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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager
RE: Rescinding the Commission Policy on Drawing License Limitations for Non-Residents
DATE: November 1, 2024

In 2009, the Colorado Wildlife Commission approved a policy entitled [Drawing License Limitations for Non-Residents](#), which established how limited deer and elk licenses would be allocated between residents and nonresidents. To develop the policy, the Division appointed a committee of stakeholders to provide recommendations on the big game license allocation process. Following those recommendations, the Commission approved the policy recommending the 65/35 percent distribution for licenses to residents/nonresidents for most hunt codes, with an 80/20 percent distribution for those hunt codes requiring residents to have six or more preference points to draw a license.

In May 2023, after extensive public engagement, the Parks and Wildlife Commission approved regulations changing the allocation from 65/35 resident/non-resident to 75/25 resident/non-resident while retaining the 80/20 resident/non-resident split for high demand hunt codes. This regulatory change supersedes the 2009 policy and CPW staff recommends that the Commission rescind the policy for clarity.

