Resident/Nonresident License Allocation

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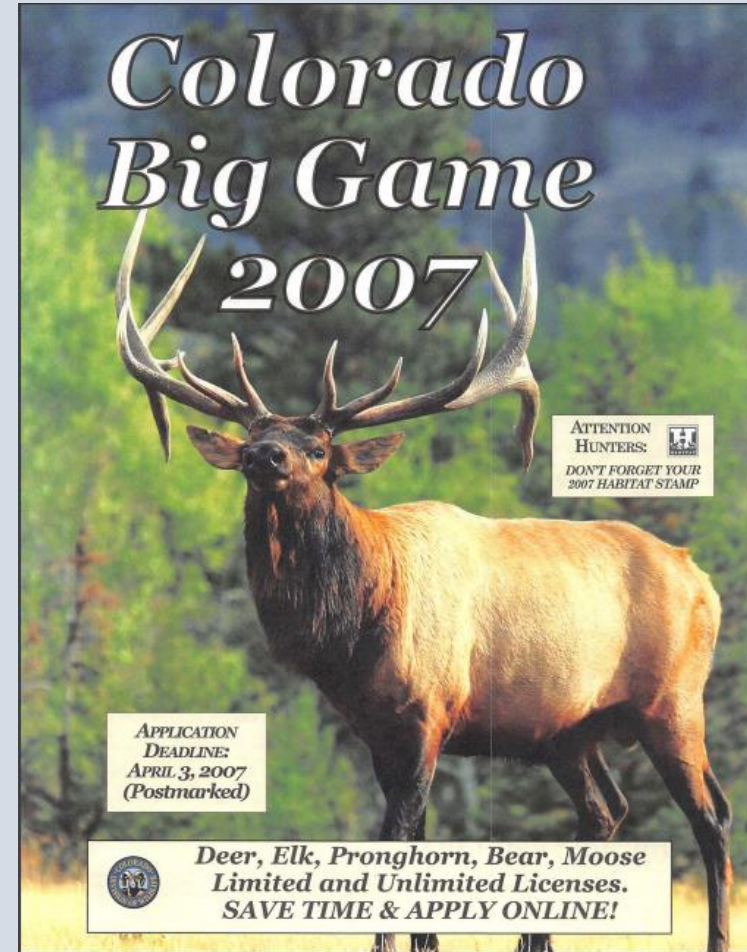
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Overview

- History

- Definitions

- Overview of the current system

- Considerations for change

History: 2000-2005

- 2000: Wildlife Commission Policy B-19 establishes 60/40 allocation with a soft cap

- April – June 2005: License Allocation Working Group convened

- June – Sept 2005: 8 public meetings held statewide

- Oct 2005: Commission adopts policy of 80/20 for 5 or more preference points, 65/35 otherwise, soft cap

History: October 2005 Commission Meeting

- Staff recommendation is 80/20 for 5+ points, 65/35 otherwise, soft cap

- Motion to reject staff's recommendation fails 4-4; motion to maintain 60/40 allocation for deer fails 4-4

- Motion for staff allocation recommendation of 80/20, 65/35 carries 5-3

History: January 2006 Commission Meeting

- Presentation of regulatory language and analysis

- Public comment

- Proposal to freeze 80/20 hunt codes

- Draft regulatory language on freeze brought to the Commission and approved unanimously

History: 2006-2020

- Sept 2009: 80/20, 65/35 soft cap allocations reapproved
  - 80/20 updated to be hunts requiring six or more preference points based on three-year average of 2007, 2008 and 2009
- Sept 2014: Commission Allocation Subcommittee recommends freezing the 80/20 allocation for the 2015 draw
- 2019: Commission chooses not to address allocation as part of the 2020-2024 BGSS

Definitions

- **Soft cap:** Nonresidents are not guaranteed minimum percentage of available licenses. Nonresident allocation can exceed the cap if there is insufficient first-choice resident demand.

- **Hard cap:** A set amount of licenses would go to residents and nonresidents in the draw. If the cap is not met in the draw, the licenses would not be allocated

- **Allocation:** The percentage of licenses that are given to each group (resident/nonresident, Landowner preference, etc.)

Landowner Preference Program

- Partnership with private landowners

- Intended to aid in public access on private land and overall herd management

- Statute mandated license allocation percentage

  - 10% restricted, 10% unrestricted west of I-25

  - 10% restricted, 15% unrestricted east of I-25

- No resident requirement to use a voucher

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Current System

- 80/20 Resident/Nonresident allocation for elk and deer

  hunt codes requiring **6 or more** preference points

- 65/35 Resident/Nonresident allocation for elk and deer

  hunt codes if **less than 6** points needed
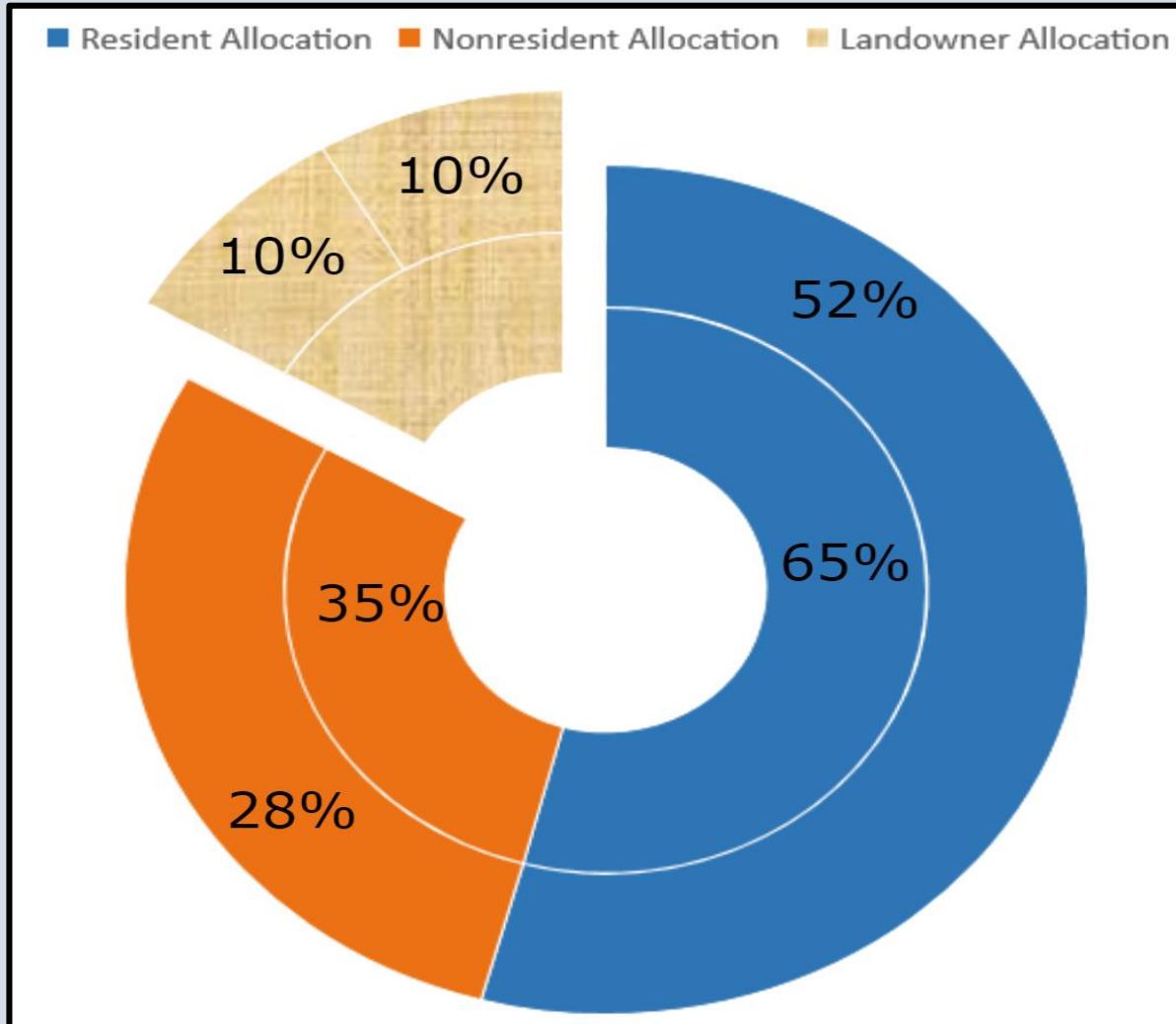
- Based on point average from 2007-2009

Current System – Additional Allocations

- Youth Preference

  - 15% of all doe pronghorn, either sex and antlerless deer, antlerless elk

- Hybrid Draw

  - 20% of the quota for hunt codes that require 10 or more preference points go in to a separate, random drawing

- These **DO** affect overall allocation percentages

65/35 Hunt Codes

Total License Quota – 10 Licenses

Landowner Preference Program

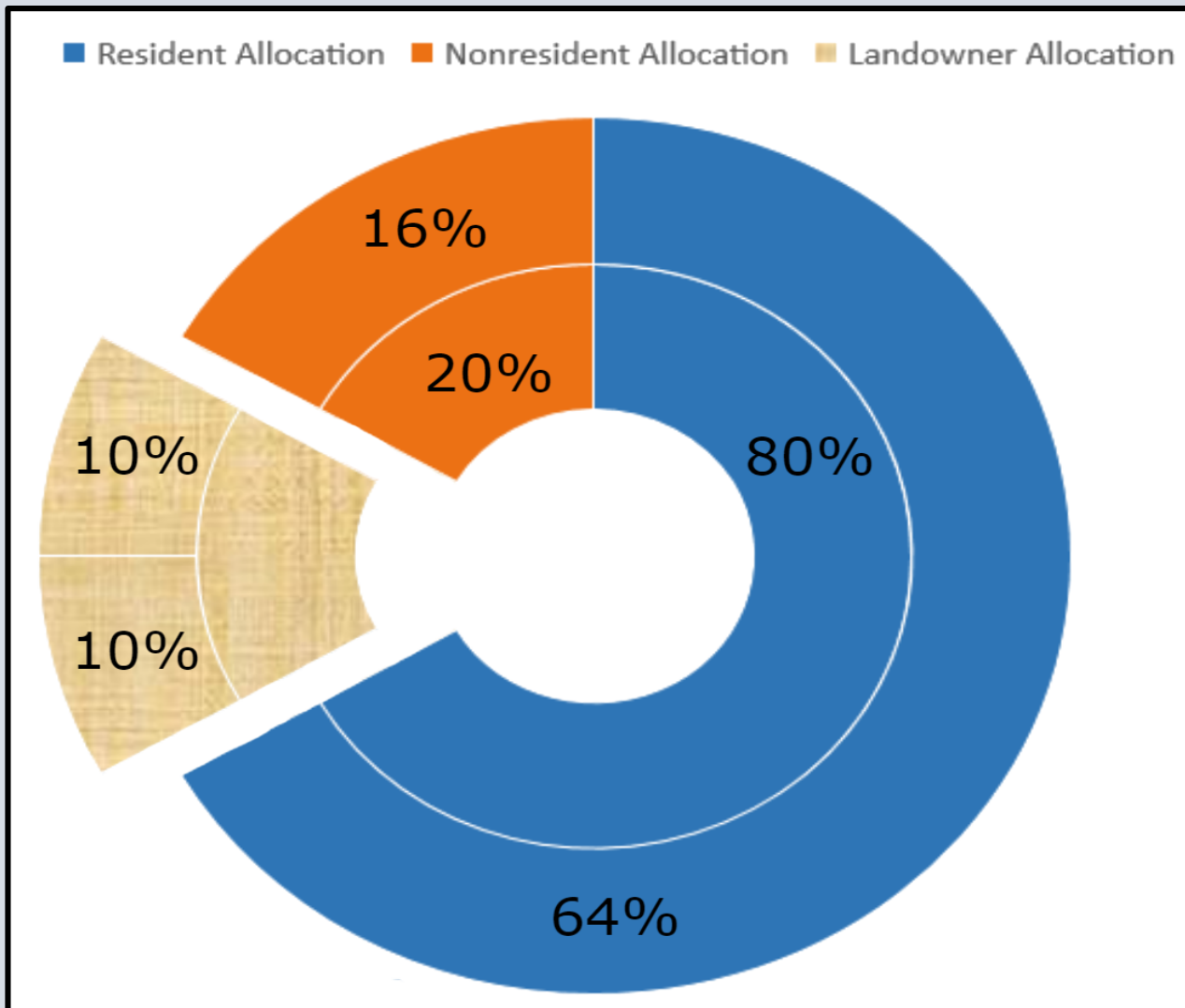10% Restricted   10% Unrestricted

35% Nonresident   65% Resident

80/20 Hunt Codes

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Landowner Preference Program

10% Restricted   10% Unrestricted

20% Nonresident   80% Resident

Change in the Number of Hunt Codes that Would Qualify for 80/20 Allocation

Change in Number of Hunt Codes

Species	2007-2009 Data		2019-2021 Data	
	80/20 Allocation	65/35 Allocation	80/20 Allocation	65/35 Allocation
Pronghorn	0	0	30	199
Bear	0	0	4	122
Deer	12	769	38	743
Elk	24	617	38	603
Total	**36**	**1386**	**110**	**1667**

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Qualified 80/20 Hunt codes	
2007-2009	**2019-2021**
EE040O1A	EE040O1A
EM040O1M	EE040O1M
EE040O1R	EE040O1R
EE040O2R	EE040O2R
EE040O3R	EE040O3R
EE040O4R	EE040O4R

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EE040O4R	EE040O4R

Current System – Exceptions to the rule

- 90/10 allocation for Bighorn Sheep, Moose, and Mountain Goat

- No set allocation for Black Bear and Pronghorn

- Ranching for Wildlife – Resident only allocation

- Primary draw application choices 2-4

- Leftover licenses, secondary draw

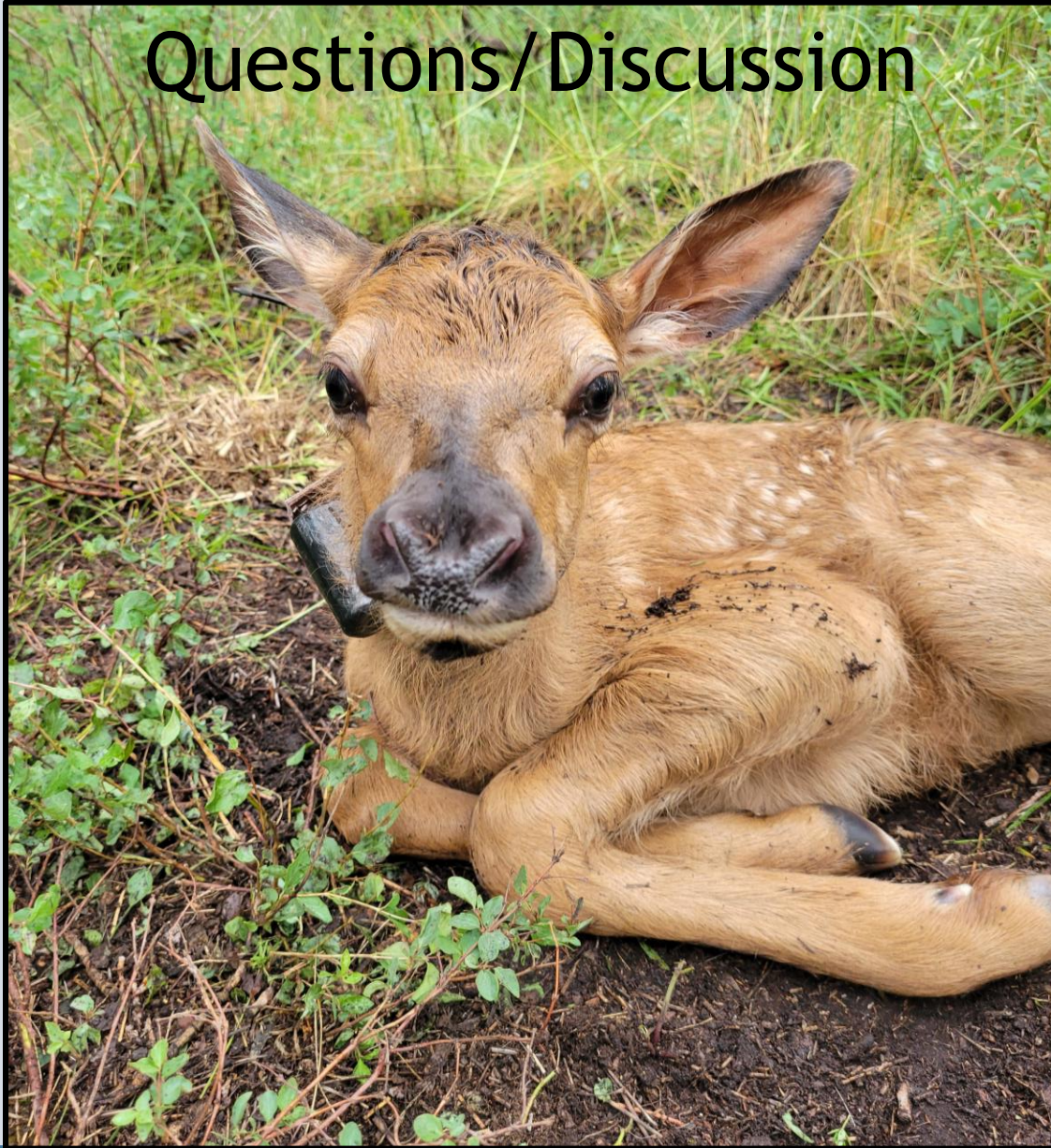- Private Land Only licenses

- Outreach licenses

Considerations for Change

- One standard allocation for elk, deer, pronghorn, bear

- Update the years used to determine 80/20 allocation

  - Rolling average

- Status quo

Questions/Discussion