

ELK MASTER LIST – No Changes from December adoption No Shoulder Seasons February 11, 2015

Specific proposed changes for 2016-17 are listed below. All other season components except calendar rotation are proposed unchanged from 2015.

Proposals with NO CHANGES and are not Shoulder Seasons from December meeting

Region 2

All R2 HDs with elk B Licenses: Eliminate the stipulation that a B License holder may not take an antlered bull in that HD.

HD 200: Change 200-00 B Licenses to antlerless permits (quota 5, range 5-100). Holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 200.

HD 201: Change B Licenses to antlerless permits and increase quota, 201-00 from 60 to 85 (range 5-300) and 201-01 from 30 to 50 (range 5-100). Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 201.

Change 201-00 and General License youth opportunity from only valid on private land to only valid in Ninemile/Sixmile area (subdistrict 201-00).

Add antlerless to general license for all HD 201 for archery only season.

HD 202: Change 202-00 B-licenses to antlerless permits (quota 15, range 5-100). Holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 202.

HDs 211/213/214/216: Convert existing B Licenses to permits at existing levels. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in that HD.

HD 260: Add 260-00 B License (quota 20, range 1-75). 1st choice only. Private land only. ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only. Not valid west of Highway 93 in Missoula County.

Change general license to include the area west of Hwy 93.

HD 261: Change private land description for the 261-01 B-licenses from "Private land only." to "Only valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on Calf Creek WMA."

Establish quota range for 261-01 B Licenses (currently undefined) of 10-200

HD 262: Add general license opportunity so that archers can harvest antlerless elk 8/15-01/15.

Establish 262-01 B License quota range (currently undefined) at 10-300

Adjust boundary

Region 3

HDs 300, 302 & 328 (Tendoy EMU); 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 & 330 (Gravelly EMU); and 320 & 333 (Tobacco Root EMU) (12 HDs total):

Remove 300-00, 302-00, 320-00 and 328-00 B-licenses.

Establish 399-00 B License (quota 500, range 400-1000) valid during archery and general season in all 12 HDs

Move the Tendoy EMU (HDs 300, 302 & 328) general season from BTB to BTB/antlerless.

Maintain the 6-week BTB/antlerless archery season.

Maintain either-sex youth opportunity in the Tendoy EMU.

HD 301/309: Establish 395-00 B-licenses (quota 100, range 25-500) not valid on Nat'l Forest lands during archery and general seasons to address game damage in Gallatin Valley.

HD 311: Establish 311-00 B-licenses (quota 500, range 100-1000) not valid on Nat'l Forest lands

HD 314: Establish youth-only brow-tined bull or antlerless south of Big Creek

HDs 318/335: Delete existing 318-00 and 335-00 B Licenses in these HDs.

Include these HDs in the 394-00 antlerless permit (quota 800, range 200-2000) bundle valid in HDs 215, 318, and 335 during both archery and rifle season. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in any of these HDs.

HD 360/362: Rename 360-01 B License to 398-00 for consistency where B Licenses and/or permits are valid in 2 or more HDs.

Eliminate mandatory phone reporting requirement for harvest in these HDs. The requirement is poorly adhered to and yields poor, redundant data.

HD 380: Portion description change. Expand South Portion to include the area outside the National Forest Boundary between Muskrat Creek and Prickly Pear Creek.

HD 392: Remove 392-01 B-license

Change 392-00 B-license to be valid entire redefined HD

Reduce 392-00 quota from 300 to 75 and range from 50-400 to 50-250

Boundary change in 392: South boundary moves north from Duck Cr. to Magpie/Avalanche Cr. to accommodate new definitions of HDs 391 & 392.

Boundary change in 392: Northeast boundary changes to put the upper reaches of Beaver Creek that are next to Jim Ball Basin and Elk Ridge into HD 446 to facilitate elk management in the way that elk use the area. Most elk that use this area are associated with HD 446.

Region 4

HD 416: Remove 416-00 B-license – not used much and will decrease pressure on limited public land.

HD 426: Eliminate the 426-20 ES permit.

Create general license either-sex opportunity during both archery and rifle seasons.

Remove HD 426 as a valid HD from the 900-20 (Archery Bundle).

Remove HD 426 as a valid HD from the 900-00 LPT.

HD 442: Reduce 442-00 quota range minimum from 100 to 50

HD 455: Adjust the HD boundary after addition of Whitetail Prairie to the Beartooth WMA

Region 7

All R7: Create 007-00 B-License (quota 500, range 500-1500) valid archery and general. Not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge.

HD 701: Simplify the regulations referring to the southwest portion of the HD by removing the language, "Valid in portion of HD 701 north of Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Myers Rd." It is not needed.

Change the archery-only and general elk regulation in the southwest portion of the HD north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd from Antlerless Elk to Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk to match the regulation in adjacent HD 590. The rest of the HD will remain Either-sex.

HD 702, 704 & 705: Increase 799-20 Either-sex permit from 175 to 225.

Change language for general season in these HDs from *“Only valid outside Natl Forest Administrative boundary. Boundary maps available at: Forest Service Office in Ashland; FWP-R7 HQ 406-234-0900 in Miles City; License Providers in area; and on FWP website.”* to **“Not valid on National Forest Lands”**

Regions 4, 5 & 7

HDs 401, 403, 411, 412, 426, 447, 450, 500, 502, Portion of 510 west of HWY 310, 511, Portion of 520 North and west of West Fork of Rock Creek, 530, 540, 560, 570, 575, 580, Portion of 590 north of Yellowstone River, 701 north of Yellowstone River, south of HWY 12 and west of Sumatra-Myers Road, 702, 704 and 705:

Eliminate 900-00 B Licenses. It is redundant, undersubscribed, underused, and doing so would simplify the regulations.

ELK MASTER LIST – Minor Changes from December adoption No Shoulder Seasons February 11, 2015

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Blue highlights are changes to FWP's original proposals that resulted from public comment and/or further consideration by staff.

Statewide: Require a person to already have a Bow and Arrow license when applying for any archery-only deer, elk or antelope license or permit, e.g. the antelope 900-20 archery license, the Breaks 900-20 archery elk permit, the Bitterroot 260-01 deer B License. Because of bowhunter education limitations for 2016 this will be phased in to begin in 2017.

The unlimited elk and deer permit application deadline of March 15th will be strictly adhered to. There will be no sale of unlimited elk or deer permits after March 15th.

Region 2

HD212: Establish new HD 217 ~~Douglas Cr~~ Rock Cr to Boulder Cr in north part of HD 212.

Define new portions of redefined HD 212

Remove 212-45 Brow-tined Bull permits. These are for an area that is to be HD 217.

Season will be Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless during archery, Brow-tined Bull for general season with an Antlerless youth opportunity, and a Brow-tined bull or Antlerless opportunity running to Jan 01 on the Prison Ranch.

Remove 212-03 B License

Convert 212-00 and 212-01 B Licenses to permits at existing levels valid in the new portions.

Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 212.

HD 250: Increase bull permits from 25 to 40 35.

HD 270: Change existing B Licenses to antlerless permits at current levels and establish quota ranges as follows (establishing ranges was an oversight when these were established):

270-00 (Rye north): 10-200

270-01 (Rye north youth): 10-200

270-02 (East Fork): 10-400

270-03 (East Fork youth): 10-400

270-04 (west of 93): 5-100

270-05 (west of 93 youth): 5-100

HD 281: Establish 281-00 B-license during archery and general season (quota 25, range 5-150), valid east of the North Fork of the Blackfoot River on private land only.

Establish 281-01 antlerless permit (quota 50, range 5-100) only valid west of the North Fork of the Blackfoot River during archery and general seasons. Holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 281.

HD 285: Remove 285-02 B License.

Establish antlerless harvest opportunity for youth ages 12-15 and PTHFV.

HD 293: Remove 293-00 B License

Establish new Southern Portion of HD 293

Include in the 396-00 antlerless permit bundle for HDs 339, 343 and southern portion of 293 (quota 600, range 200-1500) valid archery and general seasons. Holders may not hunt antlered in any of these HDs.

Region 3

HD 329: Move to a Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless general season.

HDs 293, 339 & 343 (Granite Butte EMU): Remove 293-00, 339-00, 343-00 B Licenses from these 3 HDs

Establish new Southern Portion of HD 293

Establish 396-00 antlerless permits for HDs 339, 343 and southern portion of 293 (quota 600, range 200-1500) valid archery and general seasons. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in any of these HDs.

HD 340: Remove 340-00 B-licenses

Establish 340-10 Brow-tined or antlerless permits (quota 150-250, range 50-400) valid archery and general seasons.

Increase antlerless opportunity on general license from first week to first 3-2 weeks.

HD 350/370: Increase antlerless opportunity on general license from first week to Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless entire archery and general season in each HD.

Rename 370-00 B License to 399-01 for consistency where B Licenses and/or permits are valid in 2 or more HDs.

Region 4

All R4 HDs except HD 410: Increase quota range for the 004-00 B License from 2200-5000 to 2200-6000 because of increased interest due to shoulder seasons.

HD 425: Eliminate the opportunity that holders of any of the 425-00 through 425-05 B Licenses can take a 2nd antlerless elk with general license.

ELK MASTER LIST – Shoulder Seasons and HD 313 with changes to December adoptions February 11, 2015

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Yellow highlights are proposed shoulder seasons. Blue highlights are changes to FWP's original proposals that resulted from public comment and/or further consideration by staff.

As per the shoulder season guidelines, adoption of any shoulder season includes a sunset date.

Also, the commission retains full authority to close any season within 48 hours or less based on field inputs.

Shoulder Seasons

Statewide: With the exception of Regions 1 and 2, no shoulder season would take place during the general archery season. In all other HDs shoulder seasons may occur from 8/15 to the start of archery season and then the day after archery closes to 2/15.

Region 1

HD 101/109: Establish early shoulder season to address game damage primarily in the Tobacco Plains area with 50 199-00 B-licenses (range 5-100) for antlerless elk valid on private land only excluding Plum Creek, Stimpson, and Stoltze Timber lands 8/15-10/16.

Region 2

HD 210: Remove 210-00 B Licenses.

Remove 210-01 B Licenses (Only valid on private land)

Define northern and a southern portions

Establish Shoulder Season

Add 210-02 antlerless permits (quota 50 200, range 5-500 50-1000) for archery and general.

~~Only valid in southern portion of HD 210.~~ Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 210.

Add 210-03 B Licenses (quota 200, range 5-1000) valid 8/15 to 1/1. Only valid in southern portion of HD 210, outside of the National Forest Boundary.

~~Add 210-04 antlerless permits (quota 150, range 5-1000) for archery and general. Only valid in northern portion of HD 210. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 210.~~

Add 210-05 B Licenses (quota 400, range 5-1000) valid 8/15 to 1/1. Only valid in northern portion of HD 210, outside of the National Forest Boundary.

HDs 212/213: Establish Shoulder Season

Establish 296-00 B-licenses (quota 200, range 50-400) valid in South of Rock Cr Portion HD 212 and district-wide in HD 213 outside the National Forest boundary and outside FWP Wildlife Management Areas from 12/1-2/15

HDs 215, 318 & 335 (Deer Lodge EMU): Remove the 215-00, 215-01, 318-00, 335-00 B Licenses in these HDs.

Establish 394-00 antlerless permit (quota 800, range 200-2000) valid in HDs 215, 318, and 335 during both archery and rifle season. Non-youth holders may not hunt antlered elk in any of these HDs.

Establish Shoulder Season in HD 215 with 215-02 OTC B Licenses not valid on USFS or the Spotted Dog WMA valid 8/15-2/15.

HD 217 – New HD: A new HD created from the north part of HD 212 between **Douglas Boulder** Cr. and Rock Cr.

Establish Shoulder Season

Establish 217-00 OTC B-licenses valid on private land only from 8/15 to **end of general season and valid district-wide from 12/1-2/15.**

Establish 217-10 **either-sex brow-tined bull or antlerless permits** (quota **100 175**, range 5-200) valid in archery and general season

Establish 217-11 **either-sex brow-tined bull or antlerless** permits for youth only (quota 25, range 5-200) valid in archery and general season

Establish General License for HD 217 as follows:

ArchEquip only for antlerless elk 8/15-**2/15**

No general firearms season

Youth and PTHFV opportunity any weapon for antlerless elk valid **8/15-1/15 10/21** on private land and district-wide **10/22-2/15.**

Mandatory reporting of any elk harvest in HD 217.

HD 290&298: **Establish Shoulder Season**

Change 298-00 to 299-00 B-license (changed LPT as per convention for those valid in multiple districts) from drawing only to OTC, unlimited, one per hunter, valid in HDs 290 & 298 8/15 - 2/15.

HD 291: **Establish Shoulder Season**

Remove 291-00 B License

Establish 291-01 (quota 400, range 5-2000) only valid on private land 8/15 to 2/15.

Establish 291-02 antlerless permits (quota 100, range 5-2000) valid district-wide during archery and general rifle seasons. Holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 291.

HDs 291&298: Remove 291-00 B License

Establish Shoulder Season. Establish 299-00 B License (quota 400, range 5-2000) valid in HDs 291 & 298 valid 8/15-1/1 and not valid on BLM land.

HD 292: **Establish Shoulder Season.** Establish 292-00 antlerless **permit B License** (quota **300 200**, range 5-500) valid only on private land in the Blackfoot watershed 8/15 - 11/27.

Remove either-sex on private land on general license and make it Brow-tined bull entire HD.

Region 3

HD 312: **Establish Shoulder Season**

Remove 312-00 B-license

Include in the OTC 397-00 B License bundle (HDs 312, 390, 393) **Valid 09/03-10/16 for archery only and 10/22-2/15 for rifle.** Not valid on Nat'l Forest lands.

HD 390: Establish Shoulder Season

Remove 390-00 B-licenses

Include in the OTC 397-00 B License bundle (HDs 312, 390, 393) Valid 09/03-10/16 for archery only and 10/22-2/15 for rifle. Not valid on Nat'l Forest lands.

~~General season to go from Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless for the entire season to Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless for the first 4 weeks and Antlerless-only for the last week to match neighboring HD 391.~~

General license shoulder season for antlerless elk 11/28-2/15 not valid on National Forest land

HD 391: Establish shoulder season

Establish 391-00 B License (quota 350, range 100-600) not valid on USFS lands.

General season to go from Brow-tined Bull to Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless for the entire season.

Boundary change in 391: east boundary moves west to Belt Mtns divide to accommodate new HD 451 and north boundary move north from Duck Cr. to Magpie/Avalanche Cr. to accommodate new definitions of HDs 391 & 392.

HD 393: Establish Shoulder Season

Remove 393-01 B-licenses

Include in the OTC 397-00 B License bundle (HDs 312, 390, 393) Valid 09/03-10/16 for archery only and 10/22-2/15 for rifle. Not valid on Nat'l Forest lands.

General License shoulder season for antlerless elk 11/28-2/15 not valid on National Forest land

Region 4

HD 410: Establish Shoulder Season

~~During the 1/1-2/15 shoulder season Either-sex 410-20 permits valid for ANTLERLESS ELK ONLY and not valid on CMR.~~

Increase quota range of 410-00 B License from 200-800 to 200-1000

~~410-00 B-licenses also valid 01/01-2/15 but not on the CMR~~

HD 411: Establish Shoulder Season In addition to the archery and general rifle season, the general license valid 8/15-9/2 and 11/28-2/15 but not valid on National Forest lands during the shoulder seasons.

Make 411-00 B License (quota 400, range 100-600) valid in HDs 411, 511, & 530. Valid 8/15-10/16 and 10/22-2/15. Archery-only during archery season.

004-00 B Licenses valid 8/15-2/15 but archery-only during archery season. Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs

HD 412: Establish Shoulder Season for general license, ~~either-sex permit (412-20),~~ and antlerless elk license (004-00) holders.

General license shoulder season 8/15-9/2 and 11/28-2/15.

~~412-20 Either-sex permits also valid 11/28-2/15 shoulder season for ANTLERLESS ELK ONLY.~~

004-00 B-licenses valid ~~9/3-2/15~~ 8/15-9/2, 9/3-10/16 archery-only, and 10/22-2/15.

HD 417: Establish Shoulder Season

~~417-20 permits valid 11/28-2/15 for ANTLERLESS ELK ONLY. Not valid on CMR.~~

~~004-00 B-licenses valid 9/3-2/15. Not valid on CMR.~~

HD 421: Establish Shoulder Season for 004-00 B-Licenses:

- Aug 15 – Sept 02 Antlerless Elk
- Sept 03 – Oct 16 – Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season
- Oct 22 - Nov 27– Antlerless Elk.
- Jan 1 – Feb 15 – Antlerless Elk.

HD 422: **Establish Shoulder Season** with 422-00 and 004-00 B Licenses
422-00 B License also valid 1/1-2/15 but not valid on National Forest lands during the shoulder season.

004-00 B Licenses valid as follows:

- Sep 03 – Oct 16 - Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 22 – Nov 27 – Antlerless Elk
- Jan 01 – Feb 15 – Antlerless Elk

HD 423: **Establish Shoulder Season** for 004-00 B-Licenses as follows:

- Sep 03 – Oct 16 - Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 22 – Nov 27 – Antlerless Elk
- Jan 01 – Feb 15 – Antlerless Elk

HD 445: **Establish Shoulder Season** on the general license as below:

- Aug 15 – ~~Oct 21~~ Sep 02 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.
- Sep 03 - Oct 16 - Either-sex Elk. Archery Equip Only Season.
- Oct 17 - Oct 21 – Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.
- Oct 22 - Nov 06 - Either-sex Elk.
- Nov 7 – Nov 27 - Antlerless Elk.
- Nov 28 – Feb 15 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.

004-00 B-license good 8/15 -2/15 but archery only during archery season not valid on USFS, FWP WMA's or CMR.

Adjust the HD boundary after addition of Whitetail Prairie to the Beartooth WMA

HD 446: **Establish Shoulder Season** on the general license as below:

- Aug 15 – Sep 02 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.
- Sep 03 - Oct 16 – Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 17 - Oct 21 – Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.
- Oct 22 - Nov 27 - Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk.
- Nov 28 – Feb 15 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.

004-00 B-license good 8/15 -2/15 but archery only during archery season not valid on USFS, FWP WMA's or CMR.

Adjust the hunting district 446/392 boundary for deer, elk, mountain lion and furbearer.

Boundary change in 446: Northwest boundary changes to put the upper reaches of Beaver Creek that are next to Jim Ball Basin and Elk Ridge, currently in HD 392, into HD 446 to facilitate elk management in the way that elk use the area. Most elk that use this area are associated with HD 446.

HD 449 & 452: **Establish Shoulder Season** on the general license as below:

- Aug 15 – Sep 02 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.
- Sep 03 - Oct 16 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Equip Only Season.
- Oct 17 – Oct 21 – Antlerless Elk, Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMA's.
- Oct 22 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Elk.
- Nov 28 – Feb 15 - Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest land or FWP WMAs.

004-00 B-license good 8/15-2/15 but archery only during archery season not valid on USFS, FWP WMA's or CMR.

HD 451: New HD. **Establish Shoulder Season** 8/15-2/15 not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR.

- Aug 15 – **Sep 02** – Antlerless Elk. Not Valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.
- Sep 03 – Oct 16 – Brow tined Bull or Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- **Oct 17 – Oct 21 - Antlerless Elk. Not Valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.**
- Oct 22 – Nov 27 – Brow tined Bull or Antlerless Elk
- Nov 28 – Feb 15 – Antlerless Elk. Not Valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.

004-00 B-Licenses valid 8/15-2/15 **but archery only during archery season** not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR during shoulder seasons.

Region 5

All R5 (except HD 500): 502, Portion of 510 west of HWY 310, 511, Portion of 520 north and west of West Fork of Rock Creek, 530, 540, 560 Portion north of Falls Creek, 570, 575, 580, Portion of 590 north of Yellowstone River. **Establish Shoulder Season** with general license:

- 8/15-**10/21 9/2** – Antlerless elk. Private land only
- 9/3 – 10-16 – Either-sex or Spike bull/antlerless (depending on HD). Archery only.
- **10/17 – 10/21 – Antlerless elk. Private land only.**
- 10/22 - 11/27 – Either-sex or Spike bull/antlerless (depending on HD)
- 11/28- 2/15 – Antlerless elk. Private land only

005-00 B-Licenses (1200) valid 8/15-2/15 **but archery-only during archery season**, valid on private land only.

Individual R5 HD B-licenses as below: Valid district wide in each HD to address situations where elk are expected to concentrate on National Forest lands adjacent to private lands and be otherwise unavailable for harvest. Valid 9/3 – 10/16 Archery only then 10/22 – 2/15.

HD 502 & 510 portion: Create 502-01 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 5-150)

HD 511 & 530: 411-00 B-Licenses valid (quota 400, range 100-600)

HD 520: Create 520-01 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 5-150)

Increase the 520-20 ES permit quota range from 25-30 to 25-50

HD 540: Create 540-01 B-Licenses (quota 100, range 50-300)

HD 560: Create 560-01 B-Licenses (quota 100, range 50-300)

HD 570: Create 570-01 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 5-150)

HD 575: Create 575-01 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 5-150), increase ES 575-20 quota range from 10-15 to 10-50

HD 580: Create 580-01 B-Licenses (quota 100, range 50-300)

HD 590: Create 590-01 B-Licenses (quota 100, range 50-300)

Region 6

HD 680 & 690: **Establish Shoulder Season**, create 696-00 B-License (quota 100, range 100-500) valid 12/15-12/31 in both HDs. **Not valid on CMR Refuge.**

Create antlerless elk permit 697-00 (**quota 100, range 100-300**) valid during archery and general seasons in both HDs. Only valid on private land outside of Block Management Areas.

HDs 620, 621, 622, 630, 631 & 632 (Missouri Breaks EMU): Establish Shoulder Season.

Create 699-00 B-License (quota 500, range 100-1000) valid in all HDs 12/15-12/31. Not valid on CMR.

Create 698-00 antlerless permit (quota 300, range 100-500) valid in all HDs during archery and general. Not valid on CMR.

Hunting District 313

Proposal Adopted in December:

Options for the season include one or any combination of the following:

- Establish limited Brow-tined bull permit 313-45 (quota 75, range 50-150) 1st choice only
- Unlimited Brow-tined bull permits by drawing 1st choice only with no sales after March 15th.
Hunters may not hunt antlered elk in any other hunting district.
- Unlimited Brow-tined bull permits as described above with a 6-point bull regulation
- Unlimited Brow-tined bull permits as described above with a shorter season
- Unlimited Brow-tined bull permits as described above with a harvest quota monitored at the Slip & Slide Check Station
- Unlimited Brow-tined bull permits as described above and close Deckard Flats/Eagle Basin
- Readjust the HD 313/314 boundary

Additional changes proposed are:

Eliminate 313-10 youth-only brow-tined bull or antlerless permit

Establish 313-01 B License (quota 30, range 15-50)

Establish 313-00 youth-only B License (quota 30, range 15 – 50)

Final Proposal resulting from public comment and further consideration:

Archery and first 3 weeks of General Season BTB with General License

Last 2 weeks of General Season 50 Limited BTB permits (quota range 1-100), 1st Choice-only

Eliminate 313-10 youth-only brow-tined bull or antlerless permit

Establish 313-01 B License (quota 30, range 15-50)

Establish 313-00 youth-only B License (quota 30, range 15 – 50)

Redefine emergency closure area to include area east of Deckard Flats to Trail Creek. Map and legal description included.

Note: The objective of FWP's proposal is, "...to increase the brow-tined bull:cow ratios to within 20% of the long-term average" (12 brow-tined bulls:100 cows in the Montana wintering population or 23.2 brow-tined bulls:100 cows in the entire population). Success is to be measured by, "If we observe 10 or more brow-tined bulls per 100 cows for 2 consecutive years within HD313, then we will consider that this change has been successful. Alternately, the long-term average among the entire elk population is 23.2 brow-tined bulls per 100 cows. If we observe 18.5 brow-tined bulls per 100 cows for 2 consecutive years among the entire elk population including HD313 and the northern range of Yellowstone National Park we will consider this proposal successful."

FWP remains committed to this objective and measures of success. If significant progress toward the objective is not observed following the 2016 and 2017 seasons, FWP may revisit the season structure to address the issue. This could include, but is not limited to, a shorter general season and/or a longer portion of the season to be limited BTB permits, or other options.