

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: August 12, 2020	
ISSUE:	Should the regular turkey license on the Beaver Creek SWA and Table Mountain STL be split into two seasons to reduce hunter crowding and should a youth-only turkey license be created for this area to provide a quality hunting opportunity for youth?
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):	
<p>GMU 59 sits between Canon City and Colorado Springs. TM059O1R (valid in the Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Lands portions of GMU 59) is a quality spring turkey hunt currently consisting of 25 licenses and requiring several preference points to draw (6 points for residents in 2020). While success on these licenses is generally high, turkey hunting occurs in a relatively small geographic area and hunter crowding can be problematic. To reduce hunter crowding, we propose splitting the spring turkey season into two hunting seasons and distributing licenses between the two seasons. If approved, this change would create a new hunt code, TM059O2R, while retaining the TM059O1R hunt code. The existing TM059O1R hunt code would be valid from the second Saturday in April and would run for 21 days (including three weekends and ending on a Friday). The second season (new hunt code TM059O2R) would run from the first Saturday in May through May 31st annually. These hunt codes would be valid in the Beaver Creek SWA and Table Mountain STL portions of GMU 59.</p> <p>Additionally, Area 13 field staff propose the creation of a youth-only turkey hunting opportunity for this quality unit. The new youth-only license (TM059K1R) would be valid the entire length of the turkey season (second Saturday in April through May 31st annually). As with the regular licenses, the youth license would be valid only on the Beaver Creek SWA and Table Mountain STL.</p> <p>These proposed changes mimic seasons in several GMUs in eastern Colorado (specifically, GMUs 91, 92, 96, 101, 102, 103, 107, & 109). In these units, regular licenses are split between two seasons, while a youth-only license is valid for the entire length of the spring turkey season.</p>	
STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:	
IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.	
TM059O1R hunters	
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Preferred*: Split the regular license into two seasons. The first season (already existing TM059O1R hunt code) would be valid from the second Saturday in April and would run for 21 days. The second season (new hunt code TM059O2R) would run from the first Saturday in May through May 31st annually. Create a youth license (TM059K1R) valid for the entire length of the spring turkey season (second Saturday in April through May 31st annually). All three hunt codes would be valid in the Beaver Creek SWA and Table Mountain STL portions of GMU 59. 2. Status quo. 	
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	SE Region
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES X NO