

[Archery, muzzleloader big game seasons show rebound in herds, rifle hunters poised for solid season](#) September 29, 2025 Colorado, [CraigDailyPress.com](#)

... For the first time since the harsh winter of 2022-2023, deer and elk populations are showing improvement through higher harvest rates and better trophy quality...Lamb is seeing more does with twins and has heard that hunters are seeing a higher quality of bucks...

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... A winter of historic magnitude slammed into the northwest corner of Colorado through the 2022-2023 season ... We saw piles of dead animals everywhere we went ... the Bears Ears herd lost about 30-40% of its population ... survivors, fueled with plenty of good nutrition, gave birth to healthy calves... mule deer, which are still struggling to regain footing in that part of the state..,