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TO: Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
FROM: Hilary Hernandez, Regulations Manager  
RE: Chapter W-2 Final Regulations for the November 2022 Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
DATE: November 4, 2022

Final regulatory changes for Chapter W-2 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 14: Chapter W-2 - "Big Game" 2 CCR 406-2 (Step 2 of 2)**

#### **Revising a Unit 54 boundary name**

One of the boundaries for Unit 54 has been updated to Red Gulch following the renaming of the gulch by the U.S Board on Geologic Names. (This is a Step 1 of 1 change.)

#### **Modifying the three-year average used to determine the high demand hunt codes that fall into the 80% resident / 20% nonresident big game limited license allocation split**

During an extensive public engagement process reviewing big game license distribution, hunters identified two primary concerns: resident opportunity and crowding. To help address resident opportunity, the three-year preference point average used to determine the high demand hunt codes that fall into the 80/20 allocation split has been modified to a rolling three year average updated annually with a one year lag. Adjusting the three-year average ensures the draw is using the most current data and incorporates all existing hunt codes. In addition, the preference point threshold used to determine high demand hunt codes based on the three-year average has been increased to 10 or more points to account for the increasing number of points needed to draw a high demand hunt code.





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**TO:** Members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission  
**FROM:** Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division  
**RE:** Big game limited license application and drawing allocation process  
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### ***Background***

On September 8, 2022, Division staff presented a [memo](#) outlining perceived problems related to big game limited license distribution and potential alternatives for addressing the problems. The Commission directed staff to bring back Alternative E in November as follows:

#### Alternative E

Update the 3-year average used to determine high-demand hunt codes that are allocated 80% to residents and 20% to nonresidents to a rolling 3-year average (updated annually with a one-year lag) for all limited licenses for deer, elk, bear and pronghorn that required **10 or more resident preference points to draw**. (Continue using the current soft cap approach.)

The redline regulatory changes to implement Alternative E appear in your mailing packet following this memo.

### ***Division Recommendation for Regulatory Changes in November 2022***

Through the public outreach conducted by the Division in 2022, including the [Big Game Attitude Survey](#) and license distribution [focus groups](#), it became clear that there is generally a divide in resident and nonresident attitudes regarding allocation of limited big game hunting licenses. Both groups want to increase opportunity for their respective group—in other words, residents want more resident opportunity and nonresidents want more nonresident opportunity. Based on the input provided by Colorado big game hunters, the Division believes that an update to license allocation is warranted. However, the Division proposes the Commission approve changes that would give resident hunters a greater share of licenses than Alternative E would provide.

The Division recommends that the Commission move ahead with updating the 3-year average as proposed, but instead of using 10 or more preference points as the threshold for high-demand hunt codes that are allocated 80% to residents and 20% to nonresidents, the Division recommends continuation of the current 6 preference point threshold. This recommendation was Alternative C in the Division's [memo](#):

#### Alternative C

Update the 3-year average used to determine high-demand hunt codes that are allocated 80% to residents and 20% to nonresidents to a rolling 3-year average (updated annually with a one-year lag) for all limited licenses for deer, elk, bear and pronghorn that required **6 or more resident preference points to draw**. (Continue using the current soft cap approach.)



Using a threshold of 10 preference points (Alternative E) essentially maintains the status quo. Under the 10 preference point alternative, ~50 deer licenses would be added to and ~200 elk licenses would be removed from the 80/20 allocation for high-demand hunt codes compared to status quo (all simulations and status quo figures were based on the 2021 draw application data). The Division’s recommendation to use a threshold of 6 or more preference points (Alternative C) would add over 1,200 licenses to deer and elk hunt codes combined for the 80/20 allocation of high-demand hunts. However, this only means a shift in ~200 deer and elk licenses drawn from nonresidents to residents compared to the status quo. This is because when licenses are moved from the 65/35 allocation to the 80/20 allocation for high demand hunts, residents only gain 15% more licenses (from 65% to 80%). It is also due to the Landowner Preference Program allocation (up to 20% removed), applicant preference point levels, and number of resident and nonresident applicants. The Division recommends Alternative C to increase resident opportunity by a greater amount in keeping with the sentiments expressed by resident hunters. Table 1 shows the change in licenses to the allocation of high-demand hunts and associated changes in revenue associated with these two alternatives. Either alternative could be implemented in the 2023 big game hunting seasons; however, the Commission would need to take action at its November 2022 meeting if they wanted to see this change in 2023.

Table 1. Limited licenses in high-demand hunt codes associated with different preference point thresholds based on updated 3-year preference point calculations (2019-2021).

Species	Licenses with Nonresident Cap	Licenses in High-demand Hunt Codes			
		Status Quo	6 PP in 2019-2021	8 PP in 2019-2021	10 PP in 2019-2021
Deer	86,693	327	795 (+468)	535 (+208)	380 (+53)
Elk	100,495	732	1,522 (+790)	977 (+245)	532 (-200)
Pronghorn	17,867	0	890 (+890)	784 (+784)	405 (+405)
Bear	20,706	0	17 (+17)	13 (+13)	13 (+13)
<b>Total</b>	<b>225,761</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>3,224 (+2,165)</b>	<b>2,309 (+1,250)</b>	<b>1,330 (+271)</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>\$22,445,000</b>	<b>-\$86,000</b>	<b>-\$38,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

If the Commission were to approve either Alternative E or Alternative C above for the 2023 hunting season, staff also recommends applying a similar update to the years used for 3-year average (updated annually with a one-year lag) related to the hybrid draw (regulation #W-206.B.4.j.1.a).

***Division Recommendation for 2023 Outreach and Potential Regulatory Changes for the 2024 Big Game Season***

With the support of the Commission, the Division would like to gather additional input in early 2023 from resident and nonresident big game hunters on two license allocation alternatives that could be implemented as early as 2024 and could more broadly address allocation concerns for the long term. The two alternatives that the Division feels merit further consideration are:

***Single Across-the-Board Split of 75/25***

Moving to one across-the-board allocation split was presented as staff’s preferred alternative in September. Such a change has several advantages, including:

- Increasing resident opportunity to draw first choice licenses in the primary draw.
- Maintaining a higher level of predictability for the draw over time.

- Simplifying CPW operations and regulations because it would no longer be required to assess which hunt codes fall within the current high demand 80/20 split based on a rolling 3-year average or specified preference point threshold. There would no longer be a high demand category under this alternative. *Implementation of this alternative in 2024 would make the updating of the three year average for high demand allocation in 2023 a single year change.*

The Division acknowledges that an across-the-board allocation of 75/25 would decrease the number of licenses for current high-demand hunt codes allocated to residents by 5% (~50 fewer licenses drawn by residents) but it would also increase licenses allocated to residents by 10% (~3,000 licenses) for all other hunt codes. This approach could be a good compromise between resident and nonresident interests with the benefits outlined above. Even with an across-the-board split, the Division recommends continuation of the current soft cap approach. Table 2 below shows the license changes associated with going to an across-the-board split for multiple allocation scenarios.

Table 2. Change in the number of limited licenses and revenue between the status quo allocation and multiple single allocation scenarios.

Licenses Drawn	Difference in Resident/Nonresident Licenses Drawn				
	Status Quo - 65/35 or 80/20 for deer and elk; no NR cap for bear and pronghorn	65/35 single allocation for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear	70/30 single allocation for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear	75/25 single allocation for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear	80/20 single allocation for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear
Resident	108,070	-100	1,250	3,050	5,000
Nonresident	36,210	100	-1,250	-3,050	-5,000
Total	144,280	0	0	0	0
Revenue	\$22,445,000	\$66,000	-\$576,000	-\$1,415,000	-\$2,298,000

In the Big Game Attitude Survey, about half (52%) of respondents supported having one across-the-board allocation split for all deer, elk, bear and pronghorn hunt codes (see Figure 15 below from the Big Game Attitude Survey). About a quarter of respondents (26%) neither opposed nor supported or opposed (22%) an across-the-board allocation. Noticeable differences were detected across resident and nonresident hunters. 56% of resident hunters supported having one allocation split compared to 47% of nonresident hunters (however, this difference was not statistically significant—see Figure 16 below from the Big Game Attitude Survey).

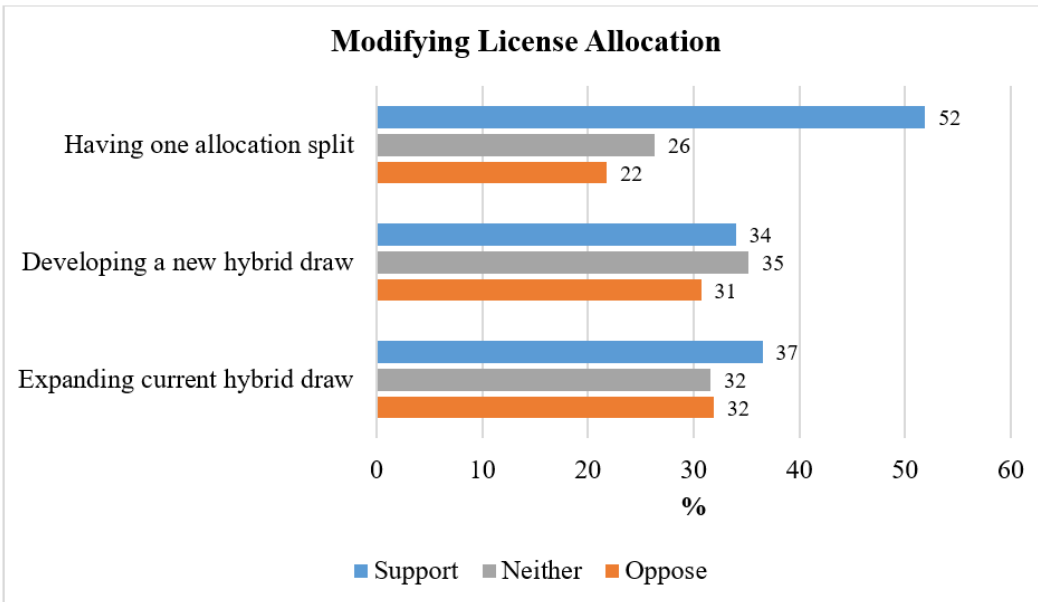


Figure 15. Support/opposition for modifying license allocation rules and policies.

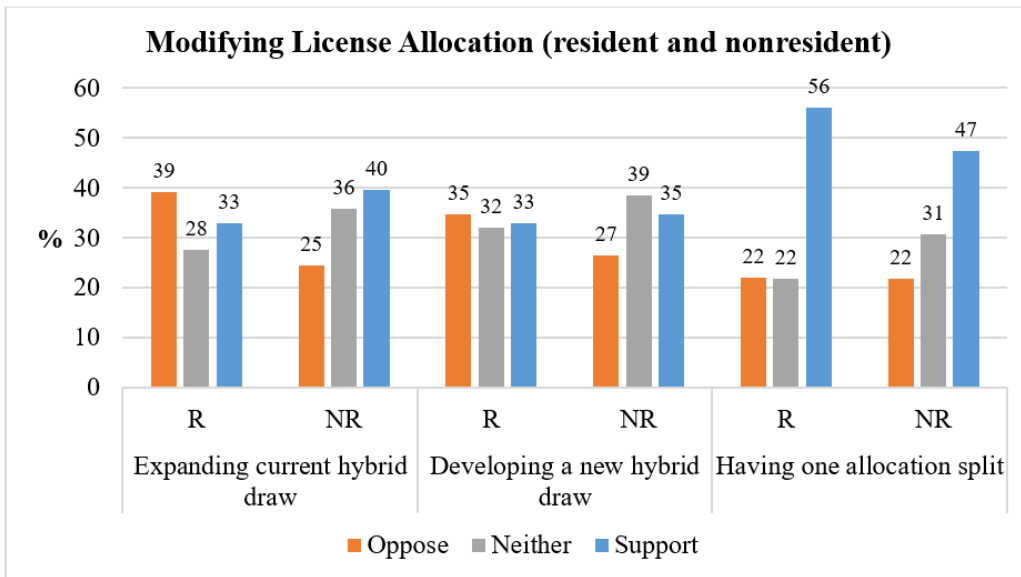


Figure 16. Resident and nonresident hunters' support/opposition for modifying license allocation rules and policies.

Changing high-demand hunt codes from an 80/20 split to 90/10

The other alternative that the Division suggests would be good to explore further is changing the allocation for high-demand hunt codes from an 80/20 split to 90/10. This is a new alternative that the Division recently began considering based on the fact that it would address the area where resident hunters have expressed the most frustration, which is drawing licenses from high-demand hunt codes. This alternative also addresses nonresident and some outfitter concerns by keeping the majority of deer and elk hunt codes at the current 65/35 allocation. The current soft cap approach would also be maintained. Under this alternative the years used to determine the 90/10 list of high-demand hunt codes would also be based on current data; i.e. a 3-year rolling average with a one-

year lag. If this change was approved and implemented, ~400 licenses would shift from nonresidents to residents with an associated revenue loss of about \$200,000 annually.

If the Commission finds merit in looking at these two alternatives for potential implementation as soon as the 2024 big game hunting seasons, the Division would conduct public outreach in early 2023 and bring back our findings at the March 2023 Commission meeting. To implement one of these alternatives for the 2024 big game hunting season, the Commission would need to take action no later than May 2023 to allow for programming and testing by Aspira and OIT.

#### Review of Additional Alternatives for 2024 Big Game Seasons

The Division considered additional alternatives to explore, including single across-the-board allocations of 70/30, 80/20, and 90/10 (Table 2). In the Big Game Attitude Survey (see figure 10 below), we learned that the 70/30 allocation was considered the least fair (9%) by all respondents (resident and nonresident hunters combined). In addition, a single allocation of 70/30 would decrease the number of licenses for current high-demand hunt codes allocated to residents by 10% (currently an 80/20 split), which will be strongly opposed by resident hunters. Similarly, moving to a single allocation of 90/10 would be a drastic shift in nonresident licenses (>9,000) to resident licenses from the status quo, would result in a greater loss in revenue (>\$4 Million), and would require additional regulation changes to youth allocation. Currently, 15% of the nonresident quota is allocated to youth, which in our draw process, would allocate the majority of licenses to youth before nonresident adults could draw them in the primary draw.

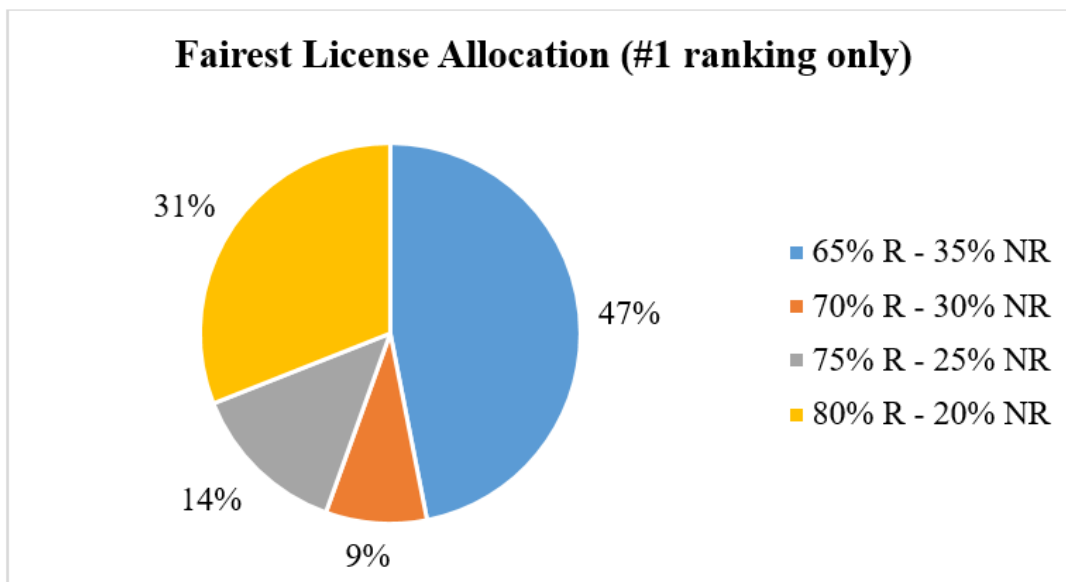


Figure 10. Respondents' perceptions about the fairest way to allocate resident and nonresident big game licenses.

Several considerations were made for the 80/20 single allocation. This alternative represents status quo on the number of licenses that require 6 or more preference points being allocated to resident and nonresident hunters, and it would also increase licenses allocated to residents by 15% for all other hunt codes. Overall, this alternative would shift ~5,000 licenses from nonresidents to residents and result in a ~\$2.3 Million loss in revenue. The Division sees this as a win-lose scenario, where residents gain more hunting opportunity and nonresidents lose hunting opportunity. When seeking an alternative that was more of a compromise, we found that more than half (59%) of residents

indicated that the 80%-20% allocation is the fairest approach to allocating licenses compared to only 3% of nonresident respondents (Big Game Attitude Survey Figure 11 below). However, 41% of resident hunters indicated an allocation split at or below the 75%-25% breakdown as the fairest approach. With all of this information, the Division regards a 75/25 single allocation to be more of a compromise than the 80/20 single allocation.

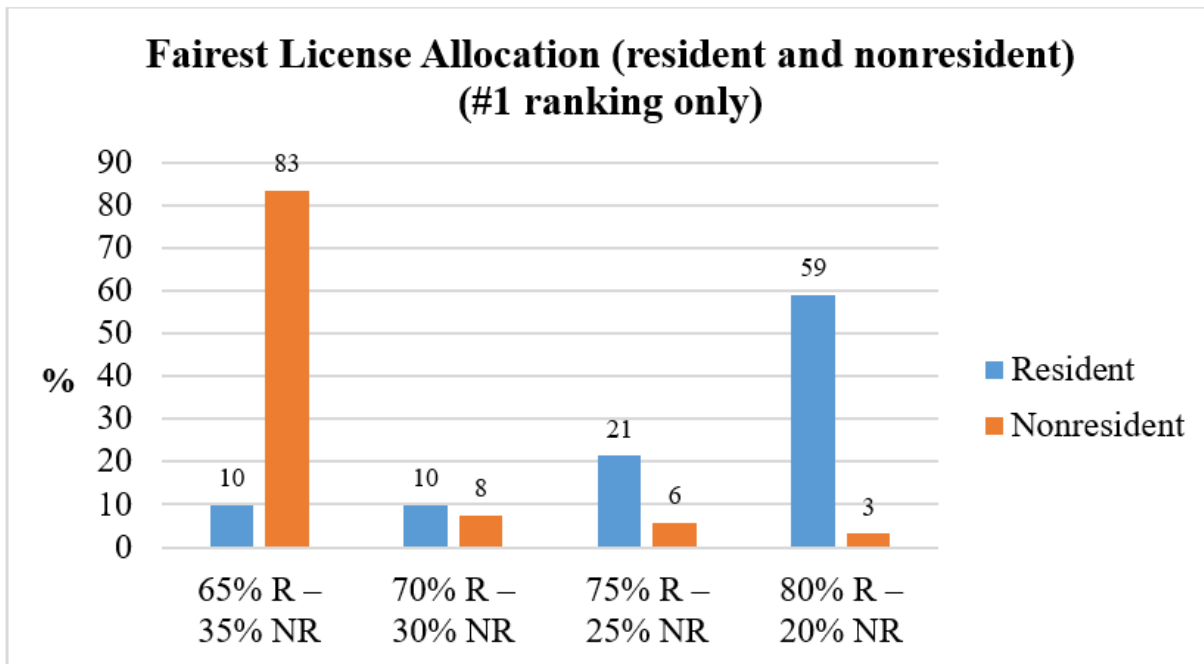


Figure 11. Resident and nonresident perceptions about fairest way to allocate licenses across groups.

#### Setting Allocations for Bear and Pronghorn

In all of the allocation alternatives listed in this memo the Commission will notice that bear and pronghorn have been included. Currently there is no set residency allocation for either bear or pronghorn which is primarily based on the fact that there is not particularly high nonresident demand for either of these species. However, if nonresident demand for these species were to increase in the future, establishing residency allocations would ensure that residents draw the majority of these licenses.

**FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME**

**ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**#206 - APPLICATIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR LIMITED LICENSES**

- A. Exceeding of Quota: The Division shall only exceed the number of licenses authorized by the Commission:
  - 1. If there is proof of Division error in the application for or issuance of a limited license, provided that the director or his designee determines there will be no detrimental impact to the subject wildlife population.
  - 2. To issue licenses to hunters with mobility impairments or United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior hunters, who qualify for such licenses in accordance with regulation #206(B)(4)(e) or #206(B)(4)(f), provided there is no detrimental impact to the established herd population and sex ratio objectives. For each of these two programs:
    - no more than 100 limited antlerless deer, 100 limited doe pronghorn, and 200 limited antlerless elk licenses may be issued each year.
    - no more than 100 total antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses in the aggregate may be issued each year.
 Provided further, that limited license numbers for wildlife ranching properties cannot exceed the levels established by the Division and the landowner on the Ranching for Wildlife Seasons Form.
  
- B. Application and Drawing Provisions and Restrictions:
  - 1. General Provisions and Restrictions
    - a. Number of Applications: No person may submit more than one application per year for the regular drawing process for a limited license for any big game species, or more than one application per year for a leftover limited license draw for any species.
    - b. Additional Choice Applications: Any additional choice on any application must be for the same species as the first choice.
    - c. Valid Applications: Only complete and correct application forms will be accepted. Any forms involved in a violation of (a) or (b) above will be considered to be incorrect. Any incorrect application by one member of a group will invalidate the entire application.
    - d. To be eligible for any big game license draw an individual must have first purchased either a veterans lifetime resident combination license, a first responder lifetime resident combination license, an annual small game license, an annual small game/fishing combination license, an annual senior small game/fishing combination license, a senior lifetime fishing upgrade to an annual combination small game/fishing combination license, or an annual spring turkey license valid for the same license year as the big game license for which they are applying. Individuals that do not hold one of these qualifying licenses may not apply.
      - 1. To be eligible for the Secondary Draw, an individual must have first purchased either an annual fall turkey license valid for the same license



year as the big game license for which they are applying or any one of the licenses listed in #206.B.1.d. valid for the same license year as the big game license for which they are applying. Individuals that do not hold one of these qualifying licenses may not apply for the Secondary Draw.

- e. Group Applications: Group applications are accepted for the regular drawing for all species except moose and desert bighorn sheep, with no limit on the number of applicants per group except as follows:

Bighorn Sheep	2 applicant maximum
Mountain Goat	2 applicant maximum

Provided further that residents and nonresidents may not apply for the sheep or mountain goat on same group application.

- f. Ranching for Wildlife: Non-residents are not eligible to apply for public Ranching for Wildlife licenses for any big game species.
- g. Bighorn Sheep Access Program: Non-residents are not eligible to apply for public Bighorn Sheep Access Program licenses.

## 2. Restrictions by Species

- a. Bighorn Sheep: Any person who harvests a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram, one-half (½) curl or larger, except one taken on a Division auction or raffle license or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall not be eligible to apply for, or participate in the drawing for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred. During this five-year period a person may apply for a ewe license, but if unsuccessful will not receive preference points or chances. Any person who harvests a desert bighorn sheep, shall never again be eligible to apply for or participate in a desert bighorn sheep license drawing.
- b. Mountain Goat: Any person who harvests a mountain goat, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, a special goat management license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272, shall not be eligible to apply for or participate in the drawing for a mountain goat license for the five years following the year in which the harvest occurred.
- c. Moose: Any person who harvests an antlered moose, except one taken on an auction or raffle license, or a license issued in accordance with regulation #271 or #272 shall never again be eligible to apply for or participate in an antlered or either-sex moose license drawing.

## 3. Application Submittal

- a. Applications for limited licenses will be accepted only by methods (on-line or by phone) provided by the Division.
- b. Application submittal shall include a \$7.13 non-refundable application fee for residents and a \$9.17 non-refundable application fee for nonresidents.

- c. Applications for the regular drawing must be submitted appropriately no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time on the first Tuesday in April. Applications not submitted by this deadline are void.

4. Preference Systems

Note: see also §33-4-103, C.R.S.

a. Landowner Preference: General Provisions

1. Preference for hunting licenses under the Landowner Preference Program shall only be given to eligible landowners who apply using the Landowner registration form(s) provided by the division. Only complete and correct registration forms will be accepted. Except for the carryover registration provided in § 33-4-103(2)(c), C.R.S., registration in the Landowner Preference Program is valid for 5 years. All landowners shall re-register their properties every 5 years (or on or before July 1, 2016 for carryover registrations) to continue participation, if desired, in the Landowner Preference Program.
2. As a condition of registration and participation in the Landowner Preference Program, landowners shall provide and maintain accurate ownership information with the division for all lands registered in the Program. During the statutory period of carryover registration provided in §33-4-103(2)(c), C.R.S., and any five-year registration period, landowners shall notify the division of any changes to required registration information in writing within 30 days.
3. Landowner preference is species specific and available only in units that are totally limited for all rifle licenses for deer, elk or pronghorn and vouchers will be allocated to eligible landowners by unit, species, sex and season. In units where vouchers remain after the initial allocation, eligible landowners may apply for the unused vouchers and shall pay \$25 for each reallocated female (antlerless/doe) and \$40 for each either-sex or male (antlered/buck) voucher. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund check.
4. Vouchers not otherwise allocated to landowners as part of the Landowner Preference Program shall be made available as licenses to the general public in the remaining limited licenses draws or sales.
5. All landowners and hunters participating in the Landowner Preference Program shall file reports using the forms provided by the division. Reports must be complete and correct, and submitted to the Division by within 30 days after the close of the season.
6. Landowners and their registered properties may be audited for compliance with eligibility requirements of the Landowner Preference Program during any carryover or 5-year registration period. Notice of any noncompliance will be provided in writing to the landowner and the landowner shall have 30 days to resolve the noncompliance or withdraw the property from the Landowner Preference Program.

b. Landowner Preference: Voucher Requirements and Restrictions

1. Vouchers shall only be transferred by the landowner or the landowner's land manager, if any, directly to an individual to be used by that individual for the purchase of a license. Landowners may only designate one land manager for all lands registered in the Landowner Preference Program in any one unit.
2. The transfer of any voucher must include permission to access and hunt all lands in the unit registered in the Landowner Preference Program for the entire season for which the voucher was awarded. Such access shall be allowed without discrimination between hunters accessing the property, and without restriction other than manner of access restrictions (foot, horseback, vehicular) that are reasonably necessary to prevent damage to property.
3. The transfer of a voucher by any person other than the landowner or the landowner's land manager to any person other than an individual for purchase of a license is prohibited. Violation of this prohibition shall void the voucher and any license purchased with it.
4. No person shall broker a voucher on behalf of any landowner or person, or use or possess any brokered voucher. Violation of this prohibition shall void the voucher and any license purchased with it.

c. Landowner Preference: Disqualification

1. Landowners, or the landowner's land manager, who fail to comply with any requirements of the Landowner Preference Program, may be disqualified from participation in the Program from one to five years. Disqualification of a joint or co-owner of property registered with the Landowner Preference Program shall disqualify all other joint or co-owners of the registered properties from participation in the Program.
2. Disqualification of a landowner from the Landowner Preference Program shall invalidate all preference points associated with property registered by the landowner in the Program.
3. Any landowner, or the landowner's land manager, that has been disqualified from the Landowner Preference Program shall not register properties, apply for vouchers or acquire or use any vouchers during the term of disqualification. Landowners that have been disqualified from participation in the Landowner Preference Program shall be required to re-register at the end of their period of disqualification and prior to further participation, if desired, in the Program.
4. Any other person that fails to comply with any requirements of the Landowner Preference Program may also be disqualified from participation in the Landowner Preference Program from one to five years. Any person disqualified shall not participate in the Landowner Preference Program in any manner, including, but not limited to, as a landowner, as a landowner's land manager, enrolling properties in any name, submitting applications for vouchers, receiving vouchers, transferring vouchers, redeeming vouchers or using licenses obtained with vouchers.
5. Any person convicted of a violation of the Landowner Preference Program will be given notice in writing of their possible disqualification

from the Landowner Preference Program and the opportunity to appear and show cause why they should not be disqualified from participation in the Program. Any such disqualification hearing shall be held in the Denver office of the division, or at another location acceptable to the division. Notice of any resulting disqualification shall be sent to the person by certified mail, return receipt requested.

- d. Youth Preference - a minimum of 15 percent of the number of the limited doe pronghorn licenses, limited either-sex and antlerless deer licenses and limited antlerless elk licenses established for each GMU shall be made available for purchase by qualified youth applicants. Licenses shall be available through application and computer selection from the Division headquarters, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216. Licenses not allocated to youth shall be made available to the general public in the remaining drawings.
  - 1. Any eligible hunter, ages 12-17 is entitled to youth hunt preference for all seasons and methods of take for the license types listed in the preceding paragraph, except that public, non-youth only Ranching for Wildlife and Air Force Academy licenses shall not be included in this preference. The applicant must submit an individual application for the desired, eligible license on forms provided by the Division. Group applications will not be accepted for youth preference. Where more than one (1) hunt code choice is shown on the application, all hunt codes must be youth preference-eligible hunt codes or youth-only hunt codes.
  - 2. Youth preference will be set at 50% for all antlerless deer licenses in GMUs 54, 55, 66, 67, and 551.
  
- e. Youth Outreach Hunting Licenses – The Director may make additional youth outreach program deer, elk and pronghorn licenses available to qualified organizations sponsoring youth hunting activities.
  - 1. There will be no more than 300 elk licenses (50 antlered or either-sex, 250 antlerless), no more than 200 deer licenses (50 antlered or either-sex, 150 antlerless) and no more than 200 pronghorn licenses (30 buck or either-sex, 170 doe) issued annually under this subsection.
  - 2. Licenses in game management units with at least one hunt code requiring 6 or more resident preference points to draw, excluding Ranching for Wildlife properties, will not be authorized for use under this subsection unless the request is for a hunt exclusively on private land.
  - 3. Licenses are issued on a first come, first served basis to qualified organizations. No more than 10 licenses may be issued per event to any single requesting organization.
  - 4. Requested dates for hunting events must occur between August 15 and January 31 each year.
  - 5. 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.
  - 6. Licenses are limited to youth hunters 12 to 17 years of age.

- f. Novice Adult Outreach Hunting Licenses – The Director may make additional novice adult outreach program deer, elk and pronghorn licenses available to qualified organizations sponsoring novice adult hunting activities.
1. 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 big game license purchase history, only held a big game hunting license(s) in the previous year, or has no big game license purchase history in the previous five years.
  2. There will be no more than 300 elk licenses (50 antlered or either-sex, 250 antlerless), no more than 200 deer licenses (50 antlered or either-sex, 150 antlerless) and no more than 200 pronghorn licenses (30 buck or either-sex, 170 doe) issued annually under this subsection.
  3. Licenses in game management units with at least one hunt code requiring 6 or more resident preference points to draw, excluding Ranching for Wildlife properties, will not be authorized for use under this subsection unless the request is for a hunt exclusively on private land.
  4. Licenses are issued on a first come, first served basis to qualified organizations. No more than 10 licenses may be issued per event to any single requesting organization.
  5. Requested dates for hunting events must occur between August 15 and January 31 each year.
  6. Organizations who wish to request a Novice Adult Hunter 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.
- g. Hunting Licenses for Hunters with Mobility Impairments - The Director may make certain deer, elk, and pronghorn licenses 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 antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall be made on the form available from, and submitted with the applicable license fee to, the Division, Limited License Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado, 80216. Applications for antlered deer and elk and pronghorn buck licenses for hunters with mobility impairments shall be made on the form available from, and submitted with the applicable license fee to, the applicable Division regional service center. Hunters may apply from the Monday after the May Commission meeting through the last day of the rifle seasons.

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. For the 2001 seasons and thereafter, once certified by the Division as mobility-impaired according to these regulations, applicants will not be required to submit the medical statement.
  4. Antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses will be available in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlerless deer or 100 antlerless elk or 50 doe pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257, and #262 of these regulations. For any one game management unit no more than 10 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlerless deer or elk or doe pronghorn licenses for the game management unit, whichever number is greater, shall be issued as hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments for the species in question.
  5. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be private land only licenses and will be available for hunt codes requiring four or fewer resident preference points to draw in the previous year in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlered or either-sex deer, 100 antlered or either-sex elk, or 50 buck pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257 and #262 of these regulations. For any one game management unit no more than 5 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlered, either-sex or buck licenses for the game management unit, whichever is greater, shall be issued as hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments for the species in question.
  6. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis for hunters who qualify as mobility-impaired in instances where an organization assisting hunters with mobility impairments has coordinated a hunting opportunity specifically for this program and where all other avenues of obtaining a license have been exhausted.
  7. Hunting licenses for hunters with mobility impairments will be valid only for the season dates and any units included in 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.
- h. Wounded Warrior Hunting Licenses - The Director may make certain deer, elk, and pronghorn licenses available to qualified participants in any United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior programs.
1. Applicants must be members of the United States Armed Forces, who are residents of, or stationed in, Colorado returning from post-September 11, 2001 overseas contingency operations who have been so severely injured during combat, including combat-related support activities, that they will require years of intense, ongoing care or assistance.

Additionally, applicants must be members of a United States Armed Services Wounded Warrior program, as defined in 33-4-102(1.9) C.R.S., and must be assigned to a military medical treatment facility at the time of application for this program.

2. Applications shall contain a statement from a licensed medical doctor certifying the applicant's eligibility under the criteria in 1 above. Additional documentation may be required if necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility under this program.
3. Applications for antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses shall be made on the form available from the Division, Limited License Office, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado. Applications for antlered deer and elk and pronghorn buck licenses shall be made on the form available from the applicable Division regional service center. Hunters may apply from the Monday after the May Commission meeting through the last day of the rifle seasons. Licenses issued under this program shall be issued as free licenses.
4. Antlerless deer and elk and doe pronghorn licenses will be available in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlerless deer or 100 antlerless elk or 50 doe pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in 250, 257, and 262 of these regulations. Licenses issued for military installations will be exempted from these minimum license requirements. Wounded Warrior licenses issued for military installation property will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager. For any one game management unit no more than 10 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlerless deer or elk or doe pronghorn licenses for the game management unit, whichever number is greater, shall be issued as Wounded Warrior hunting licenses for the species in question.
5. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be private land only licenses and will be available for hunt codes requiring four or fewer resident preference points to draw in the previous year in all game management units with a total allocation of more than 100 antlered or either-sex deer, 100 antlered or either-sex elk, or 50 buck pronghorn during the rifle seasons described in #250, #257 and #262 of these regulations. Licenses issued for military installations will be exempted from these preference point and minimum license requirements. Wounded Warrior licenses issued for military installation property will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager. For any one game management unit no more than 5 licenses or 2 percent of the total number of limited antlered, either-sex or buck licenses for the game management unit, whichever is greater, shall be issued as Wounded Warrior hunting licenses for the species in question.
6. Antlered or either-sex licenses for deer or elk and buck pronghorn licenses will be approved by the applicable Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis for hunters who qualify under this program in instances where an organization assisting Wounded Warrior hunters has coordinated a hunting opportunity specifically for this program and where all other avenues of obtaining a license have been exhausted.
7. Wounded Warrior hunting licenses will be valid only for the season dates and any units included in the authorized hunt code. Wounded Warrior

hunting licenses may not be issued for Ranching for Wildlife properties unless otherwise provided in the ranch contract.

- i. Dream Hunt Hunting Licenses – The Director may make available additional deer, elk, pronghorn, mountain lion and black bear licenses to individuals qualified under this subsection.
  1. Applicants for Dream Hunt licenses must be at least 12 and under 22 years of age, and must have a terminal illness or a life-threatening disease or injury.
  2. A request for a Dream Hunt license must be made, in writing, by a sponsoring organization, documenting the individual's life-threatening or terminal condition, desired, hunt experience, desired location, time frame and logistical considerations. Requests should be sent to the Division of Parks and Wildlife, Hunter Outreach Coordinator, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80216.
  3. Requested dates for hunting events must occur between August 15 and January 31 each year, with preferred dates occurring during an existing season for the requested species. However, alternate dates may be approved by the Director on a case-by-case basis as an applicant's condition requires.
  4. Written landowner permission must be obtained prior to issuance of a license under this subsection if the individual will be hunting on private land.
  
- j. Preference Points and Chances
  1. Preference will be given for qualifying applications for first choice hunt codes only and shall be subject to the following provisions:
    - a. Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, and Bear: one preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a limited license for deer, elk, pronghorn, or bear as a first choice in the regular drawing or who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point only. Preference points will be used in future drawings for the same species and will accumulate until the applicant obtains a first choice license. When an applicant obtains a first choice license, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant both fails to apply for a species and has not purchased a license for that same species during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant accepts a first choice license that has been returned and reissued manually, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. No preference points are required for purchasing a returned license placed on the leftover list. In those hunt codes requiring 10 or more resident preference points to draw, up to 20 percent of available licenses for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear shall be issued through a random drawing. The number of preference points required to draw shall be determined by a three-year rolling average for the ~~2007, 2008, and 2009~~previous three limited license draws with a one year lag. A minimum of five individual preference points is required for an applicant to participate



in the random drawing. Group applications shall not be eligible to participate in the random drawing.

- b. Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose: One preference point will be awarded to each person who qualifies for and fails to draw a first choice license, until three preference points have been accumulated. Each time an applicant with three (3) points qualifies for and fails to draw a first choice license for rocky mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goat or moose the applicant will be awarded one (1) weighted preference point to be used in future drawings for that species. Applicants with at least three (3) preference points or any number of weighted preference points will be given weighted preference during the license drawings for each applicable species. Weighted preference is calculated by converting the applicant's original application number into a new random application number, then dividing that random application number by the number of weighted preference points the applicant currently has for that species plus one. The resulting number is the applicant's final and only application number. Final application numbers are sorted from lowest number to highest number, with licenses awarded to applicants starting on the top of the list (lowest number), working down the list until no licenses for that species remain. When an applicant obtains a first choice license, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant both fails to apply for a species and has not purchased a license for that same species during any given 10-year period, all accumulated preference points for that species become void. If an applicant accepts a first choice license that has been returned and reissued, all accumulated preference points for that species become void.
- c. In addition to the \$7.13 application fee, a resident applicant who is unsuccessful on their first choice (except youth as defined by 33-4-117 C.R.S., lifetime license holders, and Colorado resident military personnel on active duty outside Colorado), or a resident who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point or weighted preference point only, for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will be assessed a \$50 fee to receive a preference point or weighted preference point. In addition to the \$9.17 application fee, a nonresident applicant who is unsuccessful on their first choice (except youth as defined by 33-4-117 C.R.S.), or a nonresident who applies using a first choice hunt code established for the purpose of accumulating a preference point or weighted preference point only, for moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will be assessed a \$100 fee to receive a preference point or weighted preference point. The fee, per species, shall entitle the hunter to preference points or weighted preference points for any unsuccessful first choice moose, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or mountain goat application in that year. If the applicant chooses to not pay the preference point fee, the applicant will not receive a preference point or weighted preference point for that application.
- d. Applications receiving preference points will be given priority over all applications with fewer points. Group applications will receive preference at the level of the group member with the fewest accumulated preference points, and, where applicable, the fewest

accumulated chances, except that group applications will not be successful, regardless of preference point level or number of chances, when there are fewer licenses remaining in the hunt code quota than the number of applicants in the group.

- e. In lieu of applying through the regular limited license draw, any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is stationed at any military facility in Colorado and actively deployed outside the United States, or any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Colorado resident and is deployed outside the United States, shall, upon their return to the United States, be eligible to apply for preference points for any regular limited license draw that occurred during their absence. Applications for preference points shall be made on forms provided by the Division and filed within six months upon the member's return to the United States.

## 5. Drawing Processes

- a. Applications using landowner preference and youth preference shall be drawn, in that order, prior to drawing general public applications for the same species.
- b. Except as otherwise provided, applicants who applied properly for deer, elk, or pronghorn in the regular drawing and are unsuccessful will be given the option to apply for a leftover drawing.
- c. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified of their accumulated preference points on their on-line account.
- d. Nonresident hunter drawing limitations (first choice applications only)
  - 1. Nonresidents hunters shall receive no more than 10% of available moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat licenses for all hunt codes. In the event there are an insufficient number of nonresident applications for the allocated number of moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat licenses in any hunt code, the excess nonresident licenses will be issued to residents through the regular drawing process. These drawing limitations do not apply to the issuance of Bighorn Sheep Access Program (BSAP) licenses.
  - 2. Unless there is an insufficient number of resident applications, nonresident hunters shall receive no more than 35% of available deer and elk licenses for hunt codes requiring fewer than ~~six-ten~~ preference points for resident hunters to draw in the regular drawing, and no more than 20% of available deer and elk licenses for hunt codes requiring ~~six-ten~~ or more preference points for resident hunters to draw in the regular drawing as calculated using a ~~rolling~~ three-year average for the ~~2007, 2008, and 2009~~ ~~previous three~~ limited license draws ~~with a one year lag~~. These drawing limitations do not apply to the issuance of Private Land Only and Ranching for Wildlife licenses.

## 6. Secondary Draw, Leftover Licenses, Drawing Provisions and Restrictions

- a. Elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses which are not issued through the regular drawing will be issued through a secondary drawing process if the number of

remaining licenses is sufficient to justify the administrative cost, except the following licenses will not be issued through a secondary drawing process:

1. Any license that required five (5) or more resident preference points to draw as determined by the current year's limited license draw unless the license cannot be manually reissued to one of the first five (5) people on the regular draw list prior to the opening of the secondary drawing application period, and
  2. Public Ranching for Wildlife licenses.
- b. Any eligible hunter, ages 12 – 17 shall receive preference for the secondary draw for elk, deer, pronghorn and bear licenses.
  - c. There is no landowner preference for the secondary draw.
  - d. Any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces stationed at any military facility in Colorado and actively deployed outside the United States, or any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Colorado resident and is deployed outside the United States, shall be allowed a preference for the purchase of leftover licenses prior to their sale to the general public.
  - e. Group applications are not accepted for the secondary draw.
  - f. Applicants for the secondary draw must apply on-line or over the phone following the regular drawing.
  - g. Secondary draw applications must be submitted no later than 8:00 PM Mountain Time the last business day in June. Applications not submitted by this deadline are void.
  - h. Secondary draw applications not submitted by 8:00 PM Mountain Time the last business day in June will become void.
  - i. Except for Ranching for Wildlife licenses, any licenses remaining after the secondary draw, will be placed on the leftover license list and will become available through the standard over-the-counter leftover process. For information regarding the availability of leftover Ranching for Wildlife licenses available on a first-come, first-served basis, please refer to the big game drawing brochure or call the Division at (303) 297-1192.

## **ARTICLE IX - ELK**

### **#257 - RIFLE AND ASSOCIATED METHODS ELK SEASONS - ANY LAWFUL METHOD OF TAKE PERMITTED DURING THESE SEASONS**

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Unit(s)	Season Dates	Sex	Hunt Code	Licenses (2022)	Float Total (2022)	Total Licenses (2022)
1	08/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF001P5R	10		10
3, 4, 5, 214, 301, 441	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE003P1R	400		400
3, 4, 5, 301, 441	10/29/2022 - 12/31/2022	Antlerless	EF003P5R	700		700
6, 16, 17, 161, 171	08/15/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF006P5R	400		470
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE006P1R	70		
7, 8	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF007P5R	200		200
9	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF009P5R	155		155
10	08/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF010P5R	150		150
11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 211, 231	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE011P1R	700		700
11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 211	10/01/2022 - 11/30/2022	Antlerless	EF011P5R	1100		1100
14, 214	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Antlerless	EF014P5R	150		150
15	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF015P5R	300		600
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE015P1R	75		
	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	Either	EE015P2R	75		
	11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022	Either	EE015P3R	75		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE015P4R	75		
18	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF018P5R	300		300
18, 181	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE018P1R	360		720
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE018P4R	360		
19	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF019P5R	150		150
20	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF020P5R	350		350
21, 22, 30, 31, 32	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE021P1R	125		125

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Unit(s)	Season Dates	Sex	Hunt Code	Licenses (2022)	Float Total (2022)	Total Licenses (2022)
22, 31, 32	10/15/2022 - 12/30/2022	Antlerless	EF022P5R	350		350
23, 24	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Antlerless	EF023P5R	150		150
25, 26, 231	08/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF025P5R	250		250
27	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF027P5R	125		325
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE027P1R	100		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE027P4R	100		
28, 37	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF028P5R	180		540
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE028P1R	180		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE028P4R	180		
29	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF029P5R	90		90
33	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE033P4R	25		125
	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF033P5R	100		
34	08/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF034P5R	10		10
35	08/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF035P5R	75		75
35, 36, 361	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE035P1R	30		30
36, 361	08/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF036P5R	65		65
38	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF038P5R	10		10
39	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF039P5R	25		25
40	09/01/2022 - 11/30/2022	Antlerless	EF040P5R	100		100
41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE041P1R	200		350
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE041P4R	150		
41	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF041P5R	200		200
42	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF042P5R	275		275
43	08/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF043P5R	100		100
43, 471	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE043P1R	10		10
46	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF046P5R	30		30
50	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF050P5R	30		30
51	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF051P5R	200		200

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Unit(s)	Season Dates	Sex	Hunt Code	Licenses (2022)	Float Total (2022)	Total Licenses (2022)
52	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF052P5R	75		75
53, 63	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE053P1R	85		150
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE053P4R	65		
53, 63 - Delta County only	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF053P5R	85		85
54 - area bounded on the N by South Castle Creek, CR 730, Carbon Creek and Squaw Red Gulch; on the E by Colo 135; on S by U.S. 50; on W by Gunnison River, Antelope Creek, CR 818, CR 727 and USFS Trail 438.	08/31/2022 - 11/18/2022	Antlerless	EF054P5R	75		75
56	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF056P5R	10		10
57, 58	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF057P5R	250		250
59	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF059P5R	20		20
60	09/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Antlerless	EF060P5R	80		100

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Unit(s)	Season Dates	Sex	Hunt Code	Licenses (2022)	Float Total (2022)	Total Licenses (2022)
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE060P1R	10		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE060P4R	10		
61	12/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF061P5R	50		50
62	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE062P1R	75		150
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE062P4R	75		
62	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	Antlerless	EF062P2R		170	170
	11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022	Antlerless	EF062P3R			
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF062P4R			
63 - West of Hwy 92	08/15/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF063P5R	200		200
64, 65	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Antlerless	EF064P1R	100		315
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE064P1R	130		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE064P4R	85		
64, 65	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	Antlerless	EF064P2R		300	300
	11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022	Antlerless	EF064P3R			
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF064P4R			
64	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Antlerless	EF064P5R	25		25
68	09/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Antlerless	EF068P5R	10		10
69, 84	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF069P5R	200		200
70	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE070P1R	140		220
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE070P4R	60		
	12/01/2022 - 12/15/2022	Antlerless	EF070P5R	20		
70	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	Antlerless	EF070P2R		125	125
	11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022	Antlerless	EF070P3R			
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF070P4R			
71, 72, 73, 711	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Antlered	EM071P1R	75		135
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Antlerless	EF071P1R	10		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlered	EM071P4R	30		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF071P4R	20		

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Unit(s)	Season Dates	Sex	Hunt Code	Licenses (2022)	Float Total (2022)	Total Licenses (2022)
72, 711 - South and west of the Dolores River within Dolores County	09/01/2022 - 09/30/2022	Antlerless	EF072P5R	20		20
74, 741	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Antlered	EM074P1R	15		45
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Antlerless	EF074P1R	10		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlered	EM074P4R	10		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF074P4R	10		
75, 751	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlered	EM075P4R	25		35
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF075P4R	10		
77, 78, 771	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Antlered	EM077P1R	75		125
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Antlerless	EF077P1R	10		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlered	EM077P4R	30		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF077P4R	10		
80	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF080P5R	20		20
81	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF081P5R	20		20
85, 140, 851	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE085P1R	300		665
	10/15/2022 - 11/30/2022	Antlerless	EF085P5R	175		
	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Antlerless	EF085P6R	190		
86, 691, 861	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF086P5R	300		355
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE086P1R	55		
104	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF104P5R	300		300
131	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	Antlerless	EF131P2R		200	200



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	11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022	Antlerless	EF131P3R			
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Antlerless	EF131P4R			
131	11/28/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF131P5R	100		100
181	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF181P5R	200		200
191	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF191P5R	100		100
231	10/29/2022 - 11/06/2022	Either	EE231P2R		75	75
	11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022	Either	EE231P3R			
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE231P4R			
371	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF371P5R	70		250
	10/15/2022 - 10/19/2022	Either	EE371P1R	90		
	11/23/2022 - 11/27/2022	Either	EE371P4R	90		
39- all portions within Jefferson County, 391.	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF391P5R	175		175
411	12/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF411P5R	100		100
421	09/02/2022 - 01/01/2023	Antlerless	EF421P5R	350		350
461	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF461P5R	25		25
471	08/15/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF471P5R	10		10
481	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF481P5R	50		50
500	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF500P5R	20		20
501	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF501P5R	30		30
511	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF511P5R	50		50
581	09/01/2022 - 01/31/2023	Antlerless	EF581P5R	300		300

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682, 791, and that portion of unit 79 S and E of Colo 112 and private land only in unit 82 – see #257.5 - special restriction	08/15/2022 - 02/28/2023	Antlerless	EF682P5R	450		450
682, 791, and that portion of unit 79 S and E of Colo 112 and private land only in unit 82 – see #257.5 - special restriction	08/15/2022 - 02/28/2023	Antlered	EM682P6R	400		400

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741	09/01/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF741P5R	25		25
751 south of US 160	12/01/2022 - 01/15/2023	Antlerless	EF751P5R	25		25
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>15935</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>16805</b>

**Basis and Purpose:**

**Modifying the three-year average used to determine the high demand hunt codes that fall into the 80% resident / 20% nonresident big game limited license allocation split**

During an extensive public engagement process reviewing big game license distribution, hunters identified two primary concerns: resident opportunity and crowding. To help address resident opportunity, the three-year preference point average used to determine the high demand hunt codes that fall into the 80/20 allocation split has been modified to a rolling three year average updated annually with a one year lag. Adjusting the three-year average ensures the draw is using the most current data and incorporates all existing hunt codes. In addition, the preference point threshold used to determine high demand hunt codes based on the three-year average has been increased to 10 or more points to account for the increasing number of points needed to draw a high demand hunt code.

**Revising a Unit 54 boundary name**

One of the boundaries for Unit 54 has been updated to Red Gulch following the renaming of the gulch by the U.S Board on Geologic Names.

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 – THE REGULATIONS HEREIN 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**