

White-tailed deer – HDs 314/317



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Change the current 317-00 white-tailed deer B license to an administrative number (e.g. 398-XX)

Biological Implications:

Unlike elk and mule deer, whitetail deer in adjacent HDs 314 and 317 are largely restricted to the valley bottom, where riparian and irrigated agricultural habitat supports a population with frequent exchange across HDs 314 and 317. The biology supports managing these whitetail deer on the same B license. Currently, the 317-00 B license is an over-the-counter opportunity and can be used in either HD 314 or HD 317 to harvest antlerless whitetail deer. This change would maintain management across HDs (as supported by the biology) but help reduce hunter confusion among hunters that may think the licenses is only valid in HD 317 due to the license number.

Social Implications:

No input collected thus far. This is not expected to generate substantial controversy as there is no change in opportunity here, simply a relabeling to make regulations easier to understand.

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