

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 16, 2012

Agenda Item: Mountain Lion Special License Increase in HD 250

Division: Fish & Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Final Rule

Time Needed for Presentation: 20 minutes

Background

At the point of adopting this latest proposed wolf season refinement—which would further extend wolf hunting in WMU 250 through April 1 or until the quota of 18 wolves is met—the FWP Commission also proposed the currently defined and ongoing mountain lion season in HD 250 be adjusted from 20 to 30 total lion special licenses with the female subquota being adjusted from three to five.

This proposed increase in potential lion harvest is based upon initial research efforts in this area that identify mountain lions as one of the sources of calf elk mortality in HD 250. If approved, the additional special lion licenses would be allocated based upon the existing randomized list of unsuccessful applicants for special lion licenses in HD 250.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Public comment will run through 5 p.m., Feb.13, with comments forwarded to the FWP Commission. Any final adoption will take place Feb. 16. Given the open public comment period at the time of this writing, elements of this proposal may change.

Alternatives and Analysis

This proposal addresses management interest for increased lion harvest in HD 250. Possible alternatives include the status quo number of special licenses and female subquota.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

The proposal is aligned with known biology, management history and survey efforts and sits within the wide spectrum of public comment.

Proposed Motion

I move to allow the increased special lion licenses and female subquota in HD 250 as presented by FWP.