

# Antelope – HD 380



## **Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:**

Combine existing antelope Hunting Districts 371 and 380 into one district, HD 380.

The HD boundary would not match the new proposed deer/elk HD 380 boundary for biological reasons related to antelope distribution and movement patterns.

## **Biological Implications:**

It's unclear if there will be any biological impacts resulting from this proposed change. The current HD 371 and HD 380 antelope populations are distinct. For many years antelope numbers in HD 371 have been well below desired numbers, while until this year (recent winter-kill/disease die-off event), antelope numbers in HD 380 have generally been well above desired numbers. The Townsend weapons restriction area (WRA) and its impacts on antelope harvest (archery only for antelope within the WRA) has resulted in the area becoming somewhat of a refuge area, and some private land access issues (no hunting areas) within the current HD 380 have made managing antelope numbers in the current HD 380 difficult. There could potentially be future issues with antelope distribution and antelope harvest distribution if the two HDs are combined, but it is unknown to what degree if any those issues might be.

## **Social Implications:**

This proposal aligns with the directive to reduce the number of HDs and reduce regulation complexity where possible.

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