# Deer/Elk – HD 339



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

- Retain Hunting District 339 boundary, season structure, and all license and permit types (LPTs) <u>except</u> antlerless mule deer licenses and spike/antlerless elk permits.
- **Either** eliminate the antlerless mule deer license, **or** create an antlerless mule deer license opportunity valid across both HDs 339 and 343.
- **Either** convert the spike/antlerless elk permit (also valid for brow-tined bull/antlerless in HD 343) to an antlerless elk license valid in both HDs 339 and 343, **or** create separate antlerless elk licenses for both HDs 339 and HD 343.

#### **Biological Implications:**

For retaining the boundary and either-sex elk structure: FWP's 2005 Elk Plan includes an objective for a minimum average age of 5.5 years for bull elk harvested with a limited either-sex elk permit.

For elimination of antlerless elk permits: All antlerless elk permits are being eliminated under the directive to simplify regulations.

#### **Social Implications:**

The HD 339 boundary, season structure and most license/permit types would remain unchanged. License structures would change for antlerless mule deer and antlerless elk.

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