

# Elk and Deer – HD 200



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

Boundary Change: Combine Hunting District 200 with HD 123 and HD 124 to make the new HD 200. Former Mullan Gulch portion becomes part of the larger district.

White-tailed Deer: Remove the existing white-tailed Deer B Licenses and replace with one white-tailed Deer B License that is valid district wide. Keep youth either-sex opportunity.

Mule Deer: Keep general license opportunity for mule deer bucks across new HD 200.

Elk: Remove antlerless elk permits and replace with limited B Licenses (50) offered district wide.

## **Biological Implications:**

Boundary Change: Existing HDs 123, 124 and 200 have similar habitat and productivity for deer and elk.

White-tailed & Mule Deer: Populations across the district can support the proposed harvest and a similar harvest to recent years is expected.

Elk: Limited B Licenses for elk will reduce the risk of overharvest in small, less productive herds that exist in the HD.

## **Social Implications:**

For white-tailed deer, merging the hunting districts will potentially result in more opportunity on the former FWP Region 2 side and less on the Region 1 side.

Also, for elk, there will potentially be an increase in opportunity for antlerless elk on the Region 2 side (that has only had 5 antlerless licenses in recent years) but will be a decrease in opportunity on the Region 1 side (that has had 85 antlerless elk licenses between HDs 123 & 124).

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