

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME

ARTICLE III - BIGHORN SHEEP

#218 - SEASON DATES, HUNT TYPE, UNITS (AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 0 OF THESE REGULATIONS), AND LICENSE NUMBERS.

A. All rams taken shall be one half (1/2) curl or larger unless otherwise specified in these regulations.

1. Archery Season Dates, Units, License Types and Numbers							
Unit #/Unit Name	Hunt Code	Date Open	Date Closed	Resident Licenses (2020)		Nonresident Licenses (2020)	
				Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe
S06 Pike's Peak and S46 Dome Rock	SMS06O1A	11/10/2020	11/30/2020	1		0	
S09 Sangre De Cristo	SMS09O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	8		2	
S12 Buffalo Peaks and S78 Ten Mile	SMS12O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	7		1	
S20 Marshall Pass	SMS20O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
S26 Taylor River	SMS26O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
S32 Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SMS32O1A	08/01/2020	08/16/2020	3		1	
S32 Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SMS32O2A	08/22/2020	09/06/2020	4		0	
S32 Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SFS32O2A	08/22/2020	09/06/2020		5		0
S34 Rampart Range	SMS34O1A	10/15/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
S34 Rampart Range	SFS34O1A	10/01/2020	10/14/2020		2		0
S34 Rampart Range	SMS34O2A	12/01/2020	12/15/2020	3		0	
S35 Greenhorns	SMS35O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
S37 St. Vrain	SMS37O1A	11/01/2020	11/30/2020	1		0	
S38 Apishapa	SMS38O1A	12/01/2020	12/31/2020	1		0	
S39 Mt Silverheels	SMS39O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
S44 Basalt	SMS44O1A	08/27/2020	09/22/2020	4		1	
S49 Grape Creek - Copper Ridge	SMS49O1A	09/08/2020	09/30/2020	3		0	
S51 Spanish Peaks	SMS51O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	1		0	
S54 West Elk - Dillon Mesa	SMS54O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	1		0	
S57 Big Thompson	SMS57O1A	12/01/2020	12/31/2020	2		0	
S57 Big Thompson	SFS57O1A	12/08/2020	12/31/2020		2		0
S66 Mount Elbert	SMS66O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	2		0	
S69 Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SMS69O1A	08/01/2020	08/31/2020	1		1	
S69 Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SMS69O2A	10/15/2020	11/15/2020	2		0	
S71 West Needles	SMS71O1A	08/29/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
TOTALS				55	9	6	0

2. Rifle and Associated Methods Season Dates, Units, License Types and Numbers

Unit #/ Unit Name	Hunt Code	Date Open	Date Closed	Resident Licenses (2020)		Nonresident Licenses (2020)	
				Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe
S01 Poudre River and S18 Rawah	SMS01O1R	09/01/2020	10/04/2020	1		1	
S01 Poudre River	SMS01O2R	10/10/2020	11/01/2020	2		0	
S01 Poudre River and S18 Rawah	SFS01O1R	09/01/2020	10/04/2020		2		0
S02 Gore-Eagles Nest- Except within ½ mile north of I-70 from Bighorn Creek to Spraddle Creek	SMS02O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	3		0	
S03 Mount Evans	SMS03O1R	08/10/2020	08/26/2020	2		1	
S03 Mount Evans	SMS03O2R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S03 Mount Evans	SFS03O2R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020		5		1
S04 Grant	SMS04O1R	08/10/2020	08/26/2020	1		0	
S04 Grant	SMS04O2R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S04 Grant	SFS04O2R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020		1		0
S05 Beaver Creek and S60 Shelf Rd	SMS05O1R	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
S06 Pikes Peak	SMS06O1R	09/08/2020	09/22/2020	1		0	
S06 Pikes Peak	SMS06O2R	09/25/2020	10/09/2020	1		0	
S06 Pikes Peak	SFS06O2R	09/25/2020	10/09/2020		2		0
S07 Arkansas River	SMS07O1R	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
S08 Huerfano	SMS08O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S09 Sangre de Cristo	SMS09O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	840		20	
S09 Sangre de Cristo	SFS09O1R	09/14/2020	10/08/2020		4		1
S10 Trickle Mountain and S55 Natural Arch	SMS10O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S11 Collegiate North	SMS11O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
S11 Collegiate North	SFS11O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
S12 Buffalo Peaks and S78 Ten Mile	SMS12O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
S12 Buffalo Peaks and S78 Ten Mile	SFS12O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
S13 Snowmass East	SMS13O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		1	
S15 Sheep Mountain	SMS15O1R	08/29/2020 and 09/26/2020	09/09/2020 and 10/11/2020	2		1	
S15 Sheep Mountain	SFS15O1R	09/26/2020	10/11/2020		5		1
S15 Sheep Mountain	SMS15O2R	09/12/2020	10/11/2020	2		0	
S16 Cimarron Peak	SMS16O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	4		0	
S16 Cimarron Peak	SFS16O1R	09/26/2020	10/08/2020		4		0
S17 Collegiate South	SMS17O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
S17 Collegiate South	SFS17O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
S19 Never Summer Range	SMS19O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S20 Marshall Pass	SMS20O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S21 Cow Creek - Wetterhorn Peak	SMS21O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
S21 Cow Creek - Wetterhorn Peak - East of Hwy 550 only	SFS21O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		4		2

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S21 Cow Creek- Wetterhorn Peak – West of Hwy 550 only	SFS21S1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
S22 San Luis Peak	SMS22O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	4		0	
S23 Kenosha and S27 Tarryall	SMS23O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S24 Battlement	SMS24O1R	11/01/2020	11/30/2020	2		0	
S25 Snowmass West	SMS25O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S28 Vallecito	SMS28O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S29 Alamosa Canyon and S30 Conejos River	SMS29O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S29 Alamosa Canyon	SFS29O1R	09/12/2020	11/30/2020		1		0
S31 Blanca River	SMS31O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	4		0	
S32 Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SMS32O1R	09/12/2020	10/04/2020	7		1	
S32 Georgetown - Except within ¼ mile north of I-70 or within ¼ mile of US 6 or US 40	SFS32O1R	09/12/2020	10/04/2020		5		1
S33 Lake Fork/Pole Mtn	SMS33O1R	09/08/2020	09/24/2020	4		1	
S33 Lake Fork/Pole Mtn - North of Lake Fork River, Cottonwood Creek, Cuba Gulch, Minnie Gulch; west and north of CO 110	SFS33O1R	09/12/2020	09/24/2020		1		0
S33 Lake Fork/Pole Mtn - South of Lake Fork River, Cottonwood Creek, Cuba Gulch and Minnie Gulch; east and south of CO 110	SFS33S1R	09/12/2020	09/24/2020		1		0
S33 Lake Fork/Pole Mtn	SMS33O2R	09/25/2020	10/08/2020	4		1	
S33 Lake Fork/Pole Mtn - North of Lake Fork River, Cottonwood Creek, Cuba Gulch, Minnie Gulch; west and north of CO 110	SFS33O2R	09/28/2020	10/08/2020		1		0
S33 Lake Fork/Pole Mtn - South of Lake Fork River, Cottonwood Creek, Cuba Gulch and Minnie Gulch; east and south of CO 110	SFS33S2R	09/28/2020	10/08/2020		1		0
S35 Greenhorns	SMS35O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S36 Bellows Creek	SMS36O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S37 St. Vrain	SMS37O1R	09/08/2020	10/09/2020	1		0	
S39 Mount Silverheels	SMS39O1R	09/08/2020	09/23/2020	2		0	
S39 Mount Silverheels	SFS39O1R	09/08/2020	09/23/2020		3		0
S39 Mount Silverheels	SMS39O2R	09/24/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	

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S40 Lone Pine and S58 Lower Poudre	SMS40O1R	09/01/2020	10/04/2020	1		0	
S40 Lone Pine and S58 Lower Poudre	SFS40O1R	09/01/2020	10/04/2020		1		0
S40 Lone Pine and S58 Lower Poudre	SMS40O2R	10/10/2020	11/01/2020	1		0	
S41 Peru Creek	SMS41O1R	09/21/2020	10/24/2020	1		0	
S41 Peru Creek	SFS41O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020		3		0
S42 Waterton Canyon Except within 200 yards of the Waterton Canyon Road.	SMS42O1R	12/07/2020 Weekdays Only	12/11/2020 Weekdays Only	1		0	
S42 Waterton Canyon Except within 200 yards of the Waterton Canyon Road.	SFS42O1R	12/07/2020 Weekdays Only	12/11/2020 Weekdays Only		1		0
S42 Waterton Canyon Except within 200 yards of the Waterton Canyon Road.	SMS42O2R	12/14/2020 Weekdays Only	12/18/2020 Weekdays Only	1		0	
S42 Waterton Canyon Except within 200 yards of the Waterton Canyon Road.	SFS42O2R	12/14/2020 Weekdays Only	12/18/2020 Weekdays Only		1		0
S44 Basalt	SMS44O1R	09/25/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S47 Browns Canyon	SMS47O1R	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
S48 Carrizo Canyon	SMS48O1R	12/01/2020	12/31/2020	1		0	
S49 Grape Creek - Copper Ridge	SMS49O1R	10/01/2020	10/31/2020	2		0	
S50 Mount Mestas	SMS50O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S51 Spanish Peaks	SMS51O1R	09/19/2020	10/18/2020	2		0	
S51 Spanish Peaks - West of Hwy 12 only	SFS51O1R	08/29/2020	09/07/2020		2		0
S51 Spanish Peaks	SMS51O2R	10/24/2020	11/11/2020	2		0	
S53 Bristol Head	SMS53O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S53 Bristol Head	SFS53O1R	09/18/2020	10/08/2020		1		0
S54 West Elk-Dillon Mesa bound on the north by Gunnison CR 12 (Kebler Pass Rd.); on the east by Hwy 135; on the south by N boundary T50N; on the west by Curecanti Ck & Coal Ck.	SMS54O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S59 Derby Creek	SMS59O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S61 Purgatory Canyon	SMS61O1R	09/01/2020 and 12/01/2020	9/20/2020 and 12/31/2020	4		0	
S66 Mount Elbert	SMS66O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	5		1	
S66 Mount Elbert	SFS66O1R	09/19/2020	10/08/2020		2		0
S67 Flattops	SMS67O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S68 Northern Sangre de Cristos	SMS68O1R	09/08/2020	10/31/2020	1		0	

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S69 Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SMS69O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	3		0	
S69 Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SFS69O1R	09/12/2020	09/18/2020		1		0
S69 Lower Cochetopa Canyon	SFS69O2R	09/19/2020	09/25/2020		1		0
S70 Fossil Ridge	SMS70O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
S71 West Needles	SMS71O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S73 Mt. Zirkel	SMS73O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		1	
S73 Mt. Zirkel	SFS73O1R	10/18/2020	10/31/2020		2		1
S74 Glenwood	SMS74O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	2		0	
S75 Main Canyon	SMS75O1R	11/01/2020	11/30/2020	1		0	
S77 Gore Canyon	SMS77O1R	09/08/2020	10/08/2020	1		0	
TOTALS				147	63	13	7

Basis and Purpose:

At the March 30, 2020 emergency rulemaking hearing, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted emergency rules affecting Chapter W-2 (Big Game, 2 CCR 406-2). The emergency rules changed the resident bighorn sheep quota for the rifle season in S-9 [Sangre de Cristo, SMS09O1R] from 10 to 8 and the nonresident quota from 0 to 2.

The Commission adopted the foregoing rules on an emergency basis as authorized by the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act (APA), CRS § 24-4-103(6)(a). This section authorizes emergency rules where “the agency finds that immediate adoption of the rule is imperatively necessary ... for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare and compliance” where the APA’s standard rulemaking requirements “would be contrary to the public interest.” The Commission finds such standards are satisfied here.

The Commission is required to manage wildlife and their environment for “the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors” (CRS, § 33-1-101(1)) and it has the responsibility to “...develop, manage, and maintain sound programs of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other wildlife-related outdoor recreational activities.” C.R.S § 33-1-104(2). In addition, the Commission has the authority to “[d]etermine under what circumstances, when, in which localities, by what means, what sex of, and in what amounts and numbers the wildlife of this state may be taken...” C.R.S § 33-1-106(1)(a).

In January 2020, the Commission adopted rules to implement 2020 bighorn sheep license numbers. Subsequent to the adoption of the 2020 bighorn sheep license numbers, the Division identified an error that required administrative cleanup. A correction has been made to the regulations. These changes in no way alter the overall intent of the big game season structure as previously approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission or the big game season regulations adopted by the Commission in January of 2020.

Absent the emergency rules, the Division would be unable to run the bighorn sheep limited license drawing, and it is important to make this change prior to the drawing, which is scheduled for April 23, 2020. Accordingly, the emergency rules are necessary for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state.

The Division has, to the extent it could, given notice of its emergency rulemaking. Notice of the proposed emergency rulemaking was posted online on the CPW website, indicating the Commission would consider the emergency regulations on March 30, 2020 and written comment would be accepted prior to that date. The notice was not posted at the State Capitol, at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters, Regional Service Centers, and Area Service Centers (area offices) due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017, which orders Coloradans to stay at home through April 11, 2020.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be viewed online at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/pages/commission.aspx> and copies can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing Krista Heiner at krista.heiner@state.co.us. The statement of basis and purpose is not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order D 2020 017, which orders Coloradans to stay at home through April 11, 2020.

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: §§ 33-1-104, C.R.S. and 33-1-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR NO MORE THAN 120 DAYS OR UNTIL PERMANENT REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, OR THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ARE OTHERWISE REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 30H DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

**APPROVED:
Michelle Zimmerman
Acting Chair**

**ATTEST:
James Vigil
Secretary**