

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Big Game Harvest Survey

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Big Game Harvest Survey?

- A. Each year the Parks and Wildlife (CPW) contracts with an outside firm to collect hunt and harvest information from deer, elk and pronghorn hunters. Hunters are asked various questions that relate to where and when they hunted, did they harvest, what they harvested, were they satisfied with their hunt and did they feel crowded by other people during their hunt. Each year Colorado has over 375,000 deer, elk and pronghorn hunters making it unfeasible to contact each individual hunter by February. Instead approximately 160,000 hunters are randomly selected to participate in the annual harvest survey. The information from the participating hunters is then used with information collected by CPW biologists to estimate annual big game harvest and population numbers.

2. When will the big game harvest results be available?

- A. The harvest estimates will be posted on the CPW website (wildlife.state.co.us) in March. (Note: harvest estimates may not be available until late March). Big game harvest estimates can be found under 'Hunting', 'Big Game' and 'Statistics'. Previous big game harvest estimates are also available on the CPW website.

3. Who can take the survey?

- A. Each year the CPW randomly selects deer, elk and pronghorn license holders to participate in the survey. The selection is based on hunt or hunt code. How many hunters are selected is based on the number of licenses sold for each particular hunt or hunt code. The fewer the number licenses sold for a hunt the higher the number of licenses holders will be selected. So if a hunter has a license for a hunt with very few licenses, the greater the likelihood they will be selected to take the survey. But if a hunter has a license for over-the-counter or statewide elk, the likelihood they will be selected to take the survey is much smaller.

4. How can I take the survey?

- A. If you have been contacted by either phone or email you can take the survey by going to www.ColoradoHuntReports.com or by calling the toll-free number **1-877-237-1666**. You may also be contacted again in the coming days. For best results and fastest service taking the survey, please have the following available: 1) your CID number, 2) information about the Game Management Unit or units where you hunted, and 3) the duration including dates you hunted in each Game Management Unit.

5. I hunted this year, can I take the survey?

- A. Not all hunters are eligible to take the survey. Only those hunters who have been randomly selected and notified by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife are eligible.

6. I received a call/email from the CPW or I'm returning the message you left. Why did you call?

OR

Why are you calling/emailing my husband/wife/son/daughter?

- A. It may be difficult to determine exactly why you were contacted but we are currently (October-February) conducting the Big Game Harvest Survey. If you have a deer, elk or pronghorn license this year there is a strong possibility that is why you were contacted. You can take the survey by going to www.ColoradoHuntReports.com or by calling the toll-free number **1-877-237-1666**. You may also be contacted again in the coming days. For best results and fastest service taking the survey, please have the following available: 1) your CID number, 2) information about the Game Management Unit or units where you hunted, and 3) the duration including dates you hunted in each Game Management Unit.

Note: Big Game Harvest Survey emails are sent from DoNotReplyCOCPW@sci-nevada.com and the Caller ID for the survey will say "Nevada" or "Colorado Harvest" and/or "775-428-1824" from Fallon, NV.

7. Can I take the survey for my husband/wife/friend? Can I take the survey for my child?

- A. No, if the hunter is not a minor (under 18). The survey asks about each hunter's experience and it is very important that each hunter eligible for the survey responds to the survey themselves.

If your child is a minor (under 18) and was contacted to take the survey, you may take the survey for them.

8. Do I need my CID to take the survey?

- A. No, you may call the toll-free number **1-877-237-1666** and an operator can assist you with your survey using your last name, year of birth or mailing address to take the survey.

9. I want to take the survey but I don't want to talk to a machine.

- A. Your survey responses are a very important part of managing big game throughout Colorado. Live operators will be available to assist you 24 hours a day/7 days a week at the toll-free number **1-877-237-1666**.

Also if you are more comfortable taking the survey online you may do so at www.ColoradoHuntReports.com.

10. Can I change an answer on my survey?

- A. You may send an email to Harvestsurvey.wildlife@state.co.us or you may contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife project manager Mary Lloyd directly at 303-291-7488. Please include your CID, what hunt the survey was for and the information you wish to change in your message.

Note: Harvestsurvey.wildlife@state.co.us is only used for changing survey information, for all other wildlife related questions or comments please call **303-297-1192** or contact the Parks and Wildlife at wildlife.state.co.us.

11. The person you called/emailed is not at this number/email address. Can the CPW change its information so you stop calling/emailing me?

- A. You may send an email to Harvestsurvey.wildlife@state.co.us or you may contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife at **303-297-1192**. Please include your CID or name and phone number, who the survey was for and when you where contacted in your message.

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12. I am on the No Call List, why am I still being called for your survey?

- A. The Big Game Harvest Survey is exempt from the both the State of Colorado and Federal No Call Lists. Your survey responses are a very important part of managing big game throughout Colorado. The information gathered from this survey is used to estimate the deer, elk and pronghorn populations in Colorado which is then used with information collected by CPW biologists to set the next year's hunting seasons and number of available licenses.

If you have further question on why you are being contacted, you may contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife project manager Mary Lloyd directly at 303-291-7488 or mary.lloyd@state.co.us. Please also include your CID and when you where contacted in your message.

13. How can I leave a comment/complaint regarding the survey?

- A. You may contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife project manager Mary Lloyd directly at 303-291-7488 or mary.lloyd@state.co.us. Please also include your CID, what hunt the survey was for and when you where contacted or took the survey in your message.

14. Why isn't a Colorado based company conducting the survey?

- A. Colorado's Big Game Harvest Survey was open to all qualified vendors in 2010. A number of vendors, including several Colorado based companies, submitted proposals as part of the open competitive bid process. All proposals and bids were evaluated on based project based experience, how their proposal met project requirements as well as cost. Systems Consultants of Fallon NV was awarded the contract.