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Dear Agency Partners,

On behalf of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), I wanted to follow up on an error that was published in our most recent CPW Big Game hunting brochure (2013). On page one of the brochure there are several sentences that describe the private-land only pronghorn hunts in game management units 9 & 191 as being converted to unit wide (public or private) licenses so that hunters could have the opportunity to hunt Red Mountain Open Space and Soapstone Natural Area. **As we discussed earlier this fall, neither property will be open to any pronghorn hunting in 2013.**

This error was generated by the brochure incorporation of language used in the original CPW regulation change proposal which was written in July 2012. The purpose of the proposed regulatory change from private-land only to unit-wide licensing was intended to allow hunter access in those units (at some future date if a pronghorn hunting program was established). As this will not be the case in the fall of 2013, the intent was not to portray that as a possibility to readers of our brochure and I was unaware that any wording of that nature would appear in the brochure. The inclusion of this language was an unintentional oversight that occurred based on review of our regulatory change proposal by brochure staff unfamiliar with the specifics in each unit.

We will take several steps to clarify this brochure oversight. Mark Leslie (Area Wildlife Manager) or I would be happy to follow up with any stakeholder or citizens expressing concern over this error. Our phone numbers are listed below. I will mail letters this summer to all hunters that successfully draw a pronghorn tag in these units, alerting them to the brochure error and reminding them that both City and County properties are closed to pronghorn hunting in 2013. I will also include a statement in the 2013 Big Game hunting brochure errata insert informing readers that neither property is open to pronghorn hunting.

We look forward to continuing to work with both of you and your agencies and apologize for any inconvenience this inadvertent error may have caused.

Sincerely,
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