

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### Colorado Parks and Wildlife

## CHAPTER W-3 - FURBEARERS AND SMALL GAME EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS

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## ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

### #300 - Definitions

- A. **"Small game**, except migratory birds," means:
1. **Game birds**, including grouse, ptarmigan, pheasant, quail, partridge, Greater prairie-chicken and wild turkey; and
  2. **Game mammals**, including cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, jackrabbit, fox squirrel, pine squirrel, and Abert's squirrel; and
  3. **Other small game**, including prairie dogs, Wyoming (Richardson's) ground squirrel, prairie rattlesnake, and common snapping turtles.
- NOTE: "Migratory Birds" is defined in regulation #500(A).
- B. **"Furbearers"** means those species with fur having commercial value and which provide opportunities for sport harvest including mink, pine marten, badger, red fox, gray fox, swift fox, striped skunk, western spotted skunk, beaver, muskrat, long-tailed weasel, short-tailed weasel, coyote, bobcat, opossum, ring-tailed cat and raccoon.
- C. **"Designated and marked trails"** means any trail on public property or a public trail easement across private lands that has signs to indicate that it is a public trail; is maintained; and has a trail number or designation on a map or brochure published by the government entity who has jurisdiction over the trail.
- D. **"Bona fide scientific research"** means any research project conducted by the Division or authorized by a scientific collection permit issued by the Division.
- E. **"Nonlethal snare"** means a snare with a stopping device designed to prevent strangulation of the species for which the snare is set, or a mechanical or spring powered snare designed to catch the animal by the foot or leg; as specified in #303(E)(5).
- F. **"Traps specifically designed not to kill"** means padded steel jawed leghold traps, box traps, and cage traps, as conditioned elsewhere in these regulations.
- G. **"Relocation"** means movement of live wildlife captured by a person to another site which is not contiguous to the capture site.

- H. **“Canada Lynx Recovery Area”** means the area of the San Juan and Rio Grande National Forests and associated lands above 9,000 feet extending west from a north-south line passing through Del Norte and east from a north-south line passing through Dolores and from the New Mexico state line north to the Gunnison basin (including Taylor Park east to the Collegiate Range). The GMUs included in the area are: 55, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 551, 681, 711 and 751.

### #301 - LICENSE FEES

#### A. Furbearer License Fee

##### 1. Furbearer License Fee Reduction:

In accordance with the provisions of §33-4-102, C.R.S., the following furbearer license fees shall be reduced to the fee specified herein, from the level set forth in §33-4-102, C.R.S.:

License Type	License Fee
Resident Furbearer	\$20.00
Nonresident Furbearer	\$55.00

### #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)(9) and (E)(10).

#### B. Trapping Hours:

1. Small game, except game birds; game reptiles, and furbearers - day or night.
2. All traps and snares must be visually checked on site at least once every day; except that traps and snares used in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-204, C.R.S. (General Exemptions); 33-6-205, C.R.S. (Exemption for Departments of Health); 33-6-206, C.R.S. (Nonlethal Methods Exemptions); or 33-6-207, C.R.S. (Exemptions for Protection of Crops and Livestock; all of which are exemptions authorized by Article XVIII, Section 12, of the Colorado Constitution); in the Canada lynx recovery area or on properties known to be occupied by Canada lynx 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 Small Game or Furbearers are allowed, except:
  - a. No person shall advertise, conduct, offer to conduct, promote or participate in any competitive event which involves:
    1. The taking of any small game or furbearer species for which the daily bag or possession is unlimited, including but not limited to coyotes and prairie dogs. Provided, however, that such events are allowed if no more than five (5) of each species are taken by each participant during the entire event.
    2. The taking of marked or tagged small game released as part of such contest and where money or other valuable prizes are awarded for the taking of such small game and game birds. "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. Thirty (30) Day Trapping Period for Livestock and Crop Protection
  - a. Landowners and others authorized by statute who are trapping pursuant to 33-6-207, C.R.S. must notify the Division in accordance with 33-6-208, C.R.S. All definitions and other provisions will be in accordance with 33-6-208, C.R.S. and 35-40-100.2-115, C.R.S.
3. Live Capture and Relocation
  - a. Unless relocation has been authorized in accordance with #304, small game and 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.
  - b. Except as provided herein, a relocation permit is required to relocate all small game and furbearers.
    1. Tree squirrels, cottontail rabbits, and raccoons trapped in cage or box traps may be relocated without a permit provided the Division has been notified in advance; the relocation site is appropriate habitat for the species; permission has been obtained from the private landowner; and relocation occurs within 10 miles of the capture site for squirrels and rabbits, and within two miles of the capture site for raccoons.

2. Relocation permit applications must be submitted to and approved by the Division prior to relocation. Permit approval or denial shall be based on the following: size of the relocation site; proximity of the site to public lands; habitat suitability and potential to support the relocated species; escape control, including buffer zones and active control if necessary; wildlife health and zoonotic disease concerns, and any other appropriate wildlife management concerns. In addition, applications must be submitted for all requests to move prairie dogs including modifications and extensions for wild to wild relocation permits. Permits authorizing movement of prairie dogs shall cost forty dollars (\$40.00). Original applications shall also include a management plan specifically addressing the applicant's long term plans for the maintenance or control of the prairie dog population on the property. For any species which, in accordance with the provisions of § 35-7-203, C.R.S., requires approval of the county commissioners, the applicant shall also submit a copy of the resolution as approved by the county commissioners.
4. **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, with or without the assistance of the Division of Wildlife. Nothing in this section permits the killing of such accidentally captured wildlife. In the event of mortality resulting from such accidental capture, the carcass of such wildlife shall be delivered to a Division of 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
5. **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.

**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. Pellet guns and slingshots.
5. Hawking

6. Except as prohibited by federal, state, and local statutes or regulations, toxicants or handheld devices designed to deliver into burrows and then ignite a mixture of propane and oxygen, or similar combination of explosive gases, may be used by a person, or a person's agent, to take Richardson's ground squirrel, rock squirrel, thirteen-lined ground squirrel, pocket gopher, marmots, black-tailed, white-tailed, and Gunnison prairie dogs where necessary to control damage on land owned by them.
7. Live traps, limited to cage or box traps, for tree squirrels and cottontail rabbits, for relocation or to control damage in accordance with #306.

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

1. Any rifle or handgun for dusky (blue) grouse, ptarmigan or turkey during the fall and late seasons (except in game management units 91, 92, 951, and 96). Rifles and handguns used for the taking of turkeys shall use bullets of at least thirty-eight (38) 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. Pellet guns and slingshots for dusky (blue) grouse and ptarmigan.
5. Hawking.
6. Artificial decoys and calls, except recorded or electrically amplified calls or sounds; for turkey.

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

1. Any method not otherwise prohibited.

**E. Furbearers**

1. Any rifle or handgun.
2. Any shotgun.
3. Handheld bows and crossbows.
4. Live traps, limited to cage or box traps.
5. Leghold traps, any instant kill body-gripping trap, and snares, when trapping is done in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-204, C.R.S. (General Exemptions); 33-6-205, C.R.S. (Exemption for Departments of Health); 33-6-206, C.R.S. (Nonlethal Methods Exemptions); or 33-6-207, C.R.S. (Exemptions for Protection of Crops and Livestock; all of which are exemptions authorized by Article XVIII, Section 12, of the Colorado Constitution; conditioned or except as follows:

- a. All foothold (leghold) traps set on land must be equipped with: a) padded jaws; b) anchor chains attached to the center of the trap; such chain shall have a double swivel mechanism to prevent tangling of the chain; c) a spring device which serves as a shock absorber.
- b. All foothold (leghold) traps size 2 or greater and set on land must be equipped with a pan-tension device set to a minimum release pressure of 4 pounds as tested at the center of the pan.
- c. All pads on padded jaw traps must be maintained in good condition so as to effectively minimize injury to the trapped animal.
- d. Any foothold (leghold) trap, or any colony trap designed to be a drowning set, may be used as a drowning set when trapping is done in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S. or 33-6-207, C.R.S.
- e. Non-lethal snares: Snares set on land must be equipped with a stop designed to restrain furbearers without suffocation, and must be equipped with an in line swivel, placed at least one (1) foot from the stake, to prevent the snare from closing to a circumference of not less than 10.5 inches, except stops may be set at a circumference of not less than 8.0 inches in areas and at times when red fox are causing damage to livestock. All snares must be equipped with an in line swivel, placed at least one (1) foot from the stake.
- f. Passive or nonmechanical foot snares are prohibited, except when trapping is done in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S., or 33-6-207, C.R.S. Mechanical or spring-powered foot snares are permitted.
- g. Instant kill body-gripping design traps with a maximum jaw spread of 8.5 X 8.5 inches or greater may not be used, except in water set, and only when trapping is done in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S., or 33-6-207, C.R.S.
- h. Instant kill body-gripping design traps with a maximum jaw spread between 7.0 X 7.0 and 8.5 X 8.5 inches may not be used, except in water sets, when set at least 5 feet above the ground, or when set in devices designed to exclude dogs; and only when trapping is done in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S., or 33-6-207, C.R.S.
- i. Instant kill body-gripping design traps used to take muskrat on land must be a double-spring design and have a maximum jaw spread no greater than 4.5 X 4.5 inches. A single-spring design with a maximum jaw spread no greater than 4.5 X 4.5 inches is permitted for muskrat in submersion sets. Provided further that any such use of instant kill body-gripping design traps must be in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S.
- j. Trapping in the following areas is prohibited except with: a) padded jaw traps; b) Instant kill body-gripping design traps with a maximum jaw spread less than 7 X 7 inches in size; or c) land or water set snares with a closure size of 16- inch circumference or larger. Provided further that padded jaw traps and snares may not be used in drowning sets, that padded jaw traps and land set snares may only be set in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S., 33-6-206, C.R.S., or 33-6-207, C.R.S.; and that water set snares and instant kill body-gripping design traps may only be set in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S., or 33-6-207, C.R.S.

1. That portion of the Gunnison River and five (5) miles upstream along each of its tributaries in Montrose and Delta Counties from the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park downstream to that point where the river meets Highway 92; and all lands within 100 yards of the high water line of this portion of the Gunnison River and all tributaries thereof.
2. That portion of the Piedra River upstream from Navajo Reservoir to the headwaters including East Fork and Middle Fork of the Piedra River in Hinsdale and Archuleta counties and 9 miles upstream on the First Fork. This restriction includes the following tributaries: Sand Creek, Weminuche Creek, Little Sand Creek, Williams Creek and all lands within 100 yards of the high water line of the above waters.
3. The Dolores River from McPhee Reservoir downstream to Bed Rock is closed within 100 yards of the high water line.
4. The San Juan River from Pagosa Springs downstream to the New Mexico state line is closed within 100 yards of the high water line.
- k. On all public land the use of leghold traps is prohibited on or within 30 feet of either side of officially designated and marked trails unless such traps are placed in water or off the ground. Provided further that such traps may only be set in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S., or 33-6-206, C.R.S.
- l. The use of ground set leghold traps and snares is prohibited within 30 feet of the exposed carcass of any game wildlife or domestic animal. Provided further that such traps may only be set in accordance with the provisions 33-6-205, C.R.S., 33-6-206, C.R.S., or 33-6-207, C.R.S.
  1. For the purpose of regulation #303(E)(5)(l) only, "carcass" means the meat and internal organs of game wildlife and domestic animals and does not include bones, hides or other nonedible parts.
- m. No trap or snare, except for those lawfully placed on private property, may be set within 50 feet of either side of the traveled portion of any state highway, U.S. or Interstate highway, or any county road.
- n. All leg hold traps used within the area designated below must be set with a pan tension device that requires a minimum of 4 pounds of force to activate the trap. Except for water or tree sets, instant kill body-gripping design traps are prohibited within the following area: That portion of Delta, Mesa and Montrose counties bounded on the north by the Mesa-Garfield county line from the Utah state line east to U.S. Interstate 70; bounded on the east by U.S. Interstate Highway 70 from the Mesa-Garfield county line to Colorado State Highway 65; from Colorado State Highway 65 to its junction with the northern boundary of the Grand Mesa Forest and following the boundary line west, south and then east to its junction with Colorado State Highway 65, from Colorado State Highway 65 to its junction with the Gunnison River, from the Gunnison River to Colorado State Highway 347, from Colorado State Highway 347 to its junction with U.S. Highway 50; bounded on the south by U.S. Highway 50 from its junction with Colorado State Highway 347 to the Gunnison River, from the Gunnison River to its junction with the Colorado River, from the Colorado River to the Utah state line; and bounded on the west by the Utah state line. Provided further that any such trapping must be done in accordance with the provisions of 33-6-205, C.R.S., 33-6-206, C.R.S., or 33-6-207, C.R.S.

6. **Electronic call devices**, during legal hunting hours.
7. **Motor Vehicles**, by permit only.
  - a. The Division may issue permits, which shall be free of charge, for the taking of coyotes by motor vehicle when it is determined by an Area Wildlife Manager or District Wildlife Manager that such a permit is necessary for the protection of property including crops or livestock. Applicants shall fill out applications furnished by the Division and shall give such information thereon as may be required by the Division; including, if requested, a map of the area where control of animal damage is needed.
  - b. Permits shall not be issued for longer than a sixty (60) day period. A permit may, however, be renewed without submitting a new application unless deemed necessary by the Regional Wildlife Manager. Any such permit may be revoked by the Regional Wildlife Manager at any time. Permittees shall abide by restrictions and conditions set forth on the permit.
  - c. Permits to use motor vehicles may be issued by Area Wildlife Managers and District Wildlife Managers.
8. **Aircraft**, by permit only.
  - a. The Division may issue permits for the taking of coyotes by aircraft when it is determined by the Director that such a permit is necessary for the protection of wildlife populations. Applicants shall fill out applications furnished by the Division and shall give such information thereon as may be required by the Division; including, if requested, a map of the area where control of animal damage is needed.
  - b. Permits shall not be issued for longer than a thirty (30) day period. A permit may, however, be renewed without submitting a new application unless deemed necessary by the Director. Any such permit may be revoked by the Director at any time. Permittees shall abide by restrictions and conditions set forth on the permit.
  - c. Permits to use aircraft will be issued only upon authority of the Director.
  - d. Reporting.
    1. Within ten (10) days after expiration of an aircraft permit the permittee shall file a report on forms provided by the Division. The report shall contain all information the Division may request, including but not limited to: a) number of coyotes killed, b) location of each kill, and c) number of hours flown.
9. **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 permission of the landowner or his designated agent.
10. **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, agent, designee, or any employee of the person when necessary to protect such person's property.

#### **#304 - License Requirements**

Except as provided in 33-6-107(9) C.R.S., the following license requirements shall apply:

- A. A small game license is required to take those species defined in #300(A) as small game, except wild turkey.
- B. A small game or a furbearer license is required to take those species defined in #300(B) as furbearers. Coyotes may be taken without a license during any big game season provided that the hunter has an unfilled big game license for that season and unit. Manner of take must be the same as that of the big game license.
- C. A turkey license is required to take wild turkey.
- D. Common snapping turtles may be taken with either a small game license or a fishing license.
- E. A relocation permit is required to relocate small game and furbearers, in accordance with special conditions listed in #303(A)(3).
- F. Each hunter must call 1-866-COLOHIP (1-866-265-6447) or register online ([www.colohip.com](http://www.colohip.com)) prior to their first hunting trip of the season to register their intent to hunt small game or furbearers. For the purposes of this regulation, "season" means the period September 1 through March 15.

G. Walk-In Access

1. Public access is prohibited from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.
2. Species of take will be restricted as follows:
  - a. Lands enrolled and posted as Regular, Late Cropland or Extended Season Walk-In Access Properties are open for the take of all small game, furbearers, migratory game birds and Eurasian collared-doves, except Gambel's quail, Gunnison's sage grouse and Greater sage grouse
3. Public access is allowed:
  - a. From September 1 through the end of February annually for lands enrolled and posted as Regular Season Walk-In Access properties;
  - b. From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of February annually for lands enrolled and posted as Late Season Cropland Walk-In Access properties;
  - c. From September 1 through the end of the Mountain sharp-tailed grouse season annually, for all lands enrolled and posted as Grouse Walk-In Access properties, and;
  - d. From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of March annually for lands enrolled and posted as Extended Walk-In Access properties.
  - e. From the opening day of pheasant season through the end of February annually, for lands enrolled and posted as Novice Hunter Program Walk-In Access properties:
    1. A current year's graduate of the Novice Hunter Program must be present and actively hunting with each group during all hunting activities.
    2. Up to four additional hunters may accompany and hunt with a graduate of the Novice Hunter Program.
4. Access shall be by foot only. Entry by horseback, motorized vehicle, or other means is prohibited.
5. Access is allowed for hunting only; all other activities are prohibited.
6. Access is prohibited as posted when the landowner is actively harvesting crops.

See also: walk-in access program provisions in Chapter 5 of these regulations for migratory birds.

**#305 - Evidence of Sex/Species**

Refer to General Provisions #003.

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**ARTICLE II - SMALL GAME SEASON DATES, UNITS (AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 0 OF THESE REGULATIONS), BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS, LIMITED LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**#306 - Special Conditions**

A. Exemption for wildlife in conflict with people

In addition to the authority granted in subsection 33-6-107(9) C.R.S. to take wildlife causing damage; any person, members of their family, or their agents may, without securing licenses to do so, take:

1. Tree squirrels and cottontail rabbits on property owned or administered by them whenever such wildlife is causing damage on such property.
2. Marmots and opossums which are causing damage to such person's personal property.

Methods of take used must be in accordance with federal, state, and local law.

**#307 - Cottontail Rabbit, Snowshoe Hare, White-tailed & Black-tailed jackrabbit**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: October 1 - end of February annually.
2. Extended Falconry and Dog Pursuit Season - Statewide: September 1 - March 31 annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits

1. Daily Bag Limit Ten (10) cottontail rabbits, ten (10) snowshoe hares, ten (10) jackrabbits.
2. Possession Limit: Twenty (20) cottontail rabbits, twenty (20) snowshoe hares, and twenty (20) jackrabbits.

**#308 - Abert's Squirrels**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: November 15 - January 15 annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits

1. Daily Bag Limit Two (2) squirrels.
2. Possession Limit Four (4) squirrels.

**#309 - Fox Squirrel and Pine Squirrels**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: October 1 - end of February annually.
2. Extended Falconry Season - Statewide: September 1 - March 31 annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits

1. Daily Bag Limit - Five (5) fox squirrels and five (5) pine squirrels.
2. Possession Limit - Ten (10) fox squirrels and ten (10) pine squirrels.

**#310 - Wyoming (Richardson's) ground squirrel, and black-tailed, white-tailed, and Gunnison prairie dogs**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Wyoming ground squirrel:
  - a. Statewide: January 1 - December 31 annually.
2. Black-tailed, white-tailed and Gunnison prairie dogs:
  - a. Public Land: June 15 - end of February annually.
  - b. Private Land: January 1 - December 31 annually.

**#311 - Common Snapping Turtle**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: April 1 - October 31 annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits

1. There shall be no bag or possession limit.

**#312 - Marmot**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: August 10 - October 15 annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession limits

1. Daily Bag Limit - Two (2) marmots.
2. Possession limit - Four (4) marmots.

**#313 - Prairie Rattlesnake**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: June 15 - August 15 annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits

1. Daily Bag Limit - Three (3) snakes.
2. Possession Limit - Six (6) snakes.

C. Nothing in this section is intended to interfere with or prohibit the lawful protection of life or property as provided for in Section 33-6-107(9), C.R.S.

**#314 - Dusky (Blue) Grouse**

- A. Season Dates and Units
  - 1. West of U.S. Interstate 25.
    - a. September 1 - November 15, 2015.
    - b. Extended Falconry Season: September 1 - March 31 annually.
- B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  - 1. Daily Bag Limit Three (3) birds.
  - 2. Possession Limit Nine (9) birds.

**#315 - White-tailed Ptarmigan**

- A. Season Dates and Units
  - 1. Statewide except units 44, 45, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 444 and 751.
    - a. September 12 - October 4, 2015.
    - b. Extended Falconry Season: September 1 - March 31 annually.
  - 2. Units 44, 45, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 444 and 751.
    - a. September 12 - November 15, 2015.
    - b. Extended Falconry Season: September 1 - March 31 annually.
- B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  - 1. Daily Bag Limit Three (3) birds.
  - 2. Possession Limit Six (6) birds.

**#316 - Greater Sage-grouse**

- A. Season Dates, Units and Limits, Except North Park
  - 1. Units 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13, 18 except that portion of unit 18 east of Colo 125 in Grand County, 27, 28 except that portion of GMU 28 north and east of Grand Co Rd 50 (Church Park Rd), 37, 181, 211, 301 and 441.
    - a. September 12 - September 18, 2015.
    - b. Extended Falconry Season: September 1 - January 31 annually.
  - 2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
    - a. Daily Bag Limit Two (2) birds.

- b. Possession Limit Four (4) birds.

**B. Season Dates, Units and Limits, North Park**

- 1. Units 6, 16, 17, 161, 171.
  - a. September 12 - September 13, 2015.
  - b. Extended Falconry Season: September 1 - January 31 annually.
- 2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  - a. Daily Bag Limit Two (2) birds.
  - b. Possession Limit Two (2) birds.

**#317 - Gunnison Sage-grouse**

**A. Season Dates and Units**

- 1. None.

**B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits**

- 1. Daily Bag Limit None.
- 2. Possession Limit None.

**#318 - Mountain Sharp-tailed Grouse**

**A. Season Dates and Units.**

- 1. Closed statewide except: Units 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 131, 211, 214, 441.
  - a. September 1 - September 20, 2015.
  - b. Extended Falconry Season: September 1 - January 31 annually.

**B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits**

- 1. Daily Bag Limit Two (2) birds.
- 2. Possession Limit Four (4) birds.

**#319 - Chukar Partridge**

**A Season Dates and Units**

- 1. Statewide, except units 9, 19 and 191 which are closed: September 1 - November 30, 2015.
- 2. Extended Falconry Season - Statewide, except units 9, 19 and 191: September 1 - March 31 annually.

**B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits**

1. Daily Bag Limit Four (4) birds.
2. Possession Limit Twelve (12) birds.

**#320 - Pheasant**

- A. Season Dates and Units
  1. East of I 25: November 14, 2015 - January 31, 2016.
  2. West of I-25: November 14, 2015 - January 3, 2016.
  3. Extended Falconry Season - Statewide: September 1 - March 31 annually.
- B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  1. Daily Bag Limit Three (3) cocks.
  2. Possession Limit Nine (9) cocks.
- C. Extended Falconry Season Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  1. Daily Bag Limit - Three (3) birds.
  2. Possession Limit - Nine (9) birds.

**#321 - Quail (Northern Bobwhite, Scaled, Gambel's)**

- A. Season Dates and Units
  1. East of U.S. Interstate 25 and south of Interstate 70 from I 25 to Byers and U.S. Highway 36 from Byers to the Kansas line, and those portions of Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano and Las Animas counties lying west of I-25:  
  
November 14, 2015 - January 31, 2016.
  2. East of U.S. Interstate 25 and north of Interstate 70 from I 25 east to Byers and U.S. Highway 36 from Byers to the Kansas line:  
  
November 14, 2015 - January 3, 2016.
  3. West of U.S. Interstate I-25, except Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano and Las Animas counties:  
  
November 14, 2015 - January 3, 2016.
  4. Extended Falconry Season - Statewide: September 1 through March 31 annually.
- B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  1. Daily Bag Limit Eight (8) quail of each species.
  2. Possession Limit Twenty-four (24) quail of each species.

**#322 - Greater Prairie-Chicken**

- A. Season Dates and Units.
  - 1. Closed statewide except: Units 93, 97, 98, 100, 101 and 102.
    - a. October 1, 2015 - January 3, 2016.
- B. Annual Bag and Possession Limits
  - 1. Annual Bag Limit Two (2) birds.
  - 2. Possession Limit Two (2) birds.

**#323 - 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 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.
  - 2. Drawing applications submittal
    - a. Applications will be accepted only on the appropriate application form provided by the Division.
    - b. Payment for limited licenses must accompany each application and must be in the form of a check or money order. Payment shall include a \$3.00 non-refundable application fee, a \$.25 fee designated for search and rescue operations and a \$.75 Public Education Advisory Council (PEAC) surcharge.



- c. Spring season
    - 1. Applications for limited licenses must be received or postmarked no later than midnight, on the second Thursday in February, annually, to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, P.O. Box 173781, Denver, Colorado, 80221.
  - d. Fall season
    - 1. Applications for limited licenses must be received or postmarked no later than midnight, on the second Thursday in July, annually to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, P.O. Box 173781, Denver, Colorado, 80221.
- 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 obtains 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 applicants in the drawing will receive a refund check stub which will show accumulated preference point totals.
    - 6. Licenses issued to successful second choice applicants will show accumulated preference point totals.
  - 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. Youth Outreach licenses will be available for private land only. 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.

**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), 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
003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 022, 024, 028, 029, 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 S of US 50, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 140 except on James M. John and Lake Dorothy 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, 130 N of US 50, 132, 138, 139.	TM000U1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	Unlimited

2. Fall Seasons

Unit	Hunt Code	Open Date	Close Date	Licenses
003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 022, 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, 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	09/01/2016	10/02/2016 and 10/28/2016	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	12/15/2016	01/15/2017	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	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	5
15, 27 and 37	TM015O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	10
21	TM021O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	10
23	TM023O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	10
25	TM025O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	15
30	TM030O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	15
30 - youth only	TM030K1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	15

<b>1. Spring Season.</b>				
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Hunt Code</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	<b>Licenses</b>
				<b>Bearded Turkey Only</b>
34	TM034O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	10
35, 36, 361	TM035O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	10
43	TM043O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	40
44	TM044O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	30
47	TM047O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	15
59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only	TM059O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	25
80	TM080O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	10
81	TM081O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	10
91	TM091O1R	04/09/2016	04/29/2016	35
91, 92, 96, 101, 102-youth only	TM091K1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	125
91	TM091O2R	04/30/2016	05/22/2016	35
92	TM092O1R	04/09/2016	04/29/2016	35
92	TM092O2R	04/30/2016	05/22/2016	35
96	TM096O1R	04/09/2016	04/29/2016	50
96 - private land only	TM096P1R	04/09/2016	04/29/2016	125
96	TM096O2R	04/30/2016	05/22/2016	50
96 - private land only	TM096P2R	04/30/2016	05/22/2016	125
101, 102	TM101O1R	04/09/2016	04/29/2016	50
101, 102	TM101O2R	04/30/2016	05/22/2016	50
103, 107, and 109	TM103O1R	04/09/2016	04/29/2016	50
103,107, and 109	TM103O2R	04/30/2016	05/22/2016	50
103, 107, 109 - youth only	TM103K1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	40
124, 125, and 129	TM124O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	15
124, 125, and 129 - youth only	TM124K1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	15
127, 132	TM127O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	20
130 - North of US 50	TM130O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	5
138, 139	TM138O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	15
140 - Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area only	TM140O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	55

<b>1. Spring Season.</b>				
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Hunt Code</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	<b>Licenses</b>
				<b>Bearded Turkey Only</b>
140 - James John State Wildlife Area only	TM140O2R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	20
444	TM444O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	35
444 – Private Land Only	TM444P1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	20
851 - Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area only	TM851O1R	04/09/2016	05/22/2016	35
<b>Total</b>				<b>1320</b>

<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	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	10
34	TE034L1R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	10
59 - Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area and Table Mountain State Trust Land Lease only	TE059L1R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	15
85 - Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area - Oberosler Tract only	TE085L1R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	30
85 - Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area – Tochter Tract only	TE085L2R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	30
85 -Spanish Peaks State Wildlife Area - Sakariason Tract	TE085L3R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	30
91	TE091L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	50
91, 92, 96, 101, and 102 – youth only	TE091K1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	50
92	TE092L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	50
96	TE096L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	125
101, 102	TE101L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	50
103, 107, and 109	TE103L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	80
103, 107, 109 - youth only	TE103K1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	40
124, 125 and 129	TE124L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	15
124, 125 and 129 - youth only	TE124K1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	15
126, 146	TE126L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	20



2. Fall Season				
Unit	Hunt Code	Date Opened	Date Closed	Licenses
				Either Sex
127, 132	TE127L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	10
130 - North of US 50	TE130L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	5
138, 139	TE138L1R	09/01/2016	10/28/2016	10
140 - Lake Dorothey State Wildlife Area only	TE140L1R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	35
140 - James John State Wildlife Area only	TE140L2R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	10
444	TE444L1R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	20
851 - Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area only	TE851L1R	09/01/2016	10/02/2016	25
<b>Total</b>				<b>735</b>

### #323.5 - RANCHING FOR WILDLIFE – TURKEY

#### A. Implementation Authority

1. The Director is authorized to implement the Ranching for Wildlife program, including the authority to determine ranch enrollment status, enter into cooperative agreements with ranches, establish and modify public and private season dates on each ranch, and establish and modify license allocations to each ranch including the subsequent distribution of licenses to the public and private share annually, and may establish additional Ranching for Wildlife operating guidelines subject to the following provisions.

#### B. Ranch Entry and Maintenance

1. Ranches must have a minimum of 10,000 acres of privately owned land in one contiguous unit. Ranches that meet this 10,000-acre minimum requirement may include privately owned non-contiguous parcels in the program if the Director determines that their inclusion will contribute to meeting the performance standards for the ranch.
2. Ranches must develop a Ranching for Wildlife Management Plan that includes goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving such goals and objectives for wildlife habitat management, species management, and public hunting management. The Management Plan must be approved by the Division prior to execution of a Cooperative Agreement for Ranching for Wildlife.
3. Ranches may not charge public hunters an access fee for hunting.
4. Except as agreed to in writing by the Division when necessary to meet the ranch performance standards or as mutually agreed and contained in the Management Plan, ranches must provide for equality of access in terms of geographical area and mode of transportation for both public and private hunters. No closure or restriction of land or roads shall apply to public hunters that do not also apply to private hunters.

5. Public hunts must be established at a time when the species to be hunted are present and available for harvest. No public seasons shall be established during times when normal winter conditions would prevent access to most of the ranch, nor when normal migration patterns of the species to be hunted result in the species having migrated off the ranch.
  6. Ranches that establish coinciding or overlapping public and private hunts may not exclude public hunters from any portion of the ranch due to the presence of private hunters.
  7. The ranch and the Division will mutually agree to ranch rules regarding access to and hunting on the ranch by public hunters. The ranch rules will be provided to hunters prior to seasons on the ranch in accordance with other provisions contained in this regulation.
- C. Cooperative Agreements, Enrollment, Denial of Enrollment, Termination of Enrollment
1. The Division is authorized to enter into Cooperative Agreements with ranches.
  2. Ranches may appeal enrollment decisions to the Parks and Wildlife Commission.
  3. Cooperative Agreements shall incorporate approved Ranching for Wildlife Management Plans as part of the Cooperative Agreement.
  4. The Division shall periodically evaluate ranches for enrollment and contract performance, and shall establish minimum performance standards for ranches enrolled in the program, including wildlife habitat management and improvement, public recreation opportunity and experience, and any factors intended to contribute to meeting turkey management objectives. Such performance standards shall be incorporated into the Cooperative Agreement with the ranch.
- D. Turkey Season Structures
1. Public and private spring season opening and closing date parameters.
    - a. Private seasons may not begin before April 1, nor extend beyond June 1.
    - b. Public seasons may only be established within the opening and closing dates of the regularly established spring season.
    - c. Public hunting seasons shall be a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days.
  2. Public and private fall season opening and closing date parameters.
    - a. Public and private seasons may not begin before September 1, nor extend beyond November 1.
    - b. Public hunting seasons shall be a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days.
  3. Manner of Take
    - a. The manner of take for spring or fall RFW turkey seasons shall be the same as that for regularly established spring or fall seasons.

**E. License Allocation**

1. A maximum of 100 bearded turkey licenses in the spring season and 100 either-sex turkey licenses in the fall season may be allocated to each ranch annually, and subsequently distributed to the public and private share according to paragraph b of this regulation.
2. The public shall receive a minimum of forty percent (40%) of the total number of licenses allocated for each turkey season on each ranch.
3. License allocation for each ranch shall be approved by the Division and recommended to the Director, based upon harvest objectives for the ranch jointly determined by the Division and the ranch, hunter crowding, enhancement of hunter harvest, and relative densities of the species on the ranch.
4. Substitution of licenses of one species or sex for licenses of another species or sex shall not be permitted.
5. Landowner preference shall not be used for any public or private Ranching for Wildlife license.

**F. Youth Licenses**

1. The Division and the ranch may formulate and implement youth hunting opportunities on any ranch through Division approved youth hunting programs. The Division must approve the youth hunting program on the ranch prior to any season or license allocation for such youth hunts.
2. A maximum of 15% of the total number of turkey licenses allocated for a ranch may be allocated as youth hunting licenses on each ranch, over and above the total number of licenses allocated for a ranch.
3. Youth hunting seasons may occur at any time within the broad parameters for seasons within the Ranching for Wildlife program.
4. Youth licenses shall be distributed to individual youth hunters by mechanisms of the approved youth hunting program on the ranch. Youth licenses shall not count as either private or public licenses for purposes of calculating the relative share of other licenses allocated for the ranch.

**G. License Distribution**

1. Applications
  - a. Applications for private hunter licenses stamped with the ranch name and season dates shall be available to the landowner for distribution.
  - b. Public hunter licenses shall be available through application and selection from the Division during the annual limited license drawing process, except as provided in this regulation.

H. Special Restrictions

1. Unless otherwise provided in these Ranching for Wildlife regulations all hunters must comply with other applicable regulations, including, but not limited to, manner of take (except that private hunters may use any legal weapon during private seasons), hunting hours, application requirements and deadlines, bag limits, season participation, mandatory checks, OHV restrictions, and other generally applicable regulations for big game hunting.
2. A copy of the mutually agreed upon ranch rules will be provided to all public hunters prior to their hunting season. All public hunters will be required to sign a statement acknowledging that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with all ranch rules, before the hunter is allowed access to the ranch.
  - a. Compliance with ranch rules is a specific condition of the Ranching for Wildlife public licenses and subsequent access to the ranch. In addition to criminal penalties, non-compliance with ranch rules constitutes grounds for suspension and revocation of the license and/or being prohibited from further participation in hunting on the ranch, and/or in the Ranching for Wildlife program as a public hunter.
  - b. Final determination on any legal action taken towards hunters found in non-compliance with ranch rules shall be made solely by officers of the Division. This includes any citation that may be issued for non-compliance with the provisions of a license, or directing a hunter to leave a ranch. Ranch personnel may not direct a hunter to leave a ranch without specific authorization of a Division officer.

**#324 - Mink, pine marten, badger, gray fox, red fox, swift fox, raccoon, ring-tailed cat, striped skunk, western spotted skunk, long-tailed weasel, short-tailed weasel, opossum, and muskrat**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: November 1 - end of February annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits

1. Unlimited bag and possession.

**#325 - Bobcat**

A. Season Dates and Units

1. Statewide: December 1 - end of February annually.

B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits

1. Unlimited bag and possession.

2. Special Restrictions.
  - a. All bobcat, or their pelts, shall be personally presented by the licensee for inspection and must be sealed within 30 days after take, or within 5 days after the close of the season, whichever is sooner, with a seal provided by the Division. Any bobcat hide/pelt not having a seal within 5 days after the close of the season shall be illegal and become property of the State. Seals will only be placed on bobcat legally taken in Colorado. No fee shall be required for the inspection and issuance of a legal possession seal, which shall remain attached to the hide until processed. Bobcat hides/pelts shall not be transported, shipped or otherwise taken out of Colorado until the hide(s)/pelt(s) are inspected and sealed. The legal possession seal, when attached to the bobcat or the pelt, shall authorize possession, transportation, and sale thereof. For the purposes of this regulation it is illegal to buy, sell, trade, or barter an untanned bobcat hide/pelt unless a permanent seal is affixed thereto. Only one legal possession seal shall be provided for each hide/pelt.

**#326 - Coyote**

- A. Season Dates and Units
  1. Statewide: January 1 - December 31 annually.
- B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  1. Unlimited bag and possession.

**#327 - Badger, muskrat, beaver, red fox, bobcat, skunk, coyote, raccoon, prairie dog, pocket gopher, rock squirrel and Richardson's and thirteen-lined ground squirrel**

- A. These species may be taken year-round as necessary to protect private property.
- B. A license shall not be required of any person, member of the person's family, lessee, agent, designee, or any employee of the person when necessary to protect private property.

**#328 - Beaver**

- A. Season Dates and Units
  1. Statewide, October 1 - April 30 annually.
- B. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  1. Unlimited bag and possession.

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