



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations

- Maintain either-sex elk on the general elk license. Add early and late shoulder season dates.
- Remove 540-00 Elk B license
- Maintain the 005-00 license and increase the number to account for removed 595-00 elk B license and the hunting district specific B licenses.

Biological Implications:

- Elk population over objective
- Maintain the either-sex elk regulation type because elk remain over objective in this hunting district.
- The bull:cow ratio that the species-specific plan requires is being met with this regulation type.
- 540-00 Elk B license was created to keep limited late-season hunting pressure on elk anywhere in the district including U.S. Forest Service lands. This hunting pressure may keep the elk from seeking refuge and becoming inaccessible on public lands while hunters have access to private land in the late season. Allowing the 005-00 elk B license to be valid anywhere in the district during archery and general season replaces this opportunity.
- 005-00 license maintains antlerless elk hunting opportunity across the region in addition to the general elk license.
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Social Implications:

- This liberal regulation type allows for maximized hunter opportunity and landowner flexibility in managing the elk in this district.
- Early and late shoulder seasons address game damage concerns on private lands.
- 540-00 Elk B license provides additional antlerless elk harvest opportunity for hunters and gives landowners additional tools to manage elk on their land. Having this additional B license in the regulations increases regulation complexity. There has been opposition to hunting elk in the late season on public lands.

- Simplify hunting regulations by making them consistent in more Region 5 districts. Provide increased hunter opportunity. Provides tool to address early and late game damage situations.

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