

**COLORADO DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP
2015 POSTHUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES - DRAFT 12/17/2015**

Increasing from Previous Year
Declining from Previous Year
Underline includes nonresident licenses(s)

Units With Public Hunting Seasons

UNIT	Notes	DAU	UNIT NAME	Population						Licenses												Harvest						Harvest Rate (% of Population)											
				2013		2014		2015		2014		2015		2016		Estimated Sheep/License			2012		2013		2014		2015 Predicted		2016 Predicted		2012		2013		2014						
				2013	2014	2015	Basis *		Archery	Rifle	Archery	Rifle	Archery	Rifle	2014	2015	2016	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe	Ram	Ewe						
S56	1	60	Black Ridge	200	200	200	GAO, PR	GAO, PR	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	40	40	67	5	0	4	0	5	0	5	0	3	0	2.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.5	0.0
S62		62	Dominguez (Uncompar	160	160	160	CGC, GAO	AC, CGC, GAO	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	40	40	40	3	0	4	0	4	0	3	0	4	0	2.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0
S63	2, 3	61	Middle Dolores River	55	55	60	GAO	CGC, GAO, PR									0	0	1	0			2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0									
S64	2, 3	61	Upper Dolores River	100	100	100	AC	GAO, PR	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	52	52	33	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	2.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.3	0.0
Grand Total or Average				515	515	520			0	0	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	11	0	52	43	47	10	0	11	0	11	0	11	0	11	0	2.2	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.1	0.0

- ◆ Basis for population estimate (listed in order by weight):
 - MR = Mark/Resight
 - CGC = Coordinated Ground Count
 - AC = Aerial Count
 - GAO = General Agency Observation (by CPW, 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.
 - 2 Licenses valid in S63 & S64 in 2010
 - 3 GMU S63 and S64 Split in 2016