

State	Total Area of State - Acres	Federal Gov't - Acres of Public Land	% of State's Total Area	Tags Sold - Total Elk Hunters (avg) 2018-2020	Pressure Public Acres per Elk Hunter	Limited Elk Non-Resident Tag Allocation %
NM	77,673,000	22,854,000	29%	37,000	618	6%
WY	62,147,000	30,099,000	48%	55,817	539	16%
UT	52,587,000	33,194,000	63%	61,359	541	10%
MT	93,155,000	27,276,000	29%	109,570	249	10%
WA	42,612,000	11,648,000	27%	56,199	207	10%
OR	61,441,000	16,407,000	27%	98,977	166	10%
ID	52,960,000	32,496,000	61%	100,000	325	10%
CO	66,822,000	23,541,000	35%	218,782	108	20-35%
Averages		24,689,375		92,213	344	10% (w/o CO)

[Alarming Notes for Colorado Resident Elk Hunters](#)

1. Colorado sells nearly 2.5 times as many elk tags as any other Western State. 2.4 times over the western state average. (**Thats 240%!**)
2. Colorado is below average for the amount of public lands available to hunt by 1.1 million acres, amongst western states.
3. Colorado sells about 4 times as many elk tags as Wyoming and Utah.
4. Elk hunting pressure on Colorado public lands is 3 times the Western States Average. 108 acres per elk hunter vs 344 acres per elk hunter the average amongst western states. **That 3 times the hunting pressure**
5. Around 94,000 of Colorado elk tags sold, are unlimited OTC tags. Colorado sells 20-35% of its limited elk tags to Nonresidents, the average western state only sell 10% of its limited tags to Nonresidents. CO elk tag allocation caps are fake, they only apply to the 1st choice draw- ignoring residents and resident youth applications in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choice draws. The result of this Resident bias allows some limited elk units to sell over 70% of limited elk tags to nonresidents even though hundreds of residents applied but were ignored in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choice draws. At the end of the 1st draw all remaining tags are given to nonresident based on their 1st choice draw, ignoring cap rates rates. A good example of this is EM04101R (unit 41 1st rifle) which gives 60% of limited tags to nonresidents and ignores 500 residents and 50 resident youth in the 2-4 draws.
6. This data is proof Colorado public lands are overhunted and CPW should cap OTC tags for Nonresidents at 10,000 tag and hard cap limited elk tags at 10% like other western state to treat Residents fairly and reduced hunting pressure.