

Antelope – HD 340



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Eliminate 340-30 antelope B licenses available for purchase by hunters that successfully draw an either-sex antelope license in Hunting District 340. No antelope B license would be available in HD 340.

Additionally, rename HD 340 to a different, available 3XX number (but maintain current boundary).

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.

Changing HD 340's number to another available 3XX is a simple change with no biological impact. This allows antelope HD 341 to be renamed HD 340, which will reduce hunter confusion as current antelope HD 341 aligns with deer/elk/lion district 340. Current HD 340 could be renamed HD 341, or another number can be chosen after the combination/simplification process for HDs is complete.

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 neither proposal is expected to generate substantial controversy.

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