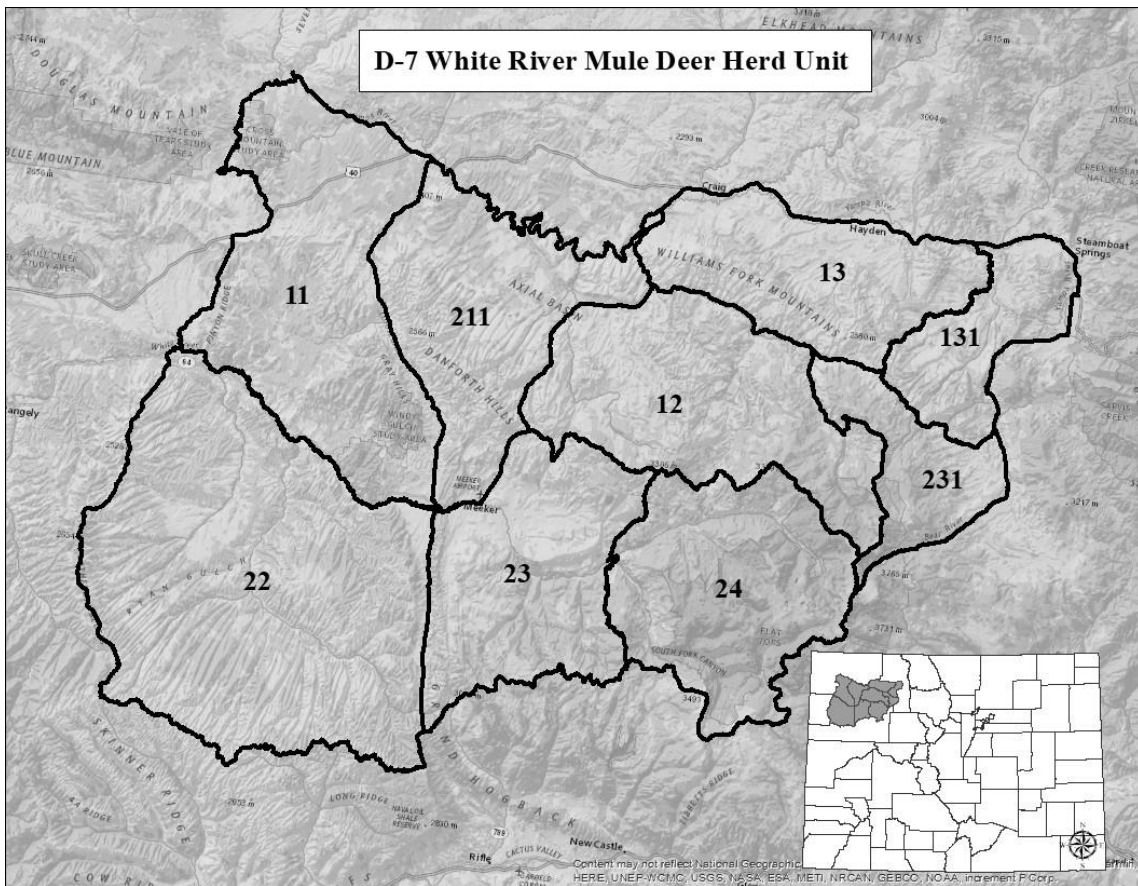


White River Deer Herd Hunter Questionnaire



About This Questionnaire

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is currently re-evaluating the Herd Management Plan that guides the agency's management of the White River Deer Herd. The White River Deer Herd includes Game Management Units (GMUs):

- 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, and 231.

The purpose of this survey is to better understand the perspectives of hunters' like yourself, who hunt in these GMUs. **Learning from you** will help CPW effectively manage this herd!

If you would rather complete this survey **online**, please type the entire web address below directly into your browser's address bar.

<https://www.research.net/r/WhiteRiverDeer2019>

If you choose to participate online, you will be asked to enter the **unique number associated with the paper survey** located at the bottom of the last page.

Surveys must be complete by April 11, 2019

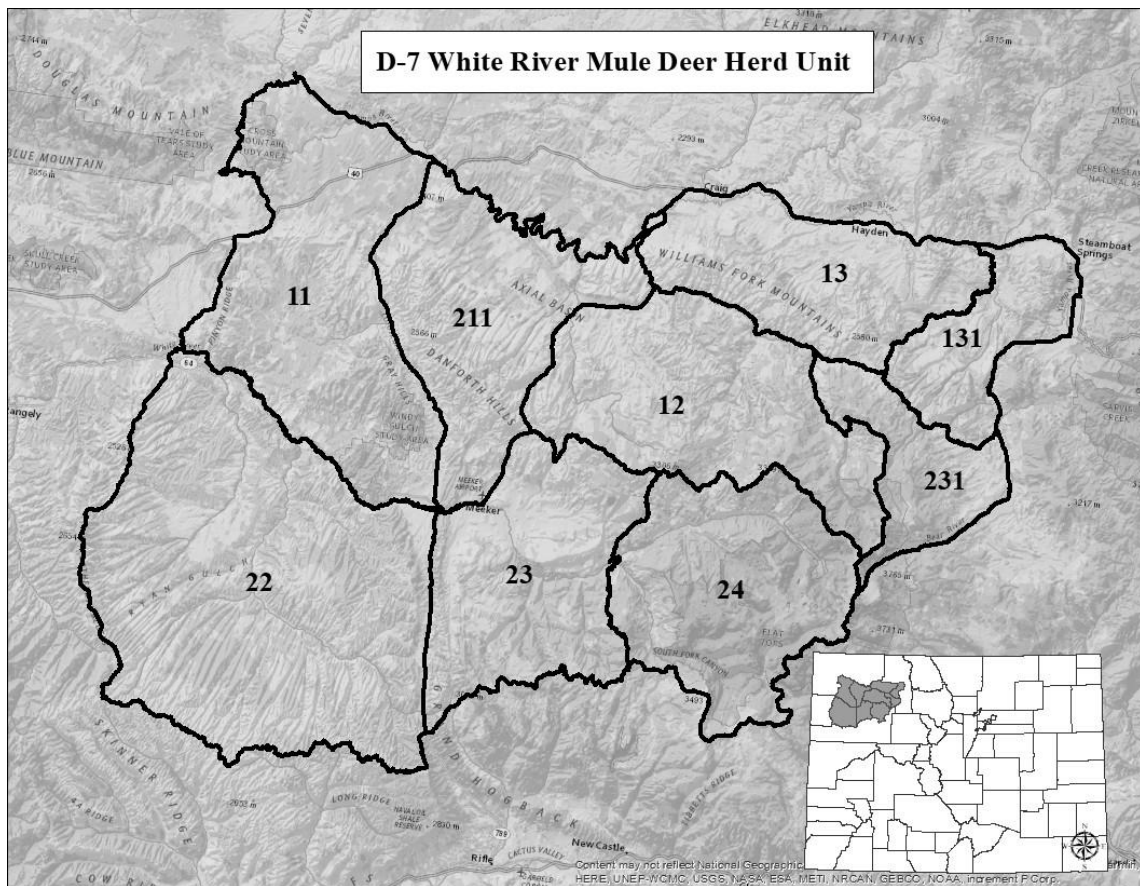
Background Information

1. Are you currently a resident of Colorado? *(Please check one.)*

- Yes
 No

2. Do you currently live within any of the White River deer herd GMUs? (See map below)
(Please check one.)

- Yes → (Please **CONTINUE** to Question 3)
 No → (Please **SKIP** to Question 4)



Your Experiences With Mule Deer

3. Do you currently lease or conduct hunts on any of your land for hunting deer as part of the Landowner Preference Program (LPP)? *(Please check one.)*

- Yes
 No

4. Which of the following best describes how you interact with deer in the White River GMUs?

(Please check all that apply.)

- As a viewer/wildlife watcher
- As a landowner
- As a hunter
- As a livestock producer
- As an Outdoor recreationist (e.g., hiker, skier, mountain biker, etc.)
- As a Guide/Outfitter
- Other (Please specify): _____

5. Have you ever hunted deer in Colorado? *(Please check one.)*

- Yes
- No

6. Have you ever hunted deer in any of the White River deer herd GMUs?

(Please check one.)

- Yes → (Please **CONTINUE** to Question 7)
- No → (Please **SKIP** to Question 9)

7. Overall, how satisfied were you with your deer hunting experiences in any of the White River deer herd GMUs during the previous 10 years? *(Please check one.)*

- Very dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Very satisfied

8. To what extent have you felt crowded by other hunters while deer hunting in any of the White River deer herd GMUs? *(Please check one.)*

- Not at all crowded
- Slightly crowded
- Moderately crowded
- Very crowded

Reasons Why You Hunt

9. How important to you is each of the following reasons to hunt deer in Colorado?

(Please check **one** response for **each** statement.)

<i>Reasons to hunt</i>	Not important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important
To spend time in nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To harvest a trophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To spend time with family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To obtain wild game meat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To contribute to wildlife management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To contribute to the local community (e.g., financial benefits from hunters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To test/improve my skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For physical exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Potential Concerns About The White River Deer Herd

10. Please indicate how concerned you are about each of the following in White River deer herd GMUs (*Please check **one** response for **each** item.*)

<i>How concerned are you about...</i>	Not at all concerned	Slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned
Deer-vehicle collisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic losses to ranchers/farmers due to deer damaging crops, fences, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The potential for deer to starve during the winter season	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of deer habitat due to development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing outdoor recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic losses to local residents due to decreased hunting opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The potential for deer to spread disease to pets, livestock, or humans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predation on deer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please specify AND indicate your level of concern): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Potential Concerns About Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

11. Because of CWD in deer, how concerned are you about each of the following in White River deer herd GMUs? (*Please check one response for each statement.*)

<i>How concerned are you about...</i>	Not at all concerned	Slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned
...your or your family's health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...the health of affected deer herds in White River GMUs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...not having enough healthy deer to hunt in White River GMUs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...future generations ability to enjoy hunting deer in White River GMUs because of CWD?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...the potential for CWD to reduce deer hunting opportunity in White River GMUs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...eating meat from a deer harvested in White River GMUs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. How much of a priority should Colorado Parks and Wildlife place on the following herd and harvest management decisions in White River deer herd GMUs?
 (Please check **one** response for **each** statement.)

	Not a priority	Low priority	Neutral	Moderate priority	Essential priority
Striking a balance between controlling the disease and preserving hunting opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximizing quality deer hunting opportunities (i.e., trophy bucks), regardless of how they affect CWD prevalence or overall herd health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimizing adverse effects of CWD on overall herd health regardless of how they affect quality deer hunting opportunities (i.e., trophy bucks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please specify and also indicate priority level): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Herd Management

13. How, if at all, has the White River deer herd changed during the previous 10 years?
 (Please check one.)

- The number of deer has **increased**
- The number of deer has **decreased**
- The deer herd has **not changed**
- I'm **not sure**

14. How important to you is it that the population of the White River deer herd...
(Please check one.)

	Not at all important to me	Somewhat important to me	Moderately important to me	Very important to me
...stays the same (i.e., the current population range is maintained)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...increases somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...decreases somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. How important to you are the following... (Please check one.)

	Not at all important to me	Somewhat important to me	Moderately important to me	Very important to me
Being able to hunt deer in the White River deer herd most years (either sex)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being able to hunt mature bucks in the White River deer herd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

About You

16. How old are you? (Please **write-in** your response.) _____ YEARS OLD

17. In what zip code is your primary residence? (Please write-in the 5-digit code.) _____

18. Approximately how many years have you lived in Colorado? (Please **write-in** your Response. If you are not a Colorado resident, write "N/A" or "Not applicable").
_____ YEARS

19. With what gender do you identify? (Please check one.)

- Male
- Female
- Other (Please specify): _____
- Prefer not to say

20. How would you describe your racial or ethnic background? *(Please check one.)*

- White, non-Hispanic/Latino
- Hispanic/Latino
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Other (Please specify):

Please use the space provided below to share any additional opinions you have about the White River deer herd.

Thank you very much for sharing your perspectives with us!

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