

White-tailed deer – HD 309, 311, 312



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Combine Hunting Districts 312, 390, 393 and the southeast portion of the current HD 380 (area between U.S. Hwy 287 and the Missouri River). This proposal also affects mule deer and elk (see Elk – HD 312 for rationale for combining HDs).

Antlerless white-tailed deer B license 398-80 (valid across new HDs 309, 311, 312): Change from five per hunter to two per hunter. Note boundary changes in HD 311 where this tag was valid (discussed further in separate proposal).

Biological Implications:

White-tailed deer are scarce enough in the current HDs 390 and 393. Allowing up to five licenses per hunter could be too much for these populations. We would allow only two licenses per hunter on this new combination license. As this license would be valid across multiple hunting districts (HD 312, 309, 311), the administrative number 398-80 would be maintained.

Social Implications:

None yet gathered. Landowners and hunters in the current HDs 309, 311 and 312 may be unhappy with this reduction of licenses per hunter. Game damage is prevalent in these areas. Chronic wasting disease was detected in one deer in HD 309.

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