

Preference Point Fees for Elk, Deer, Bear, Pronghorn, and Turkey

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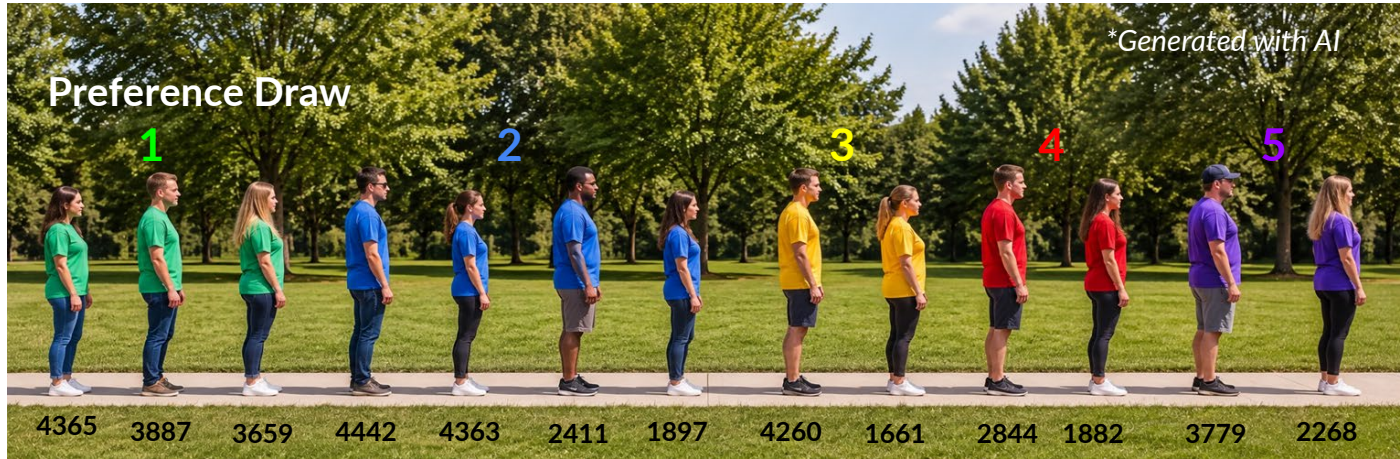


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What are Preference Points?



Bonus Draw



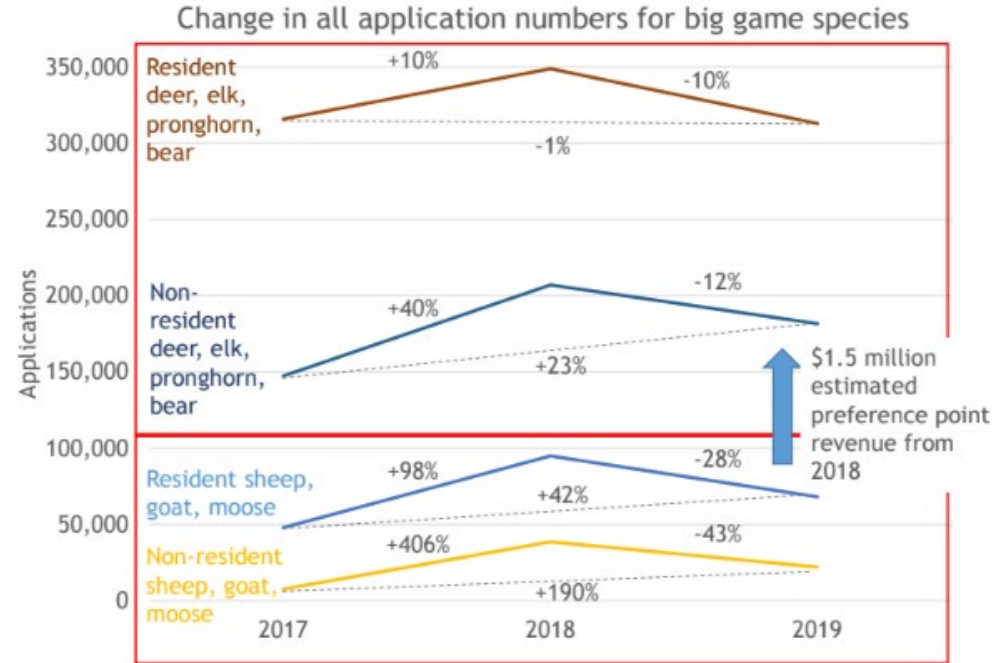
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Preference Points Fees

- Currently there are no preference point fees for deer, elk, bear, pronghorn, and turkey
- Preference point fees for Rocky Mtn. sheep, mountain goat and moose are \$50 resident/\$100 nonresidents



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Why Preference Point Fees Now?

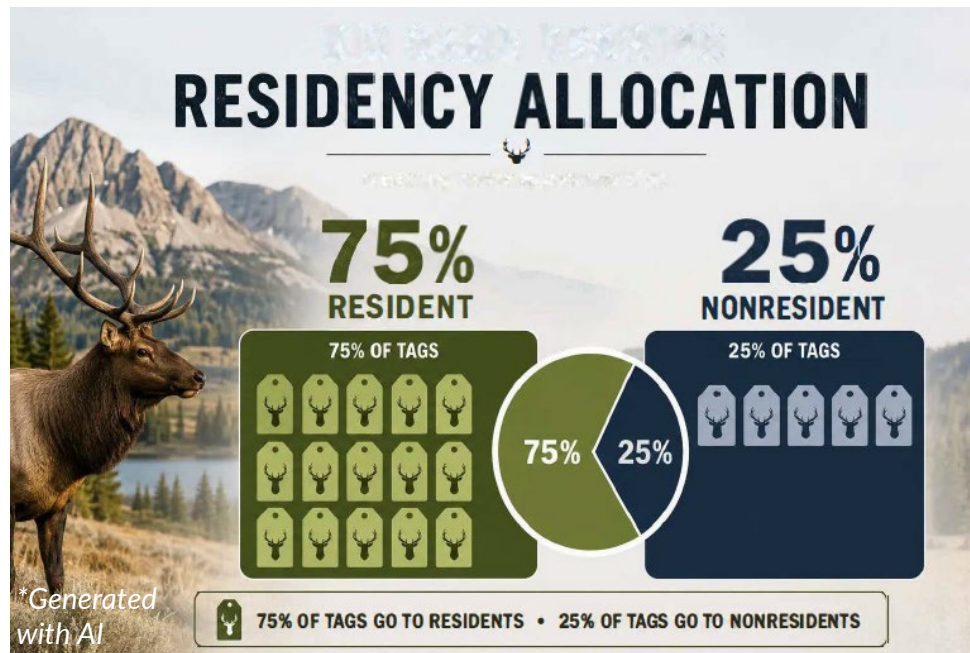


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Allocation

- Percentage allocated to residents vs. nonresidents
- Current allocation is 75% resident/25% nonresident for majority of deer, elk, bear and pronghorn hunt codes, 80% resident/20% nonresident for high demand designated hunts
- In 2028 changing to 75% resident/25% nonresident for all hunt codes for these five species (including turkey)



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Allocation by Choice

The Draw Working Group (DWG) originally recommended applying residency allocation rules across all four choices (currently only first choice).

Due to potential revenue impacts, the Commission decided to only extend the allocation rules to the first two choices.

Choice Codes

#1:	E	-	E	-	201	-	E1	-	R	Clear
#2:	E	-		-		-		-		Clear
#3:	E	-		-		-		-		Clear
#4:	E	-		-		-		-		Clear

To help offset potential revenue loss, a new preference point fee was proposed. Fees were not decided on, but were put in regulation as X and Y values as placeholder language.



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Potential Revenue Loss

	NR Licenses Over 2025 NR Cap	NR Price	R Price	Difference in Price	Potential loss (if NR Lic. over cap x Price Difference)
Elk	5792	\$825.03	\$67.86	\$757.17	\$4,385,528.64
Deer	1338	\$494.47	\$49.15	\$445.32	\$595,838.16
Pronghorn	14	\$494.47	\$49.15	\$445.32	\$6,234.48
Bear	83	\$294.75	\$61.62	\$233.13	\$19,349.79
				Total	\$5,006,951.07

Potential to lose 5 million worst case scenario

Potential Fees

Potential Revenue From PP Fees 2025 Data	90% Opt In	75% Opt In	50% Opt In
\$5 R/ \$10 NR	\$1,400,715.00	\$1,167,262.50	\$778,175.00
\$8 R/ \$16 NR	\$2,241,144.00	\$1,867,620.00	\$1,245,080.00
\$10 R/ \$20 NR	\$2,801,430.00	\$2,334,525.00	\$1,556,350.00

**Youth exempt*



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Current Fees

Application Processing	Fee
<i>Per species, per draw & nonrefundable</i>	
■ Resident	\$8.93
■ Nonresident	\$11.49
Habitat Stamp	Fee
■ 2026 Habitat Stamp	\$12.76

Qualifying Licenses

All applicants, including youth, must purchase a qualifying hunting license to apply for the big game draw(s).

Resident	Fee
■ Spring turkey	(youth: \$20.62) \$38.49
■ Fall turkey	(youth: \$20.62) \$32.11
<i>(valid for the secondary draw only)</i>	
■ Annual small game	(youth: \$2.53) \$38.49
■ Small game/fishing combo	\$64.02
■ Senior small game/fishing combo	\$38.03
<i>(age 64+)</i>	
■ Annual small-game license for senior lifetime and senior low-income annual fishing license holders	\$27.82
<i>(Senior Columbine or Centennial lifetime fishing license holders only)</i>	
■ Veteran lifetime combo	free
<i>(50% disabled or Purple Heart recipient)</i>	
■ First responder lifetime combo	free
<i>(permanent occupational disability)</i>	
Nonresident	
■ Spring turkey	(youth: \$130.39) \$194.21
■ Fall turkey	(youth: \$130.39) \$194.21
<i>(valid for the secondary draw only)</i>	
■ Annual small game	(youth: \$2.53) \$104.86



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Pending Decision

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.



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Discussion and Questions



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