Region 7



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations

Region:

• List of HDs that didn't change: All Region 7 HDs (700-705) for mule deer.

• Deer and Elk region-wide changes:

- Eliminate the region-wide 007-01 white-tailed deer B license. This is a second opportunity license, managed with a quota, available over the counter to residents only. Convert the 007-00 white-tailed deer B license (which is currently unlimited, one per hunter) to be managed with a quota, which would allow hunters to purchase surplus licenses when available.
- Biological justification: In recent years, between 4,500 and 6,500 007-00 B licenses were sold annually, in addition to 2,000 007-01 B licenses. Going to a draw on the 007-00 white-tailed deer B license will allow FWP to more effectively set quotas to reflect changing population levels.
- Social input to date: Eliminating the 007-01 B license will reduce the number of Region 7 white-tailed deer B licenses from 2 to 1, consistent with the mule deer B license structure. Based on recent sales, a surplus of 007-00 licenses is likely. When this occurs, it would allow hunters to purchase additional white-tailed deer B licenses. Landowners have flexibility to manage deer within their individual preference if landowners desire to reduce deer on their land, hunters with valid licenses should be available; conversely, if landowners do not have adequate deer numbers, they have the option to limit harvest.
- Other species region-wide changes: No proposed changes for pronghorn, mountain lion, and black bear.