

Elk – HD 447



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Remove Deer/Elk HD 447 from the 900-20 archery elk permit bundle and replace with Deer/Elk HD 447-specific, either-sex, archery-only permits. The change would begin with establishing a quota of 300 permits and a quota range of 100-400 permits.

Biological Implications:

The Highwoods Elk Management Unit which encompasses Deer/Elk HD 447 in the Elk Management Plan describes objectives for managing for older age class bull elk and a diverse bull elk age structure.

Establishing limited archery permits with a separate, annually adjustable quota used in conjunction with existing 'rifle and archery' permits will allow FWP to better manage antlered elk harvest.

Social Implications:

Bull elk archery opportunity in Deer/Elk HD 447 has required a permit since the inception of the 900-20 archery elk permit bundle.

Bull elk archery hunting has great potential to negatively influence the bull elk age structure and overall bull numbers in Deer/Elk HD 447 if made available on the general license.