Region 2



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations

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List of Hunting Districts that didn't change:

- 250 (no boundary or regulation changes)
- o HDs 214, 217, 282, 290 (no boundary changes, but some regulation changes)

• Deer and Elk region-wide changes:

- Reduced hunting districts from 30 to 15.
- o Eliminated all <u>antlerless</u> elk permits and replaced with B Licenses in many places.
- o Eliminated all <u>unlimited</u> elk and deer permits.
- o Eliminated antlered B Licenses.

Biological implications:

<u>Hunting districts:</u> Combining hunting districts matches the biological needs. In other words, the new boundaries pair with habitat type and elk and deer population dynamics.

<u>Eliminated unlimited elk and deer permits</u>: Using limited permits or other tools instead should reduce harvest and lead to more breeding age bulls and bucks in areas where that is prescribed.

Social implications:

<u>Hunting districts:</u> Combining hunting districts may translate to local losses of hunting opportunity in some cases but regulations should be easier to follow and understand.

<u>Eliminated antlerless elk permits:</u> This proposal is aimed primarily at improving regulation understanding. Antlerless permits have historically been difficult to understand because generally permits are used for antlered harvest.

<u>Eliminated antlered B Licenses:</u> This proposal is aimed primarily at improving regulation understanding. Generally, B Licenses are for antlerless harvest only.

Other species region-wide changes:

N/A