

# Deer and Elk – HD 217



**Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations** (boundary types, LPT changes, species, etc.):

Boundary Change: None proposed. Retain existing Hunting District 217.

White-tailed Deer: No changes proposed.

Mule Deer: Change antlerless mule deer for youth-only with a general license to either-sex. Eliminate Deer B License for antlerless mule deer and antlered buck mule deer permit.

Elk: No changes proposed

## **Biological Implications:**

Boundary Change: The existing boundary provides an area where FWP can manage elk where they primarily inhabit private land. In the past five years since this district was established, elk have moved from twice the objective to within objective and Chronic Wasting Disease risk from concentrated elk has decreased.

White-tailed Deer: The deer numbers are steady to increasing, which supported no changes (continued either-sex opportunity on the general license and over the counter B Licenses).

Mule Deer: Mule deer numbers are low in HD 217 and require minimal harvest.

Elk: The intended effect of the current regulations is to provide light harvest pressure on and off private lands, sufficient to keep elk moving naturally across property boundaries for effective elk harvest in a relatively small hunting district.

## **Social Implications:**

For elk, the proposal to retain the existing regulations represents no change from the innovation that was negotiated among landowners, hunters, and the local public in 2016. FWP expects little comment other than reports from landowners and hunters on how things are going.

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