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FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-0 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE II - LICENSE TYPES AND REQUIREMENTS

#001 - Hunt Codes

A. Hunt Codes are a series of eight sequential letters and numbers which denote the species, sex of animal, unit number, season, and hunt type for each choice shown on the application:

1. Species - The first character of the hunt code is a letter denoting species:

A for pronghorn
B for black bear
C for desert bighorn sheep
D for deer
E for elk
G for mountain goat
H for small game or furbearer
L for mountain lion
M for moose
P for greater prairie-chicken
S for rocky mountain bighorn sheep
T for wild turkey

2. Sex of Animal - The second character of the hunt code is a letter denoting the sex of the animal for which the license is valid:

E for either-sex (antlerless or antlered) of animal, as defined in #200
F for antlerless or doe animals, as defined in #200
M for antlered or buck animals, as defined in #200

3. Unit Number - The third through fifth characters are numbers denoting the unit or group of units in which the license is valid. Units are numbered sequentially beginning with the number 1. Zeros appear before the unit number when it is less than three characters in length, i.e. 001, 023, etc. Where the license is valid in more than one unit, the lowest numbered complete unit in the group is used, and the season table shows the complete list of valid units or portions thereof. When the limited license is valid statewide, the unit number is 000. In the case of sheep and goat, the three characters are a letter denoting the species (C, S, or G) followed by the two digit unit number.

4. Season Dates or Type - The sixth and seventh characters are a letter and number (0 and up) or two numbers (1 and up) denoting the season and hunt number within the season type (chronologically):

A	for auction season/licenses + number
C	for private (match for public) combined ranches Ranching for Wildlife licenses + number, Novice Adult Hunter Outreach licenses on Ranching for Wildlife ranches + number
D	for game damage or distribution management hunts + number
E	for early seasons + number
F	for East of I-25 Family Only Landowner Pilot seasons + number, for replacement license for CWD positive animals + number
G	for licenses guaranteed to hunters due to natural disaster relief + number
H	for seasons for hunters with mobility impairments /licenses + number

J	for public combined ranches Ranching for Wildlife licenses + number
K	for youth only season/licenses + number
L	for late seasons + number
M	for private (match for public) Ranching for Wildlife licenses + number or for private Bighorn Sheep Access Program licenses
N	for private (match for public) special population Ranching for Wildlife licenses + number
O	for combined or regular seasons + number
P	for private land only (PLO) seasons + number (when simultaneous with a regular season, uses the same number as the regular season)
R	for Raffle season/licenses + number, or TIPs license + number, or Novice Adult Hunter Outreach licenses + number
S	for split seasons (either by time, location, or other listed criteria) + number
T	for trapping season/licenses + number
U	for over the counter licenses
V	for nonresident only licenses
W	for public Ranching for Wildlife licenses or for public Bighorn Sheep Access Program licenses
X	for public special population Ranching for Wildlife licenses + number
Y	for experimental seasons + number
Z	for disease management hunts + number

5. Manner of Take - The eighth character is a letter denoting the manner of take:
A for archery only
F for hawking only
M for muzzle-loading only
R for rifle and associated methods (all legal methods)
X for Season Choice licenses, applicable manner of take restrictions apply

6. Until January 1, 2028, Preference Point Only Hunt Codes - When applicants wish to apply for a preference point only, the hunt codes are: Deer (DP99999P), Elk (EP99999P), Pronghorn (AP99999P), Mountain Goat (GP99999P), Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep (SP99999P), Moose (MP99999P), Spring Wild Turkey (TM99999P), Fall Wild Turkey (TE99999P) or Bear (BP99999P).

Appendix F - Wildlife License and Pass Prices

(1) Resident and nonresident licenses

License	Residency	Fees
3-year possession/hunting raptor license	Resident	$187.11***
Annual possession/hunting raptor license	Nonresident	$99.79***
Peregrine falcon capture license	Resident	$374.22***
Extra rod stamp	Resident	$11.23**
Extra rod stamp	Nonresident	$11.23**
Fishing - 1 day	Resident	$14.97**
Fishing - 1 day	Nonresident	$18.71**
Fishing - additional day	Resident	$6.24**
Fishing - additional day	Nonresident	$6.24**
Fishing - 5 day	Nonresident	$37.42**
Fishing - annual	Resident	$41.16**
Fishing - annual	Nonresident	$118.50**
Youth (ages 16-17) annual fishing	Resident	$9.98**
Senior annual fishing	Resident	$9.98**
Small game hunting	Resident	$34.93**
Senior lifetime fishing, and resident low-income senior fishing annual upgrade to annual combination fishing and small game hunting^	Resident	$24.49**
Small game hunting	Nonresident	$99.79**
Small game - 1 day	Resident	$14.97**
Small game - 1 day	Nonresident	$18.71**
Small game - additional day	Resident	$6.24**
Small game - additional day	Nonresident	$6.24**
Furbearer license	Resident	$34.93**
Furbearer license	Nonresident	$99.79**
Turkey, fall	Resident	$28.69**
Turkey, fall	Nonresident	$187.11**
Turkey, spring	Resident	$34.93**
Turkey, spring	Nonresident	$187.11**
Turkey (youth)	Resident	$17.46**
Turkey (youth)	Nonresident	$124.74**
Combination fishing and small game hunting	Resident	$59.87**
Senior (ages 64 and older) combination fishing and small game hunting	Resident	$34.47**
Pronghorn	Resident	$47.40**
Pronghorn	Nonresident	$492.72**
Pronghorn	UMU Tribe Enrolled Member; LPP; Pinecrest Ranch Only	$47.40**
Bear, fall	Resident	$59.87**
Bear, fall	Nonresident	$293.00**
Bear, fall (youth)	Resident	$16.79*
Bear, fall (youth)	Nonresident	$59.96*
Deer	Resident	$47.40**
Deer	Nonresident	$492.72**
Deer	UMU Tribe Enrolled Member; LPP; Pinecrest Ranch Only	$47.40**
Elk	Resident	$66.11**

Elk ~~(antlered or either sex)~~	Nonresident	$823.28**
Elk	UMU Tribe Enrolled Member; LPP; Pinecrest Ranch Only	$66.11**
~~Elk (antlerless)~~	~~Nonresident~~	~~$823.28**~~
Mountain goat	Resident	$374.22**
Mountain goat	Nonresident	$2756.74**
Moose	Resident	$374.22**
Moose	Nonresident	$2756.74**
Mountain lion	Resident	$59.87**
Mountain lion	Nonresident	$823.28**
Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	Resident	$374.22**
Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	Nonresident	$2756.74**
Desert bighorn sheep	Resident	$374.22**
Desert bighorn sheep	Nonresident	$2756.74**
Resident low-income senior fishing	Resident	$8.00**
Youth big game (deer, elk, pronghorn)	Resident	$17.15 each **
Youth big game (deer, elk, pronghorn)	Nonresident	$124.43 each**
Youth small game hunting	Resident	$1.25***
Youth small game hunting	Nonresident	$1.25***
Colorado wildlife habitat stamp, purchased in conjunction with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license	Resident	$12.47
Colorado wildlife habitat stamp, purchased in conjunction with the purchase of a hunting or fishing license	Nonresident	$12.47
"Lifetime" Colorado wildlife habitat stamp	Resident	$374.22***
"Lifetime" Colorado wildlife habitat stamp	Nonresident	$374.22***

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

All 2024 licenses sold through March 2025 shall be sold at the 2024 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	$34.93
Importation license	$93.55
Field trial license	$28.69
Commercial lake license	$249.48
Private lake license	$17.46
Commercial wildlife park license	$187.11
Noncommercial park license	$34.93
Wildlife sanctuary license	$187.11
Zoological park license	$187.11

(3) The fee for each migratory waterfowl stamp is $12.47.

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

(5) The nonrefundable application-processing fee for each limited license is $8.00 for resident applications and $11.00 for nonresident applications.

(6) Colorado State Wildlife Area passes

Pass	**Fees**
Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass - annual	$41.41**
Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass - 1 day	$8.50*
Youth (ages 16-17) annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	$10.23*
Senior (ages 64 and older) annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	$10.23*
Low-income annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass	$10.23*

*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 $12.47 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, ~~89~~ 90 Fed. Reg. ~~2961~~5917 (January ~~17~~15, ~~2024~~2025) 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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Basis and Purpose:

Draw changes for preference points

At the May 2023 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting, the Commission directed staff to form a Draw Process Working Group (DWG or group). The purpose of the group was to reduce complexities within Colorado's draw system and address preference point issues, while keeping in mind biological and sociological concerns.

A DWG was formed which consisted of two Commissioners, eight members of the public (residents and nonresidents) and seven members of staff (two non-voting). The DWG held five meetings between October 2023 and May of 2024 to draft recommendations for the agency and Commission to consider. The focus topics included draw methods for the primary and secondary draws, preference points, the weighted draw for sheep, goat and moose, and the reissue process. Three Commission workshops also took place between January 2024 and July 2024 on these topics. All recommendations for change were discussed and considered by the Commission in a two-step policy approval process (November 2024 and January 2025). Adopted policies/regulations will not be implemented until the 2028 draws in order to allow time for draw reprogramming. These policies will also be re-examined every ten years, by implementing a Draw Season Structure, similar to the Big Game Season Structure. This cycle will run through the 2032 draws to allow for five years of implementation before the next cycle begins.

The commission approved the removal of the preference point only hunt code in order to have customers choose whether they want to try to gain an additional preference point or try to draw a license to hunt during the primary draw. The DWG believed that allowing customers to easily draw a license and gain a point every year is only exacerbating preference point creep. Instead the group recommended getting rid of the preference point hunt codes entirely and making customers choose upfront if they want a preference point only, or if they want a chance at drawing a license. This will be accomplished by having an applicant mark that they either 1) want to purchase a point and not participate in the primary draw, or 2) they want to apply for a license in the primary draw. The group was conscious of the fact that this policy change could cause many applicants to change their application behavior by either choosing to not apply in the primary draw or applying for hunt codes that are traditionally more difficult to draw. Customers could still take their chance in the random secondary draw where no preference points are used, if they wanted an opportunity to hunt every year.

Adopting discounted Ute Mountain Ute licenses valid on Pinecrest Ranch

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (UMU Tribe) owns the Pinecrest Ranch, an 18,862-acre ranch in Gunnison County located in game management unit (GMU) 66. The Pinecrest Ranch is enrolled in CPW's Landowner Preference Program pursuant to § 33-4-103, C.R.S. (LPP). Adopting a discounted UMU Tribe license enables nonresident, enrolled members of the UMU Tribe to redeem LPP vouchers yielded by the Pinecrest Ranch for hunting licenses valid only on the Pinecrest Ranch at a discounted price equivalent to the resident license fee. This changes allows members to redeem a Pinecrest Ranch LPP voucher for either (1) a hunting license valid in all of GMU 66 and pay the nonresident license fee (status quo), or (2) a hunting license valid only on the Pinecrest Ranch and pay the equivalent of the resident license fee for the species.

The discount is authorized by § 33-4-102(1.6)(a), C.R.S., which enables the Commission to reduce license fees where it determines doing so is "proper for management of the division or otherwise beneficial to the management of state wildlife resources. Licenses so discounted may be limited to certain geographic areas, by sex of the animal, or as otherwise deemed appropriate by the commission." The discount is proper for the management of the Division because it is intended to improve the intergovernmental relationship between the UMU Tribe and the State.

Updating the income requirements for the income-eligible products

The income requirements for the income-eligible annual Colorado State Wildlife Area Pass have been updated to incorporate the most recent version of the income guidelines set forth in the Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, 90 Fed. Reg. 5917 (January 15, 2025) issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These income requirements are consistent with the requirements of other income-eligible licenses and passes offered by the Division.

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 MAY 1, 2025 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 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

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The above-referenced rules were submitted to this office on 03/07/2025 as required by section 24-4-103, C.R.S. This office has reviewed them and finds no apparent constitutional or legal deficiency in their form or substance.

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