

Elk – HD 421



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations: Combine HDs 421 and 423, creating a larger 'HD 421'.

Biological Implications:

Elk: HDs 421 and 423 are managed as the Birdtail elk management unit (elk management plan) and are currently managed in combination with each other related to elk. The general season in HD 423 is brow-tined bull/antlerless elk and HD 421 is either-sex. Based on persistent strong elk numbers (including bulls), switching to either-sex season for the new combined HD is justified. Spike harvest is minimal on a general license and will not significantly impact bull numbers/age structure (re: switching to an either-sex season in the 'old HD 423'). Either-sex season would be consistent with adjacent HDs.

Social Implications: None.