

## Elk Master List February 15, 2018

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### REGION 1

HD 100/101/102/103/104/120/122/123/124/132: Add Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle (PTHFV) antlerless Elk permits valid 10/20/2018- 11/25/2018 as follows:

| HD  | LPT    | Quota | Quota Range |
|-----|--------|-------|-------------|
| 100 | 100-01 | 5     | 5-10        |
| 101 | 101-03 | 5     | 5-50        |
| 102 | 102-01 | 5     | 5-50        |
| 103 | 103-01 | 5     | 5-10        |
| 104 | 104-01 | 5     | 5-10        |
| 120 | 120-01 | 5     | 1-10        |
| 122 | 122-01 | 5     | 5-50        |
| 123 | 123-01 | 5     | 5-50        |
| 124 | 124-01 | 5     | 5-50        |
| 132 | 132-01 | 3     | 1-10        |

HD 101: Remove 101-00, 101-01, 101-02 antlerless Elk permits

HD 101/109: Increase 199-00 antlerless permit quota range from 5-100 to 5-150, Lengthen shoulder season dates from 8/15-10/14 to 8/15-2/15

HD 109: Remove 109-00, 109-02 antlerless Elk permits

HD 121: Eliminate language regarding additional B licenses for companions for the 121-01 PTHFV antlerless Elk permit

### REGION 2

**Remove HD-specific B-Licenses:** 210-03, 210-05, 296-00 (HDs 212/213), 215-02, 217-00, 240-00, 261-01, 262-01, 281-00, 283-03, 285-01, 290-00, 299-00 (HDs 290/298), 291-01, 292-00

**Add Regional 002-00 OTC Elk B-license:** HDs 201, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, **214**, 215, 216, 217, 260, 261, 262, 270, **281**, 283, 285, 290, 291, 292, 293, 298. Must purchase starting Aug 7 and before the start of the general season. Only valid on private lands excluding Weyerhaeuser, Stimson, & Nature Conservancy lands. **Valid outside National Forest Boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs and BLM in HDs 210, 211, 212, 215 and 216.** Valid in all Region 2 HDs except HDs 200, 202, 203, **214**, 240, 250, 280, **281** 282 & 284 as in the table below:

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**Elk 002-00 B-License application in Region 2 hunting districts. Must purchase starting Aug 7 and before the start of the general season. Only valid on private lands excluding Weyerhaeuser, Stimson, & Nature Conservancy lands. Valid outside National Forest Boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs and BLM in HDs 210, 211, 212, 215 and 216 beginning 10/20. These include new shoulder seasons in HDs 204, 211, 216, 260, 262, 283 and 293.**

| HD   | Season           |                       | Type     | Restriction  |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|
|  | Opens            | Closes                |          |  |
| 201  | 9/1              | 10/14                 | Archery  | Not valid west of Deep Cr in Mineral County  |
|  | 10/20            | 11/25                 | General  | Not valid west of Deep Cr in Mineral County  |
| <del>201</del> , 204, 261, 262, <del>281</del> , 283, 285, 292           | 9/1              | 10/14                 | Archery  | None   |
|  | 10/20            | 11/25                 | General  | None   |
| 204, 262   | 8/15             | 8/31                  | Shoulder | None   |
|  | 10/20            | 2/15                  | Shoulder | None   |
| <del>210, 211, 212</del> , 213, <del>214, 216</del> , 217, 290, 291, 298 | 8/15             | 2/15                  | Shoulder | None   |
| 210, 211, 212, 215 216   | 8/15             | 2/15                  | Shoulder | Valid outside National Forest Boundary, and not valid on FWP WMAs and BLM, beginning 10/20                 |
|  | <del>8/15</del>  | <del>11/25-2/15</del> | Shoulder | None   |
| 215  | <del>11/26</del> | 2/15                  | Shoulder | Also valid on Spotted Dog WMA by special drawing in Deer Lodge; see regulations available from R2 542-5500 |
|  | 8/15             | 8/31                  | Shoulder | ArchEquip, shotgun, trad handgun, muzzleloader, crossbow   |
| 260 west of HWY 93 in Missoula County                                    | 9/1              | 10/19                 | Archery  | Arch Equip only  |
|  | 10/20            | 1/15                  | Shoulder | ArchEquip, shotgun, trad handgun, muzzleloader, crossbow   |
| 260 east of HWY 93 in Missoula and Ravalli Counties                      | 8/15             | 2/15                  | Shoulder | Arch Equip only  |
| 270  | 10/20            | 11/25                 | General  | Only valid in Rye-north portion  |
| 283  | 11/26            | 2/15                  | Shoulder | Only valid west of both Rattlesnake Creek and the Rattlesnake Wilderness/Recreation Area.                  |
| 292  | 8/15             | 11/25                 | Shoulder | Only valid in the Blackfoot watershed  |
| 293  | 8/15             | 2/15                  | Shoulder | Only valid in the south portion of 293.  |

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HD 201: Change 201-00 antlerless Elk permit quota range from 5-300 to 5-400, valid in the entire district. Make 201-00 districtwide and set permit quota at 150.

Remove 201-01 antlerless Elk permit.

Remove Nemote Creek Area and Nine Mile-Six Mile portions

~~Remove Nine Mile Six Mile portion restriction from general license youth and PTHFV~~

Remove youth and PTHFV BTB/antlerless opportunity from the general license where it previously appeared in HD 201.

HD 203: Add 203-00 antlerless permit (quota 150, range 25-450) only valid east of Petty Cr - Grave Cr road during archery and general seasons, holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 203, Add antlerless elk opportunity to the general license archery season, only valid east of Petty Cr - Grave Cr road.

Add antlerless elk opportunity to the general license general season for youth and PTHFV, only valid east of Petty Cr - Grave Cr road.

Add portion of HD 203 east of Petty Cr - Grave Cr road

HD 204: Change 204-00 Elk B-license to antlerless Elk permit (quota 150, range 5-200) valid in both the archery and general seasons, holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 204

HD 215: Add antlerless elk opportunity to the general license

Remove from 394-00 antlerless elk permit HDs

HD 240: Remove south of Carlton Cr language for general license – entire HD BTB for general or BTB/Antlerless for youth and PTHFV.

Add 240-01 antlerless Permit (quota 100, range 5-300) valid archery and general. Valid shoulder season (12/01-02/15) south of Mormon creek and outside the National Forest Boundary, holders may not hunt antlered elk in HD 240

HD 250: Add 250-00 Elk B-license (quota 10, quota range 1-25) valid in both the archery and general seasons

HD 260: Add early (8/15-8/31) and change late (from 12/01-01/15 to 12/01-02/15) shoulder seasons for the 260-00 B-license, include with weapons restrictions

HD 261: Change 261-00 Elk B-license to antlerless Elk permit (quota 35, range 5-200) valid in both the archery and general seasons

HD 262: Add BTB to antlerless opportunity for archers on the general license, 8/15-1/15

HD 270: Remove antlerless Elk permits 270-01, 270-03, 270-04, and 270-05

Change 270-00 antlerless permit to a B-license (quota 100, range 10-200) only valid north of Rye Creek during archery and general seasons

Change 270-02 antlerless permit to a B-license (quota 200, range 20-800) only valid in East Fork/West Highway 93 portion during archery and general seasons

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Add general license youth antlerless opportunity to current brow-tined bull archery season opportunity for youth in the North Rye Portion

Add general license antlerless opportunity during the archery only season

Add general license general season antlerless opportunity for youth and PTHFV

Remove portion West of HWY 93. Change East Fork portion to include former east fork portion and portion west of highway 93 portion.

HD 281: Remove only valid west of the Blackfoot River restriction from 281-01 antlerless permit and make 75 antlerless permits valid districtwide.

Remove portions of HD 281 east and west of the North Blackfoot River

HD 282: Increase Elk B Licenses from 25 to 50.

HD 285: Allow antlerless as well as BTB harvest by archers in the archery only season.

HD 293: Make 293-00 antlerless Elk permit valid in the entire district by removing the 293-south portion restriction and reduce from 150 to 50.

### REGION 3

HDS 300/302/320/322/323/324/325/326/327/328/329/330/331/332/333/340/350/370:

Increase 399-00 B License quota from 500 to 750. This adds HDs 329/331/332/340/350/370

HD 309: Change 395-00 Elk B License season dates to align with the 309 general license season dates

HD 310: Remove 310-45 unlimited BTB permit. Allow archery and general season hunting of BTB on a general license. Not valid on FWP and USFS lands in the Gallatin Special Management Area.

HD 312: Add late (11/26 - ~~01/01~~ 02/15) antlerless shoulder season to the general license, not valid on National Forest land

HD 312/390/393: 397-00 Remove only valid on private land from all season descriptions except the early (8/15-8/31) shoulder season, add not valid on National Forest lands during the (10/20 - ~~01/01~~ 02/15) shoulder season

HD 314: Change 314-00 Elk B-license to only valid on private land north of Big Creek  
Add PTHFV opportunity to general license general season south of Big Creek

HD 317: Add antlerless opportunity and remove youth and PTHFV from general license general season  
Add shoulder season 11/26 – 2/15 to the 317-00 B license, valid only on private land, increase quota from 150 to 300.

HD 318/335: Change 394-00 Permit quota from 800 to 400 and reduce range from 200-2000 to 100-600, valid only in HDs 318 & 335, remove HD 215 from 394-00 permit HDs

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HD 319: Change 319-00 Elk B-license quota range from 5-400 to 5-500

HD 323: Remove 323-00 Elk B-license

HD 329/331/332: Remove 329-00 Elk B-license

HD 331/332: Add antlerless opportunity to the general license general season

HD 339/343: Combine 339-00 and 343-00 Elk B-licenses into a new 399-01 antlerless elk permit (quota 600, range 300-1000) valid in both district during the general and archery seasons, holders 16 and older may not hunt antlered elk in either of these HDs.

HD 340: Change general license BTB/antlerless opportunity from a 2-week to a season to a 5-week general season  
Remove 340-10 BTB/Antlerless permit

HD 350/370: Remove 399-01 Elk B-license

HD 360: Remove hunters with a PTHFV restriction and add antlerless opportunity to general season general license

HD 380: Add antlerless opportunity during a portion of the general season 10/20-11/1, Only valid off National Forest land within the defined South and North Portions of the HD. Not valid the rest of the HD.

Change Elk B-license quotas and quota ranges as follows:

380-00 – From quota 125 (range 50-500) to quota 150 (range 50-400)

380-01 – From quota 350 (range 50-500) to quota 150 (range 50-400)

380-02 – From quota 325 (range 50-550) to quota 175 (range 50-400)

HD 390/393: Change general license antlerless shoulder season (11/26-01/01) from only valid on private land to not valid on National Forest land

HD 391: Remove general season general license BTB/antlerless youth only restriction

Increase 391-00 B-license quota from 350 to 400 and add shoulder season from 11/26 - 01/01 2/15, only valid south of Duck Creek

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### REGION 4

All R4 HDs except 410 and 455: Change 004-00 Elk B-license as follows:

| Season |       | Type     | Districts Added         |
|--------|-------|----------|-------------------------|
| Start  | End   |          |                         |
| 8/15   | 8/31  | Shoulder | 422, 423, 444, 447      |
| 9/1    | 10/14 | Archery  | none                    |
| 10/20  | 11/25 | General  | none                    |
| 10/15  | 2/15  | Shoulder | 411, 412                |
| 10/20  | 2/15  | Shoulder | 421, 422, 423, 444, 447 |

HD 410: Add 410-02 Elk B-license (quota 300, range 100-500) only valid on private and DNRC lands, not valid on BLM lands or CMR Refuge.

HD 411: Add general license shoulder season from 10/15-10/19 and extend the general season to 2/15, both not valid on National Forest lands

HD 411/511/530: Expand shoulder season for 411-00 B-license as follows

- Aug 15 - Aug 31 -Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest lands.
- Sep 01 - Oct 14 -Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 15 - Oct 19 -Antlerless Elk. Not valid on National Forest lands.
- Oct 20 - Feb 15 -Antlerless Elk.

HD 412: Add general license shoulder season from 10/15-10/19 and extend the general season to 2/15

HD 422: Change 422-00 Elk B-license quota range from 100-350 to 25-350, add early and late shoulder seasons to general license, not valid on National Forest lands

HD 421/422/423/444/447: Add early (8/15-8/31) and late (11/26-02/15) general license shoulder seasons, **only valid outside National Forest boundary not valid on National Forest lands**

HD 442: Change 442-00 Elk B-license quota range from 50-300 to 25-300, add note to general season description if quota is reached, licenses would remain valid OUTSIDE National Forest boundary.

Add note to the general license general season as follows antlerless elk would remain valid OUTSIDE National Forest boundary

HD 450: Change 450-20 permit quota range from 5-10 to 1-15

HD 455: Change 455-00 B-license quota range from 25-250 to 25-500, add note successful 455-00 license holders may use general elk license to harvest 2nd antlerless elk in HD455

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### REGION 5

**005-00 B-license** - Expand shoulder season to all HDs with season structures as in the table below.

#### Elk 005-00 B-License application in Region 5 hunting districts.

| Hunting Districts                                | Season |        | Season type | Restriction   |
|--|--------|--------|-------------|---|
|  | Opens  | Closes |             |   |
| 500, 502, 511, 520, 530, 540, 570, 575, 580, 590 | 8/15   | 8/31   | Early       | Only valid on private land  |
| 510  | 8/15   | 8/31   | Early       | Only valid on private land west of HWY 310  |
| 560  | 8/15   | 8/31   | Early       | Only valid on private land. Not valid in that portion in the Main Boulder River drainage south of Falls Cr. |
| 500, 502, 570, 575, 590                          | 9/1    | 10/14  | Archery     | None  |
| 510  | 9/1    | 10/14  | Archery     | Only valid west of HWY 310  |
| 511, 520, 530, 540, 560, 580                     | 9/1    | 10/14  | Archery     | Not valid on National Forest lands  |
| 500, 502, 511, 520, 530, 540, 570, 575, 580, 590 | 10/15  | 10/19  | Dead Week   | Only valid on private land  |
| 510  | 10/15  | 10/19  | Dead Week   | Only valid on private land west of HWY 310  |
| 560  | 10/15  | 10/19  | Dead Week   | Only valid on private land. Not valid in that portion in the Main Boulder River drainage south of Falls Cr. |
| 520, 540, 560                                    | 10/20  | 11/25  | General     | Not valid on National Forest lands  |
| 500, 502, 570, 575, 590                          | 10/20  | 2/15   | Late        | None  |
| 560  | 11/26  | 2/15   | Late        | Only valid on private land. Not valid in that portion in the Main Boulder River drainage south of Falls Cr. |
| 520, 540   | 11/26  | 2/15   | Late        | Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs  |
| 510  | 10/20  | 2/15   | Late        | Only valid west of HWY 310  |
| 511, 530, 580                                    | 10/20  | 2/15   | Late        | Not valid on National Forest lands  |

**Region 5 General License changes:** Extend General License late shoulder season opportunity to 2/15 in all HDs with variations in private vs. public land

HD 500: Early and dead week shoulder season only valid on private land. Late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15

HD 502/570/575/590: Remove 502-00, 570-00, 575-00, and 590-00 Elk B-licenses

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HD 502/570/575: Remove private land only restriction from the late shoulder season for the general license

HD 510: Extend the late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15

HD 511/520/530: Extend the late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15 and add not valid on National Forest lands. HD 520 late shoulder season only valid north and west of the West Fork of Rock Creek.

HD 560/540/580: Extend the 540-00, 560-00 and 580-00 B-license shoulder seasons to 02/15

HD 540: Extend the late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15 and add not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs

HD 560/580: Extend the late shoulder season for the general license to 02/15 and change only valid on private land to not valid on National Forest lands

HD 590: General license changes:

- Extend late shoulder season to 02/15 and remove only valid on private land north of the Yellowstone River.
- Change early and “dead week” shoulder season and general season restriction *from* Only valid on private land north of the Yellowstone River *to* Only valid on private land.

### REGION 6

HD 620/621/622/630/631/632: Extend the 699-00 Elk B-license shoulder season to close 01/15

HD 680/690: Extend the 696-00 Elk B-license shoulder season to close 01/15

### REGION 7

HD 700/701/702/703/704/705: Expand 007-00 B-license opportunity by removing not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge restriction from the archery season

HD 700: Remove 798-01 B License and incorporate into 007-00 B-license.

HD 702/704/705: Change general licenses to allow spike bull harvest during the general and archery seasons

Change the 799-00 B-license from quota 400 (range 25-400) to quota 600 (range 25-800)

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### **2016 Shoulder Season HDs**

For the 43 HDs in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 where shoulder seasons have occurred starting in 2016 – Adopt elk season structure annually to facilitate evaluation of shoulder season efficacy and revisiting their adoption on a 3-year cycle. Note that hunting regulations are printed and distributed in March, while data to evaluate the previous season is not available until the following July. FWP proposes 3 options:

1. Consider shoulder seasons as adopted in February 2016 wherein further adoption or removal would be considered in December 2019 for the 2020-2021 biennium following 3 years of evaluation. This would mean that the fourth and ongoing 2019 season would run until February 15, 2020.
2. To allow 3 years of shoulder seasons but not a fourth, put notices in the body of the 2019 printed regulations that come out in March 2019 for each shoulder season hunting district that warns hunters that the late portion of the ongoing season may be removed, or asks hunters to look for information about shoulder seasons after the August commission meeting.
3. In August 2018 decide which hunting districts are unlikely to reach their harvest goals based on 2 years of data and end them after the third year. This option does not fully evaluate shoulder seasons.