

# Deer/Elk – HD 422/444



**Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:** Move eastern HD 422 boundary (western HD 444 boundary) from Hwy 434/Dearborn River to Hwy 287.

## **Biological Implications:**

Elk: Aligns with seasonal elk distribution and correlations to harvest management needs as prescribed by elk management plan and regulations. No effect on trend survey areas. Future harvest estimates will better reflect actual elk harvest for the entirety of this area.

Mule deer: Will add a portion of Prairie/Breaks population management unit (PMU) (HD 444) into Prairie/Mtn. Foothill PMU (HD 422) (see mule deer Adaptive Harvest Management plan). No effect on HD 444 general deer license mule deer management. No change in mule deer management specific to this addition to HD 422. Some ties to new local MD research data justify season type HD wide related to deer movement patterns (timing of migration) among other data.

**Social Implications:** None.