

# Deer – HD 540



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

- Maintain HD540 either-sex mule deer youth opportunity Sept. 4 -Oct. 17, Oct. 23 – Nov. 28
- Increase mule deer B license from 10 to 50

## **Biological Implications:**

- Youth season has minimal impact to overall mule deer population
- Follows species-specific plan guidelines for current population status

## **Social Implications:**

- Maintains antlerless opportunity for youths. Leads to increased recruitment and retention. Supported by landowners as an additional tool for local population control.
- Maintains antlerless mule deer opportunity for game damage situations.

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