

Deer – HD 422/424/425/442



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations: Mule Deer: Change general season type from Antlered Buck to Either-Sex.

Biological Implications: Based on mule deer Adaptive Harvest Management guidelines, general deer season type for these HDs will be modified from antlered buck only to either-sex. Local mule deer research data justify season type HD wide related to deer movement patterns (timing/distribution of migration) among other data.

Social Implications: Antlerless harvest opportunity on USFS land and Sun River WMA has not been available for many years and as such, there is some concern related to the change. Tracking harvest via the Augusta check station (as well as sportsperson conversations, Upper Sun Wildlife Team, etc.), harvest estimates, and trend area survey data will aid in responding to such concerns and/or making necessary modifications in the future. This change would provide consistency in mule deer management across the broader area.