



Outlook

Wildlife Updates for Minutes

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To Vicki Burns <vicki@brasskey-realty.com>

Good morning Vicki,

Thanks for allowing me to come up and speak at The Ranch. I really appreciate the opportunity. Here are a few highlights from my talk:

Bears

Due to extreme drought, there has been a major increase in conflicts. CPW is out of places to relocate bears, so it is paramount that folks remove attractants to reduce conflicts. This includes: BBQ grills, trash, pet food, food, hummingbird feeders, or any other attractants. Remove any attractants from vehicles and lock doors, as CPW has seen an increase in bears getting into vehicles.

Big Game

- The elk population is rebounding quickly. 1st and 4th Seasons are once again either-sex licenses. 2nd and 3rd Seasons are Over-the-Counter (OTC) on both private and public again. Archery OTC licenses are no longer valid in our area, there is now a specific hunt code for both public and private.
- Deer numbers continue to rise; however, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) continues to be a problem. CPW saw an outbreak of "Pink Eye" in deer, which may cause blindness.
- Pronghorn numbers continue to increase, but the population is still below the objective. There is still no doe harvest in an attempt to rebuild the herd.
- Due to poor conditions and a light winter, mountain lion harvest was very low in 2025/2026. Stay vigilant as they are certainly around.

Wolves

Several collared individuals have passed through the general area, but have not remained.

Please let me know if you need anything more or have questions. I am always happy to chat.

Thanks!

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