



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations

Region 5 (south central Montana)

Elk region-wide draft changes:

- Remove 900-20 either-sex elk archery permit from Region 5 hunting districts
- Add an either-sex archery permit that covers all the remaining either-sex elk permits in hunting districts in Region 5: HD590, HD502 and the new HD555.
- In the remaining Region 5 districts with either-sex elk permit hunting, such as the Snowy Mountains (HDs 411, 511 and 530), there will be a Snowy Mountains specific archery permit.
- Remove elk license 595-00

Biological Implications:

- Several districts in the 900-20 bundle in Region 5 are proposed to go to an either-sex opportunity with a general elk license, so an archery permit is not needed.
- The species-specific plan management objectives for all these districts are to manage for older age class bulls. To achieve this management goal, limited-draw permits are needed, although the number has been proposed to increase slightly in some of these districts.
- Archery permits are needed to manage for older age class bulls and to manage the archery hunting pressure that has steadily increased in these districts over the years.
- Elk License 595-00 for antlerless elk from Region 5 hunting districts not needed for biological reasons. The lost antlerless opportunity by removing this B license is accounted for in the increase in the number of available 005-00 elk B license.

Social Implications:

- Simplified regulations by removing extra elk B license.
- The species-specific plan management objective for the following districts is to manage for older age class bulls in the Snowy Mountains, Bull Mountains, HD502 and that portion of HD520 that would become part of HD555. These districts are proposed to continue being managed with limited-entry either-sex elk permits. The remaining Region 5 districts that are part of the 900-20 archery permit bundle and are currently over objective with elk but don't have species-specific plan language speaking to the management of older age class bulls are proposed to go to a general elk license either-sex regulation type. The smaller archery permit hunting district bundles allow for more precise archery hunter distribution on the landscape. These smaller archery permit

hunting district bundles should address overcrowding complaints from sportsmen, and the local hunter frustration from those who do not draw the 900-20 permit with the assumption that many 900-20 permit holders are hunting in Region 7 (southeastern Montana) because of the record bulls harvested in recent years.

White-tailed deer region-wide draft changes:

- Replace 597-00, 598-00 and 599-00 antlerless white-tailed deer B licenses with deer B license 005-00 for antlerless white-tailed deer

Biological Implications:

- These three white-tailed deer B licenses are not needed for biological reasons. The lost antlerless opportunity is accounted for in the increase in the 005-00 white-tailed deer B license.

Social Implications

- Simplified regulations
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Here is what the proposed regulations in south central Montana (Region 5) could look like:

HD 502

Deer						
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 502-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02 Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk Permit: 555-20	Either-sex Elk	Apr 1	30	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Also Valid in HD555
Elk Permit: 595-20	Either-sex Elk	Apr 1	800	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	First and second choice only. ArchEquip Only. Valid in HD502, 555 and 590
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	Only valid on private land.
				Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Feb 15	

HD 515: Combined Deer and Elk Districts 500 and 570

Deer						
General Deer License	Either-Sex Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 535-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	200	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02 Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	- Sep 03-Oct 16	Aug 15-Sep 02 Oct 22-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.

HD 525: Combined Deer and Elk Districts 520 and 560 excluding portions

Deer						
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Either-Sex Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Only Youth ages 10-15. Not valid on National Forest Lands.
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 525-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	200	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Not Valid on National Forest Lands
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Either-Sex Elk	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02 Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land. Not valid on National Forest Lands.
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	- Sep 03-Oct 16	Aug 15-Sep 02 Oct 22- Nov 27	Only valid on private land.
					Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands.

HD 535: Combined Deer and Elk Districts 511 and 530

Deer						
General Deer License	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
Deer Permit: 535-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	Apr 1	850	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 535-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	Not Valid on National Forest Lands
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02 Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land. Not valid on National Forest Lands or FWP WMAs
Elk Permit: 411-20	Either-sex Elk	Apr 1	400	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	Valid in HDs 411 and 535.
Elk Permit: 411-21	Either-sex Elk	Apr 1	1,100	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	Only Valid in HDs 411 and 535. First and second choice only. ArchEquip Only.
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	- Sep 03-Oct 16	Aug 15-Sep 02 Oct 22-Nov 27	Only valid on private land.
				-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not Valid on National Forest Lands or FWP WMAs
Elk B License: 411-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	1,200	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	Valid in HDs 411 and 535. Only valid on private land.

				Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Feb 15	Valid in HDs 411 and 535.
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HD 540

Deer						
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
	Either-Sex Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	Only Youth ages 10-15. Not valid on National Forest Lands.
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
Deer B License: 540-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	Not Valid on National Forest Lands
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02 Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land. Not Valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	Only valid on private land.
				Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
				-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not Valid on National Forest Lands or FWP WMAs

New HD 555: Former HD 520 Portion south and east of West Fork of Rock Creek and HD510

Deer						
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
Deer B License: 520-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22- Nov 27	
Elk						
Elk Permit: 555-20	Either-sex Elk	Apr 1	30	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Also Valid in HD 502
Elk Permit: 595-20	Either-sex Elk	Apr 1	800	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	First and second choice only. ArchEquip Only. Valid in HD502, 555 and 590
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	

New HD 565: Former HD 560 Portion south of Falls Creek

Deer						
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Antlered Bull	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	

HD575

Deer						
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Either-Sex Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Only Youth ages 10-15.
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 575-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Either-Sex Elk	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02 Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	Only valid on private land.

				Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Feb 15	
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HD 580: Remove portion

Deer						
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Either-Sex Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Only Youth ages 10-15. Not valid on National Forest Lands.
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 580-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Not Valid on National Forest Lands
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Either-Sex	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02 Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land. Not valid on National Forest lands
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	Only valid on private land.
				Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
				-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands.

HD590: Remove Portion

Deer						
General Deer License	Either-Sex Mule Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Either-Sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 590-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,500	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
Elk						
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02 Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk Permit: 590-20	Either-sex Elk	Apr 1	400	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 2-Nov 27	
Elk Permit: 595-20	Either-sex Elk	Apr 1	800	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	First and second choice only. ArchEquip Only. Valid in HDs 502, 555 and 590
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	6,000	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	Only valid on private land.
				Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Feb 15	

HD 506: Old Antelope 510

Antelope HD506						
Antelope License:506-20	Either-Sex	June 1	350	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-Sex	June 1	5,600		Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

HD 516: Combined Antelope HDs 501 and 513, quota range 400-1750 either-sex, 50-3500 doe/fawn

Antelope HD516						
Antelope License:516-20	Either-Sex	June 1	700	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope B License:516-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-Sex	June 1	5,600		Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

HD 526: Old Antelope 511

Antelope HD526						
Antelope License:526-20	Either-Sex	June 1	250	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-Sex	June 1	5,600		Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

HD 536: Old Antelope HD 530

Antelope HD536						
Antelope License:536-20	Either-Sex	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-Sex	June 1	5,600		Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

HD 546: Old Antelope HD 500

Antelope HD546						
Antelope License:546-20	Either-Sex	June 1	400	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-Sex	June 1	5,600		Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

HD 556: Combined Antelope HDs 512 and 514, quota range 100-400 either-sex

Antelope HD556						
Antelope License:556-20	Either-Sex	June 1	125	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-Sex	June 1	5,600		Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

HD 576: Combined Antelope HDs 550, 560, 570, quota range 1100-3350 either-sex, 50-6300 doe/fawn

Antelope HD576						
Antelope License:576-20	Either-Sex	June 1	1,800	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope B License:576-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	550	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-Sex	June 1	5,600		Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

HD 586: Old Antelope 590

Antelope HD586						
Antelope License:586-20	Either-Sex	June 1	450	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope B License:586-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-Sex	June 1	5,600		Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

HD 596: Old Antelope 540

Antelope HD596						
Antelope License:596-20	Either-Sex	June 1	300	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	
Antelope B License:596-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 7	Oct 8-Nov 13	