license plate pursuant to section 42-3-213(5)(a), C.R.S. or a purple heart special license plate pursuant to section 42-3-213(2), and as provided for in section 33-12-106(1), C.R.S.;

    f. Any vehicle bringing a holder of a Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, Volunteer or Military Pass issued pursuant to # 701 into a state recreation area or state park;

    g. Any vehicle entering a state recreation area or state park pursuant to # 712-4;

h. Any vehicle that is exclusively towed;

i. Any vehicle occupied by a veteran or current or reserve member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, on the State observance of Veteran's Day. At least one form of past or present military identification shall be presented at the Park entrance. Acceptable forms of military identification include:

(1) DD214;

(2) DD Form 2;

(3) DD Form 2765;

(4) Active, retired or veteran military identification cards;

(5) A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the word 'Veteran' printed on it as specified in 42-2-303 (5)(a), C.R.S.;

(6) VA medical card;

(7) The display of military license plates.

j. Any Division employee, volunteer or hired contractor vehicle when such vehicle is used for the purposes of accomplishing work duties;

k. Any vehicle owned by a concession owner or employee or any contractor working for a concession when such vehicle is used for the purposes of accomplishing work duties;

l. Any vehicle entering the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex.

3. The types of annual vehicle passes available from the Division are as follows:

a. An Aspen Leaf annual vehicle pass as provided for in section 33-12-103, C.R.S.; and

b. An annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle pass, which is available for any vehicle except passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business, and

c. A state parks annual transferable pass, which can be used for any vehicle except passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business. State parks annual transferable passes are issued to individuals, not vehicles. Only one vehicle at a time can use an annual transferable pass.

(1) Commercial passenger vans and buses are eligible to purchase daily, but not annual, vehicle passes.

(2) School buses on official school outings, passenger vans and buses operated by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses operated by any government agency are eligible for either daily or annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle passes.

(3) An annual transferable pass may be shared with the original pass holder's household. For the purpose of this regulation, "household" is defined as persons living at the same address.

d. A Keep Colorado Wild annual pass, as provided for in section § 33-12-108, C.R.S., which will be available for purchase through the Colorado Department of Revenue vehicle registration process starting with January 2023 vehicle registrations.

4. Daily vehicle passes are as follows:

a. A fee of $10.00 per vehicle for any vehicle displaying a Colorado license plate except for:

1. Passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business.

2. A $2.00 per vehicle Chatfield Water Basin Fee will be added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Chatfield State Park.

3. A $2.00 per vehicle Local Access Fee will be added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Elkhead Reservoir, Golden Gate Canyon, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, State Forest, and Steamboat Lake State Parks.

b. A fee of $15.00 per vehicle for any vehicle with an out-of-state license plate except for:

(1) Passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business.

2. A $2.00 per vehicle Chatfield Water Basin Fee will be added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Chatfield State Park.

3. A $2.00 per vehicle Local Access Fee will be added to the cost of daily vehicle passes at Elkhead Reservoir, Golden Gate Canyon, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, State Forest, and Steamboat Lake State Parks.

c. School buses on official school outings, passenger vans and buses operated by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses operated by any government agency are eligible to purchase a daily vehicle pass.

d. For passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business, the daily vehicle pass fee will be based upon the number of passengers on-board. The fee shall be $10.00 for up to fifteen passengers on-board, $40.00 for sixteen to thirty passengers on-board, and $50.00 for more than thirty passengers on-board.

5. An annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle pass or state parks annual transferable pass shall be issued and, by appropriate language, authorize entrance by motor vehicle to all state recreation areas and state parks, except Cameo Shooting and Education Complex, during the period beginning on the date of purchase through the last day of the same month in the following year. Such authorization shall apply to the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is assigned~~affixed or displayed~~. One pass shall cover all state recreation areas and state parks.

6. Additional ~~affixed~~ annual vehicle passes may be issued to an owner or to the owner's household. Additional annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle passes authorize entrance by motor vehicle to all state recreation areas and state parks, except Cameo Shooting and Education Complex, during the period beginning on the date of purchase of the additional pass through the expiration date of the associated original full-priced annual ~~affixed~~ pass or state parks annual transferable pass. Owners of school buses, passenger vans and buses owned by a nonprofit corporation or organization as defined in 13-21-115.5 (3), C.R.S., and passenger vans and buses owned by any government agency are limited to purchasing no more than two additional annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle passes at a reduced fee per each annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle pass purchased at the full fee. For the

purpose of this regulation, “household” is defined as persons living at the same address. “Owner” is defined as the person whose name appears on the registration of both the original vehicle for which an annual ~~affixed~~ pass was purchased and the additional vehicle, or a person who can provide proof of ownership of the original and the additional vehicle at a designated Division office.

7. If the motor vehicle for which an annual vehicle pass, additional vehicle pass, Aspen Leaf annual pass, or additional Aspen Leaf annual pass was issued is sold or traded the person to whom the pass was issued may redesignate the vehicle to which the pass will be associated, upon completing an affidavit reciting where and by whom it was issued and the circumstances under which it was traded. Customers who provide proof of sale/trade shall be eligible to transfer the annual vehicle pass, additional vehicle pass, Aspen Leaf annual pass, or additional Aspen Leaf annual pass for the remainder of the period that pass would have been valid at no cost.

   Through June 8, 2027: If the motor vehicle for which an annual affixed vehicle pass, additional affixed vehicle pass, Aspen Leaf annual pass, or additional Aspen Leaf annual pass was issued is sold or traded, or if the pass is lost or destroyed during the period in which it is valid, the person to whom the pass was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof, upon signing an affidavit reciting where and by whom it was issued and the circumstances under which it was lost or traded. Customers who provide proof of necessary replacement shall be issued a replacement annual affixed vehicle pass, additional affixed vehicle pass, Aspen Leaf annual pass, or additional Aspen Leaf annual pass for the remainder of the period that the lost or destroyed pass would have been valid at no cost. Customers without proof of necessary replacement shall be provided a replacement annual affixed vehicle pass, additional affixed vehicle pass, Aspen Leaf annual pass, or additional Aspen Leaf annual pass effective for the remainder of the period that the lost or destroyed pass would have been valid upon payment of a fee pursuant to regulation #708.1.e.

~~7.~~8. If a state parks annual transferable pass is lost or destroyed during the period for which it is valid, the person whom the pass was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof, upon signing an affidavit where and by whom it was issued and the circumstances under which it was lost or destroyed. Upon payment of a fee of $60.00, a new pass effective for the remainder of the period the lost or destroyed pass would have been valid may be issued only by the Division to the original owner of such pass. Only one duplicate state parks annual transferable pass will be issued per period for which the original pass was valid.

~~8.~~9. A daily park pass, valid for one day only, shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle to the state recreation areas and state parks, except Cameo Shooting and Education Complex, by the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is ~~affixed~~ issued during the day used and until 12:00 P.M. (noon) the following day.

~~9.~~10. A no fee pass shall be issued to any vehicle towed or carried in by a motor home if a camping permit or proof of a campsite reservation is presented at an attended visitor center, office or entrance station. The no fee pass, valid for the same time period as the camping permit or camping reservation, shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle to the state recreation areas and state parks by the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle to which the pass is ~~affixed~~issued. For the purpose of this regulation, motor home means a vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters and which is built into, as an integral part of or a permanent attachment to, a motor vehicle chassis or van.

~~10.~~11. Unless the owner of the vehicle opts out, a Keep Colorado Wild annual pass shall be assessed by the Department of Revenue (DOR) at the time a resident registers a passenger motor vehicle, light-weight truck, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle. The Keep Colorado Wild annual pass shall authorize the entrance of the associated motor vehicle to all state recreation areas and state parks, except Cameo Shooting and Education Complex, while the associated vehicle registration is valid. Such authorization shall apply to the user and all passengers in the motor vehicle.

a. Commercial vehicles, as defined by § 42-1-102(17.5), C.R.S. are not eligible for the Keep Colorado Wild annual pass.

b. A no-cost Keep Colorado Wild annual pass shall be issued by the Department of Revenue (DOR) through the vehicle registration process to all qualifying vehicles, that are exempt from DOR fees as specified in § 42-3-213(1)(b)(II), C.R.S.

c. Refunds for the Keep Colorado Wild pass purchased in error will be eligible for a refund through the division. ~~Refunds for prorated overlapping annual passes will only be offered for the first two calendar years after the Keep Colorado Wild pass implementation. Refund applications involving overlapping passes purchased after December 31, 2024 will not be eligible for a refund.~~

(1) A refund application for a Keep Colorado Wild pass submitted to the division within 60 days of purchase will be granted. A refund application for a Keep Colorado Wild pass submitted to the division after 60 days of purchase will be denied.

~~(2) When an affixed annual, aspen leaf annual, or annual multiple pass overlaps with a Keep Colorado Wild pass for the same vehicle, the CPW annual pass will be eligible for a prorated refund. When a family annual pass overlaps with a Keep Colorado Wild pass, the family annual pass will be eligible for a prorated refund.~~

~~a. If the annual pass has been used for 9 or more months it is non-refundable.~~

~~b. Bulk annual park passes are non-refundable.~~

~~c. For the family annual pass, the refund amount will be calculated from the date the refund application and the physical pass are received by the division. For all other annual passes, the refund amount will be calculated based on the date the refund application is submitted to the division.~~

~~(3) Only one refund is allowed annually per vehicle, either the Keep Colorado Wild pass or the annual pass, whichever is submitted and processed first.~~

Individual Passes

#701 - Individual Passes

1. Individuals sixteen years of age or older entering any state recreation area or state park by means other than a motor vehicle, such as on foot, bicycle, horseback, etc., shall have a valid parks pass issued by the Division or DOR carried on their person. Individuals entering by means other than a motor vehicle into Boyd Lake, Cameo Shooting and Education Complex, Chatfield, Cherry Creek, Cheyenne Mountain, Lake Pueblo, and Lone Mesa state parks may enter without purchasing a parks pass. Individual passes are not required at any state recreation area or state park under the circumstances identified in regulation # 700-2.a. through # 700-2.e. and # 700-2.g. through # 700-2.k or for individuals under the age of sixteen.

2. A Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, Volunteer or Military Pass is issued to an individual person and not a specific vehicle. These shall authorize entrance by motor vehicle, when and where motor vehicle access is permitted, to all state recreation areas and state parks or for other forms of individual access, when in possession of the pass holder. Such

authorization shall apply to the holder of the pass and all the passengers in, and the driver of, the motor vehicle carrying the holder of such pass. Through June 8, 2027, ~~T~~the pass must be continuously displayed in the manner described on the pass. After June 8, 2027, the pass must be carried in the vehicle occupied by the pass holder or shown in a Division sponsored mobile application. -A Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, Volunteer or Military Pass is transferable from motor vehicle to motor vehicle as long as the pass holder is present in the vehicle. The Centennial pass may also be associated with the Centennial pass holder's vehicle, if desired, at no additional cost.

3. Any resident of the state who is a first responder with a permanent occupational disability as defined in state statute 33-4-104.5 (2) may obtain, free of charge, a Blue Spruce annual pass, also known as a Columbine annual pass for first responders pursuant to 33-12-103.5 (2.5), C.R.S. The pass will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-1-102 (38) (a), C.R.S.

   a. In order to qualify for a Blue Spruce annual parks pass, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:

      (1) The "Initial Disability Administration Decision" form from the Fire and Police Pension Association that specifies a permanent occupational disability; or

      (2) For residents that are not members of the Fire and Police Pension Association, a fully completed Division "First Responder Affidavit" signed by the applicant attesting to the fact that their permanent disability or disease was obtained while on active-duty.

4. A resident who is a disabled veteran or a resident who is a purple heart recipient may obtain an Independence annual parks pass pursuant to 33-12-106 (1) (b), C.R.S and 33-12-106 (1) (c), C.R.S. An Independence annual parks pass shall be issued following the Division's receipt of a completed application from a qualified resident of the state. The pass will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-10-102 (21), C.R.S.

   a. In order to qualify for an Independence annual parks pass, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:

      (1) DD 214 Form or other documentation indicating the veteran received an Honorable Discharge from a branch of the Armed Services of the United States, **AND**

      (2) A qualification letter, on official stationary/letterhead, from the Veteran's Administration, Department of Veteran's Affairs, or the branch of service from which the veteran is receiving compensation, that states one of the following:

         a. 50% or greater, service-connected permanent disability;

         b. Loss of use of one or both feet;

         c. Loss of use of one or both hands; or a

         d. Loss of vision in both eyes, **OR**

      (3) A DD 214 Form indicating the applicant has been awarded a purple heart, or a letter of verification from the appropriate branch of the armed forces of the United States that the applicant has been awarded a purple heart.

5. A disabled resident may obtain a Columbine annual pass pursuant to 33-12-103.5, C.R.S. A resident who qualifies for a Centennial annual pass may obtain such pass as provided for in this regulation. A Columbine or a Centennial annual parks pass shall be issued following the Division's receipt of a completed application from a qualified resident of the state and the payment of the necessary fee. The pass will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-10-102 (21), C.R.S.

   a. In order to qualify for a Columbine annual parks pass, a resident must provide the following written proof to the Division:

      (1) A "Final Admission of Liability" form from the Division of Workers Compensation that indicates a total and permanent disability; or

      (2) A fully completed Division "Physician's Affidavit" signed by a licensed physician attesting that the resident meets the definition of a total and permanent disability. A **"total and permanent disability"** shall mean any physical or mental impairment which prevents substantial gainful employment, but only if it is reasonably certain that such a disability will continue throughout the lifetime of the disabled person.

   b. In order to qualify for a Centennial annual parks pass, a Colorado resident must ~~show~~ provide a photo identification card and:

      (1) Provide written proof in the form of a federal or state income tax return from the immediately preceding calendar year that the federal taxable income of such individual is at or below one hundred percent of the official poverty line for an individual or a family, as appropriate to the applicant. If said tax return is not available, a return for the year immediately preceding such year shall suffice. Or,

      (2) If an individual's income is at a level where such individual was not required to file a federal income tax return for the immediately preceding calendar year, such individual shall sign a statement under penalty of perjury in the second degree to such effect. No such affidavit shall be required to be notarized. Or,

      (3) Documentation in the form of a card or other verifiable written materials that the resident is currently enrolled in any one of the following programs: TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children), Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program), SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations), or LEAP (Low-income Energy Assistance Program.

      The pass will only remain valid as long as the individual maintains their Colorado residency as defined in 33-10-102 (21), C.R.S. The federal taxable income amounts, based on the number of people in the family/household, cannot be greater than those listed in the poverty guidelines set forth in the Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, 91 Fed. Reg. 1797 (January 15, 2026) issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201. This federal guideline, but not later amendments to or editions thereof, has been incorporated by reference. Information regarding how and where the incorporated materials may be examined, or copies obtained, is available from:

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~~c. The Columbine, Centennial, Independence, and Blue Spruce annual parks pass application shall be on a form provided by the Division. Blank applications shall be available, during regular business hours, at the Divisions' regional offices, Denver offices, and service centers.~~

~~d.~~c. Individuals applying to the Division for a Columbine, Centennial, Independence, or Blue Spruce annual parks pass must provide the following information:

(1) Full name and address, including city, county, state and zip code; and

(2) Phone number, unless the phone number is unlisted or non-published; and

(3) Date of birth and age; and

(4) Physical description, including sex, height, weight, hair and eye color; and

(5) Applicant's signature or attestation and date of application; and

(6) If applying for a Columbine annual parks pass, information concerning the nature of the applicant's disability, together with supporting evidence of the same.

(7) If applying for a Centennial annual parks pass, information concerning the applicant's total annual income and number of people in the family/household, together with supporting evidence of the same or supporting evidence the applicant is currently enrolled in one of the programs listed in these regulations.

(8) If applying for a Blue Spruce annual parks pass, information concerning the applicant's first responder service and disability, together with supporting evidence of the same.

(9) If applying for an Independence annual parks pass, required documentation supporting veteran's status and disability qualifications or verification that the applicant has been awarded a purple heart.

~~e.~~d. The Columbine, Centennial, Independence, and Blue Spruce annual parks pass application form ~~shall contain language explaining that the completed and signed application, once submitted to the Division, will be treated in all respects as a sworn statement. The form~~ shall ~~also~~ contain an oath that includes an affirmation attesting to the truth of that which is stated, the applicant is aware that statements made are intended to be represented as true and correct statements, and that false statements are punishable by law.

~~f.~~e. At the time that an application for a Columbine or a Centennial annual parks pass is submitted to the Division, the appropriate fee shall also be paid.

~~g.~~f. Pending the issuance of a Columbine, Centennial, Independence, or Blue Spruce annual

parks pass, possession on the applicant of a bona fide copy of the application permits the applicant and others in the motor vehicle carrying the applicant entrance by motor vehicle to all state parks and state recreation areas, when and where motor vehicle access is permitted, for a period of thirty days following the date of filing the application with the Division or until receipt of notice from the Division either granting or denying the application request, whichever period of time is shorter.

~~h.~~g. Within 15 days of the Division's receipt of a completed Columbine or Centennial annual parks pass application and the appropriate fee payment, or Blue Spruce or Independence annual parks pass application, the Division shall review and approve or deny the application.

(1) Completed applications shall be approved if the minimum qualifications set forth in this regulation are met.

(2) Conversely, if the minimum qualifications are not met, then the application shall be denied. The applicant shall be notified in writing within five working days upon denial of a request. Such written notification shall include an explanation of the basis for denial and a refund of any fee paid.

(3) The applicant may appeal this decision to the Division Director by notifying the Director in writing within sixty days of the Division's mailing of the denial notice. A faster appeal will be necessary when the calendar year will end prior to the expiration of the sixty-day appeal period.

~~(4) The address utilized by the Division for all mailings associated with the processing of a Columbine, Centennial, Independence, or Blue Spruce annual parks pass application shall be the address indicated on the application.~~

~~i.~~h. If a Columbine, Centennial, Independence, or Blue Spruce annual pass is lost or destroyed during the period of time that it would otherwise would have been valid, the person to whom the pass was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof, free of charge, upon signing an affidavit reciting where and by whom it was issued and circumstances under which it was lost.

6. The types of non-motor vehicle individual passes available from the Division are as follows:

a. A non-motor vehicle individual daily pass, for all persons sixteen years of age or older, shall be carried on the individual's person for all visitors entering state recreation areas and state parks as provided in regulation #701-1 and regulation #701-6.d.

b. A non-motor vehicle individual annual pass issued to one pass holder, may be used for the pass holder and up to three additional visitors sixteen years of age or older. Such pass, shall be carried on the pass holder's person for visitors entering state recreation areas and state parks as provided in regulation #701-1 and regulation #701-6.d.

c. ~~The receipt for an annual pass, a~~A copy of the individual's vehicle registration displaying a Keep Colorado Wild annual pass, a Division sponsored mobile application showing active status of a Keep Colorado Wild annual pass or other Division annual pass shall be carried on the pass holder's person to be used as an individual annual pass, for the pass holder and up to three additional visitors sixteen years of age or older, for visitors entering all state recreation areas and state parks as provided in regulations #701-1 and regulation #701-6.d.

d. The following rules apply to non-motorized access to Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Areas:

(1) A non-motor vehicle individual daily pass, for all persons sixteen years of age or older, shall be carried on the individual's person for all visitors entering the developed and posted fee sites of Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.

~~(2) Or the receipt for an annual pass, or a copy of the individual's vehicle registration displaying a Keep Colorado Wild annual pass shall be carried on the pass holder's person to be used as an individual annual pass, and may be used for the pass holder and up to three additional visitors sixteen years of age or older for visitors entering the developed and posted fee sites of Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.~~

e. If a non-motor vehicle individual annual pass is lost or destroyed during the period of time that it would otherwise would have been valid, the person to whom the pass was issued may obtain a duplicate thereof, free of charge, upon signing an affidavit reciting where and by whom it was issued and circumstances under which it was lost.

7. Volunteers for Colorado Parks and Wildlife are eligible for a volunteer park pass while serving in accordance with a signed individual volunteer agreement and after donating a minimum of 48 hours of approved volunteer service within a previous consecutive 12-month period.

a. The volunteer park pass is valid for one year from the date of issue.

8. Volunteers for Colorado Parks and Wildlife who are 64 years of age or older, regardless of their state of residence, are eligible for the senior volunteer park pass while serving in accordance with a signed individual volunteer agreement and after donating a minimum of 48 hours of approved volunteer service within a previous consecutive 12-month period.

a. The senior volunteer park pass is valid for one year from the date of issue.

9. A veteran is eligible for a no fee individual military pass during the month of August.

a. In order to qualify for the no fee individual military pass, a veteran, reserve, or active duty member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, must provide at least one form of past or present military identification to the Division in order to receive the free Military pass. Acceptable forms of military identification include:

(1) DD214;

(2) DD Form 2;

(3) DD Form 2765;

(4) Active, retired or veteran military identification cards;

(5) A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the word 'Veteran' printed on it as specified in 42-2-303 (5)(a), C.R.S.;

(6) VA medical card.

10. A no-fee individual "Check Out State Parks" Library Program Pass is available for check out from Colorado libraries.

#704 - Campground Use Permits and Group Campground Use Permits

1 No person shall camp in designated campgrounds or use any campground facilities of any park or recreation area unless such use is by authority of a valid campground-use permit issued by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

2 In order to obtain a campground-use permit, a member of the camping party must be present with the camping unit, ready to make immediate occupancy of the campsite, or a reservation must be made through the approved campsite reservation system. Except as follows, no person may reserve or hold a campsite for another party by purchasing a campground-use permit for an additional site:

a. A primary occupant must be identified for each campsite reserved. The primary occupant identified at the time of making the reservation is responsible for any fees, damages or law enforcement issues that arise from the occupants of the site.

b. If an individual or organization wishes to reserve a campsite or group of campsites without identifying a primary occupant, the individual making the reservation is the responsible party for any damages or law enforcement issues that arise from the occupants of the site or sites.

1. Possession of a valid campground-use permit ~~visibly displayed at a place provided at each campsite~~ shall authorize a single camping unit (tent, camper, etc.) occupied by a single family unit, or a maximum of six (6) persons to camp in a campsite for a single night until 12:00 P.M. (noon) the following day, unless the camping permit was purchased before 5:00 A.M., in which case it expires at noon the day of purchase. ~~No person shall remove a valid campground-use permit or reservation card from the place provided for display prior to the expiration of such permit or card and/or occupy any campsite displaying such a permit or card or otherwise posted as already occupied by another party in accordance with these regulations.~~

2. A valid vehicle or individual pass, as required by regulations # 700 and # 701 respectively, shall be required for each motor vehicle for each night of camping.

3. Definitions as used in these regulations, unless the context requires otherwise:

a. “Full-Hookup Campground” means those with highly developed facilities. Individual campsites will be designated and include a high-use pad with table, grill and/or fire ring and individual pressurized water, sewer and/or electrical connections. Flush toilets, lavatory and shower facilities, and trash receptacles will be available. Grocery store, food-service facilities, sanitary dump station, laundry facilities, or other developed amenities may be available.

b. “Electrical Campground” means those with fairly developed facilities. Individual campsites will be designated and include a high-use pad, picnic table, grill and/or fire ring and individual electrical connections.

c. “Tent-Only Campground” means those allowing only tents as the camping equipment. Individual campsites may have amenities similar to “Electrical Campgrounds” or “Basic Campgrounds” depending on the facility.

d. “Basic Campground” includes those campgrounds providing basic facilities and improvements. Individual campsites shall be designated and include a table, grill and/or fire ring.

e. “Primitive Campground” includes those campgrounds where only limited facilities or improvements are provided. Individual campsites may not be designated and may not include individual tables, grills or fire rings. Centrally located vault toilets and trash receptacles may be provided; however, drinking water generally will not be available.

f. “Camping/To Camp” means either:

(1) To occupy a campsite; or

(2) To erect or use a tent or shelter of natural or man-made material, the placing or use of a sleeping bag or other bedding material, the parking of a motor vehicle, motor home, travel trailer, or any combination for the apparent purpose of occupancy overnight or use outside regular park use hours (5:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.) or as posted.

g. “Camping Unit” is defined as one of the following:

(1) Two tents and a passenger vehicle; or

(2) One tent plus one motor home (Class A, B, C), motor vehicle, vehicle, trailer, slide-in truck camper, pop-up camper/trailer, boat, or other equipment of any description manufactured and/or used for the purposes of overnight occupancy.

(3) A camping unit may include additional tents only in a campsite with a tent pad; provided the tents are contained on the pad and other camping unit and camping group limits are observed.

(4) One passenger vehicle in addition to the above descriptions is authorized only if available parking space exists.

h. “Passenger Vehicle” means a motor vehicle not designed or used for overnight occupancy.

#705 - Aspen Leaf Annual Passholders

1. A resident of this state who is sixty-four years of age or older may obtain an Aspen Leaf annual pass. The fee for an Aspen Leaf annual pass is identified in regulation #708.

2. The Aspen Leaf annual pass holder must own in whole or in part any vehicle with a Colorado vehicle registration to which the Aspen Leaf annual pass is ~~affixed and~~ used to enter a state recreation area or state park area. Additional passes may be purchased pursuant to regulation #708(1)(d)(1).

3. Current Aspen Leaf Lifetime pass holders may obtain a no-charge annual ~~transferable~~ pass, as long as the individual remains a Colorado resident, which can be used for any vehicle except passenger vans and buses operated by a commercial business. The Annual Transferable Pass is transferable from motor vehicle to motor vehicle as long as the pass holder is present in the vehicle. State parks annual transferable passes are issued to individuals, not vehicles. Only one vehicle at a time can use an annual transferable pass. Through June 8, 2027, ~~A~~a state parks annual transferable pass must be hung from the rear-view mirror so that the pass may be observed and identified. Any vehicle whereby a pass cannot be secured inside the passenger compartment or hung from a rear-view mirror shall be treated as a special case, but evidence of a pass shall be required on the person or in the vehicle. Additional passes may be purchased pursuant to regulation #708(1)(d)(1). Starting June 8, 2027, proof of the Aspen Leaf Lifetime pass

must be carried in the vehicle occupied by the pass holder or shown in a Division sponsored mobile application.

#708 - Pass and Permit Fee Schedule

1. The fees for the types of vehicle passes issued by the Division are as follows.

   a. Aspen leaf annual pass.....$70.00

   b. Annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle pass.....$80.00

   c. State parks annual transferable pass ……$120.00

   d. Each additional annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles……....$40.00

      (1) Each additional Aspen Leaf vehicle pass for noncommercial vehicles..….$35.00

   e. Each replacement annual affixed vehicle pass, without proof of necessary replacement …….....$40.00

      (1) Each replacement additional annual affixed vehicle pass, without proof of necessary replacement …….....$20.00

      (2) Each replacement Aspen Leaf vehicle pass, without proof of necessary replacement …….....$35.00

      (3) Each replacement additional Aspen Leaf vehicle pass, without proof of necessary replacement ….…….…….…$17.50

      (4) Customers with proof of necessary replacement shall be issued a replacement annual affixed vehicle pass, additional annual affixed vehicle pass, or Aspen Leaf vehicle pass at no cost. Circumstances for necessary replacement include vehicle stolen, destroyed, traded, or sold; windshield replaced; pass damaged or faded; new legal name or address; or Division error. Other circumstances will be considered by the Division on a case-by-case basis.

   f. Each replacement state parks annual transferable vehicle pass ……..$60.00

   g. Each daily vehicle pass issued to a vehicle with a Colorado license plate (exceptions follow) ……...…….$10.00

      (1) At Chatfield, Elkhead Reservoir, Golden Gate Canyon, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, State Forest, and Steamboat Lake State Parks ……$12.00

   h. Each daily vehicle pass issued to a vehicle with an out-of-state license plate (exceptions follow) ……..$15.00

      (1) At Chatfield, Elkhead Reservoir, Golden Gate Canyon, Pearl Lake, Stagecoach, State Forest, and Steamboat Lake State Parks …….……$17.00

   i. Each daily vehicle pass for a passenger van or bus operated by a commercial business:

      (1) carrying up to fifteen passengers…….....$10.00

(2) carrying sixteen to thirty passengers……..….....$40.00

(3) carrying more than thirty passengers……..…….....$50.00

j. Keep Colorado Wild annual pass, as provided for in section § 33-12-108, C.R.S., available for purchase through the Colorado Department of Revenue vehicle registration process starting with January 2023 vehicle registrations ……$29.00

k. Keep Colorado Wild Collector's Plate pass, for applicable vehicles only and valid for the length of the vehicle registration. Available for purchase only through the Colorado Department of Revenue vehicle registration process starting with January 2023 vehicle registrations…….……$145.00

2. The fees for the types of individual passes issued by the Division are as follows. Eligibility requirements are stated in regulation # 701.

a. Columbine or Centennial annual pass……..$14.00

b. Each replacement Columbine or Centennial annual pass shall be provided at no cost.

c. Non-motor vehicle individual daily passes (applies to persons sixteen years of age or older) for all state recreation areas and state parks except as otherwise provided in these regulations.....$4.00

d. Non-motor vehicle individual annual passes (applies to persons sixteen years of age or older) for all state recreation areas and state parks except as otherwise provided in these regulations……..…$29.00

3. The fees for the type of campground-use permits issued by the Division are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation # 704. These fees do not include any applicable accommodations tax.

a. Campground-use permit for "Full Hookup Campgrounds" ……..……$41.00/night

b. Campground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds" ……$36.00/night

c. Campground-use permit for "Tent-Only Campgrounds"……$36.00/night

d. Campground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds" ……..……$28.00/night

e. Campground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds" ……..……..$18.00/night

4. The fees for the reduced rate campground-use permit for individuals age 64 and older who hold certain parks passes as outlined in #712 are as follows:

a. Campground-use permit for "Full Hookup Campgrounds" ……..…….$38.00/night

b. Campground-use permit for "Electrical Campgrounds" ……..……..$33.00/night

c. Campground-use permit for "Tent-Only Campgrounds"…….$36.00/night

d. Campground-use permit for "Basic Campgrounds" …….……....…$25.00/night

e. Campground-use permit for "Primitive Campgrounds" ……..…….$15.00/night

5. The fees for types of campground-use areas are as follows. Campground classes are defined in regulation # 704. These fees do not include any applicable accommodations tax.

   a. In group camp areas of “Full Hookup Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $41.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.

   b. In group camp areas of “Electrical Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $36.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.

   c. In group camp areas of Tent-Only Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $36.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.

   d. In group camp areas of “Basic Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $28.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.

   e. In group camp areas of “Primitive Campgrounds,” the fee shall be $18.00 per night per campsite assigned to such group area.

6. The fees for types of tipis, cabins and yurts are as follows. These fees do not include any applicable accommodations tax:

   a. For tipis.....$50.00/night

   b. For small cabins and yurts that may accommodate a maximum of six people:

      1. Standard……..…….$90.00/night

      2. Premium……..……..……$120.00/night

   c. For large cabins and yurts that may accommodate seven or more people:

      (1) Standard……..……..….....$120.00/night

      (2) Premium two bedroom.....$150.00/night

      (3) Premium three bedroom…….....$190.00/night

      (4) Premium four bedroom…….……$250.00/night

      (5) Each additional premium bedroom over four bedrooms……...$60.00/night

   d. For Mueller State Park Cabins:

      (1) Premium two bedroom…….…$150.00/night

      (2) Premium three bedroom.…….……$210.00/night

      (3) Premium four bedroom.…….……..$270.00/night

   e. The maximum occupancy shall be posted in each cabin and yurt.

   f. There shall be an additional fee of $10.00/night for pets where pets are allowed. For barn and corral facilities, there shall be a boarding fee of $10.00/animal/night.

g. Premium facilities contain showers and flush toilets.

7. The group picnic area permit fees for the permits issued by the Division are as follows. Group picnic area classes are defined in regulation # 706.

a. Permit for “Class A - Deluxe Group Picnic Area” ……$150.00

b. Permit for “Class B - Improved Group Picnic Area” ……$100.00

c. Permit for “Class C - Basic Group Picnic Area” ……...$50.00

8. Event facility permit fees are as follows.

a. For Bridge Canyon Overlook and Pikes Peak Amphitheater at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Prairie Falcon Amphitheater at Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Soldier Canyon Shelter at Lory State Park, and Lyons Overlook at Roxborough State Park:

(1) Monday through Friday…….$150.00/2 HOURS

(2) Saturday and Sunday……$300.00/2 HOURS

b. For event facilities numbers 1 and 3 at Castlewood Canyon State Park and Timber Event Facility at Lory State Park:

(1) Monday through Friday……..$100.00

(2) Saturday and Sunday…….$150.00

c. For event facility number 2 at Castlewood Canyon State Park, Fountain Valley Overlook at Roxborough State Park and South Eltuck Event Facility at Lory State Park:

(1) Monday through Friday……..$75.00

(2) Saturday and Sunday……...$125.00

d. For the Red Barn at Golden Gate Canyon State Park:

(3) Monday through Friday……$150.00

(4) Saturday and Sunday……..$200.00

e. For Mariner Point at Boyd Lake State Park:

(5) Monday through Friday……...$90.00

(6) Saturday, Sunday, and holidays…….$180.00

f. For Prairie Skipper event facility at Cheyenne Mountain State Park:

(7) Monday through Friday ……$150.00/DAY

(8) Saturday and Sunday……..…….$200.00/DAY

g. For PA-CO-CHU-PUK event facilities at Ridgway State Park:

(9) Single event shelter A or B:

(a) Monday through Thursday……$125.00 plus $10 non-refundable reservation fee/DAY

(b) Friday through Sunday and holidays ….$190.00 plus $10 non-refundable reservation fee/DAY

h. For Overlook event facility at Ridgway State Park:

(10) Monday through Thursday……$190 plus $10 non-refundable reservation fee/ 4 HOURS

(11) Friday through Sunday and holidays….$240 plus $10 non-refundable reservation fee/ 4 HOURS

i. Conference and/or meeting rooms……..……...$100.00/DAY

j. The maximum occupancy and hours of operation shall be posted at each event facility.

9. The fees associated with dog off leash areas at Chatfield State Park and Cherry Creek State Park, as provided for in regulation # 100 are:

a. Dog off-leash annual pass……..$25.00

b. Dog off-leash daily pass……...$3.00

10. The fee associated with the mandatory youth education course for motorboat operators…$15.00

11. The fees associated with the Cheyenne Mountain State Park Field/3D Archery Range are as follows:

a. Daily individual archery range permit……$3.00

b. Annual individual archery range permit…….$30.00

12. The fees associated with the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex are as follows:

a. Individual passes:

(12) Individual day use pass (single day) ……$12.00

(13) Individual day use pass (5 consecutive days) …..……..$48.00

(14) Individual day use pass (10 consecutive days) ..……$84.00

(15) Individual annual pass ……$150.00

(16) Individual three-year pass …….$400.00

b. Youth (ages 7-17) individual passes:

(1) Youth individual day use pass (single day) ……$3.00

(2) Youth individual day use pass (5 consecutive days) …… $12.00

(3) Youth individual day use pass (10 consecutive days)……$21.00

(4) Youth individual annual pass …….. $50.00

c. Two adult (Buddy) passes:

(1) Two adult day use passes (single day) ……..$20.00

(2) Two adult day use passes (5 consecutive days) ……..……$80.00

(3) Two adult day use passes (10 consecutive days) ……..$140.00

(4) Both adult passes must be used on the same day(s).

d. Family passes (Two adults and all children (ages 7-17) that live at the same address):

(1) Family annual pass ……$300.00

(2) Family three-year pass ……..$600.00

e. Group day use passes:

(1) Day use passes for 10 to 19 individuals ……$9.00/person

(2) Day use passes for 20 to 29 individuals ……$7.00/person

(3) Day use passes for 30 or more individuals ……..$3.00/person

f. Corporate passes:

(1) Annual corporate pass (10 unassigned passes per day) ...$3,000.00

g. All annual passes for the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex are valid 365 days from the date of purchase.

13. Colorado Search and Rescue (CORSAR) Cards

a. 1 year CORSAR Card……..…..$5.00

b. 5 year CORSAR Card…….……$20.00

14. It is unlawful for any person to transfer, sell, or assign any pass or permit issued by the Division, including campground use permits, and group picnic area permits, unless otherwise permitted by these regulations.

#712 – Fee Waivers, Sponsorships, Marketing Discounts and Reduced Rate Camping

1. As referenced in this chapter, “Park Product” means any entry pass, permit, facility, event or other user fee as defined in regulation # 700 through # 701, # 704 through # 708 and #710 through #711.

2. Park product fees may be waived for errors committed by the Division.

3. Park product fees may be waived by the Division for Division sponsored education, outreach, volunteer or safety activities (events); for supporting partner activities (events) and research activities that directly support the Division; for official business by other governmental agencies conducted on a state recreation area or state park or for Division administrative purposes.

4. The Division may waive entry fees as described in regulation # 700 through # 701 up to four days annually to market and increase awareness of state recreation areas and state parks.

5. Park Managers may provide any combination of park product(s) up to $500 in value per fiscal year, per park, to be used as a sponsorship as a part of a fundraiser, promotion or marketing effort for local community supporting partners.

6. Region Offices and the Creative Services and Marketing Office may provide up to twenty annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle passes and twenty state parks annual transferable passes as defined in regulation # 700-3.b and #700-3.c. per fiscal year, per office, to be used as part of a regional or statewide fundraiser, promotion or marketing effort. In addition, Region Offices and the Creative Services and Marketing Office may provide daily vehicle passes as defined in regulation # No. 700-4 up to $500 in value per fiscal year, per office, to be used as part of a regional or statewide fundraiser, promotion or marketing effort.

7. The Division may offer discounts up to 50 percent off established fees for annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle and daily vehicle passes as defined in regulation # 700-3 through # 700-4 as part of a consistent statewide effort to market state recreation areas and state parks.

8. Annual ~~affixed~~ vehicle passes or state parks annual transferable passes purchased in large quantities during a single sale, transaction will be discounted as follows.

   (a) Twenty or more passes, but less than fifty……..…....20% discount

   (b) Fifty or more passes, but less than one hundred…….....25% discount

   (c) One hundred passes or more.....30% discount

9. Notwithstanding the established campground fees, the Region Manager may lower a campground's classification by one class, and consequently lower the campground fee, when the Region Manager determines that it is necessary to do so based upon one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) A significant increase in the vacancy rate for the campground exists.

   (b) A significant need to rehabilitate the campground facilities exists.

   (c) A temporary closure of campground facilities is necessary in order to implement repairs.

   Upon a determination by the Region Manager that the cause for lowering the campground classification has been abated, the original campground classification will be reinstated.

10. Notwithstanding the established campground, cabin and yurt fees, the Regional Manager may reduce the fees for use of all campsites, cabins and yurts when determined necessary to encourage occupancy and otherwise increase use, up to 50 percent.

11. Notwithstanding the established event facility permit fees, the Regional Manager may offer half-day facility rentals and reduce the fees for use of event facilities when determined necessary to encourage occupancy and otherwise increase use, up to 50 percent.

12. Colorado residents age 64 or older at the time of reservation qualify for a reduced rate camping permit as outlined in #708 provided they hold one of the following valid passes at the time of reservation and the time of the stay:

    a. Aspen Leaf annual pass per regulation #705, Columbine, Centennial, Blue Spruce, Independence, Non-motor vehicle individual annual, or a Keep Colorado Wild annual pass per regulation #700 that has been manually linked to their CPW Shop account annually. Or,

    b. Individuals age 64 and older who hold a valid volunteer pass.

    c. This reduced rate applies to all nights of the year when such areas are open, except weekend nights and the night before a legal holiday. For the purpose of determining reduced rate campground permit eligibility, “weekend” night means the time period beginning at 12 noon on Friday through 12 noon on Sunday, and the night before a legal “Holiday” shall mean the time period beginning at 12 noon on the day prior to the legal holiday through 12 noon of the legal holiday. The discount is only valid for a single campsite per day, per pass holder. The pass holder must also be the one to make the reservation and be an occupant of the campsite for the entirety of the reservation.

Basis and Purpose:

Updating regulations to implement the new licensing system in June of 2027

In June of 2027 CPW will be moving to a new licensing system. As part of that system changes most of the CPW products will be changing from physical products to electronic products or e-products. To make this switch to e-products the regulations need to be updated with the new terminology and procedures. As the go live for the new system is June 8th, 2027, it is important that we keep regulations for both physical and e-products while we are adopting these changes.

One of the changes removes the fees for duplicate products as in the new system there will be no need to physically issue replacement documentation as the products are electronic products which should not be lost or damaged. By moving to e-passes the park pass will no longer need to be displayed on the vehicle windshield instead the pass must be carried in the vehicle or shown in a division sponsored mobile app. Additionally, with these changes customers who can provide proof of sale/trade of their vehicle will be eligible to transfer their annual pass for the remainder of the period the pass would have been valid at no cost.

In addition to these changes, there are other smaller cleanups, one of these removes the regulations that were needed when the Keep Colorado Wild pass was created but are now no longer necessary.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Parks Act, §§ 33-10-101 to 33-33-113, C.R.S., and specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-10-106 and 33-10-107, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

Mountain States License Fee Comparison

The following analysis compares big game license fees and opportunities for mountain states. Although general license stipulations and hunting opportunities vary by state and species, every effort has been made to compare licenses that address similar nonresident hunting opportunities. This analysis is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of all hunting opportunities in all states. For example, several states have programs closely comparable to Ranching for Wildlife, and most states issue special licenses, including disease management, auction/raffle and landowner licenses. This analysis is intended to compare licenses generally available to average non-residents on an over-the-counter or draw basis.

Fee Chart

	Colorado (2026)	*Average	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	Nevada	N.Mex.	Wyoming	Utah
Elk (Bull)	□ $845.16	$846.82	$650.00	$651.75	□**$1,112.00**	**$1,200.00**	$773.00	□ $692.00	□ **$849.00**
Elk (Cow)	□ $845.16	$501.46	$650.00	$651.75	$270.00	$500.00	N/A	$288.00	$649.00
Deer (Buck)	□ $506.92	$431.82	$300.00	$351.75	□**$760.00**	$240.00	$398.00	$374.00	□ **$599.00**
Deer (Doe)	□ $506.92	$233.54	$300.00	$351.75	$75.00	$240.00	$398.00	$34.00	$236.00
Pronghorn (Buck)	□ $506.92	$387.54	**$550.00**	$342.75	$200.00	$300.00	$423.00	$326.00	□**$571.00**
Pronghorn (Doe)	□ $506.92	$297.96	**$550.00**	$342.75	$200.00	$300.00	$423.00	$34.00	$236.00
Moose (Bull)	□ $2,823.53	$2,529.19	N/A	$2,626.75	$1,250.00	N/A	N/A	$2,752.00	□**$3488.00**
Moose (Cow)	□ $2,823.53	$2,207.19	N/A	$2,626.75	$1,250.00	N/A	N/A	$2,752.00	$2200.00
Black Bear	□ $302.56	$300.96	$150.00	$231.75	**$350.00**	$300.00	**$360.00**	**$373.00**	**$342.00**
Mountain Lion	□ $845.16	$238.75	$75.00	$204.50	$320.00	$100.00	$360.00	$373.00	ºNA
Bighorn Sheep (Ram)	□ $2,823.53	$2,484.25	$1,800.00	$2,626.75	$1,250.00	$1,200.00	**$3,523.00**	**$3,002.00**	□**$3988.00**
Bighorn Sheep (Ewe)	□ $2,823.53	$1,819.96	$1,800.00	$2,626.75	$1,250.00	$1,200.00	**$3,523.00**	$240.00	$2100.00
Mountain Goat	□ $2,823.53	$2,263.35	N/A	$2,626.75	$1,250.00	$1,200.00	N/A	$2,752.00	□**$3488.00**
Bison (Bull)	¡ $2,756.74	$4,373	$5,400	N/A	$1,250.00	N/A	N/A	$6,002.00	**$4,840.00**
Bison (Cow)	¡ $2,756.74	$3,023	$3,250	N/A	$1,250.00	N/A	N/A	$2,752.00	**$4,840.00**
Hunting License	† $104.86	**$120.67**	□**$160.00**	**$185.00**	$15.00	□**$155.00**	$65.00	N/A	**$144.00**
Application Fee	$11.49	**$14.43**	**$15.00**	****$18.00**	**$5.00	*****$14.00**	**$13.00**	**$15.00**	**$21.00**
Preference Point fee	N/A	$62.67	$15.00	N/A	$100.00	$10.00	N/A	^	$15.00

License prices that exceed Colorado's price.

* Average does not include Colorado

** Application fee for Goat, Sheep and Moose is more than other species ($45.75 for Idaho; $50 for Montana).

*** Application fee for Elk is $19.00 (includes $5 elk damage fee). Application fee for all other species is $14 (excludes mountain lion).

□ Hunt/fish combo license

† Colorado hunting license equals small game license (cheapest qualifying license) and $2.75 fees (Search/Rescue - $1.25 & Wildlife Education Fund - $1.50)

º Utah mountain lions may be hunted with a valid hunting license.

^ Preference point fee differs by species: Pronghorn: $31, Bighorn sheep and Moose: $150, Deer: $41, and Elk: $52.

¡ Randomized roster draw only in specialized circumstances; determined on a case by case basis.