

## Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations

### Region:

- **Deer and Elk region-wide changes:**
  - Remove all antlerless elk Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV) permits
    - **Biological Implications:** None.
    - **Social Implications:** Existing permit is confusing to applicants. Approximately 60% of the people who apply do not have a PTHFV. The current regulation associated with this permit is difficult to enforce.
  - Change all antlerless elk permits to antlerless elk licenses
    - **Biological Implications:** None.
    - **Social Implications:** This would simplify regulations but may be unpopular with sportsmen who think only one elk per person should be harvested in Region 1. Changing this opportunity to an Elk B License would be easier to enforce. Preference points can be switched from permits to licenses but will take considerable public outreach.
  - Remove the antlerless white-tailed deer opportunity during the last week of the general season in hunting districts where it occurs. The opportunity is currently only valid on private land, excluding corporate timber land.
    - **Biological Implications:** None, although this could limit landowner ability to reduce deer numbers and could increase game damage complaints.
    - **Social Implications:** Large-scale changes in land ownership make this regulation confusing because some of the former timberland is no longer owned by timber companies. The landownership changes make it more difficult to enforce the current regulation.
- **Other species region-wide changes:**
  - Align Black Bear Management Units (BMUs) with Elk and Deer Hunting Districts. Exceptions would be HD 150 and HD 200 because these districts are proposed to be combined with FWP Region 2 hunting districts where the season length is different. Portions of HD 200 within FWP Region 1 (HD 123 and HD 124) would be combined into a single unit. The new unit would be identified as HD/BMU 123.
    - **Biological Implications:** None.
    - **Social Implications:** This would simplify regulations. Black bear and deer/elk district numbers would be identical in most districts.

- Keep Mountain Lion Management Units consistent with Deer and Elk Hunting Districts if they should change. Exceptions would be HD 150 and HD 200, which are proposed to be combined with FWP Region 2 districts (see black bears above). Seasons are different in Region 2.
  - **Biological Implications:** None.
  - **Social Implications:** This would maintain the current standard of aligning mountain lion districts with elk and deer districts in most areas of Region 1.

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