

OTC Archery for residents
is a "social issue" inside
of a "wildlife management
issue"

Our herds are healthy

For 6a. both Alternatives 1 & 2 were highly discussed by the CPW staff and CPW has proposed Alternative 1 and Alternative 2. CPW staff would not put an alternative on the table if it was not a sustainable way to manage our wildlife.

Both Alternatives would be good for our wildlife so why not try the alternative that will help protect hunting heritage the most for residents.

We believe that would be Alternative 2

We have been asking for some kind of limitation on non-resident OTC elk licenses for years

- Three years ago changes were promised by CPW if the state senate bill to limit non-resident OTC licenses was pulled, please make the right changes now so that another bill is not ran that takes away the management power of the CPW
- We are not asking for a large cut in non-resident tag allocation in the historical OTC units but we do want to see some kind of limitation so that 60+ percent of the OTC archery hunters are not non-residents and so that the numbers do not continue to grow.
- Residents have been asking for a **small limitation for years...** now a massive one has been proposed...

Population Management

- According to a study published in the Journal of Wildlife Management, **states with over-the-counter hunting licenses for residents have been more effective in managing elk populations** compared to states with more restrictive licensing systems.
- We do have management built into OTC hunts by protecting bulls with the point restriction.
- In most instances OTC archery elk hunters contribution to **cow harvest is not significant enough to have a measurable** effect on herds.

Colorado has less than half the elk population as seven other western states combined but sells more licenses to non-residents than those other states combined

Tag Sales vs Other western states
 Top 7 Western States VS CO in Nonresident Elk Tag Sales

Nonresident (NR) Elk Tag Sales -----Top 7 Elk States VS Colorado				
State	2021-2022 Elk Population	Total Elk Tags Sold	Total Elk Tags Sold To Nonresidents **	% to Nonresidents
Montana	170,000	113,000	17,000	15%
Oregon	130,000	104,000	12,800	12%
Wyoming	120,000	57,500	5,400	9%
Idaho	107,000	88,500	12,800	14%
New Mexico	90,000	37,000	12,750	34%
Utah	85,000	48,750	3,250	7%
Arizona	40,000	29,000	2900	10%
Total	742,000	477,750	66,900	14%
Colorado	280,000	201,000	72,000	36%

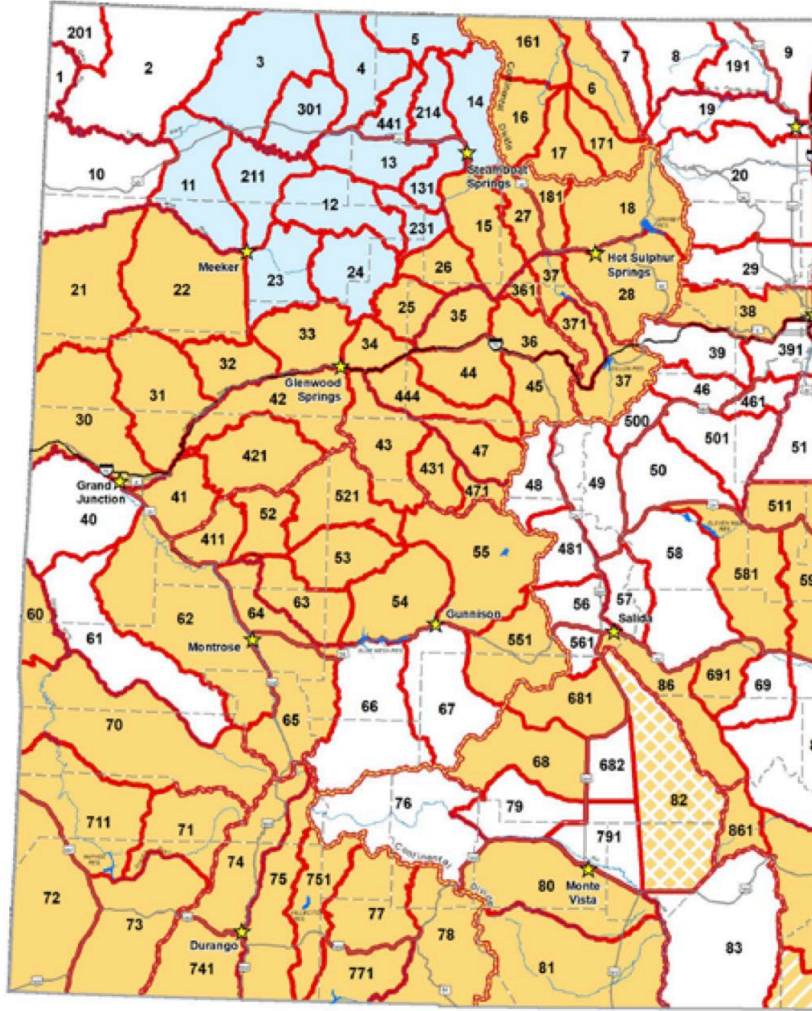
** Does not include private land tags sold back to nonresidents

Notes: The 7 Western States have more than 2.5 X's the elk population (742k vs 280k) yet combined the 7 Western States sell 5,100 less elk tags to NR's, than Colorado. The 7 state average % of elk tags sold to NRs is 14%, Colorado sells 36% of its tags to NR's, nearly 3x more than average.

We already give way more elk hunting licenses than any other state. We are the land of opportunity for non-residents but we can still be that and keep hunting accessible for resident hunters

26 more OTC Rifle units than archery west of I25

LICENSES: ANTLERED ELK — RIFLE — SECOND & THIRD SEASONS

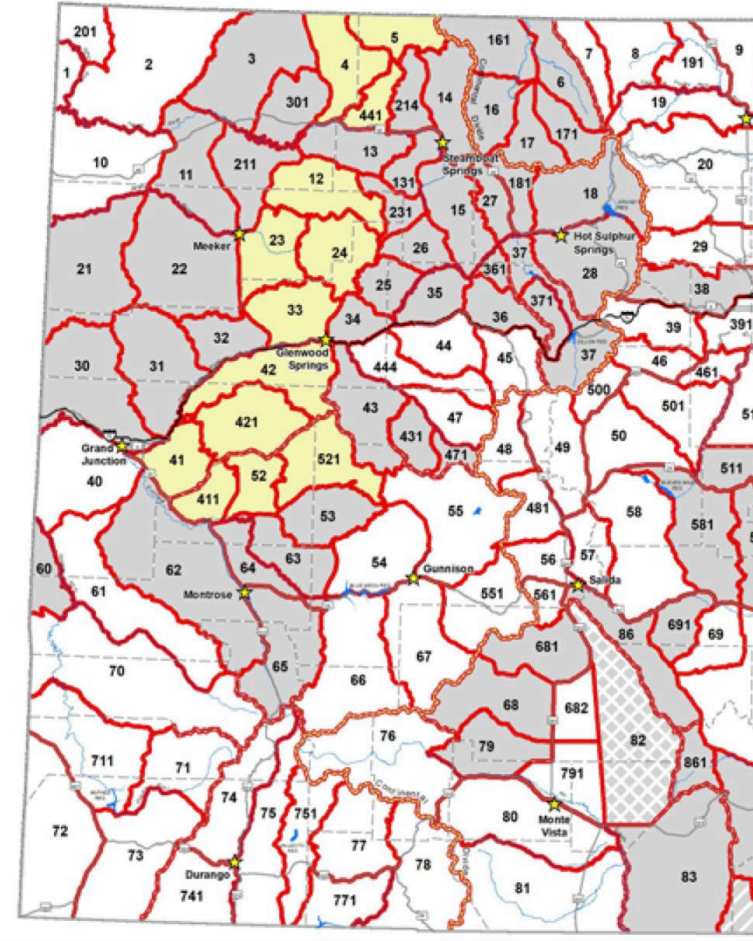


**2024 OTC Rifle Licenses - Valid Units for Bull Elk
Second and Third Seasons**



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SES: EITHER-SEX ELK — ARCHERY



2024 OTC Archery Either-Sex Elk



Alternative 1 will have a much larger financial impact on Colorado's resident hunters

- For 2024 a resident OTC elk license will cost \$66.12 plus \$10 habitat stamp
- If residents are forced to apply for the draw they will be forced to buy a "qualifying license that will add up to \$60 to the cost of the license and a minimum of \$36. that is a huge financial increase to someone that is hunting to help put food on the table.

Why will this time be
different from the past?

When OTC archery units were reduced in the past it did not result in less OTC archery hunting licenses sales like what was anticipated by the CPW staff, It pushed more hunters into less units.

History will repeat itself and the OTC rifle units will get flooded if archery is limited and rifle is not.

What are the safety concerns to go with
this?

When the number of OTC rifle hunters increase how will that effect the safety of other hunters in the field?

Hard cap that applies to all rounds
of first draw and something that
applies to the second draw