

Deer/Elk/Lion – HD 319



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Combine Hunting Districts 319 and 341 into one district, HD 319. This will apply to mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk and mountain lion. The regulations for each species would be as follows:

- White-tailed deer: Either-sex on the General Deer License for archery and general season. This would not be a change from how it is now in both HDs.
- Mule deer: Unlimited buck permits and B licenses valid for archery and general season. This would not be a change for how it is now in HD 319. It would be a change from the current HD 341 where buck harvest is currently regulated through the general license.
- Elk: Brow-tined bull (BTB)/antlerless on the general license for archery season. BTB on the general license and B licenses during the general season. Any bull/antlerless allowed on the general license for Youth and hunters with permission to hunt from a vehicle. This would not be a change from how it is now in both HDs.
- Mountain lion: lion management currently occurs at the level of these two combined hunting districts so this would not be a change. However, the current quota of four total with a female subquota of two would be proposed to increase to a total of five (keeping the female subquota at two).

Biological Implications:

The justification for combining these districts is regulation simplification. The justification to change the mule deer regulation in HD 341 to unlimited permits if the districts are combined is based on ratios of fewer than 10 bucks per 100 does observed for three out of the past four years in HD 341. According to the Adaptive Deer Management Plan, this justifies moving to an unlimited permit regulation.

Social Implications:

The proposed boundary changes would simplify hunting regulations by reducing the number of HDs and increase HD size.

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