

Antelope – HD 339



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Eliminate 339-30 antelope B licenses available for purchase by hunters that successfully draw an either-sex antelope license in HD 339. No antelope B license would be available in HD 339.

Biological Implications:

The elimination of this doe/fawn license is done for two reasons:

- 1) The direction to simplify regulations by removing second-opportunity licenses.
- 2) Additionally, some antelope surveys in recent years have indicated a substantial decline in antelope numbers and recruitment that is below the long-term and 10-year averages across antelope HDs in the Livingston area. Doe/fawn antelope opportunities should be reduced until surveys indicate improved recruitment.

Social Implications:

Some hunters and landowners may be disappointed to lose the second opportunity to harvest an additional antelope; others will be pleased to see a reduction in doe/fawn harvest in hopes of increased future opportunity. On the whole this proposal is not expected to generate substantial controversy.

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