



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Retain HD 340 boundary as it currently is. This would apply to white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, mountain lion and antelope. The regulations for each species would be as follows:

- White-tailed deer: Either-sex on the general license for archery and general season. This would not be a change from how it is now.
- Mule deer: Either-sex on the general license for archery season. Antlered buck on the general license plus 150 Deer B licenses for the general season. This would reflect a change from the current liberal season structure to a standard structure.
- Elk: Eliminate the split season and either-sex permits. Allow brow-tined bull (BTB)/antlerless on the general license for archery season. Allow BTB on the general license plus 450 Elk B licenses for the general season. Allow Either-sex on the general license for Youth and hunters with permission to hunt from a vehicle.
- Mountain lion: Lion management would continue to be managed as it is now, with HD 340 as a standalone lion management unit. Total quota would continue to be three with a female subquota of one.
- Antelope: Change the HD number from 341 to 340. Retain either-sex licenses offered through the drawing. Offer doe/fawn licenses as a second opportunity to holders of the HD 340 either-sex license. Other than the change to the district number, the season structure would not be changed from how it is now.

Biological Implications:

The justification to move mule deer management from liberal to standard regulation is based on the biological objectives for the liberal season not being met. Under the liberal season that has been in place since 2018, total mule deer harvest has increased rather than remain stable, antlerless harvest has not replaced harvest of young bucks, antlerless harvest on the general license has increased beyond harvest of Deer B licenses that had been offered previously, the number of young bucks in the harvest has not decreased and the proportion of bucks with four points or more in the harvest has not increased.

The justification for maintaining doe/fawn licenses for antelope as a second opportunity in HD 340 is that access is limited throughout the district and most antelope are on private land. Landowners prefer less hunters with multiple antelope licenses rather than more hunters with one license each. If harvest objectives are to be met, offering doe/fawn licenses as a second opportunity is the more effective management tool.

Deer/Elk/Lion/Antelope – HD 340



Social Implications:

The justification for combining removing the split season and either-sex elk permits is HD 340 is based on the regulation simplification directive.

For decades, hunters have been confused by this antelope HD being number 341 while the same district for deer/elk is numbered 340

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