

Moose – HD 330



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Combine Hunting Districts 330 and 331 into one district, HD 330.

- Moose License 330-00: Antlerless moose. Quota 8; quota range 1-20
- Moose License 330-50: Antlered bull moose. Quota 11; quota range 1-20

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 scale that moose use the landscape. The HD would include the Ruby and West Madison River watersheds and remove a HD boundary, along the top of the Gravelly Range, that moose regularly cross.

Social Implications:

To date, one hunter expressed a desire to maintain several moose hunting districts to keep hunters spread out. The recommendation is expected to generate some questions and concerns about over harvest of moose within portions of the HD. Because moose and moose habitat are well distributed across the proposed expanded HD, this is unlikely to occur. The recommendation is also expected to be acceptable to many hunters and landowners.

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