



## Backcountry Wilderness Area Hunting Program Summary

*This document is only a summary of the Backcountry Wilderness Area hunt program. For complete rules and regulations please view the rules and regulations document and all of the other documents that can be found on our web-site: [www.hrcaonline.org/BackcountryHunts](http://www.hrcaonline.org/BackcountryHunts)*

**Be sure to check the annual "Hunt Plan" for each year's specific plan, dates, license requirements, whether a voucher is provided, and seasons.**

### **Backcountry Wilderness Area (BWA) hunts include**

- Bull and Cow Elk
- Buck Deer
- Spring Turkey
- Coyote

### **In a typical year we allow:**

- 10+ Bull hunts with a quota of trophy bulls (see more info on Bull Classifications below)
- 8-15 Cow hunts
- 1-2 buck hunts
- 10+ spring turkey hunts
- Several coyote hunts

### **General Breakdown of hunts and seasons:**

- 2-4 archery hunts
- 2-4 muzzle loader hunts
- 1 bull in 1<sup>st</sup> rifle season
- Up to 3 bulls in 2<sup>nd</sup> rifle season
- Up to 2 bulls in 3<sup>rd</sup> rifle season
- Up to 2 bulls in 4<sup>th</sup> rifle season
- 1 buck in 3<sup>rd</sup> rifle season
- 1 buck in 4<sup>th</sup> rifle season
- Cow hunts: 3-4 in October and Up to 10 certain dates in December and January
- Spring Turkey: 10-15 in April and May during CPW spring turkey season
- Coyote: February

### **\*THREE WAYS TO WIN:**

- DRAWING
  - Our Drawing occurs in early March, allowing winners ample time to plan their fall hunts and acquire necessary Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) licenses if required. Some winners will

receive a Landowner Voucher which is easily exchanged for the appropriate CPW tag, while others involve a “Provide Your Own Tag” scenario, necessitating winners apply for and obtain the correct tag through CPW’s Big Game Application and Drawing process.

- Entry into the Drawing is free, but winners are required to pay specified fees outlined in our Rules and Regulations. Additionally, all winners must purchase the CPW tag.
- Eligibility for the “Provide Your Own Tag” category requires hunters to possess a designated number of CPW preference points, determined by previous year’s CPW draw statistics, ensuring they can draw the suitable tag through the CPW application process.
- RAFFLE
  - Some of our most sought-after bull hunts are awarded through two distinct raffles: the “Spring Raffle” in March and the “Summer Raffle” in July. Various turkey and cow hunts are also awarded through our raffles.
  - Participants need to purchase raffle tickets, but winners are not liable for any fees other than the CPW tag. With the purchase of just one \$25 raffle ticket a lucky winner can experience an elk hunt worth more than \$10,000 market value.
- AUCTION
  - Our Online Auction takes place in March as well. A bull, cow, turkey, and coyote hunt are included in our Auction opportunities. Highest bid wins!

***\*For eligibility requirements please see our “Hunt Rules.”***

### **DRAWING POOLS**

These are the various ‘hats’ you can put your name in the drawing for.

#### **YOUTH:**

- Youth Bull, Youth Buck, Youth cow hunts, and youth turkey hunts
- Must be 18 or under, refer to CPW rules to define ‘youth.’

**\*All cow hunters must obtain their tag through the CPW Big Game Drawing.**

#### **LIMITED BULL:**

- **These hunts are “provide your own tag” and the winners must obtain their tag through this spring’s CPW big game drawing.**
- **All entries must have at least one preference point in order to be eligible for this drawing. Proof of preference point must be emailed to [Mark.Giebel@hrcaonline.org](mailto:Mark.Giebel@hrcaonline.org) . If we do not receive proof of preference point, your name will be removed from this drawing.**

#### **BULL:**

- Vouchers may or may not be provided

#### **ARCHERY BULL:**

- **These hunts are “provide your own tag” and the winners must obtain their tag through this spring’s CPW big game drawing.**
- **All entries must have at least one preference point in order to be eligible for this drawing. Proof of preference point must be emailed to [Mark.Giebel@hrcaonline.org](mailto:Mark.Giebel@hrcaonline.org) . If we do not receive proof of preference point, your name will be removed from this drawing.**

#### **COW/TURKEY:**

### **\*\*IMPORTANT DATES**

- DRAWINGS:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in January: Registration for all hunt drawings opens
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in February: Registration for hunt drawings closes.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March: Hunt Drawings
- AUCTION:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in February: Registration for auction begins.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March: Auction begins.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in March: Auction Ends
- RAFFLE:
  - SPRING RAFFLE
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in February: Spring Raffle Tickets on sale
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March: Spring Raffle occurs.
  - SUMMER RAFFLE
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in June: Summer Raffle Tickets on sale
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in July: Summer Raffle occurs.
- IN PERSON EVENTS:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in February: Previous year's hunt recap, plans for coming fall
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March: Hunt Drawings, Auction Begins, Spring Raffle Occurs
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in June: Summer Raffle Tickets on Sale
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in July: Summer Raffle Occurs

***\*Dates are subject to change year to year. Always view our website for the most up to date information.***

#### **Registering for BACKCOUNTRY DRAWINGS**

- Registration for all drawings opens the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in January and closes 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in February.
  - The drawing is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in March.
  - HOW TO REGISTER:
    - Go to [www.hrcaonline.org](http://www.hrcaonline.org) and click on "Activity Log In" at the very top right of the page.
    - Enter your user name and password. If you don't remember this info, follow the steps or call 303-471-7020 or ask in person at any registration desk.
    - Once logged in, at the top click on "REGISTRATION"
    - Under "BACKCOUNTRY PROGRAMS" find and click on "HUNTS AND OUTFITTING SERVICES"
    - Find the appropriate DRAWING(S) you want to enter and Register.
    - If registering other individuals in your household, you must register each person for each drawing.
    - Add DRAWING to cart, follow the steps to check out and pay.
      - \*You can also register over the phone or in person at any recreation center. Tell the staff person you are registering for Backcountry HUNT DRAWINGS under Activity Registration.

#### **Purchasing tickets for RAFFLES:**

- Spring Raffle tickets go on sale the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in February and end the Sunday before the first Tuesday in March.
- Summer Raffle tickets go on sale the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in June and end the Sunday before the second Thursday in July.
- Go to our website: [www.hrcaonline.org/BackcountryHunts](http://www.hrcaonline.org/BackcountryHunts) to find the link to online ticket sales. All raffle ticket sales are online only.

#### **Registering for and Participating in the AUCTION**

- Registration for the auction opens the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in February
  - The auction begins on the first Tuesday in March and ends on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in March.
  - Details on how to register are emailed out to our email list in February and found on our website.

## **Fees**

- All Hunts Require an HRCA Staff Guide; the guide is included in the fees.
- Auction and Raffle winners do not pay the fees.
- Fees do not include the purchase of the CPW tag/license. The hunter, regardless of method they won the hunt, must purchase the CPW tag/license.
  - Bull Elk:
    - Trophy: \$2,500
    - Management: \$1,500
    - Youth Management: \$300
  - Buck Deer:
    - \$500
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Season Youth: \$300
  - Cow Elk:
    - Youth: \$250
    - All others: \$300
  - Turkey
    - Youth: \$50
    - All others: \$150

## **Seasons/Dates/Days**

- Be sure to see our “Hunt Calendar” and “Hunt Plan” for designated days for each hunt.

## **Bull Classifications and Wait Periods**

- If a hunter successfully harvests, there are associated wait periods from 1 to 20 years depending on the quality of harvest.
- Each harvested bull is categorized into Management, Trophy, Giant, Bull of a Lifetime and have corresponding wait periods ranging from 2-20 years.
- Winners of raffles and auctions are immune from wait periods

## **Point System**

- BWA does have its own point system. There are three ‘pool’s to earn points: Bull elk; buck/cow/turkey; and youth.
- Each year a person applies for a BWA hunt, they gain a point. Each point gets the hunter an entry in the drawings.
- The points and point system are only applicable to ‘Provide Your Own Tag’ and ‘Open’ Drawings.
- Beginning in 2020 the point system is weighted:
  - 5-9 points: Multiply x 2
  - 10-14 points: Multiply x 3
  - 15-19 points: Multiply x 4
  - 20-24 points: Multiply x 5

## **Guide Services**

- Guides are mandatory for all hunts
- All fees include a guide
- All guides will be HRCA/Backcountry provided guides
- Guide service provides expert knowledge of the property, calling, transportation on the property, field dressing, caping, quartering, and transportation of meat to your home.
- Service does not provide food, beverage, etc.
- Refund Policy: No refunds once payment is made

*Stay Informed/Get Reminders*

*Join our email list and be sure to keep up on the latest regarding the BWA hunts.*

*Email [Mark.Giebel@hrcaonline.org](mailto:Mark.Giebel@hrcaonline.org) and ask to be added to our email list.*