

Deer – HD 447



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Change mule deer hunting on the general license to 'antlered buck only' from 'either-sex'.

Eliminate the 447-00 mule deer B licenses.

Biological Implications:

Harvest and survey data suggest mule deer numbers are below the long-term average in Deer/Elk HD 447. Switching to 'antlered buck only' will allow the mule deer populations in Deer/Elk HD 447 to grow via reduced annual antlerless mule deer harvest.

Social Implications:

There is general public support for increasing mule deer numbers in the hunting district.

Occasional instances of localized mule deer game damage are expected as the mule deer population grows. As handled in the past, qualifying landowners may receive assistance through FWP's Game Damage Program.

This change is consistent with changes in nearby hunting districts with similar habitat.