

# Shooting Sports



## OPPORTUNITIES IN COLORADO

### Economic Significance of Shooting Sports

In the United States, the economic impact of the sporting arms and ammunition industry totals more than \$42 billion and creates more than 263,000 jobs. The Pittman-Robertson excise tax the industry pays on the products it sells is a major source of wildlife conservation funding in Colorado and nationwide.

Recreational target shooting is fun, affordable and a safe outdoor recreation activity. Recreational shooting can also be a lifetime pursuit that families can enjoy together. As an educational tool, it teaches the fundamental marksmanship skills required for hunting and provides multiple avenues for families to get involved in hunting, shooting sports and other outdoor recreation activities. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has a long-standing history of supporting and promoting shooting sports and the establishment of shooting ranges.

### Quick Facts

#### Quick Facts for 2015

Colorado Archery in the Schools program schools	119
Dollars awarded to schools for archery equipment	\$35,000
Dollars awarded to improve shooting ranges	\$440,000

### Shooting Ranges

CPW, Colorado's public lands and local businesses offer convenient and diverse public shooting ranges that are open all year. CPW's website is a good resource for shooting ranges in local communities and lists 35 archery ranges, 72 shooting ranges and three combined shooting/archery ranges. ([cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/ShootingRanges.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/ShootingRanges.aspx))



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### Grants

The CPW shooting range grant program is the largest of its kind in the nation. CPW has awarded more than 40 projects in 27 of Colorado's counties over the past five years. In 2014, CPW awarded \$500,000 to 11 shooting range projects across the state. In 2015, CPW awarded more than \$440,000 in shooting and archery range grants to 14 ranges across Colorado. The grants help develop new ranges, upgrade existing ones, greatly expand recreational shooting opportunities and open up new facilities for youth education and shooting competitions.

Among the 2015 awardees are projects that include: starting the design and engineering of a new range on U.S. Forest Service land near Idaho Springs, continuing development of a major range close to Sterling, and expansion of the Conejos County Shooting Range near Alamosa.

#### Ranges that are owned, operated and maintained by CPW. (S) Shooting, (A) Archery

NW Region	NE Region
(S) Basalt SWA	(A) Lon Hagler SWA
(S) Byers Canyon SWA	(A) Stalker Lake SWA
(S) Hayden Shooting Range	(A) Barr Lake State Park
(S) Plateau Creek SWA	(A) North Sterling State Park
(S) West Rifle Creek SWA	
SW Region:	SE Region:
(S) Escalante SWA	(S) Chaffee County Shooting Range in Area 13
(S) Gunnison SWA	(S) Two Buttes SWA
(A) Bayfield Lions Club Range	(S) Oxbow SWA
	(S) Mike Higbee SWA
	(S) Las Animas Rifle Range
	(S) Cheyenne County Shooting Range
	(A) Cheyenne Mountain State Park
	(A) Lathrop State Park
	(A) Trinidad State Park
	(A) Pueblo SWA



## Partnerships

CPW works cooperatively with counties, municipalities, federal agencies and private organizations in Colorado to enhance and develop shooting ranges across the state. CPW expands shooting range access through offerings on state parks, grant programs and educational partnerships with schools.

The Northern Front Range Recreational Sport Shooting Management Partnership was formed in 2014. Its purpose is to develop a landscape-level, multi jurisdictional strategy to provide safe, responsible and accessible recreational sport shooting opportunities while addressing conflicts near residential areas and with other recreational users across the Colorado Front Range. The partnership includes the U.S. Forest Service (Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland), CPW, Boulder County, Clear Creek County, Gilpin County and Larimer County.



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## National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

The number of schools across Colorado involved in the NASP program grew to 119 schools in 2015. Colorado hosted 13 Basic Archery Instructor courses and trained 131 new instructors across the state. Colorado also certified nine new trainers to grow the program. CPW partnered with NASP to award \$35,000 in grants to schools to fund equipment and maintenance.



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