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FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME

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ARTICLE I – General Provisions

#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. 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 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~~ 5 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~~ 10 fee will be assessed to receive a preference point for those species. Landowner preference points for deer, elk, and pronghorn obtained through registration and application in the Landowner Preference Program will be issued at zero cost.

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. 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. 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. 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.

Basis and Purpose:

Adopting preference point fees for bear, elk, deer, pronghorn, and turkey

Starting in 2028 with the implementation of the Draw Working Group changes, the allocation rules will apply to the first and second choice hunt codes. This policy change will result in more residents drawing limited licenses than they do currently once the second choice hunt codes also have a nonresident cap. As nonresidents pay more per license than residents, this will lead to a revenue loss for CPW. What is unknown at this time is how much exactly that revenue loss will be. Existing draw reports do not allow CPW to calculate how much revenue could be lost after the first two choices. To help offset this range of revenue loss, the Commission asked for new preference point fees to be implemented for deer, elk, bear, pronghorn, and turkey. Currently, preference points for these species are free of charge, unlike the $50 and $100 residents and nonresidents pay, respectively, for moose, sheep, and goat preference points. Currently the Commission feels it is best to start with a small preference point fee of $5.00 for residents and $10.00 for nonresidents. Then if this fee does not offset the revenue loss from the allocation change the fee could be modified later. It is important to note that preference point fees are optional fees that customers can opt out of paying if they do not wish to obtain an additional species preference point for the year. Landowner preference points for deer, elk and pronghorn obtained through registration, enrollment and application in the Landowner Preference Program(LPP) will be exempt from the approved preference point fees as LPP regulations and program changes were determined to be out-of-scope for the 2025 Draw Working Group process and associated public engagement.

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 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

1. 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.

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

3. 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~~ 5 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~~ 10 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.

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.

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 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.

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. 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,	TE000U2R	09/01/2026	10/04/2026 AND 10/23/2026	Unlimited West of I-25 and GMU 140

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, 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.				and East of I-25 (excluding GMU 140)

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

1. Spring Season.				
Unit	**Hunt Code**	**Date Opened**	**Date Closed**	**Licenses**
				Bearded Turkey Only
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
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

2. Fall Season				
Unit	**Hunt Code**	**Date Opened**	**Date Closed**	**Licenses**
				Either Sex
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
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.

Basis and Purpose:

Adopting preference point fees for bear, elk, deer, pronghorn, and turkey

Starting in 2028 with the implementation of the Draw Working Group changes, the allocation rules will apply to the first and second choice hunt codes. This policy change will result in more residents drawing limited licenses than they do currently once the second choice hunt codes also have a nonresident cap. As nonresidents pay more per license than residents, this will lead to a revenue loss for CPW. What is unknown at this time is how much exactly that revenue loss will be. Existing draw reports do not allow CPW to calculate how much revenue could be lost after the first two choices. To help offset this range of revenue loss, the Commission asked for new preference point fees to be implemented for deer, elk, bear, pronghorn, and turkey. Currently, preference points for these species are free of charge, unlike the $50 and $100 residents and nonresidents pay, respectively, for moose, sheep, and goat preference points. Currently the Commission feels it is best to start with a small preference point fee of $5.00 for residents and $10.00 for nonresidents. Then if this fee does not offset the revenue loss from the allocation change the fee could be modified later. It is important to note that preference point fees are optional fees that customers can opt out of paying if they do not wish to obtain an additional species preference point for the year.

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.