

FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

#208 - LICENSE RESTRICTIONS RESERVED

A. ~~Cutoff of License Sales~~

1. ~~Archery Season – The sale of bear licenses at license agents for the archery deer and elk season shall be terminated at midnight preceding the opening day of the archery bear season.~~
2. ~~Muzzle-loading Season – The sale of bear, elk, and deer licenses at license agents for the muzzle-loading season shall be terminated at midnight preceding the opening day of the season.~~
3. ~~First Regular Rifle Elk and Over the Counter with Caps Either Sex Concurrent Rifle Bear Seasons – The sale of concurrent rifle bear licenses and first season elk licenses at license agents shall be terminated at midnight preceding the opening day of the first regular rifle elk season.~~
4. ~~Second Regular Rifle Deer and Elk Season – The sale of rifle deer and elk licenses at license agents for the second regular rifle season shall be terminated at midnight preceding the opening day of the season.~~
5. ~~Third Regular Rifle Deer and Elk Season – The sale of rifle deer and elk licenses at license agents for the third regular rifle season shall be terminated at midnight preceding the opening day of the season.~~
6. ~~Fourth Regular Rifle Deer and Elk Season – The sale of rifle deer and elk licenses at license agents for the fourth regular rifle season shall be terminated at midnight preceding the opening day of the season.~~
7. ~~Plains Bear Season – The sale of rifle bear licenses at license agents for the plains deer and elk season shall be terminated at midnight preceding the opening day of the season.~~
8. ~~Other Licenses – The sale of leftover licenses (except as provide in subsection 9, below); and late season licenses at license agents shall be terminated at midnight preceding the opening day of the applicable seasons.~~
9. ~~After the start of each season, licenses will be sold to the licensee, in person, only at Division service centers, except that license agents are authorized to sell 14-day or longer Private Land Only, archery, disease management, special hunts, season choice, and plains either sex elk after the start of the season. In addition, license agents may also accept landowner vouchers for licenses after the start of the season.~~
10. ~~If prior to the opening day of a season the Total Licensing System (TLS) becomes inoperable for an extended period of time, the Director shall have the authority to authorize agents to sell licenses after the start of the respective season, notwithstanding any other provision in these regulations.~~

Basis and Purpose:

Removing restrictions on the cutoff of license sales to allow the sale of all big game licenses after the start of the respective seasons at CPW locations, sales agents, online, and by phone

Previously, with a few exceptions, after the start of the season a big game license could only be purchased at a CPW office or park to cut down on illegal opportune harvest. (Note: external agents were authorized to sell 14-day or longer Private Land Only, archery, disease management, special hunts, season choice, and plains either-sex elk licenses after the start of the season and accept landowner vouchers for licenses after the start of the season.)

In response to customers' preference for selling all big game licenses after the start of the season through all possible sales channels and noting the customer service benefits outweigh the law enforcement concerns with illegal opportune harvest, regulation #208.A has been removed to allow the sale of all big game licenses after the start of the respective seasons at CPW locations, sales agents, online, and by phone (all possible sales channels). This change will be implemented starting with the 2021 big game season.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us. The statements of basis and purpose are not available at the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters due to the closure of these facilities to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE - THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2021 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

**APPROVED:
Marvin McDaniel
Chair**

**ATTEST:
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