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## Parks and Wildlife

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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager  
RE: Chapter W-3 Final Regulations for the November 2022 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
DATE: November 4, 2022

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 [hilary.hernandez@state.co.us](mailto:hilary.hernandez@state.co.us).

### **Agenda Item 12: Chapter W-3 - “Furbearers and Small Game, Expect Migratory Birds” 2 CCR 406-3 (Step 2 of 2)**

#### **Revising the method of take for fall and late season turkey hunting**

Air gun hunting has become more popular in the last 15 to 20 years. Colorado is an ideal state to expand turkey-hunting opportunities because of the opportunity to hunt two species of turkey within the same state. In Colorado, it is a legal method of take for small game mammals and furbearing species. Through the citizen petition process, air gun hunting has been expanded to now include turkey. The types of air guns allowed are the same as the ones allowed for hunting coyotes and bobcats to keep regulations consistent.

#### **Expanding the Southwest Youth Extended Season to statewide**

The Southwest Region has offered an extended youth turkey-hunting season for several years. The youth extended season for fall turkey gives youth hunters with unfilled fall licenses the opportunity to hunt the Saturday before Thanksgiving to the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Allowing youth hunters the opportunity to hunt when school is out and parents or other family members have taken vacation may help families avoid having to choose between school and hunting. As this has been a successful program in the southwest region, it will now be expanded to the statewide level.

#### **Revising turkey quotas and season dates**

Turkey regulations have been revised to update harvest limit quota numbers and season dates for 2023. 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. (These are step 1 of 1 changes.)



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

**ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**#302 - Hours**

**A. Hunting Hours:**

1. Small Game - from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. Furbearers - from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Additionally; beaver, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, raccoon, red fox, striped skunk, and swift fox may be hunted at night in accordance with Regulation #'s 303(E)(7) and (E)(8).

**B. Trapping Hours:**

1. Small game, except game birds; game reptiles, and furbearers - day or night.
2. All live traps (cage or box) must be visually checked on site at least once every day; except in the Canada lynx recovery area or on properties known to be occupied by Canada lynx, they must be checked every 24 hours.
  - a. Visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil, and anise oil lures meant to attract felids are not permitted in the Canada lynx recovery area or on properties known to be occupied by Canada lynx.

**#303 - Manner of Take:**

The following are legal methods of take for game species listed in this chapter. Any method of take not listed herein shall be prohibited, except as otherwise provided by Statute or Commission regulation or by 35-40-100.2-115, C.R.S.

**A. Special Conditions**

1. Contests involving black-tailed, white-tailed and Gunnison's prairie dogs, Wyoming (Richardson's) ground squirrel, or Furbearers are prohibited.
  - a. For the purpose of these regulations, a contest is any competitive event where money or other valuable prizes are awarded for the taking of such small game and furbearers. "Valuable prizes" shall not include certificates or other similar tokens of recognition not having any significant monetary value.
  - b. Commercial and noncommercial wildlife parks and field trials licensed by the Division are exempt from these provisions.
2. **Live Capture**
  - a. Furbearers captured in live traps cannot be moved from the capture site and must be killed or released on site when the trap is checked.
3. **Accidental Capture** - Except for Canada lynx, which are subject to the provisions of Chapter 10, any person accidentally trapping any wildlife for which the trapping season is closed or for which trapping is not a legal manner of taking, shall, in the event of live

capture of such wildlife, release such wildlife immediately. Nothing in this section permits the killing of such accidentally captured wildlife, unless the wildlife cannot be released without human endangerment. In the event of mortality resulting from such accidental capture, the carcass of such wildlife shall be delivered to a Division wildlife officer or office within five (5) days. Failure to deliver the carcass shall be prima facie evidence of unlawful possession of such wildlife. Provided further that any trapper who complies with this provision shall not be charged with illegal possession of such accidentally captured wildlife.

**4. Non-toxic shot requirements**

a. Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge (Jackson County).

No person shall use or possess shot (either in shot-shells or as loose shot for muzzle-loading) other than non-toxic shot while taking or attempting to take any resident small game species with a shotgun. "Non-toxic shot" - means any shot type approved for use to take migratory game birds by the US Fish and Wildlife Service as set forth in #500 of these regulations.

5. **Labeling of traps** - All live traps (limited to cage or box traps) placed on public lands must be labeled permanently and legibly with the trapper's Customer Identification Number (CID) in a location that is visible without having to manipulate the live trap in any way. If the trapper does not have a CID, all live traps placed on public lands must be labeled with the trapper's name. Live traps not properly labeled may be confiscated by any Wildlife Officer.

**B. Game Mammals**

1. Any rifle or handgun.
2. Any shotgun not larger than 10 gauge, incapable of holding more than three (3) shells in magazine and chamber combined.
3. Handheld bows and crossbows.
4. Air guns and slingshots.
5. Hawking

**C. Game Birds, except Migratory Birds**

1. Any rifle or handgun for dusky (blue) grouse, ptarmigan or turkey during the fall and late seasons. Rifles and handguns used for the taking of turkeys shall use bullets of at least seventeen (17) grains in weight, with a manufacturer's energy rating of at least one-hundred ten (110) foot pounds at one-hundred (100) yards from the muzzle.
2. Shotguns not larger than 10 gauge not firing a single slug, and incapable of holding more than three (3) shells in the magazine and chamber combined. No shot (lead or steel) larger than size #2 shall be used to hunt turkey.
3. Handheld bows and crossbows.
4. Air guns and slingshots for dusky (blue) grouse and ptarmigan. Pre-charged pneumatic air guns .25 caliber or larger during the fall or late seasons for turkey.

5. Hawking.
6. Artificial decoys and calls, except recorded or electrically amplified calls or sounds; for turkey.

**D. Species listed in #300(D)(3).**

1. Any method not otherwise prohibited.

**E. Furbearers**

1. Any rifle or handgun.
2. Any shotgun.
3. Handheld bows and crossbows.
4. Any air gun, except that for coyote or bobcat the air gun must be a pre-charged pneumatic air gun .25 caliber or larger.
5. Live traps, limited to cage or box traps. All live-trapped wildlife shall be released immediately or dispatched by any legal method of take for that species in regulations #303.E.1-4. If local ordinances or public safety prohibit all legal methods of take from being used, American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines for Euthanasia of Free-Ranging Wildlife, as provided in S7.6 of the 2013 edition of the AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia of Animals, may alternatively be used to the extent allowable by law.
6. Electronic call devices.
7. **Artificial light** (private land) may be used at night to take beaver, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, raccoon, red fox, striped skunk and swift fox on private land with written permission of the landowner, designated agent, lessee, or authorized employee.
8. **Artificial light** (public land) may be used at night to take beaver, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, raccoon, red fox, striped skunk and swift fox on public lands by permit only, as follows:
  - a. Each permit shall be valid only for the time, species, and location specified on the permit. No permit will be valid during any deer, elk or pronghorn rifle season or during the 24-hour period prior to the opening weekend; nor during the opening weekend of any grouse, pheasant, quail, turkey or waterfowl season in those areas where such seasons are in progress.
  - b. An artificial light which is permanently attached to, or projected from within a vehicle is prohibited.
  - c. Taking shall not be permitted within 500 yards of a dwelling, building, or other structure, or in any area of public concentration where human safety would be jeopardized.
  - d. Such permit shall be carried while hunting and available for inspection upon demand.
  - e. Area wildlife managers and district wildlife managers may deny a permit where there is a potential that night hunting activities may result in significant adverse impact on wildlife resources by causing movement of large numbers of big game or otherwise. Provided further that night hunting permits for bobcat will not be issued on public lands in the Canada lynx recovery area where Canada lynx are known to be present. When one Canada lynx has been taken by a bobcat hunter during the current year's hunting season no night hunting permits for bobcat will be issued for the remainder of the calendar year in the Canada lynx recovery area or in the area outside the

Canada lynx recovery area where the Canada lynx was taken. In such instance, any night hunting permits for bobcat already issued under this provision shall be terminated.

- f. A permit shall not be required of any person, member of the person's family, lessee, designated agent, authorized employee, or identified designee with written authorization when necessary to protect such person's property. Refer to Chapter W-17, Damage Caused by Wildlife for applicable regulations.

**9. Baits**

- a. Furbearers may be taken with the aid of baiting. Where permitted, baits shall consist solely of material of animal or plant origin and shall not contain any materials of metal, glass, porcelain, plastic, cardboard or paper. Wildlife used as bait shall be the carcass, or parts thereof, of legally taken furbearers, carp, shad, white and longnose suckers, and nonedible portions of legally obtained game mammals, birds and game fish.

**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 \$7.13 non-refundable application fee for residents and a \$9.17 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 last business day in May 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.
- 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 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 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). 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, | TM000U1R  | <del>04/08/2023</del><br>04/09/2022 | <del>05/31/2023</del><br>05/31/2022 | Unlimited |



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|---|--|--|--|--|
| 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. |  |  |  |  |
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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, 023, 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, 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,. | TE000U2R  | <del>9/1/2023</del><br><del>01/2022</del> | <del>10/01/2023</del><br>and<br><del>10/27/2023</del><br><del>10/02/2022</del><br>and<br><del>10/28/2022</del> | Unlimited West of I-25 and GMU 140 and East of I-25 (excluding GMU 140) |

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>12/15/2023</del><br><del>12/15/2022</del> | <del>01/15/2024</del><br><del>01/15/2023</del> | 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  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 15                  |
| 15, 27,37 and 361   | TM015O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 15                  |
| 21  | TM021O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | <del>10</del> 15    |
| 23  | TM023O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 15                  |
| 23 – private land only  | TM023P1R  | <u>04/10/2023</u><br><u>04/11/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 25                  |
| 25  | TM025O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 40                  |
| 34  | TM034O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 40                  |
| 35, 36  | TM035O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 20                  |
| 43  | TM043O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 60                  |
| 44  | TM044O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 80                  |
| 47  | TM047O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 15                  |
| 59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only              | TM059O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>04/28/2023</u><br><u>04/29/2022</u> | 5                   |
| 59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only              | TM059O2R  | <u>04/29/2023</u><br><u>04/30/2022</u> | <u>5/31/2023</u><br><u>5/31/2022</u>   | 10                  |
| 59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only – youth only | TM059K1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 10                  |
| 80  | TM080O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 10                  |
| 81  | TM081O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 10                  |
| 91  | TM091O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>04/28/2023</u><br><u>04/29/2022</u> | 50                  |
| 91, 92, 96, 101, 102-youth only   | TM091K1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 200                 |
| 91  | TM091O2R  | <u>04/29/2023</u><br><u>04/30/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 50                  |
| 92  | TM092O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u> | <u>04/28/2023</u><br><u>04/29/2022</u> | 50                  |
| 92  | TM092O2R  | <u>04/29/2023</u><br><u>04/30/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 50                  |

| 1. Spring Season.                             |           |   |  |                             |
|---|-----------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Unit  | Hunt Code | Date Opened                               | Date Closed                            | Licenses                    |
|   |           |   |  | Bearded Turkey Only         |
| 96  | TM096O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>04/28/2023</u><br><u>04/29/2022</u> | 100                         |
| 96 - private land only                        | TM096P1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>04/28/2023</u><br><u>04/29/2022</u> | <del>175</del> <u>150</u>   |
| 96  | TM096O2R  | <u>04/29/2023</u><br><u>04/30/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 100                         |
| 96 - private land only                        | TM096P2R  | <u>04/29/2023</u><br><u>04/30/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | <del>175</del> <u>125</u>   |
| 101, 102                                      | TM101O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>04/28/2023</u><br><u>04/29/2022</u> | <del>40</del> <u>30</u>     |
| 101, 102                                      | TM101O2R  | <u>04/29/2023</u><br><u>04/30/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | <del>40</del> <u>30</u>     |
| 103, 107, and 109                             | TM103O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>04/28/2023</u><br><u>04/29/2022</u> | <del>45</del> <u>50</u>     |
| 103,107, and 109                              | TM103O2R  | <u>04/29/2023</u><br><u>04/30/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | <del>45</del> <u>50</u>     |
| 103, 107, 109 - youth only                    | TM103K1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 40                          |
| 124, 125, and 129                             | TM124O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 25                          |
| 124, 125, and 129 - youth only                | TM124K1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 15                          |
| 127, 132                                      | TM127O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 30                          |
| 139   | TM139O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 15                          |
| 140 - Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area only  | TM140O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 30                          |
| 140 - James John State Wildlife Area only     | TM140O2R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 20                          |
| 444   | TM444O1R  | <del>04/08/2023</del><br><u>4/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 45                          |
| 444 – Private Land Only                       | TM444P1R  | <del>04/08/2023</del><br><u>4/09/2022</u> | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | 30                          |
| 851 - Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area only | TM851O1R  | <u>04/08/2023</u><br><u>04/09/2022</u>    | <u>05/31/2023</u><br><u>05/31/2022</u> | <del>30</del> <u>20</u>     |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |           |   |  | <del>1790</del> <u>1690</u> |

| 2. Fall Season     |           |  |  |            |
|--------------------|-----------|--|--|------------|
| Unit               | Hunt Code | Date Opened                            | Date Closed                            | Licenses   |
|                    |           |  |  | Either Sex |
| 15, 27, 37 and 361 | TE015L1R  | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><u>09/01/2022</u> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><u>10/02/2022</u> | 15         |

| <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>         |
| 25   | TE025L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | 15                        |
| 34   | TE034L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | 25                        |
| 47   | TE047L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | 25                        |
| 59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only | TE059L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | 15                        |
| 85 - Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area - Oberosler Tract only                        | TE085L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | <del>10</del> <u>25</u>   |
| 85 - Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area – Tochter Tract only                          | TE085L2R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | <del>10</del> <u>25</u>   |
| 85 -Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area - Sakariason Tract only                        | TE085L3R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | <del>10</del> <u>25</u>   |
| 91   | TE091L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | 50                        |
| 91, 92, 96, 101, and 102 – youth only  | TE091K1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | 50                        |
| 92   | TE092L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | 50                        |
| 96   | TE096L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | <del>175</del> <u>150</u> |
| 101, 102   | TE101L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | <del>50</del> <u>30</u>   |
| 103, 107, and 109  | TE103L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | <del>45</del> <u>10</u>   |
| 103, 107, 109 - youth only   | TE103K1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | <del>20</del> <u>10</u>   |
| 124, 125 and 129   | TE124L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | 15                        |
| 124, 125 and 129 - youth only  | TE124K1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | 15                        |
| 126, 146   | TE126L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | 20                        |
| 127, 132   | TE127L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | 20                        |
| 139  | TE139L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/27/2023</u><br><del>10/28/2022</del> | 10                        |
| 140 - Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area only   | TE140L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | <del>35</del> <u>10</u>   |
| 140 - James John State Wildlife Area only  | TE140L2R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | 10                        |
| 444  | TE444L1R         | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | 20                        |

| 2. Fall Season                                |           |  |  |                      |
|---|-----------|--|--|----------------------|
| Unit  | Hunt Code | Date Opened                                | Date Closed                                | Licenses             |
|   |           |  |  | Either Sex           |
| 851 - Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area only | TE851L1R  | <u>09/01/2023</u><br><del>09/01/2022</del> | <u>10/01/2023</u><br><del>10/02/2022</del> | <del>2510</del>      |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |           |  |  | <b><u>780605</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.

**Basis and Purpose:**

Turkey regulations have been revised to update harvest limit quota numbers and season dates for 2023. 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.

**Revising the method of take for fall and late season turkey hunting**

Air gun hunting has become more popular in the last 15 to 20 years. Colorado is an ideal state to expand turkey-hunting opportunities because of the opportunity to hunt two species of turkey within the same state. In Colorado, it is a legal method of take for small game mammals and furbearing species. Through the citizen petition process, air gun hunting has been expanded to now include turkey. The types of air guns allowed are the same as the ones allowed for hunting coyotes and bobcats to keep regulations consistent.

**Expanding the Southwest Youth Extended Season to statewide**

The Southwest Region has offered an extended youth turkey-hunting season for a number of years. The youth extended season for fall turkey gives youth hunters with unfilled fall licenses the opportunity to hunt the Saturday before Thanksgiving to the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Allowing youth hunters the opportunity to hunt when school is out and parents or other family members have taken vacation may help families avoid having to choose between school and hunting. As this has been a successful program in the southwest region, it will now be expanded to the statewide level.

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) 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, 2023, 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 ON THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.**

**APPROVED:**  
**Carrie Besnette Hauser**  
**Chair**

**ATTEST:**  
**Marie Haskett**  
**Secretary**