

Deer/elk – HD 320



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Remove the northeast portion of Hunting District 333 that sits east of State Highway 359, south of Interstate 90, and west of U. S. Highway 287. Combine the remainder of HD 333 and HD 320 into one district, HD 320.

Proposed regulations:

- General Elk License: Brow-tine bull or antlerless elk
- Elk B License: 320-01: Antlerless elk. Not valid on National Forest land; quota 200; quota range 100–500
- General Deer License: Either-sex mule deer; either-sex white-tailed deer
- Deer B License: 003-00: Antlerless white-tailed deer. One per hunter and valid across all Region 3 HDs
- Deer B License: 399-00: Antlerless white-tailed deer. One to five per hunter per year based on harvest need, and valid across HDs 302, 320, 322, 329, 340 and 360

Biological Implications:

The primary justification for the recommendation is the statewide regulations simplification effort. From a biological perspective, the HD combination expands the HD to the Tobacco Root Elk Management Unit scale, which is the scale that elk and mule deer use the landscape. Removal of the northeast portion of the HD will focus the HD on the Tobacco Root Mountain Range. Elk and mule deer regulations have been common across the two hunting districts for many years.

Social Implications:

The recommendation is expected to be acceptable to most hunters and landowners.

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