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cautioned hunters to make sure they are getting the license they want, particularly when purchasing the additional licenses still available.

"There are some leftover tags, but we do caution people about picking them up in Area 6 because of limited access," Sandrini said.

"Make sure you have a place lined up before you pick up a license," Shorma warned.

Many of the additional licenses can only be used on private land, and Sandrini urged those who wish to purchase them to make certain they can actually use them.

"Sometimes folks just come in and look for a doe/fawn tag and don't look at the restrictions on them. Look at those restrictions. Some types are open only on private land, some types have season dates different from the regular hunting season, and some are valid only in a portion of an area," he noted.

There are also differences in the number of additional tags each hunter can fill.

"There are some hunt areas where you can have up to four doe/fawn tags, and two type 1 tags, but that's not in every area," Sandrini indicated.

"Right now those are mostly in Campbell County. The majority of places around here are sold out for that," Shorma said of the additional 'any antelope' tags.

There are doe/fawn tags still available in Weston County however, although the number each hunter can hold varies also. In some places you can get four, and in others you can only get two.

Lions still on prowl

Mountain lion hunting has grown in popularity in this part of Wyoming in recent years, largely due to the fact that the number of cats in the area has grown as well.

"South Dakota is pretty much maxed out on their lion numbers, and we're still getting dispersal there. Their younger lions are moving into Wyoming, which means we still have open territory. That might be the reason we have so many sightings. It's the younger cats looking for a place of their own," Game Warden Dustin Shorma said.

Fortunately, while people are seeing the big cats more often, there haven't been any dangerous situations between humans and mountain lions.

"We have not had any trouble with lions. We haven't had any human injuries at all," Wildlife Biologist Joe Sandrini reported.

"And I've only had one domestic goat killed here by lions since I've been here," Shorma concurred.

But there are more lions in northeast Wyoming than Game and Fish is comfortable with, and hunting seasons have been structured to thin the numbers a bit.

"The season opened September 1, and it's by a mortality quota. Hunters just need to check the hotline. We went over the quota last year in every area by one or two lions, so those are off the quota for this year," Sandrini remarked.

Hunters didn't react quickly enough to the quota being met a year ago, so the number of lions allowed in each

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