

**R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.**

**R657-37. Cooperative Wildlife Management Units for Big Game or Turkey.**

**R657-37-1. Purpose and Authority.**

(1) Under authority of Section 23-23-3, this rule provides the standards and procedures applicable to Cooperative Wildlife Management units organized for the hunting of big game or turkey.

(2) Cooperative Wildlife Management units are established to:

- (a) increase wildlife resources;
- (b) provide income to landowners;
- (c) provide the general public access to private and public lands for hunting big game or turkey within a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit;
- (d) create satisfying hunting opportunities; and
- (e) provide adequate protection to landowners who open their lands for hunting;
- (f) provide landowners an incentive to manage lands to protect and sustain wildlife habitat and benefit wildlife.

**R657-37-9. Permit Allocation.**

(1) The division shall issue CWMU permits for hunting big game or turkey to permittees:

(a) qualifying through a drawing conducted for the general public as defined in Subsection R657-37-2(2)(c); or

(b) named by the landowner association member or landowner association operator.

(2) A landowner association member or landowner association operator shall be issued vouchers that may be used to purchase hunting permits from division offices.

(3) The division and the landowner association member must, in accordance with Subsection (4), determine:

(a) the total number of permits to be issued for the CWMU; and

(b) the number of permits that may be offered by the landowner association member to the general public as defined in Subsection R657-37-2(2)(c).

(4)(a) Big game permits may be allocated using an option from:

- (i) table one for moose and pronghorn; or
- (ii) table two for elk and deer.

(b) During a three year management plan period, permit allocations for moose permits available in the public draw will not drop below 40% for bull moose and 60% for antlerless moose.

(c) At least one buck or bull permit or at least 10% of the bucks or bulls permits, whichever is greater, must be made available to the general public through the big game drawing process.

(d) Permits shall not be issued for spike bull elk.

(e) Turkey permits shall be allocated in a ratio of fifty percent to the CWMU and fifty percent to the general public, with the public receiving the extra permit when there is an odd number of total permits.

TABLE 1

MOOSE AND PRONGHORN

Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit's Share

Option	Bucks/Bulls	Does/Antlerless
1	60%	40%

Public's Share

Option	Bucks/Bulls	Does/Antlerless
1	40%	60%

TABLE 2

ELK AND DEER

Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit's Share

Option	Bucks/Bulls	Antlerless
1	90%	0%
2	85%	25%
3	80%	40%
4	75%	50%

Public's Share

Option	Bucks/Bulls	Antlerless
1	10%	100%
2	15%	75%
3	20%	60%
4	25%	50%

(5)(a) The landowner association member or landowner association operator must meet antlerless harvest objectives established in the CWMU management plan under subsection R657-37-4(3)(a)(ii).

(b) Failure to meet antlerless harvest objectives based on a three year average may result in discipline under section R657-37-14.

(6) A landowner association member or landowner association operator must provide access free of charge to any person who has received a CWMU permit through the general public big game or turkey drawings, except as provided in Section 23-23-11.

(7) If the division and the landowner association member disagree on the number of permits to be issued, the number of permits allocated, or the method of take, the Wildlife Board shall make the determination based on the biological needs of the big game or turkey populations, including available forage, depredation, and other mitigating factors.

(8) A CWMU permit entitles the holder to hunt the species and sex of big game or turkey specified on the permit and only in accordance with the certificate of registration and the rules and proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

(9) Vouchers for antlerless permits may be designated by a landowner association member to any eligible person as provided in Rule R657-5 and the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, and Rule R657-42.

(10) (a) If a landowner association has a CWMU voucher that was not redeemed during the previous year, a landowner association may donate that voucher to a qualified 501.3c organization.

(b) The donated voucher will be valid for the following year.

(c) No more than one voucher may be donated per year by a landowner association.

(d) The qualified 501.3c organization must donate the CWMU voucher for a charitable cause.

(e) The qualified 501.3c organization may not sell, trade, auction or barter the donated CWMU voucher.

(f) The Division must be notified in writing and the donation completed before January 31st the year the CWMU voucher is to be redeemed.

— (11)(a) A complete list of the current CWMUs, and number of big game or turkey permits available for public drawing shall be published in the respective proclamations of the Wildlife Board for taking big game or turkey.

(b) The division reserves the exclusive right to list approved CWMUs in the proclamations of the Wildlife Board for taking big game or turkey. The division may unilaterally decline to list a CWMU in the proclamation where the unit is under investigation for wildlife violations, a portion of the property comprising the CWMU is transferred to a new owner, or any other condition or circumstance that calls into question the CWMUs ability or willingness to allow a meaningful hunting opportunity to all the public permit holders that would otherwise draw out on the public permits.

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