

Deer – HD 444



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations: Create 444-01 Mule Deer B-licenses (quota = 50, quota range 50-250).

Biological Implications: Limited B licenses add harvest opportunity in areas where deer numbers are stronger and limited additional antlerless harvest is available (justification is in-line with AHM trigger guidelines). This HD would remain in the standard either-sex regulation package per mule deer Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM) guidelines. Per the additional proposal to modify the HD 444/422 boundary, this would remove a portion of Prairie/Breaks population management unit from HD 444 (PMU – AHM guidelines).

Social Implications: Large portion of HD is private land so access will strongly influence harvest levels. Limited additional B licenses add opportunity to harvest antlerless deer where mule deer presence is increasing, and address landowner comments/concerns related to cultivated crop damage.