

# Deer/Elk – HD 450/442



**Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:** Move west boundary of HD 450 (east boundary of HD 442) from Bellview/Deep Cr/Battle Cr Rd to USFS boundary.

## **Biological Implications:**

Elk: Better aligns with seasonal elk distribution and correlations to harvest management needs as prescribed by elk management plan (Teton River EMU) and regulations. No effect on trend survey areas. Future harvest estimates will better reflect actual elk harvest for the entirety of this area. No effect on 'Sun River' elk management (HD 442).

Mule deer: Will remove HD 450 from the Prairie/Breaks population management unit (PMU) and place in the Prairie/Mtn. Foothill PMU (see mule deer Adaptive Harvest Management plan). HD 450 would remain either-sex mule deer general season (consistent with mule deer Adaptive Harvest Management guidelines).

**Social Implications:** Limited landowner comments support change related to elk management clarity.