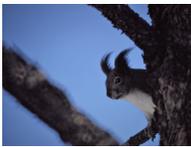




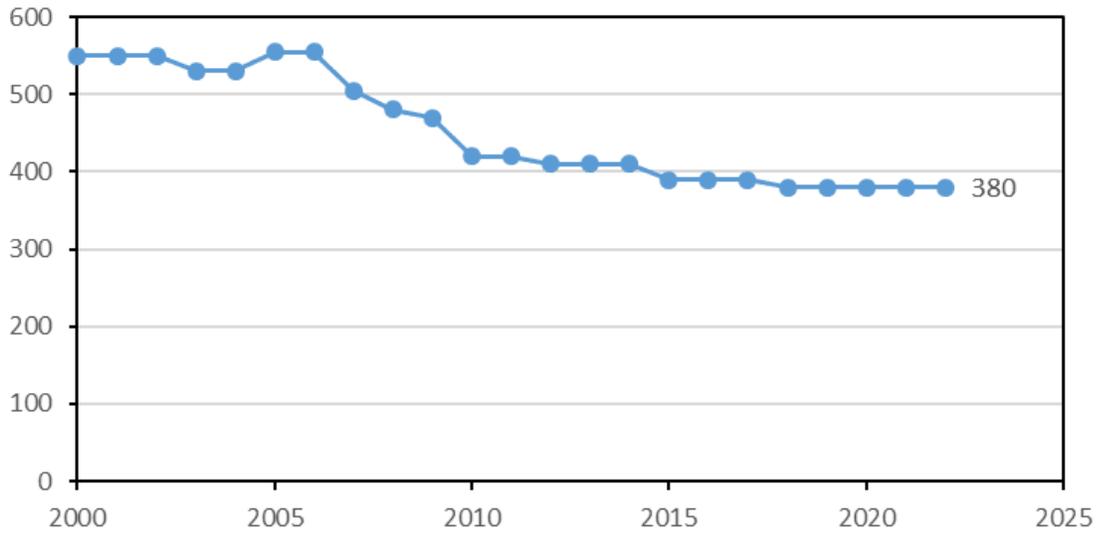
Upper Arkansas Valley Wildlife Population Report Card - 2022

	Wildlife	Grade	Data
	Overall	C	70% of measured species in decline in 20 year window
	Big Horn Sheep	D	21% decline from 2000 to 2021; 1% per year. Includes CPW game management units: S11, S12, S17, S20, S47, S66. Link to CPW 2022 Bighorn Sheep Units map.
	Mountain Goat	D	31% decline from 2000 to 2021, 1.5% per year. Includes CPW game management units: G1, G2, G3, G14, G17. Link to CPW 2022 Mountain Goat Units map.
	Mule Deer	C	13% increase from 2000 to 2021 but have declined sharply since 1960 and remain 23% below the bottom end of the population objective. Includes CPW game management units: D15, D16. Link to CPW Deer DAU and GMU Map.
	Elk	C	8% decline from 2000 to 2021, 0.4% per year. Includes CPW game management units: E17, E22. Link to CPW Elk DAU and GMU Map.
	Pronghorn	A	Increasing population of 150 to 200. Vulnerable due to small population.
	Moose	A	Local numbers of this introduced species have increased from about 20 to 50 since 2000, consistent with statewide trends.

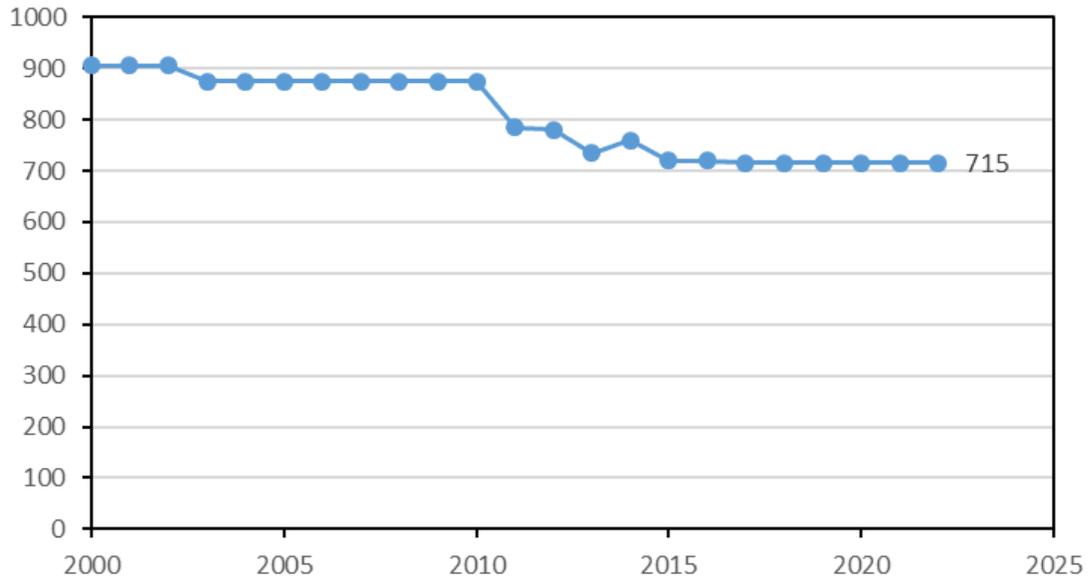
	Boreal Toad	F	Decline of 70% of breeding sites since 2013 when chytrid fungus was first detected in Chaffee County. The two remaining breeding sites in Lake County have seen sharp declines in productivity with no successful breeding in years.
	Raptors	C	Populations of raptors (Bald Eagle, Osprey, Peregrine, Prairie Falcon) are relatively stable based on nest and roost use. Some concern on Golden Eagle and Northern Goshawk population declines.
	Townsend's Big Eared Bat	B	Population trends are unknown, but some actions taken to protect habitat in Chaffee County.
	Abert's Squirrel	B	Relatively stable.
	Beaver	C	Populations appear stable but species do not occupy full historic range.
Other Species in Chaffee County (Not in overall grade for Lake Co.)			
	Susan's Purse Making Caddisfly	F	Not documented in 2017 or 2022 at a single known location in Chaffee County. Not documented in Lake County.
	Black Swift	C	Single Chaffee Co. nesting location at risk from recreation use. Not documented in Lake Co.

Population data for big game species was provided by CPW biologist Bryan Lamont. The population counts are tallied from the game management units for each species that best represent Chaffee and Lake Counties. Some units extend beyond county borders, but the data is considered representative of local or county population trends. Other population data was provided by USFS Biologists Stephanie Shively (Salida Ranger District) and Jeni Wendorski (Leadville Ranger District). Grades:: A=improving, B=steady, C= decline up to 0.5%/year over 20 years or population below CWP target , D= decline of 0.6-1.5%/year over 20 years, F=grave concern or decline >5%/year over 20 years. [Link to Big Game GMU Map](#). Data Analysis Units (DAUs) - CPW herd population management delineation. DAUs are typically made up of several Game Management Units (GMUs). GMUs are delineated for license allocation and distribution purposes. All the sheep and goat units on the report card are GMUs, and the deer and elk units are DAUs.

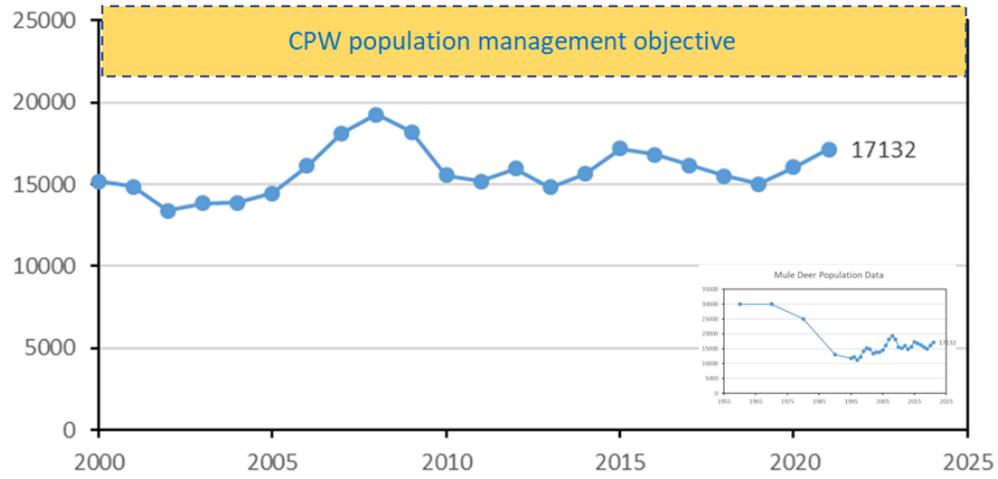
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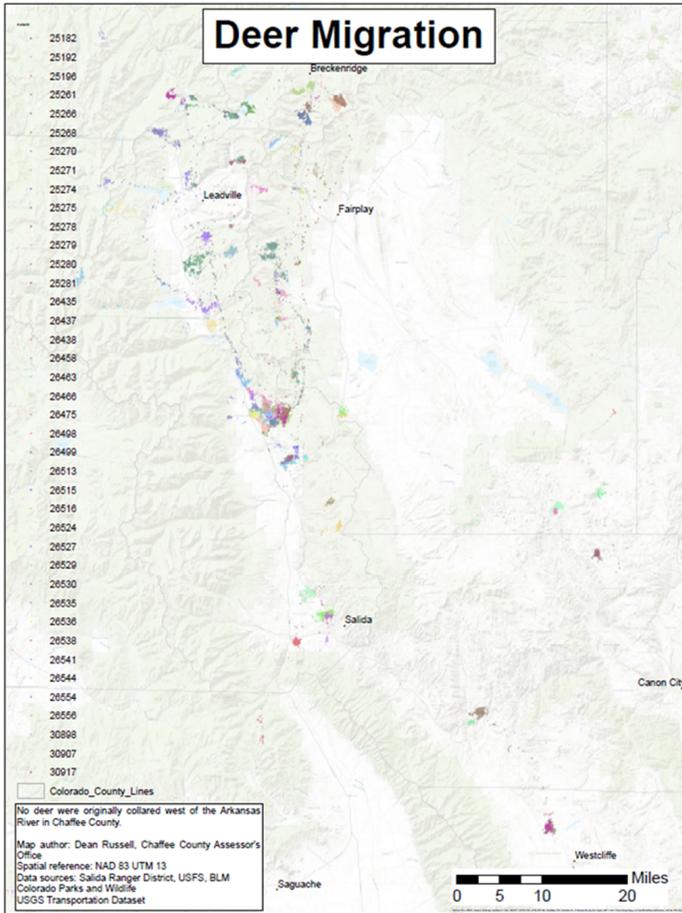


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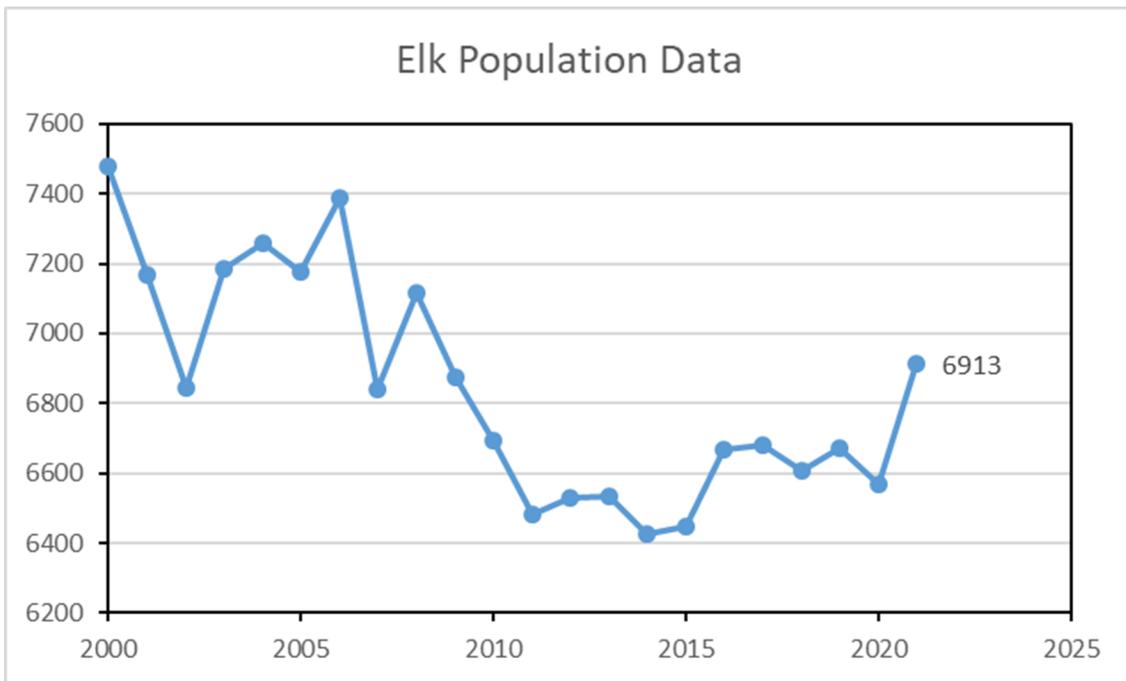


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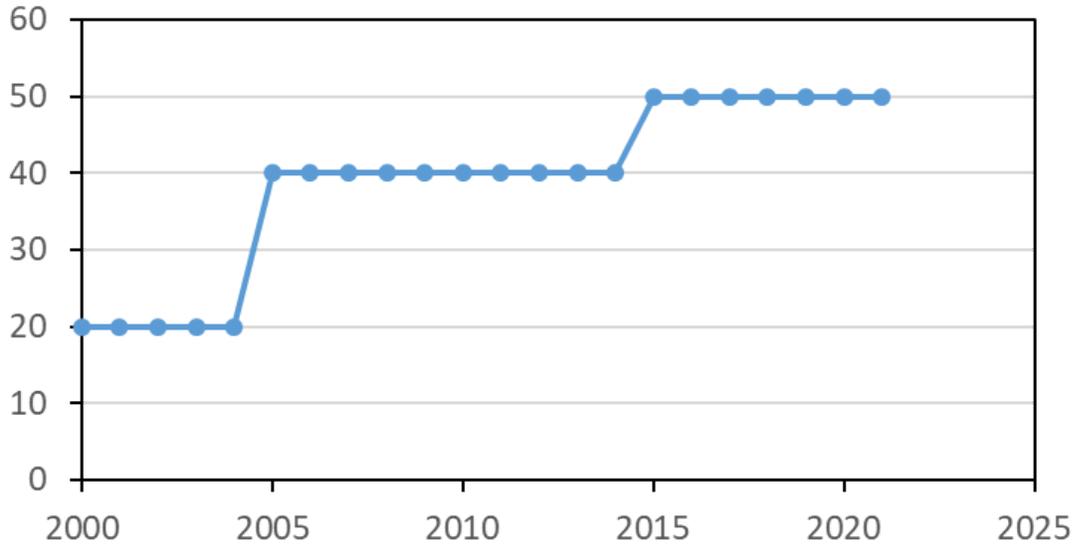




- Deer that winter in Chaffee County migrate to 8 surrounding counties
- Chaffee County provides important winter range to mule deer in south-central CO



Moose Population Data



Pronghorn Population Data

