



## **Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations**

- Combine HD 520 and HD 560 to make a new HD 525 with either-sex elk during the general season
- Remove elk permit 520-20
- Remove permit 520-00
- Remove 520-01
- Maintain the 005-00 license and increase the number to account for removed 595-00 elk B-license.
- Remove 560-00 elk B license

## **Biological Implications:**

- Elk population over objective.
- Primary herd unit on public land will be managed with new district.
- This combination of districts allows us to maintain historical harvest and survey data for future population analysis and simplifies the regulations for hunters.
- License becomes unnecessary with expanded use of 005-00 B license
- Portion of HD 520 where permit applied becomes new HD when combined with HD 510. License unnecessary when elk B 005-00 are used.
- Follows species-specific plan for hunting districts over objective
- Primary herd unit on public land will be managed with new district.
- 560-00 elk B license no longer need to limit late shoulder season harvest on public lands.

## **Social Implications:**

- Simplifies regulations by reducing the number of hunting districts in Region 5.
- Concern from local sportsmen about potential overharvest of the Deer Creek/Elk Creek herd unit that resides primarily on National Forest Lands.