



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations

- Change from spike bull or antlerless elk to either-sex elk, add early and late shoulder season dates.
- Remove 500-20 and 570-20 either-sex elk permits and replace with general elk license either-sex opportunity
- Maintain the 005-00 license and increase the number to account for removed 595-00 elk B license.

Biological Implications:

- Elk population over objective and this district does not have species-specific plan management objectives to manage for older age class bulls.
- Elk population over objective. Reduction in access will result in lower antlerless elk harvest rates and further increases in population size.
- Follows species-specific plan to allow antlerless harvest for population status for hunting districts that are over objective.

Social Implications:

- Simplify regulations.
- No language in the species-specific plan to manage for older age class bulls.
- Loss of managing for older age class bulls.
- General elk license holders may be concerned about loss of public access to elk. Loss of access can lead to decrease in hunter recruitment and retention.
- Applicants with bonus points lose a preferred permit to apply.
- Early and late shoulder seasons address game damage concerns on private lands.
- Maintains antlerless elk opportunity

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