Deer – HD 525



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations

- Combine HD520 and HD560 into a new HD525. General season antlered buck mule deer, eithersex white-tailed deer
- Combine mule deer 520-00 and 560-00 permits consistent with combined hunting districts
- HD525 either-sex mule deer youth opportunity Sept. 4 -Oct. 17, Oct. 23 Nov. 28

Biological Implications:

- Follows species-specific plan guidelines for current population status in Southern Mountain population management unit.
- Youth season will have minimal impact to overall mule deer population

Social Implications:

- Simplifies regulations while retaining species-specific plan direction.
- Maintains antlerless mule deer opportunity.
- Maintains antlerless opportunity for youths. Leads to increased recruitment and retention. Supported by landowners as an additional tool for local population control.

Contact: Shawn Stewart, wildlife biologist, sstewart@mt.gov, 406-446-4150

Justin Paugh, wildlife biologist, jpaugh@mt.gov, 406-932-5012