



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations

- Maintain the general season spike bull or antlerless elk
- Combine North and South Portions of HD 590 and licenses 590-20 and 590-21 consistent with combined portions. Add 70 additional permits.
- Maintain the 005-00 license and increase the number to account for removed 595-00 elk B license.
- Add Regional subunit elk archery

Biological Implications:

- Maintain the general season spike bull or antlerless elk
- Elk population over objective
- Archery subunit follows species specific plan direction to retaining either-sex elk permits to ensure diverse bull age structure.
- Recognizes elk movement between hunting districts.

Social Implications:

- Maintains the management objective in the elk plan for managing for older age class bulls in the Bull Mountains.
- Allows for liberal antlerless opportunity.
- Early and late shoulder seasons address game damage concerns on private lands.
- Maintains the management objective in the species-specific plan for managing for older age class bulls in HD 590
- Adding additional permits for an area with little public access may be frustrating for hunters
- Simplifies hunting regulations by making them consistent in more R5 districts.
- Provides increased hunter opportunity.
- Provides tool to address early and late game damage situations.
- Maintains either-sex elk opportunity during archery season while recognizing the public's desire for diverse bull age structure.
- Balances archery and general season hunter demands for bull elk.

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