



MOUNTAIN LION

2025-2026 HARVEST REPORT



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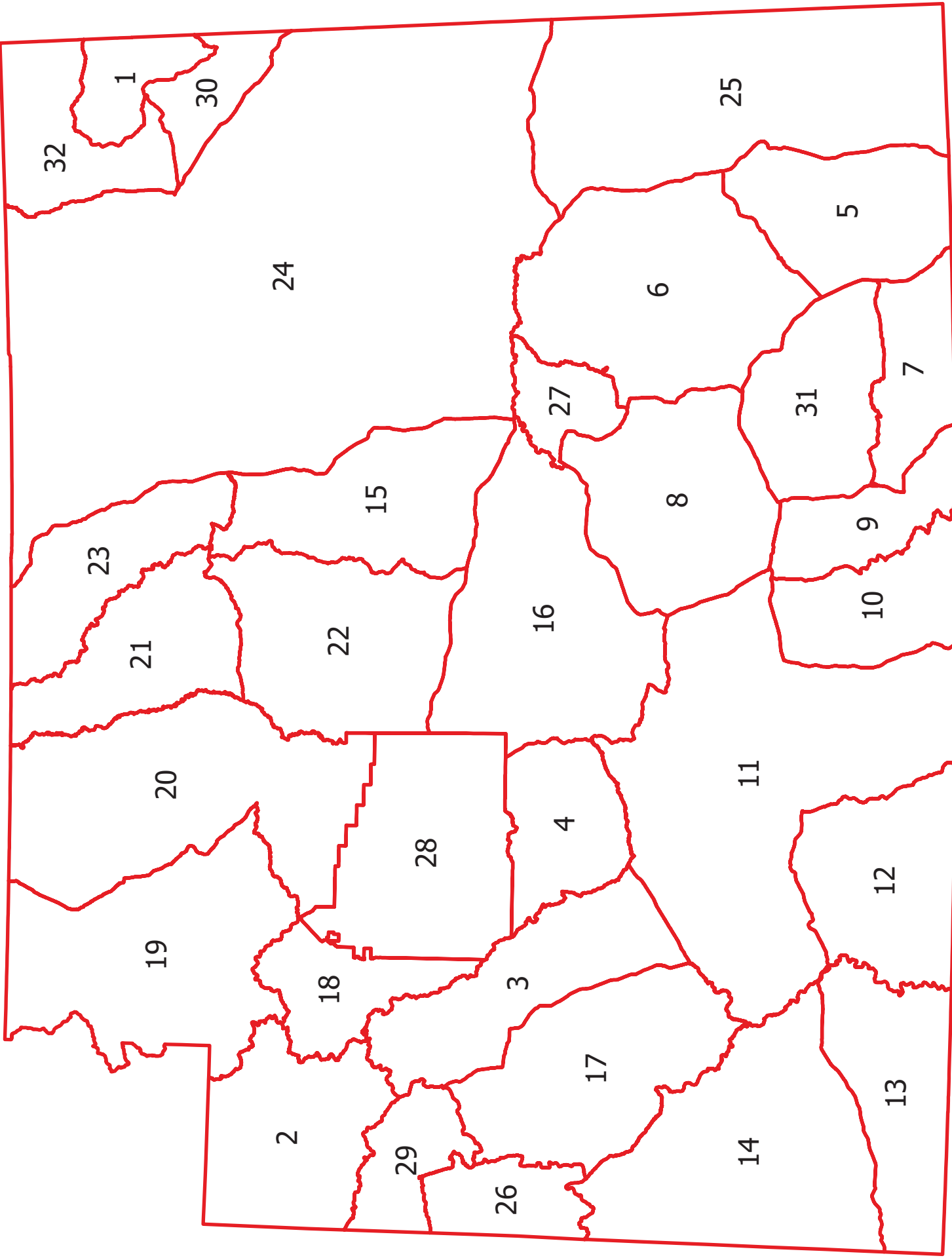
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Executive Summary

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) requires mandatory registration of all harvested mountain lions and surveys mountain lion hunters to quantify harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps the Game and Fish manage mountain lion populations and plan future hunting seasons. The harvest statistics presented in this report were based on data collected from registered mountain lion harvests and 1,057 responses to a voluntary harvest survey sent to 4,680 license holders and extrapolated to represent 4,928 mountain lion hunting licenses issued. A total of 277 mountain lions were harvested in Wyoming during the 2025-2026 hunting season.

Mountain Lion Hunt Areas



Mountain Lion Management Units

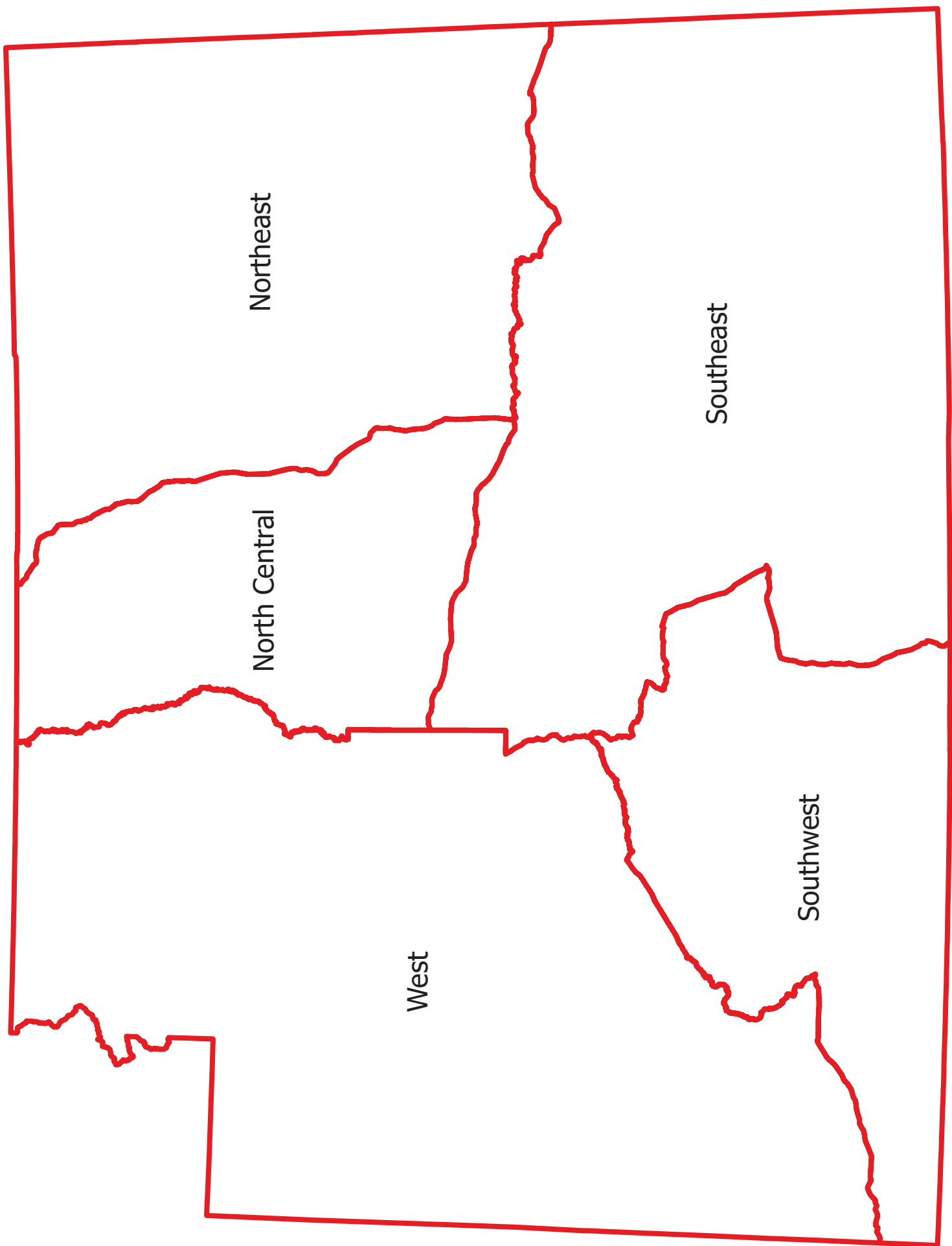


Table 1
Mountain Lion
Harvest Summary
Statewide
2025-2026

Residency	Valid Licenses	Fall ^a			Spring ^b			Annual			Days / Harvest	Hunter Success (%)
		Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest		
Resident	4,423	974	10,489	92	480	5,380	81	1,284	15,869	173	93.3	13.2%
Non	505	232	1190	65	127	634	36	344	1,824	101	18.6	28.5%
Total	4,928	1,206	11,679	160	607	6,014	117	1,628	17,693	277	64.6	16.8%

^a Sep. 1 - Dec 31, 2025

^b Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, 2026

Table 2
Mountain Lion
 Ten Year Comparison of Statewide Harvest
 2016-2025

	Residency	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Valid Licenses	Resident	3,222	3,173	3,558	3,540	2,867	3,833	4,329	4,327	4,456	4,423
	Nonresident	356	350	432	424	458	520	555	544	542	505
	Total	3,580	3,523	3,990	3,964	3,325	4,353	4,884	4,871	4,998	4,928
Annual Hunters	Resident	789	1,045	1,102	1,462	774	1,240	1,149	1,331	1,388	1,284
	Nonresident	224	241	263	304	248	259	437	321	357	344
	Total	1,013	1,287	1,365	1,766	1,022	1,499	1,586	1,652	1,745	1,628
Annual Harvest^a	Resident	160	173	221	235	240	201	184	218	203	173
	Nonresident	95	109	109	110	151	122	133	122	151	101
	Total	255	282	330	345	391	323	317	340	354	277
Annual Days	Resident	5,947	10,921	12,540	14,279	13,878	20,371	20,296	17,714	24,011	15,869
	Nonresident	946	1,256	1,639	1,939	2,462	2,258	4,429	1,793	2,206	1,824
	Total	6,893	12,177	14,179	16,218	16,340	22,629	24,725	19,507	26,217	17,693
Days/Harvest	Resident	37.2	63.1	56.7	60.8	57.8	101.3	110.3	81.3	118.3	93.3
	Nonresident	9.9	11.5	15.0	17.6	16.3	18.5	33.3	14.7	14.6	18.6
	Total	26.9	43.2	43.0	47.0	41.8	70.1	78.0	57.4	74.1	64.6
Hunter Success	Resident	—	16.6%	20.1%	16.1%	31.0%	16.2%	16.0%	16.4%	14.6%	13.2%
	Nonresident	—	45.2%	41.4%	36.2%	60.9%	47.1%	30.4%	38.0%	42.3%	28.5%
	Total	25.2%	21.9%	24.2%	19.5%	38.3%	21.5%	20.0%	20.6%	20.3%	16.8%
Rifle/Pistol Harvest	Resident	—	93.6%	94.1%	94.3%	95.0%	92.7%	96.2%	96.3%	97.5%	94.8%
	Nonresident	—	91.7%	93.6%	91.7%	90.1%	90.0%	82.7%	83.6%	89.4%	92.1%
	Total	83.7%	92.9%	93.9%	93.5%	93.1%	91.7%	90.5%	91.8%	94.1%	93.9%
Muzzleloader Harvest	Resident	—	1.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	1.2%
	Nonresident	—	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%
	Total	1.3%	1.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.7%
Archery Harvest	Resident	—	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%	4.6%	7.3%	3.8%	3.2%	2.5%	4.0%
	Nonresident	—	6.4%	6.4%	8.3%	9.9%	8.3%	17.3%	14.8%	10.6%	7.9%
	Total	15.0%	5.7%	5.8%	6.5%	6.6%	7.7%	9.5%	7.4%	5.9%	5.4%

^a Total harvest includes illegal harvest.

Table 3
Mountain Lion
Harvest Statistics
By Hunt Area
2025-2026

Hunt Area	Residency	Fall ^a			Spring ^b			Annual			Days / Harvest	Hunter Success (%)
		Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest		
1 Bear Lodge	Resident	126	887	14	34	165	6	160	1052	20	52.6	12.5
	Nonresident	22	78	4	0	0	0	22	78	4	19.5	18.2
	Total	148	965	18	34	165	6	182	1130	24	47.1	13.2
2 Teton	Resident	20	228	0	5	10	0	25	238	0	--	0
	Nonresident	4	18	0	0	0	0	4	18	0	--	0
	Total	24	246	0	5	10	0	29	256	0	--	0
3 Bridger	Resident	44	393	0	10	25	1	54	418	1	418	1.9
	Nonresident	25	155	1	8	18	2	32	173	3	57.7	9.4
	Total	69	548	1	18	43	3	86	591	4	147.8	4.7
4 Popo Agie	Resident	20	233	2	5	49	1	25	282	3	94	12
	Nonresident	0	0	0	4	4	1	4	4	1	4	25
	Total	20	233	2	9	53	2	29	286	4	71.5	13.8
5 Iron Mountain	Resident	20	228	2	15	78	1	34	306	3	102	8.8
	Nonresident	8	18	0	0	0	0	8	18	0	--	0
	Total	28	246	2	15	78	1	42	324	3	108	7.1
6 Laramie Peak	Resident	59	722	3	63	848	11	122	1570	14	112.1	11.5
	Nonresident	4	18	1	4	8	1	8	26	2	13	25
	Total	63	740	4	67	856	12	130	1596	16	99.8	12.3
7 South Snowy Range	Resident	68	577	5	39	378	2	107	955	7	136.4	6.5
	Nonresident	8	25	6	8	39	1	15	64	7	9.1	46.7
	Total	76	602	11	47	417	3	122	1019	14	72.8	11.5
8 Seminoe	Resident	63	635	3	25	228	1	88	863	4	215.8	4.5
	Nonresident	8	25	2	8	22	3	15	47	5	9.4	33.3
	Total	71	660	5	33	250	4	103	910	9	101.1	8.7
9 Sierra Madre	Resident	34	330	2	25	281	0	59	611	2	305.5	3.4
	Nonresident	8	22	0	4	4	0	11	26	0	--	0
	Total	42	352	2	29	285	0	70	637	2	318.5	2.9
10 Haystacks	Resident	25	107	0	15	301	0	39	408	0	--	0
	Nonresident	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
	Total	25	107	1	15	301	1	39	408	2	204	5.1
11 Red Desert	Resident	5	5	0	0	0	2	5	5	2	2.5	40
	Nonresident	4	29	0	0	0	0	4	29	0	--	0
	Total	9	34	0	0	0	2	9	34	2	17	22.2
12 Flaming Gorge	Resident	5	30	2	25	126	3	30	156	5	31.2	16.7
	Nonresident	0	0	0	4	36	1	4	36	1	36	25
	Total	5	30	2	29	162	4	34	192	6	32	17.6
13 Wasatch	Resident	20	194	1	15	122	1	34	316	2	158	5.9
	Nonresident	4	15	0	0	0	0	4	15	0	--	0
	Total	24	209	1	15	122	1	38	331	2	165.5	5.3
14 Lincoln	Resident	68	466	0	20	146	3	88	612	3	204	3.4
	Nonresident	15	39	7	11	57	3	25	96	10	9.6	40
	Total	83	505	7	31	203	6	113	708	13	54.5	11.5
15 Kaycee	Resident	49	674	5	5	10	4	54	684	9	76	16.7
	Nonresident	15	50	0	0	0	1	15	50	1	50	6.7
	Total	64	724	5	5	10	5	69	734	10	73.4	14.5
16 Gas Hills	Resident	39	441	7	15	151	1	54	592	8	74	14.8
	Nonresident	4	11	0	0	0	0	4	11	0	--	0
	Total	43	452	7	15	151	1	58	603	8	75.4	13.8
17 Piney	Resident	25	219	0	5	49	2	30	268	2	134	6.7
	Nonresident	0	0	1	11	36	0	11	36	1	36	9.1
	Total	25	219	1	16	85	2	41	304	3	101.3	7.3
18 Wind River	Resident	34	252	3	0	0	3	34	252	6	42	17.6
	Nonresident	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	Total	34	252	3	0	0	4	34	252	7	36	20.6
19 Northwest	Resident	44	349	2	49	277	4	93	626	6	104.3	6.5
	Nonresident	8	36	3	11	11	3	18	47	6	7.8	33.3
	Total	52	385	5	60	288	7	111	673	12	56.1	10.8

Table 3 (Continued) Mountain Lion Harvest Statistics

Hunt Area	Residency	Fall ^a			Spring ^b			Annual			Days / Harvest	Hunter Success
		Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest		
20 Owl Creek/ Bighorn Basin	Resident	34	238	1	10	68	2	44	306	3	102	6.8
	Nonresident	15	36	0	11	46	1	25	82	1	82	4
	Total	49	274	1	21	114	3	69	388	4	97	5.8
21 Shell	Resident	25	189	2	20	131	3	44	320	5	64	11.4
	Nonresident	60	281	15	4	4	0	64	285	15	19	23.4
	Total	85	470	17	24	135	3	108	605	20	30.2	18.5
22 Ten Sleep	Resident	49	504	3	25	233	1	73	737	4	184.2	5.5
	Nonresident	15	60	2	11	43	8	25	103	10	10.3	40
	Total	64	564	5	36	276	9	98	840	14	60	14.3
23 Sheridan	Resident	49	277	10	15	223	0	63	500	10	50	15.9
	Nonresident	25	74	8	4	15	0	29	89	8	11.1	27.6
	Total	74	351	18	19	238	0	92	589	18	32.7	19.6
24 Rochelle^c	Resident	30	233	1	20	131	7	49	364	8	45.5	16.3
	Nonresident	0	0	1	4	22	1	4	22	2	11	50
	Total	30	233	5	24	153	8	53	386	13	38.6	18.9
25 Hartville	Resident	30	219	3	15	160	0	44	379	3	126.3	6.8
	Nonresident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0
	Total	30	219	3	15	160	0	44	379	3	126.3	6.8
26 Greys River	Resident	34	320	9	34	330	5	68	650	14	46.4	20.6
	Nonresident	4	4	7	8	39	1	11	43	8	5.4	72.7
	Total	38	324	16	42	369	6	79	693	22	31.5	27.8
27 Casper Mountain	Resident	34	209	3	44	582	2	78	791	5	158.2	6.4
	Nonresident	4	11	0	8	22	0	11	33	0	--	0
	Total	38	220	3	52	604	2	89	824	5	164.8	5.6
28 Crowheart Butte	Resident	20	44	0	5	15	0	25	59	0	--	0
	Nonresident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0
	Total	20	44	0	5	15	0	25	59	0	--	0
29 Hoback	Resident	30	354	1	20	83	2	49	437	3	145.7	6.1
	Nonresident	4	8	2	8	18	5	11	26	7	3.7	63.6
	Total	34	362	3	28	101	7	60	463	10	46.3	16.7
30 Newcastle	Resident	49	374	3	5	10	5	54	384	8	48	14.8
	Nonresident	4	4	2	0	0	0	4	4	2	2	50
	Total	53	378	5	5	10	5	58	388	10	38.8	17.2
31 Elk Mountain	Resident	34	267	2	15	39	4	49	306	6	51	12.2
	Nonresident	4	18	2	0	0	0	4	18	2	9	50
	Total	38	285	4	15	39	4	53	324	8	40.5	15.1
32 Hulett	Resident	25	291	3	25	131	4	49	422	7	60.3	14.3
	Nonresident	15	155	0	15	190	2	29	345	2	172.5	6.9
	Total	40	446	3	40	321	6	78	767	9	85.2	11.5

^a Sep. 1 - Dec 31, 2025² Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, 2026³ Harvest totals include mountain lions that were harvested illegally. Illegal harvests are not assigned a residency category or used in the days per harvest or hunter success calculations.

Note: There were 10 cases where one or more harvested mountain lions were registered with WGFD staff corresponding to a hunt area - residency - season combination where no survey respondents reported hunting:

- HA 10 - Nonresident Fall, Nonresident Spring, and Nonresident Annual
- HA 11 - Resident Spring
- HA 15 - Nonresident Spring
- HA 17 - Nonresident Fall
- HA 18 - Nonresident Spring, Resident Spring, and Nonresident Annual
- HA 24 - Nonresident Fall

Table 4
Mountain Lion
Harvest Statistics
By Management Unit
2025-2026

Management Unit	Hunt Area	Mortality Limit	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Days/Harvest	Hunter Success (%)
North East	1	24	182	1130	24	47.1	13.2
	24 ^a	Unlimited	53	386	13	38.6	18.9
	30	24	58	388	10	38.8	17.2
	32	50	78	767	9	85.2	11.5
	Total	98	314	2671	56	47.7	17.8
South East	5	30	42	324	3	108	7.1
	6	36	130	1596	16	99.8	12.3
	7	30	122	1019	14	72.8	11.5
	8	20	103	910	9	101.1	8.7
	9	24	70	637	2	318.5	2.9
	10	20	39	408	2	204	5.1
	16	16	58	603	8	75.4	13.8
	25	Unlimited	44	379	3	126.3	6.8
	27	Unlimited	89	824	5	164.8	5.6
	31	22	53	324	8	40.5	15.1
	Total	198	518	7024	70	100.3	13.5
South West	11	8	9	34	2	17	22.2
	12	16	34	192	6	32	17.6
	13	10	38	331	2	165.5	5.3
	Total	34	69	557	10	55.7	14.5
North Central	15	Unlimited	69	734	10	73.4	14.5
	21	40	108	605	20	30.2	18.5
	22	50	98	840	14	60	14.3
	23	36	92	589	18	32.7	19.6
	Total	126	307	2768	62	44.6	20.2
West	2	6	29	256	0	NA	0
	3	16	86	591	4	147.8	4.7
	4	20	29	286	4	71.5	13.8
	14	60	113	708	13	54.5	11.5
	17	16	41	304	3	101.3	7.3
	18	24	34	252	7	36	20.6
	19	50	111	673	12	56.1	10.8
	20	36	69	388	4	97	5.8
	26	46	79	693	22	31.5	27.8
	28	12	25	59	0	NA	0
	29	20	60	463	10	46.3	16.7
	Total	306	540	4673	79	59.2	14.6

^a Harvest totals include mountain lions that were harvested illegally. Illegal harvests are not assigned a residency category or used in the days per harvest or hunter success calculations.

Table 5
Mountain Lion
 License Data Summary
 Statewide
2025-2026

Residency	Unique License Holders	Number Surveyed ^a	Usable Responses	Response Rate
Resident	4,423	4,285	913	21.3%
Nonresident	505	395	144	36.5%
Total	4,928	4,680	1,057	22.6%

^a All unique license holders with a valid email addresses were surveyed.