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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
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RE: Chapter W-3 Final Regulations for the November 2020 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
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Final regulatory changes for Chapter W-3 are summarized below. If there are questions about the agenda item below, or if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 303-866-3203 x4609 or [krista.heiner@state.co.us](mailto:krista.heiner@state.co.us).

### Agenda Item 17: Chapter W-3 - "Furbearers and Small Game, Except Migratory Birds" 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 2 of 2)

Turkey regulations have been modified to update harvest limit quota numbers and season dates for 2021. Turkey harvest limit quotas and seasons are established to maintain healthy populations while at the same time providing recreational opportunity. Ongoing population analysis and management necessitates or makes possible reductions in turkey harvest in some Game Management Units and additional turkey hunting opportunity in others. These regulations have been modified to promote healthy turkey populations and provide for proper turkey management and recreational opportunity in accordance with the best available science. In addition, the following issues have been addressed:

- Splitting the regular turkey license on the Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land into two seasons and creating a youth-only turkey license for this area (p. 5-6)

The hunt code TM05901R (valid in the Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area (SWA) and Table Mountain State Trust Lands (STL) portions of GMU 59) provides a quality spring turkey hunt, and while success is generally high, turkey hunting occurs in a relatively small geographic area and hunter crowding can be problematic. To address this issue, the regular spring turkey season has been split into two hunting seasons: the first one would start the second Saturday in April and would run for 21 days (including three weekends) and the second season would run from the first Saturday in May through May 31 annually. Additionally, a youth-only turkey hunting opportunity, valid the entire length of the turkey season (second Saturday in April through May 31 annually) has been created to increase opportunity for youth hunters. All of these licenses are valid only on the Beaver Creek SWA and Table Mountain STL portions of GMU 59.



**FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-3 - FURBEARERS and SMALL GAME, EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS**

**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 \$7.00 non-refundable application fee for residents and a \$9.00 non-refundable application fee for nonresidents. Individuals successful in the draw will be charged for the limited license as well as a \$.25 fee designated for search and rescue operations and a \$1.50 Wildlife Council surcharge.
  - 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 first Tuesday in July annually.
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. 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.
    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. Applications receiving preference will be given priority over all applications with fewer points.
  4. Group applications will receive preference at the level of the group member with the fewest accumulated points.
  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.

### 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 January 31 of each year. Successful applicants will be notified by mail. 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. Southwest Youth Turkey Extended Season
- Youths under 18 years of age may hunt turkey in GMUs 52, 54, 55, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 82, 83, 411, 521, 551, 681, 682, 711, 741, 751 and 771 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), 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	<del>04/10/2021</del> <del>04/11/2020</del>	<del>05/31/2021</del> <del>05/31/2020</del>	Unlimited

2. 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, 024, 028, 029, 031, 032, 033, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 043, 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, 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, 441, 461, 481, 500, 501, 511, 512, 521, 551, 561,	TE000U2R	<del>09/01/2021</del> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<del>10/03/2021</del> <del>10/04/2020</del> and <del>10/29/2021</del> <del>10/23/2020</del>	Unlimited West of I-25 and GMU 140 and East of I-25 (excluding GMU 140)

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,.				
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3. 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	<del>12/15/2021</del> 12/15/2020	<del>01/15/2022</del> 01/15/2021	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	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	10
15, 27,37 and 361	TM015O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	15
21	TM021O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	15
23	TM023O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	15
23 – private land only	TM023P1R	<del>04/12/2021</del> 04/13/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	15
25	TM025O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	40
34	TM034O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	30
35, 36	TM035O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	<del>2040</del>
43	TM043O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	50
44	TM044O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	<del>4030</del>
47	TM047O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>05/31/2021</del> 05/31/2020	15
59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only	TM059O1R	<del>04/10/2021</del> 04/11/2020	<del>04/30/2021</del> 05/31/2020	<del>525</del>
<del>59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only</del>	<del>TM059O2R</del>	<del>05/01/2021</del>	<del>05/31/2021</del>	<del>10</del>



<b>1. Spring Season.</b>				
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Hunt Code</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	<b>Licenses</b>
				<b>Bearded Turkey Only</b>
<u>59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only</u>	<u>TM059K1R</u>	<u>04/10/2021</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u>	<u>10</u>
80	TM080O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	10
81	TM081O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	10
91	TM091O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u> <u>05/01/2020</u>	50
91, 92, 96, 101, 102-youth only	TM091K1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	200
91	TM091O2R	<u>05/01/2020</u> <u>05/02/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	50
92	TM092O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u> <u>05/01/2020</u>	50
92	TM092O2R	<u>05/01/2020</u> <u>05/02/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	50
96	TM096O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u> <u>05/01/2020</u>	100
96 - private land only	TM096P1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u> <u>05/01/2020</u>	175
96	TM096O2R	<u>05/01/2021</u> <u>05/02/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	100
96 - private land only	TM096P2R	<u>05/01/2021</u> <u>05/02/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	175
101, 102	TM101O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u> <u>05/01/2020</u>	40
101, 102	TM101O2R	<u>05/01/2021</u> <u>05/02/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	40
103, 107, and 109	TM103O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>04/30/2021</u> <u>05/01/2020</u>	50
103,107, and 109	TM103O2R	<u>05/01/2021</u> <u>05/02/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	50
103, 107, 109 - youth only	TM103K1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	40
124, 125, and 129	TM124O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	25
124, 125, and 129 - youth only	TM124K1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	15
127, 132	TM127O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	30
139	TM139O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <u>04/11/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <u>05/31/2020</u>	15

<b>1. Spring Season.</b>				
Unit	Hunt Code	Date Opened	Date Closed	Licenses
				Bearded Turkey Only
140 - Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area only	TM140O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <del>04/11/2020</del>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <del>05/31/2020</del>	<u>3055</u>
140 - James John State Wildlife Area only	TM140O2R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <del>04/11/2020</del>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <del>05/31/2020</del>	20
444	TM444O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <del>04/11/2020</del>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <del>05/31/2020</del>	35
444 – Private Land Only	TM444P1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <del>04/11/2020</del>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <del>05/31/2020</del>	20
851 - Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area only	TM851O1R	<u>04/10/2021</u> <del>04/11/2020</del>	<u>05/31/2021</u> <del>05/31/2020</del>	30
<b>Total</b>				<b><u>17001705</u></b>

<b>2. Fall Season</b>				
Unit	Hunt Code	Date Opened	Date Closed	Licenses
				Either Sex
15, 27, 37 and 361	TE015L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/03/2021</u> <del>10/04/2020</del>	15
25	TE025L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/03/2021</u> <del>10/04/2020</del>	15
34	TE034L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/03/2021</u> <del>10/04/2020</del>	15
47	TE047L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/03/2021</u> <del>10/04/2020</del>	25
59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only	TE059L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/03/2021</u> <del>10/04/2020</del>	15
85 - Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area - Oberosler Tract only	TE085L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/03/2021</u> <del>10/04/2020</del>	25
85 - Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area – Tochter Tract only	TE085L2R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/03/2021</u> <del>10/04/2020</del>	25
85 -Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area - Sakariason Tract	TE085L3R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/03/2021</u> <del>10/04/2020</del>	25
91	TE091L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/29/2021</u> <del>10/23/2020</del>	50
91, 92, 96, 101, and 102 – youth only	TE091K1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/29/2021</u> <del>10/23/2020</del>	50
92	TE092L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/29/2021</u> <del>10/23/2020</del>	50
96	TE096L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/29/2021</u> <del>10/23/2020</del>	175
101, 102	TE101L1R	<u>09/01/2021</u> <del>09/01/2020</del>	<u>10/29/2021</u> <del>10/23/2020</del>	50



<b>2. Fall Season</b>				
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Hunt Code</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	<b>Licenses</b>
				<b>Either Sex</b>
103, 107, and 109	TE103L1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/23/2020</del> <u>10/29/2021</u>	60
103, 107, 109 - youth only	TE103K1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/23/2020</del> <u>10/29/2021</u>	30
124, 125 and 129	TE124L1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/23/2020</del> <u>10/29/2021</u>	15
124, 125 and 129 - youth only	TE124K1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/23/2020</del> <u>10/29/2021</u>	15
126, 146	TE126L1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/23/2020</del> <u>10/29/2021</u>	20
127, 132	TE127L1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/23/2020</del> <u>10/29/2021</u>	20
139	TE139L1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/23/2020</del> <u>10/29/2021</u>	<del>1045</del>
140 - Lake Dorothy State Wildlife Area only	TE140L1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/04/2020</del> <u>10/03/2021</u>	35
140 - James John State Wildlife Area only	TE140L2R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/04/2020</del> <u>10/03/2021</u>	10
444	TE444L1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/04/2020</del> <u>10/03/2021</u>	20
851 - Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area only	TE851L1R	<del>09/01/2020</del> <u>09/01/2021</u>	<del>10/04/2020</del> <u>10/03/2021</u>	25
<b>Total</b>				<b><u>795800</u></b>

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.

#### **#322.5 - RANCHING FOR WILDLIFE – TURKEY**

##### **A. Implementation Authority**

1. The Director is authorized to implement the Ranching for Wildlife program, including the authority to determine ranch enrollment status, enter into cooperative agreements with ranches, establish and modify public and private season dates on each ranch, and establish and modify license allocations to each ranch including the subsequent distribution of licenses to the public and private share annually, and may establish additional Ranching for Wildlife operating guidelines subject to the following provisions.

##### **B. Ranch Entry and Maintenance**

1. Ranches must have a minimum of 10,000 acres of privately owned land in one contiguous unit. Ranches that meet this 10,000-acre minimum requirement may include privately owned non-contiguous parcels in the program if the Director determines that their inclusion will contribute to meeting the performance standards for the ranch.
2. Ranches must develop a Ranching for Wildlife Management Plan that includes goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving such goals and objectives for wildlife habitat management, species management, and public hunting management. The Management Plan must be approved by the Division prior to execution of a Cooperative Agreement for Ranching for Wildlife.
3. Ranches may not charge public hunters an access fee for hunting.
4. Except as agreed to in writing by the Division when necessary to meet the ranch performance standards or as mutually agreed and contained in the Management Plan, ranches must provide for equality of access in terms of geographical area and mode of transportation for both public and private hunters. No closure or restriction of land or roads shall apply to public hunters that do not also apply to private hunters.
5. Public hunts must be established at a time when the species to be hunted are present and available for harvest. No public seasons shall be established during times when normal winter conditions would prevent access to most of the ranch, nor when normal migration patterns of the species to be hunted result in the species having migrated off the ranch.

6. Ranches that establish coinciding or overlapping public and private hunts may not exclude public hunters from any portion of the ranch due to the presence of private hunters.
  7. The ranch and the Division will mutually agree to ranch rules regarding access to and hunting on the ranch by public hunters. The ranch rules will be provided to hunters prior to seasons on the ranch in accordance with other provisions contained in this regulation.
- C. Cooperative Agreements, Enrollment, Denial of Enrollment, Termination of Enrollment
1. The Division is authorized to enter into Cooperative Agreements with ranches.
  2. Ranches may appeal enrollment decisions to the Parks and Wildlife Commission.
  3. Cooperative Agreements shall incorporate approved Ranching for Wildlife Management Plans as part of the Cooperative Agreement.
  4. The Division shall periodically evaluate ranches for enrollment and contract performance, and shall establish minimum performance standards for ranches enrolled in the program, including wildlife habitat management and improvement, public recreation opportunity and experience, and any factors intended to contribute to meeting turkey management objectives. Such performance standards shall be incorporated into the Cooperative Agreement with the ranch.
- D. Turkey Season Structures
1. Public and private spring season opening and closing date parameters.
    - a. Private seasons may not begin before April 1, nor extend beyond June 1.
    - b. Public seasons may only be established within the opening and closing dates of the regularly established spring season.
    - c. Public hunting seasons shall be a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days.
  2. Public and private fall season opening and closing date parameters.
    - a. Public and private seasons may not begin before September 1, nor extend beyond November 1.
    - b. Public hunting seasons shall be a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days.
  3. Manner of Take
    - a. The manner of take for spring or fall RFW turkey seasons shall be the same as that for regularly established spring or fall seasons.
- E. License Allocation
1. A maximum of 100 bearded turkey licenses in the spring season and 100 either-sex turkey licenses in the fall season may be allocated to each ranch annually, and subsequently distributed to the public and private share according to paragraph b of this regulation.
  2. The public shall receive a minimum of forty percent (40%) of the total number of licenses allocated for each turkey season on each ranch.
  3. License allocation for each ranch shall be approved by the Division and recommended to the Director, based upon harvest objectives for the ranch jointly determined by the Division and the ranch, hunter crowding, enhancement of hunter harvest, and relative densities of the species on the ranch.

4. Substitution of licenses of one species or sex for licenses of another species or sex shall not be permitted.
5. Landowner preference shall not be used for any public or private Ranching for Wildlife license.

#### F. Youth Licenses

1. The Division and the ranch may formulate and implement youth hunting opportunities on any ranch through Division approved youth hunting programs. The Division must approve the youth hunting program on the ranch prior to any season or license allocation for such youth hunts.
2. A maximum of 15% of the total number of turkey licenses allocated for a ranch may be allocated as youth hunting licenses on each ranch, over and above the total number of licenses allocated for a ranch.
3. Youth hunting seasons may occur at any time within the broad parameters for seasons within the Ranching for Wildlife program.
4. Youth licenses shall be distributed to individual youth hunters by mechanisms of the approved youth hunting program on the ranch. Youth licenses shall not count as either private or public licenses for purposes of calculating the relative share of other licenses allocated for the ranch.

#### G. License Distribution

1. Applications
  - a. Applications for private hunter licenses stamped with the ranch name and season dates shall be available to the landowner for distribution.
  - b. Public hunter licenses shall be available through application and selection from the Division during the annual limited license drawing process, except as provided in this regulation.

#### H. Special Restrictions

1. Unless otherwise provided in these Ranching for Wildlife regulations all hunters must comply with other applicable regulations, including, but not limited to, manner of take (except that private hunters may use any legal weapon during private seasons), hunting hours, application requirements and deadlines, bag limits, season participation, mandatory checks, OHV restrictions, and other generally applicable regulations for big game hunting.
2. A copy of the mutually agreed upon ranch rules will be provided to all public hunters prior to their hunting season. All public hunters will be required to sign a statement acknowledging that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with all ranch rules, before the hunter is allowed access to the ranch.
  - a. Compliance with ranch rules is a specific condition of the Ranching for Wildlife public licenses and subsequent access to the ranch. In addition to criminal penalties, non-compliance with ranch rules constitutes grounds for suspension and revocation of the license and/or being prohibited from further participation in hunting on the ranch, and/or in the Ranching for Wildlife program as a public hunter.
  - b. Final determination on any legal action taken towards hunters found in non-compliance with ranch rules shall be made solely by officers of the Division. This includes any citation that may be issued for non-compliance with the provisions of a

license, or directing a hunter to leave a ranch. Ranch personnel may not direct a hunter to leave a ranch without specific authorization of a Division officer.

**Basis and Purpose:**

Turkey regulations have been modified to update harvest limit quota numbers and season dates for 2021. Turkey harvest limit quotas and seasons are established to maintain healthy populations while at the same time providing recreational opportunity. Ongoing population analysis and management necessitates or makes possible reductions in turkey harvest in some Game Management Units and additional turkey hunting opportunity in others. These regulations have been modified to promote healthy turkey populations and provide for proper turkey management and recreational opportunity in accordance with the best available science.

**Splitting the regular turkey license on the Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land into two seasons and creating a youth-only turkey license for this area**

The hunt code TM059O1R (valid in the Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area (SWA) and Table Mountain State Trust Lands (STL) portions of GMU 59) provides a quality spring turkey hunt, and while success is generally high, turkey hunting occurs in a relatively small geographic area and hunter crowding can be problematic. To address this issue, the regular spring turkey season has been split into two hunting seasons: the first one would start the second Saturday in April and would run for 21 days (including three weekends) and the second season would run from the first Saturday in May through May 31 annually. Additionally, a youth-only turkey hunting opportunity, valid the entire length of the turkey season (second Saturday in April through May 31 annually) has been created to increase opportunity for youth hunters. All of these licenses are valid only on the Beaver Creek SWA and Table Mountain STL portions of GMU 59.

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](mailto:dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us). The statements of basis and purpose are 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.

**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, 2021 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 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.**

**APPROVED:  
Marvin McDaniel  
Chair**

**ATTEST:  
Marie Haskett  
Secretary**