

DEER MASTER LIST

February 11, 2016

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

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.

Require a person to already have a deer license when applying for any deer permit, the same as is currently the case for non-resident applicants and for all applicants for elk permits.

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 1

White-tailed Deer

All R1 HDs except 140/141/150/151/170: WTD either-sex on general license the first week everywhere and last week on private land only excluding Plum Creek, Stoltz and Stimpson. Rest of the season antlered-buck.

All R1 HDs except 140/141/150/151/170: Allow antlerless to handicapped hunters with Permission to Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV) season-long

HD 100/103/104: Establish WTD B-licenses in each HD (quota 100, range 5-600) in each

HD 123: Establish WTD B-licenses (quota 50, range 25-300)

HD 130: Establish WTD B-licenses (quota 50, range 10-1000)

HD 170: Allow antlerless harvest on Kuhns WMA

Region 2

Mule Deer

HD 217: New HD, Establish Unlimited Buck permits

HD 250: Reduce buck permits 40 to 25

HD 261: Increase 261-50 buck permits 25 to 40 30 valid in HDs 261 & 262

Establish 261-01 B License (quota 35, range 0-150). Only valid outside the Natl Forest boundary and NOT valid on Calf Creek WMA.

HD 262: Increase 261-50 buck permits 25 to 40.

Establish 262-01 Antlerless B Licenses (quota 50, range 10-200) ArchEquip Only valid 8/15-1/1.

Change boundary to include Florence area, Willow Creek, and Sunset Bench.

Reduce 262-00 B License from 200 to 100 but successful B-license applicants may purchase 1 more B. Establish quota range for 262-00 of 25-300.

Add antlerless MD to general tag 8/15-1/1 ArchEquip only

HD 270: Increase buck permits 45 to 60 No increase – keep at 45.

HD 290: Establish quota range for 290-51 either-species Antlered buck B License at 5-100

Region 2 White-tailed Deer

HD 201: Change 201-01 B Licenses 25 to 15, Change license from private land only to valid in entire 201-01 subdistrict (Four Mile area)

HDs 204/240/250/261/270 (Bitterroot Valley) WTD:

Remove current limited B-licenses from HDs 204 (204-01), 240 (240-01), and 261 (261-00).

Remove either-sex harvest during the first week of general rifle season in HDs 240, 250 and 270.

Remove HD 250 from the list of districts valid for the 260-01 license (archery-only, 3 licenses per hunter).

Add new limited B Licenses that allow a late season (12/1-1/1) harvest on private land only with special weapons where hunters who draw the license may purchase up to 2 additional licenses as below:

260-02: (quota 100, range 50-400) in HD 260 1st choice only. Not valid west of Highway 93 in Missoula County.

299-00: (quota 400, range 50-500) valid in HDs 204, 240, 261, and 270 (1st and 2nd choice).

HD 210: Establish WTD 210-00 B License (quota 75, range 5-200)

HD 212: Establish WTD 212-01 B License (quota 100, range 5-200). B License holders may purchase a second B License.

HD 213: Establish WTD 213-01 B License (quota 25, range 5-200)

HD 215: Establish WTD 215-01 B License (quota 50, range 5-200)

HD 216: Establish WTD 216-00 B License (quota 25, range 5-200)

HD 217: First nine days ES, rest of the season buck only

HD 260: Change 260-01 OTC B License from up to 3 per hunter to up to 5 per hunter. Establish a quota range of 1 to 5 for this license.

HD 262: Increase 262-01 OTC ArchEquip only B License from up to 3 per hunter to up to 5 per hunter. Establish a quota range of 1 to 5 for this license.

Increase 262-02 OTC Special Weapons B Licenses from 1 per hunter to up to 3 per hunter. Establish a quota range of 1 to 5 for this license.

HD 285: Increase WTD B-licenses from 50 to 75

HD 291: Establish WTD 291-00 B License (quota 50, range 5-200)

HD 292: Increase WTD B-licenses from 75 to 100

Region 3

Mule Deer

HDs 300/302/320/322/325/326/328/329/330/331/333 (Tendoy & Tobacco Root Mtns):

Remove 75 MD 300-01 B-licenses from HD 300

Remove 200 MD 331-02 B-licenses from HD 331

Remove the unlimited mule deer buck permit 302-50 from HD 302

Eliminate the three-week mule deer buck season in HDs 320 and 333.

Implement a season-long either-sex mule deer on a general deer license in HDs 300, 302, 320, 322, 325, 326, 328, 329, 330, 331, and 333. With the exception of HDs 300 and 329, which will maintain respective limited and unlimited mule deer buck permit regulations.

HD 309: Reintroduce B-license, 309-01 (quota 25, range 25-100)

HD 311: Reintroduce B-license, 311-01 (quota 100, range 25-300)

HD 312: Reintroduce B-license, 312-01 (quota 50, range 25-200)

HD 313: Reintroduce B-license, 313-01 (quota 50, range 25-200)

HDs 318/335/339/343 (Helena Area): Reintroduce MD B Licenses:

318-01 (quota 50, range 25-150)

335-01 (quota 50, range 25-150)

339-01 (quota 50, range 25-200)

343-01 (quota 50, range 25-200)

HD 319: Establish 319-01 B License quota range of 10-100

HDs 321/334/340/341/350/370 (Butte HDs): Allow ES during archery, implement B-licenses:

321-01 (quota 10, range 10-30)

334-01 (quota 10, range 10-30)

340-01 (quota 50, range 10-200)

341-01 (quota 20, range 10-100)

350-01 (quota 10, range 10-30)

370-01 (quota 10, range 10-30)

HD 380: Reintroduce B Licenses 380-02 (quota 50, range 25-200) valid only on private land outside of Nat'l Forest Service boundary and on DNRC land.

HD 388, City of Helena: Helena Urban Deer Plan. Approve removal of 130 deer within the city limits between Nov 15 and Mar 31. If the proportion of mature bucks is disproportionately high, allow for an additional 50 deer, bringing the total to 180. We do not recommend the release of any bucks captured in the additional 50 if it is warranted.

HD 390: Reintroduce B Licenses 390-01 (quota 50, range 25-200) not valid on National Forest Land.

HD 391: Reintroduce B Licenses 391-02 (quota 100, range 25-200) not valid on National Forest Land. Remove Canyon Ferry WMA Weapons Restriction Area to clean up and reduce complexity. Language is ambiguous and open to interpretation.

White-tailed Deer

HD 301: Remove 301-00 B License. It is redundant and little used.

HDs 320/322/324/325/326/330/333/340/360 (Tobacco Roots, Highlands, Madison):

WTD - Remove individual district B Licenses and establish 399-00 OTC B Licenses for the bundle, (quota 3, range 1-5 per hunter)

Region 4

Mule Deer

In 23 of 36 R4 districts – HDs 400/401/403/404/405/406/410/411/412/413/417/419/421/422/423/426/432/442/444/445/447/450/471: Change from antlered buck mule deer to either-sex.

HDs 422, 423, and 442 for outside National Forest lands only.

HD 401: 401-00 B-license reduction, 200 to 100, and establish quota range 100-500

HD 403: 403-00 B-license (valid for either species) reduction, 175 to 75, and establish quota range 25-300

HD 405: 405-00 B-license reduction, 200 to 50, and establish quota range 25-250

HD 406: Change 406-00 B-license to MD only & reduce from 200 to 100 with range 25-500.

HD 413: 413-00 B-license reduction, 200 to 50, and establish quota range 5-250

HD 419: Establish 419-00 B-license (quota 25, range 5-100)

HD 426: Establish 426-00 B-license (quota 25, range 5-100)

HD 451: New HD carved out of HD 391. Establish antlered buck MD & ES WTD archery and General.

White-tailed Deer

HDs 406/441/450: Establish 495-00 B license (quota 300, range 100-800) valid in all 3 HDs. HD 406 closes 11/13/2016. HDs 441 and 450 close 11/27/2016.

HDs 411/412: Eliminate 411-00 WTD B License

Establish 497-00 B license (quota 300, range 100-500) valid in both HDs.

HDs 413/445: Establish 496-00 B license (quota 100, range 5-500) valid in both HDs.

HDs 422/444: Eliminate 444-00 B Licenses and establish 498-00 B license (quota 400, range 50-500) valid in both HDs.

HDs 416/446/449/452/454: Eliminate the current five individual B Licenses (416-00, 446-00, 449-00, 452-00 & 454-00) and establish a single 499-00 B License (quota 400, range 50-1500) valid in all 5 HDs to simplify the regulations.

Region 5

Mule Deer

HDs 500/570/590: Change from antlered buck to either-sex

Most of R5: Reinroduce B Licenses as below:

HD 500: Quota 100, range 5-200

HD 502: Quota 25, range 5-150

HD 510: Quota 75, range 5-150, Not valid on Natl Forest lands

HD 511: Quota 10, range 5-50, Not valid on Natl Forest lands

HD 520: Quota 50, range 5-150, Not valid on Natl Forest lands

HD 530: Quota 10, range 5-50, Not valid on Natl Forest lands

HD 540: Quota 10, range 5-50, Not valid on Natl Forest lands

HD 560: Quota 25, range 5-150, Not valid on Natl Forest lands

HD 570: Quota 25, range 5-150

HD 575: Quota 100, range 5-200

HD 580: Quota 25, range 5-200, Not valid on Natl Forest lands

HD 590: Quota 100, range 5-250

White-tailed Deer

HDs 500/530/590: Introduce 597-00 B License (quota 200, range 100-800) valid in all 3 HDs. Not valid on Nat'l Forest lands

HDs 511/540/570/580: Reinroduce 598-00 B License (Quota 500, range 400-1000) Valid in all 4 HDs.

Region 6

Mule Deer

HDs 600/611/621/622: Go to either-sex on a general license

HD 620: Establish 620-00 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 50-500)

HDs 630/631/632: Establish 630-00 B Licenses (quota 100, range 100-1000)

HD 650: Establish 650-00 B-Licenses (quota 50, range 50-500)

HD 640: Establish 640-00 B Licenses (quota 100, range 100-900)

HD 651: Establish 651-00 B Licenses (quota 100, range 100-500)

HD 670: Establish 670-00 B Licenses (quota 200, range 200-2000)

HD 680: Establish 680-00 B Licenses (quota 100, range 100-1000)

HD 690: Establish 690-00 B Licenses (quota 100, range 100-1000)

White-tailed Deer

All R6 HDs: Introduce OTC 006-00 B Licenses, 1 per hunter, valid in all Region 6 HDs.

Region 7

Mule Deer

All R7 HDs: Go to ES with a general license.

Replace all individual HD B Licenses with 007-03 region-wide B License (quota 4500, range 1000-5000) valid in all Region 7 HDs.