## **DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP**

Colorado Division of Wildlife

2006 POST-HUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES - DRAFT 1/2/07

Units With Public Hunting Seasons																			
									Licenses (Includes RFW Licenses)										
									2006			2007 Recommended				Harvest		Harvest	
				Region	2004	2005	2006	Estimate	Archery		Rifle		Archery		Rifle		2005		Rate (%)
UNIT	Notes	DAU UNITS*	UNIT NAME	Region	Pop Est	Pop Est	Pop Est	Basis◆	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	2005***
S56	1		Black Ridge	NW	70	70	70	GAO, NI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
S62			Uncompahgre	SW	125	150	150	AC, CGC	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1.3
S64		S63	Upper Dolores River	SW	50	60	70	AC, CGC	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
				Sub-total	245	280	290		0	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0.7

Units/Areas Without Public Hunting Seasons																
				Region	2004	2005	2006	Estimate								
UNIT	Notes	DAU Units*	UNIT/AREA NAME	region	Pop Est	Pop Est	Pop Est	Basis♦								
S63		S64	Middle Dolores River	SW	30	30	30	AC, GAO, PR								
			Sub-total		30	30	30									
			GRAND TOTAL		275	310	320									

<sup>\*</sup> Units that would likely be considered part of the same DAU because of movement across unit boundaries.

♦ Estimate Basis (listed in order of weight):

MR = Mark/Resight

CGC = Coordinated Ground Count

AC = Aerial Count

GAO = General Agency Observation (by CDOW, USFS, BLM, USGS, or NPS)

PR = Public Reports (by hunters, outfitters, RMBS, etc.)

PM = Population Model

NI = No Information Available.

O = Other

## Notes:

1 S56 Opened for hunting in 2007.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Year summary sheep herd report was completed. "Year" Brief = Year an abbreviated summary report was completed.

<sup>\*\*\* 2005</sup> Harvest rate based on 2006 population estimate.