

White-tailed Deer



July 2026



Executive Summary

This report summarizes data that Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) collects annually on white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) within FWP administrative Region 2. The data contained in this report include 2025 harvest and hunter success, and spring 2026 recruitment. These data are used by FWP biologists and managers, as well as the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission, to inform management decisions and recommendations.

White-tailed deer are an important game species in Montana. Region 2 continues to be a popular place to hunt white-tailed deer in Montana, contributing an average of 15% of the statewide white-tailed deer harvest since 2004. In the 2025 season hunters spent nearly 200,000 days pursuing deer (white-tailed deer and mule deer) in Region 2, the highest hunter effort since 2008. White-tailed deer harvest in the 2025 season was above the long-term average, contributing 17.4% (7,077) of statewide harvest (40,579). White-tailed deer harvest is trending upward in 15 of the hunting districts in Region 2.

Fawn recruitment in the spring of 2026 was lower than in recent years, but the overall trend indicates a stable or increasing population.

Introduction

Region 2 (R2) encompasses the west-central portion of Montana and is home to a diverse set of landscapes. Northern parts of the region are heavily forested and influenced by maritime weather patterns, while the southern parts are more arid and grass- and forb-dominant. In R2, white-tailed deer (WTD) are managed across 28 hunting districts (Figure 1). Hunting districts (HDs) in the northern portion of R2 tend to be heavily forested and more productive for WTD. Other portions of the region are characterized by island mountain ranges with open valley bottoms where WTD are more common along riparian corridors.

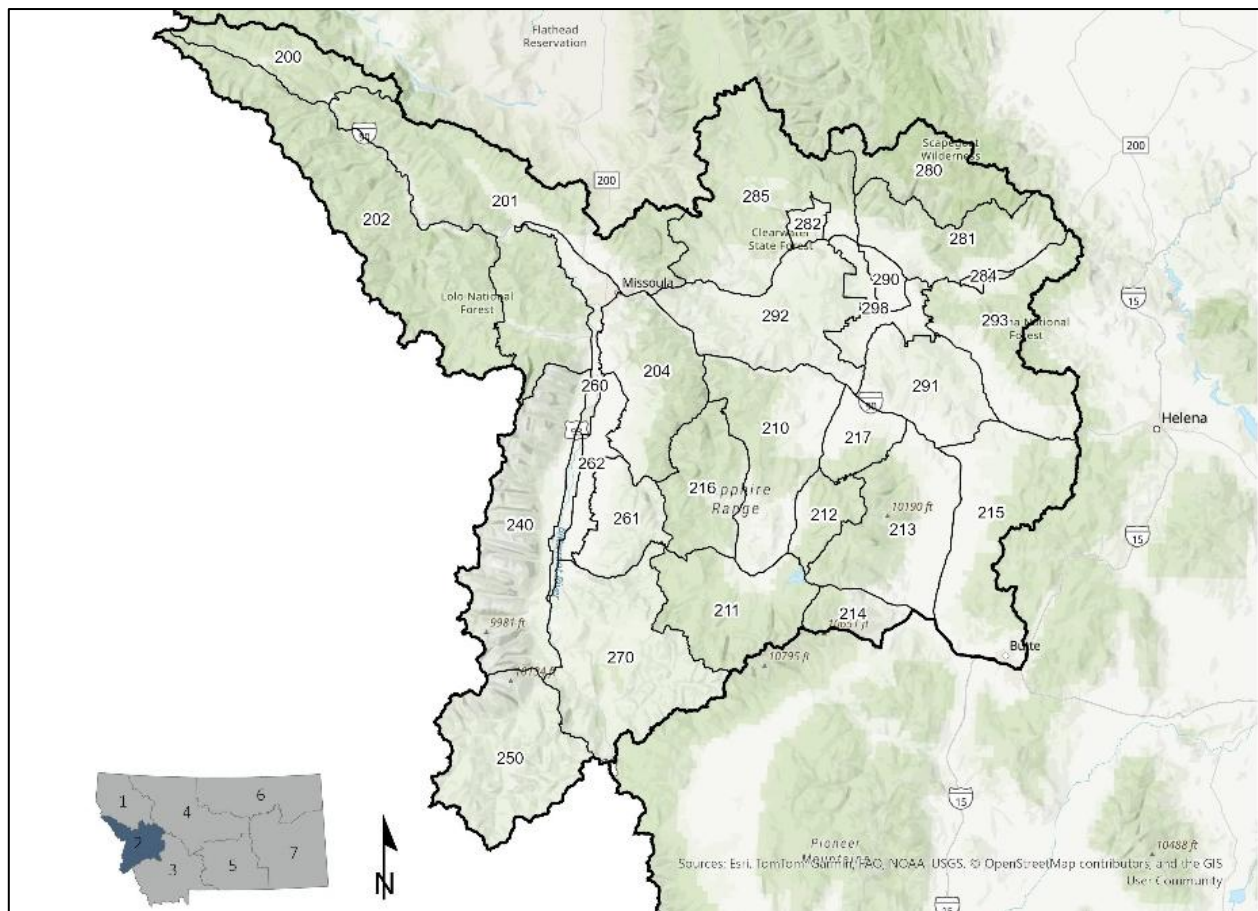


Figure 1. Region 2 Deer and Elk Hunting Districts.

Management Strategy

There is currently no statewide management plan for WTD in Montana. WTD are instead managed at the regional and hunting district scale, allowing biologists to tailor management actions to the ecological and social characteristics of each HD.

Harvest data is collected via phone surveys after the hunting season, and at four check stations operating on weekends during the general season: Fish Creek, Darby, Bonner, and Anaconda. The harvest data presented in this report are estimates derived from hunter responses to the post-season phone survey. Estimates include error margins and are subject to hunter response.

Fawn recruitment data is collected during ground-based spring green-up surveys in northern HDs 201, 202, 285, 290, and 292. WTD are not surveyed for population count estimates.

At the time of this report, chronic wasting disease (CWD) has not been detected in WTD in R2, but monitoring is ongoing. In 2023, CWD was detected in one mule deer in HD 213. Two more positive samples occurred in 2026 in mule deer in HDs 213 and 215.

2025 Season Structure

In 2025, the season structure in HDs 200, 201, 202, 210, 211, 214, and 216 was either-sex during the archery season and during the first week of the general season, and antlered-only during the remaining weeks of the general season and the muzzleloader season. In HDs 250, 281, 285, 291, 292, and 293 there was either-sex harvest opportunity during archery season only, and antlered-only harvest during the general and muzzleloader seasons. Four additional HDs – 204, 240, 261, and 270 – followed this structure but also allowed either-sex harvest all season (archery, general & muzzleloader) on private land. In HDs 212, 213, 215, 217, and 262, either-sex harvest was allowed all season.

In all HDs, youth (ages 10-15) could harvest either-sex WTD during the general and muzzleloader seasons. Of the 28 HDs in R2, 20 offered a B license for antlerless WTD harvest. There were multiple special opportunities (archery only and/or late season) to harvest WTD in R2 including an opportunity to harvest either-sex WTD on a B license in HDs 260 and 290. In HD 282, rifle hunting for antlered buck WTD was by permit only.

2025 Harvest Summary

During the 2025 season, an estimated 7,077 (80% C.I.) white-tailed deer were harvested in R2, accounting for 17.4% of statewide WTD harvest ($n = 40,579$). Of the R2 harvest, an estimated 5,103 were antlered and 1,974 were antlerless (Figure 2). The 2025 antlered harvest is above the historical average (1960-2025) antlered harvest ($\bar{x} = 3,773$) and the long-term average (2004-2025) antlered harvest ($\bar{x} = 4,692$).

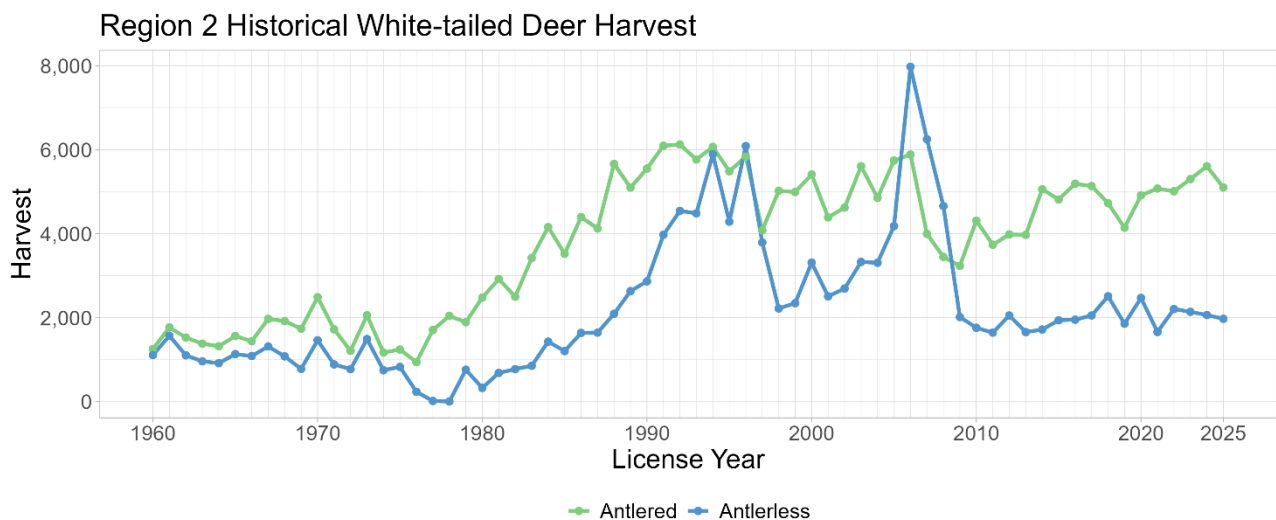


Figure 2. Region 2 antlered and antlerless WTD harvest from 1960 to 2025. Note that regulation changes affect harvest opportunities and are not illustrated in this graph.

Of the 28 HDs in R2, five had more than 500 WTD harvested in the 2025 season: 201, 202, 240, 260, and 285 (Figure 3). These five HDs account for 51% (3,630) of regional WTD harvest, based on the 5-year average ($\bar{x} = 7,073$) (Figure 4).

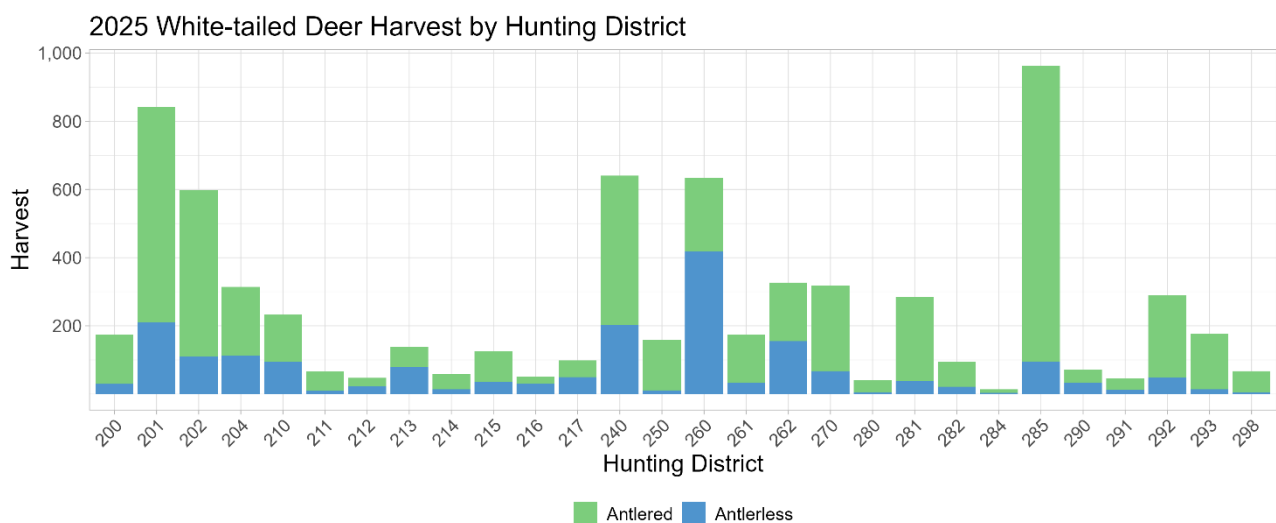


Figure 3. Region 2 2025 antlered and antlerless WTD harvest by Hunting District.

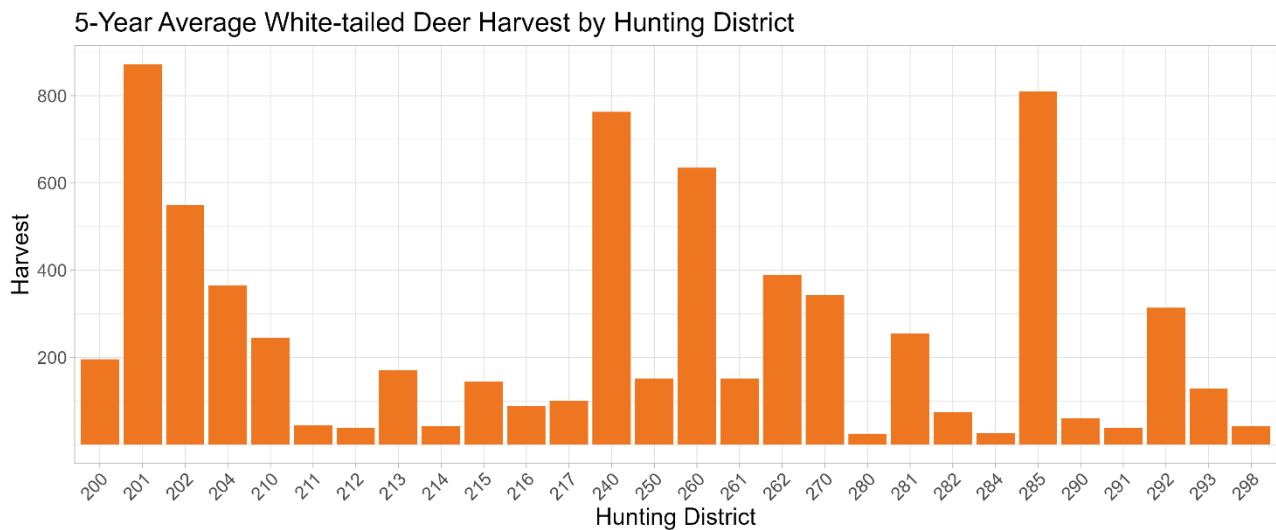


Figure 4. Region 2 five-year average (2021-2025) WTD harvest by Hunting District.

Resident hunters accounted for 94% (6,676) of WTD harvest in 2025 and non-resident hunters made up 6% (401). This is near the 5-year average of 95% resident ($\bar{x}$ = 6,833) and 5% non-resident ($\bar{x}$ = 396). Of the total 7,077 WTD harvested in R2 in 2025, 6,070 were harvested with a rifle (86%), 959 with a bow (14%), and 48 with a muzzleloader (<1%).

Harvest trends were assessed by comparing the 5-year average (2021-2025) harvest to the long-term average (2004-2025) harvest for each HD (Table 1). In those HDs that have had significant boundary changes since 2004, the long-term average (LTA) goes back only to the most recent boundary change. If the boundary change occurred less than 10 years ago, the LTA is omitted. Of the 28 HDs in R2, 15 were above the LTA, 3 were below the LTA, and 2 were within 1% of the LTA. Eight HDs had a boundary change more recent than 2016 and thus had no LTA to compare to. The North Sapphire Complex (HDs 204, 261, and 262) was above the LTA, and the Flint Range Complex (HDs 212, 213, and 217) was below the LTA.

Table 1. Region 2 WTD harvest trends.

White-tailed Deer Harvest Trend by Hunting District					
HD	5-year Avg vs LTA	HD	5-year Avg vs LTA	HD	5-year Avg vs LTA
200	Above	216	Above	282	NA
201	NA	217	NA	284	Above
202	NA	240	NA	285	NA
204	Above	250	Above	290	Below
210	Above	260	Above	291	Above
211	Above	261	Within	292	Within
212	NA	262	Above	293	Above
213	NA	270	Above	298	Below
214	Above	280	Above	North Sapphire Complex	Above
215	Below	281	Above	Flint Range Complex	Below

2026 Survey Summary

Ground surveys for WTD are conducted in the spring, when animals are congregated at lower elevations to take advantage of emerging vegetation. The goal of these spring surveys is to collect data on fawn recruitment – how many fawns survived their first winter and are “recruited” into the population – as a ratio of fawns per 100 adults. Because males have shed their antlers before these surveys begin, adult deer are not classified by sex. Recruitment is an important indicator of population health and a useful metric to assess trends.

Mild conditions during the 2025-2026 winter led to early green-up across the region this year. All spring surveys occurred in April to catch optimal green-up conditions, and all were conducted by pickup. Because the number of surveys conducted and the survey routes can vary year-to-year, total counts are not used to assess population trends. In 2026, four HDs were surveyed: 201, 202, 285, and 292. These four HDs lie in the northern portion of the region and are heavily forested, productive WTD habitat. The forest cover and topography of the HDs make them conducive to ground surveys.

All four HDs surveyed this year were below the 3-year average recruitment (Table 2). Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) in the Missoula valley and surrounding area in 2025 may have contributed to low recruitment, but the relatively low ratio may also be reflecting a higher percentage of yearlings following very high recruitment (77.6 fawns: 100 adults average) in the spring of 2025. A ratio of 36 fawns: 100 adults is indicative of a stable or increasing population in northwestern Montana habitats when adult doe survival and pregnancy are high. The 3-year average for all four HDs is above the 36:100 threshold.

Table 2. Region 2 WTD spring 2026 survey results and 3-year averages.

Region 2 White-tailed Deer Spring 2026 Survey Results		
Hunting District	Fawn Ratio (Fawns: 100 Adults)	3-year Average Fawn Ratio (Spring 2024 – 2026)
201	17.9	42.2
202	15.2	40.2
285	37.3	43.3
292	40.5	54.1

Hunting District Summaries

The following pages present harvest data for each of the 28 HDs in R2. Additionally, antlered harvest success is reported for the five high-harvest HDs and recruitment is reported for the four HDs that were surveyed in 2026.

The long-term average for harvest and success comes from data spanning 2004 to 2025, except where otherwise noted. The 5-year average is also included to compare trends in recent years.

Antlered harvest success is reported as a percentage, calculated as the number of harvested antlered WTD divided by the total number of deer hunters (WTD and mule deer) in that HD, then multiplied by 100. Success is not adjusted for HD boundary changes because the number of deer and number of hunters reflect the HD boundaries of the respective license years. Hunter effort and associated data (total hunters, hunter-days, success, etc.) are currently collected every other year, but prior to 2011 were collected every year. Statistics include all available data.

Antlerless harvest regulations have varied greatly since 2004, and as such the antlerless averages are omitted. Note that an over-the-counter B license for antlerless harvest in R2 was offered between 2006 and 2008, resulting in a spike in antlerless harvest in many HDs.

Boundary changes occurred in several HDs in 2022. HDs 203 and 283 were dissolved and HD 201 was expanded to include the east side of HD 203, the west side of HD 283, and the northeast portion of HD 240 (north of Carlton Creek). HD 202 was expanded to include the west side of HD 203 (from Fish Creek to Petty Creek) and the northwest portion of HD 240. HD 285 was expanded to include the east side of HD 283. For these HDs, a 4-year average is presented instead of a 5-year average, to assess harvest trends only in the period following the boundary changes. The LTA is omitted.

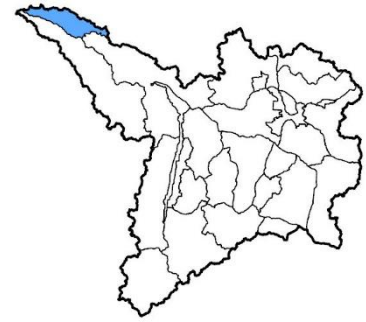
In 2020, the boundary of HD 211 was expanded to include the portion of HD 214 that was in the Philipsburg Valley. HDs 212, 213, and 217 have been reconfigured several times in recent years.

In 2014, the boundaries between HDs 240, 250, and 270 were reconfigured, resulting in a slight expansion of HDs 240 and 270, and reduction in size of HD 250. Also in 2014, HD 262 was formed, removing parts of HDs 204 and 261.

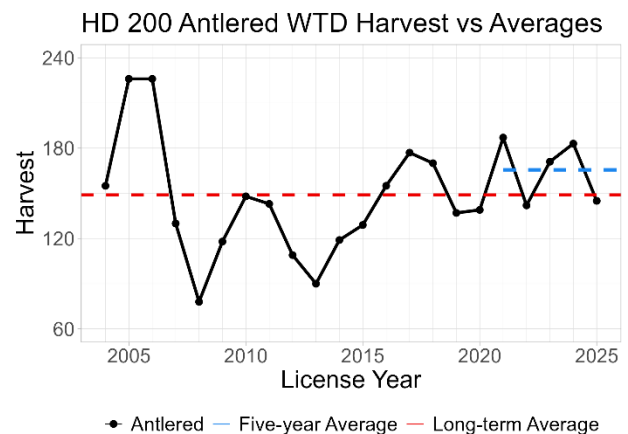
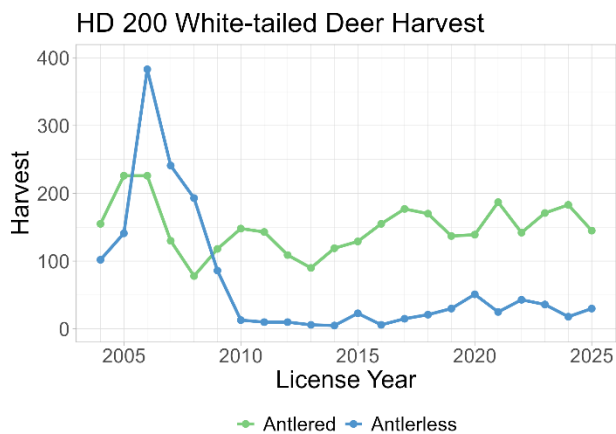
Due to these boundary changes, some HDs have also been combined into complexes in this report to retain the value of long-term datasets. HDs 204, 261, and 262 have been combined into the North Sapphire Complex. HDs 212, 213 and 217 have been combined into the Flint Range Complex.

HD 200 – North St. Regis

For HD 200, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 11% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



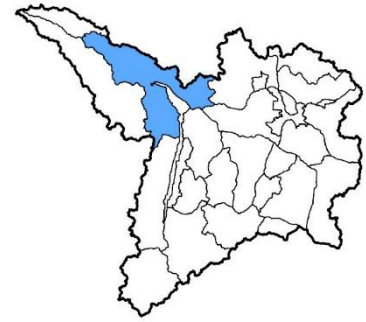
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	145	30
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.61	0.13
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	149	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	166	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+11%	-



HD 200 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	155	102	258	56%	2015	129	23	152	56%
2005	226	141	367	69%	2016	155	6	161	57%
2006	226	383	611	69%	2017	177	15	192	53%
2007	130	241	371	55%	2018	170	21	191	65%
2008	78	193	272	64%	2019	137	30	167	69%
2009	118	86	204	69%	2020	139	51	190	78%
2010	148	13	161	65%	2021	187	25	212	66%
2011	143	10	153	66%	2022	142	43	184	63%
2012	109	10	118	69%	2023	171	36	207	50%
2013	90	6	96	72%	2024	183	18	200	72%
2014	119	5	124	57%	2025	145	30	175	72%

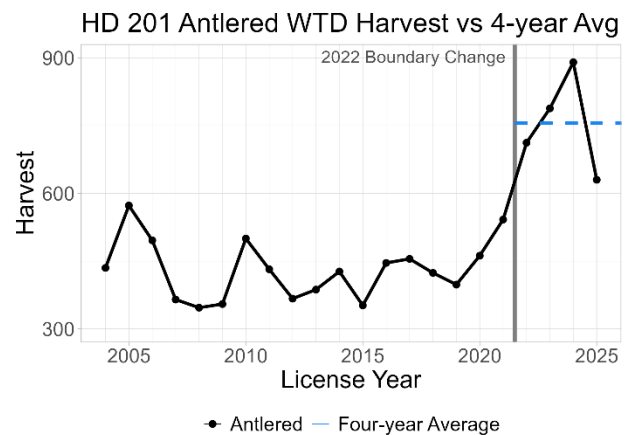
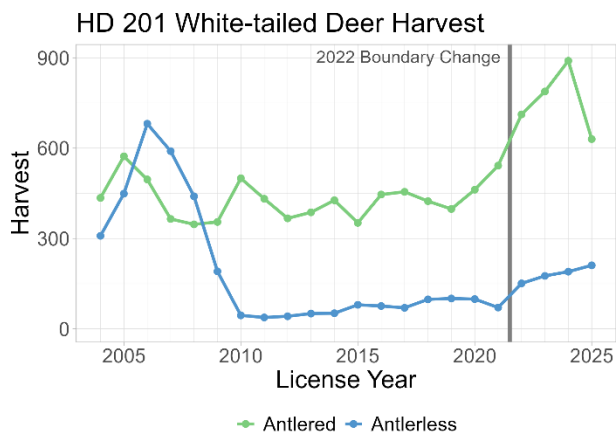
HD 201 – Missoula – Ninemile – North Superior

The boundary of HD 201 was expanded in 2022. Antlered harvest cannot be compared to the LTA due to the boundary change. Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	630	211
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.60	0.20
Long-term Average (2004-2025)*	-	-
4-year Average (2022-2025)*	755	-
% Difference from 4-year Avg to LTA	-	-

*LTA omitted due to 2022 boundary change; recent average adjusted

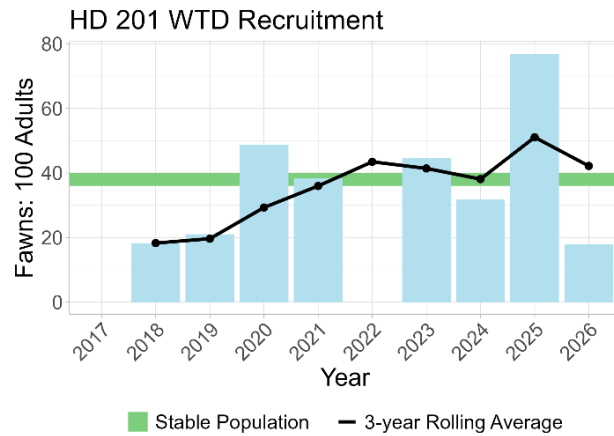


HD 201 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	435	309	745	65%	2015	352	80	432	54%
2005	573	449	1022	61%	2016	446	76	522	39%
2006	496	681	1195	54%	2017	455	70	525	51%
2007	365	590	955	75%	2018	424	98	522	50%
2008	347	440	787	60%	2019	398	101	499	54%
2009	355	191	546	66%	2020	462	99	561	60%
2010	500	45	544	61%	2021	542	71	613	59%
2011	432	38	470	53%	2022*	712	151	863	56%
2012	367	42	409	56%	2023*	788	176	964	66%
2013	387	51	438	56%	2024*	890	190	1079	62%
2014	427	52	479	49%	2025*	630	211	841	67%

*HD 201 boundary was expanded in 2022

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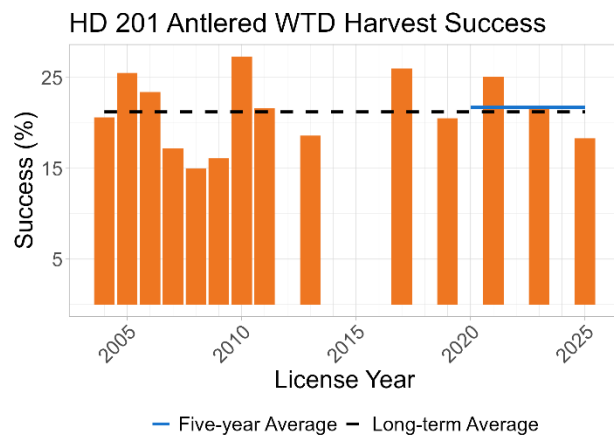
Recruitment



HD 201 Spring White-tailed Deer Surveys											
Year	Total	Adults	Fawns	Unc.	Fawns: 100 Adults	Year	Total	Adults	Fawns	Unc.	Fawns: 100 Adults
2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2022	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2018	315	169	31	115	18.3	2023	247	164	73	10	44.5
2019	288	200	42	46	21	2024	332	252	80	0	31.7
2020	500	286	139	75	48.6	2025	306	173	133	0	76.9
2021	552	399	153	0	38.3	2026	838	710	127	1	17.9

*Total counts are affected by many factors and should not be used to assess population trends

Antlered Harvest Success



HD 201 Antlered WTD Harvest Success	
2025 Success	18.3%
5-year Average (2021-2025)	21.7%
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	21.2%

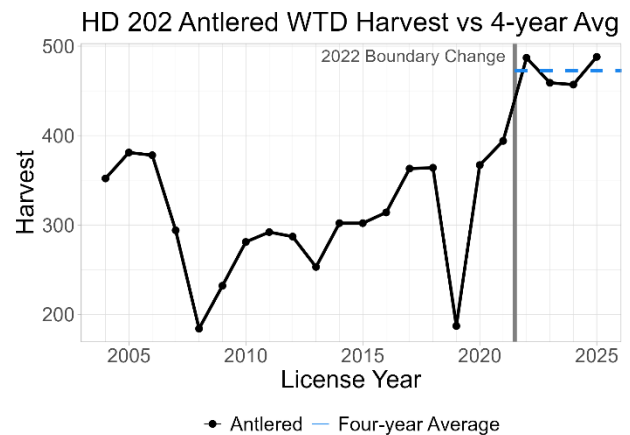
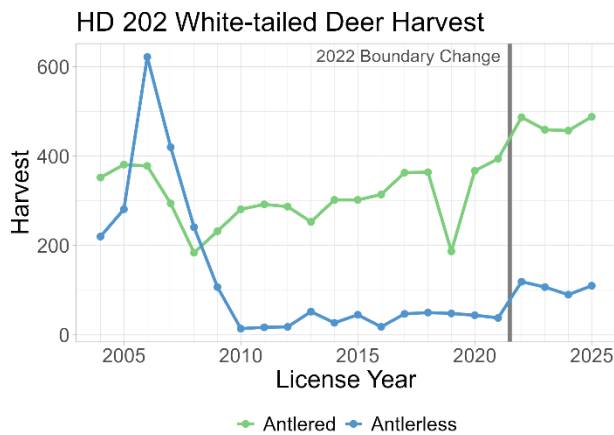
HD 202 – South Superior

The boundary of HD 202 was expanded in 2022. Antlered harvest cannot be compared to the LTA due to the boundary change. Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	488	110
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.51	0.11
Long-term Average (2004-2025)*	-	-
4-year Average (2022-2025)*	473	-
% Difference from 4-year Avg to LTA	-	-

*Long-term average omitted due to 2022 boundary change; others adjusted

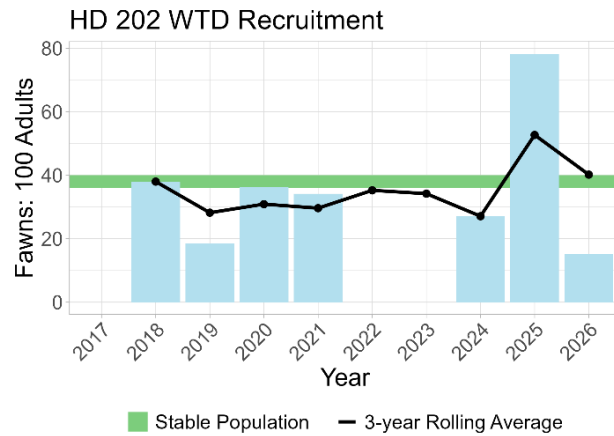


HD 202 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	352	220	572	65%	2015	302	45	347	63%
2005	381	281	662	64%	2016	314	18	332	59%
2006	378	622	1003	56%	2017	363	47	409	58%
2007	294	420	713	76%	2018	364	50	414	60%
2008	184	241	425	60%	2019	187	48	235	66%
2009	232	107	338	67%	2020	367	44	412	69%
2010	281	14	295	70%	2021	394	38	432	69%
2011	292	17	309	72%	2022*	487	119	606	63%
2012	287	18	305	62%	2023*	459	107	566	64%
2013	253	52	305	65%	2024*	457	90	547	65%
2014	302	27	329	64%	2025*	488	110	598	64%

*HD 202 boundary was expanded in 2022

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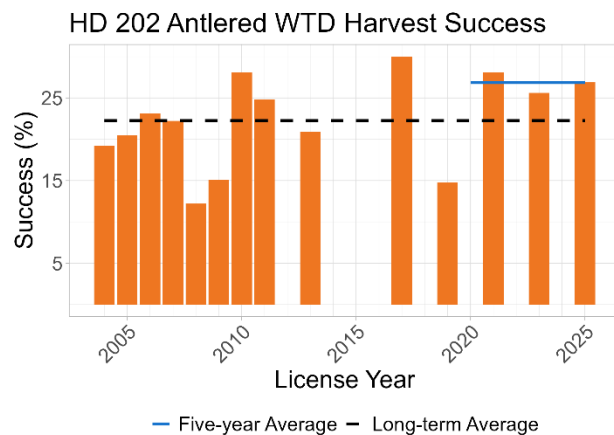
Recruitment



HD 202 Spring White-tailed Deer Surveys											
Year	Total	Adults	Fawns	Unc.	Fawns: 100 Adults	Year	Total	Adults	Fawns	Unc.	Fawns: 100 Adults
2017	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2022	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2018	134	92	35	7	38	2023	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2019	276	207	38	31	18.4	2024	287	225	61	1	27.1
2020	545	391	142	12	36.3	2025	148	83	65	0	78.3
2021	402	292	100	10	34.2	2026	526	455	69	2	15.2

*Total counts are affected by many factors and should not be used to assess population trends

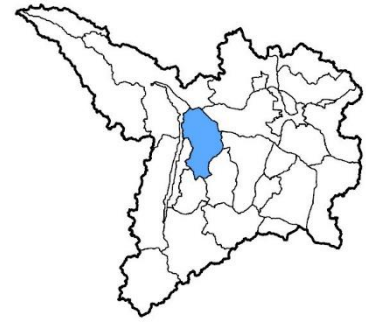
Antlered Harvest Success



HD 202 Antlered WTD Harvest Success	
2025 Success	26.9%
5-year Average (2021-2025)	26.9%
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	22.3%

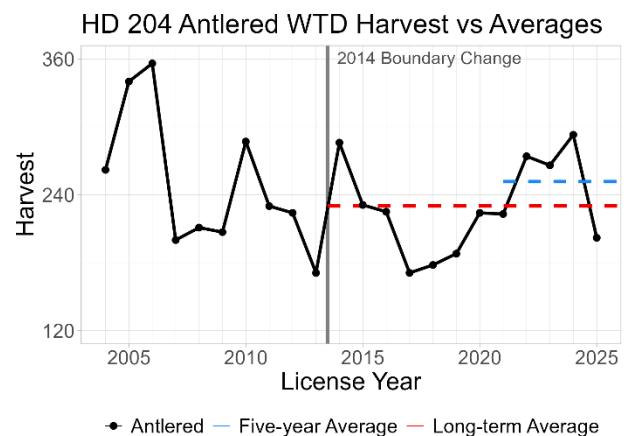
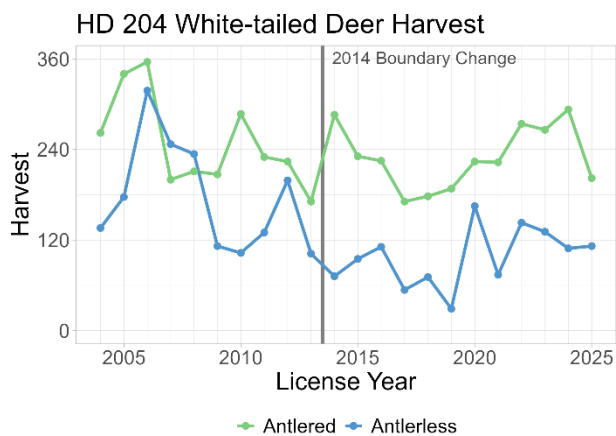
HD 204 – North Sapphire

The boundary of HD 204 changed in 2014. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 10% above the LTA (2014-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025. See North Sapphire Complex for longer term harvest trends.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	202	112
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.50	0.28
Long-term Average (2014-2025)*	230	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	252	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+10%	-

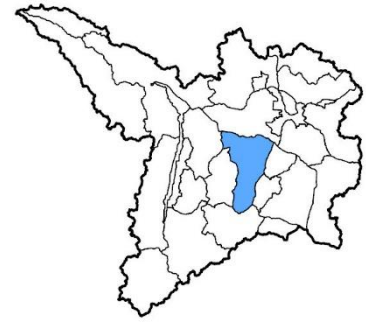
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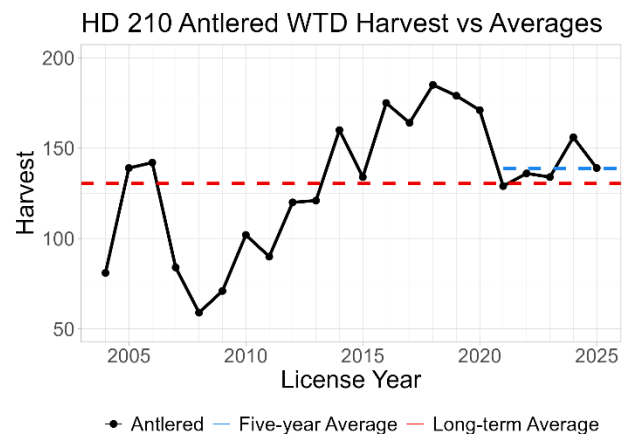
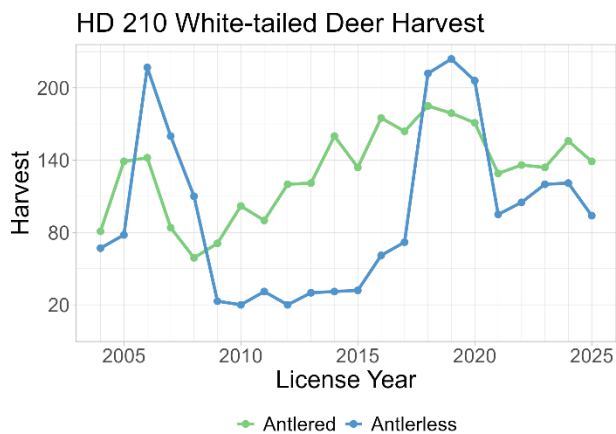
HD 204 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	262	136	398	56%	2015	231	95	326	61%
2005	340	177	518	57%	2016	225	111	335	58%
2006	356	318	678	56%	2017	171	54	225	51%
2007	200	247	447	56%	2018	178	71	249	66%
2008	211	234	445	57%	2019	188	29	217	78%
2009	207	112	319	69%	2020	224	165	388	64%
2010	287	103	390	58%	2021	223	74	298	65%
2011	230	130	360	58%	2022	274	143	418	64%
2012	224	199	423	49%	2023	266	131	396	62%
2013	171	102	273	44%	2024	293	109	402	67%
2014	286	72	357	64%	2025	202	112	314	65%

HD 210 – John Long Range

For HD 210, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 6% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	139	94
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.28	0.19
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	131	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	139	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+6%	-



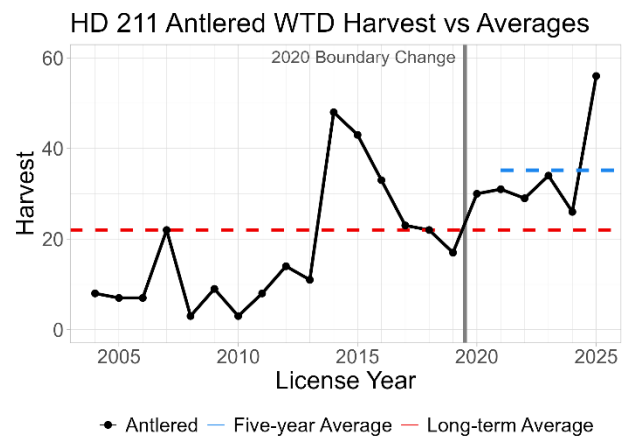
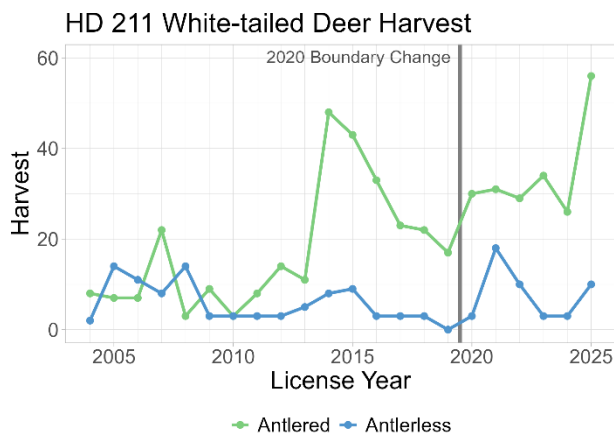
HD 210 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	81	67	147	63%	2015	134	32	166	68%
2005	139	78	218	68%	2016	175	61	236	53%
2006	142	217	367	63%	2017	164	72	236	59%
2007	84	160	244	65%	2018	185	212	397	70%
2008	59	110	169	51%	2019	179	224	403	64%
2009	71	23	94	66%	2020	171	206	377	59%
2010	102	20	122	56%	2021	129	95	224	81%
2011	90	31	121	57%	2022	136	105	241	73%
2012	120	20	140	63%	2023	134	120	254	82%
2013	121	30	151	63%	2024	156	121	277	79%
2014	160	31	192	52%	2025	139	94	233	63%

HD 211 – Upper Rock Creek – Georgetown Lake

The boundary of HD 211 was expanded slightly in 2020. However, harvest is generally low in this HD, and the LTA is still included here. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 59% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



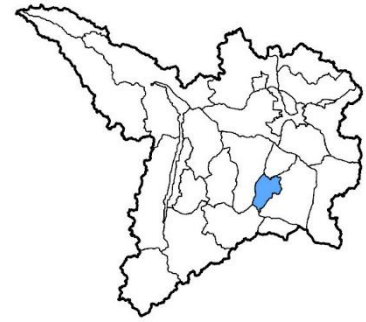
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	56	10
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.14	0.02
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	22	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	35	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+59%	-



HD 211 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)										
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	
2004	8	2	10	0%	2015	43	9	52	40%	
2005	7	14	21	100%	2016	33	3	36	64%	
2006	7	11	19	100%	2017	23	3	26	39%	
2007	22	8	30	55%	2018	22	3	25	41%	
2008	3	14	17	0%	2019	17	0	17	41%	
2009	9	3	12	33%	2020	30	3	33	77%	
2010	3	3	6	100%	2021	31	18	50	74%	
2011	8	3	11	38%	2022	29	10	39	69%	
2012	14	3	17	57%	2023	34	3	37	50%	
2013	11	5	16	73%	2024	26	3	28	35%	
2014	48	8	57	35%	2025	56	10	66	66%	

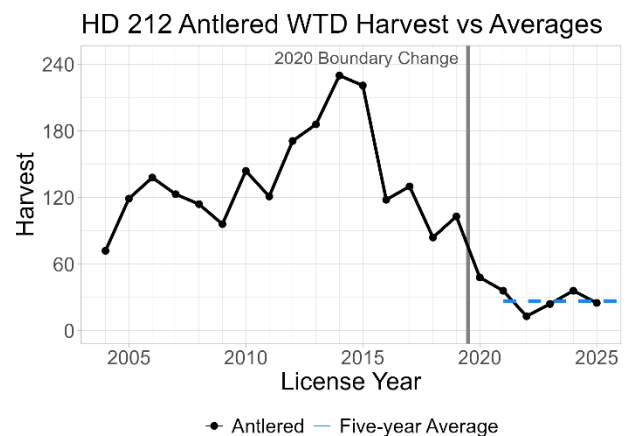
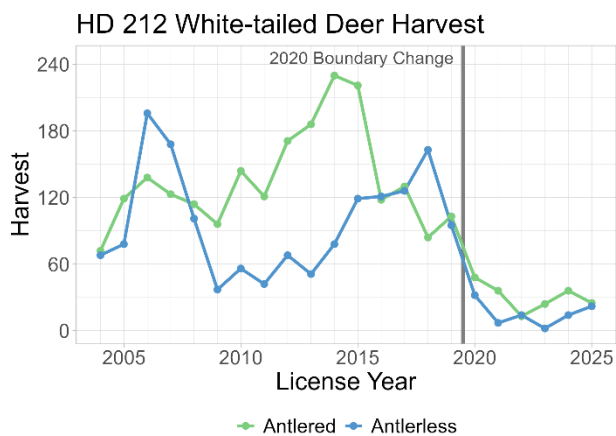
HD 212 – West Flint Range

The boundary of HD 212 changed in 2016 and again in 2020. Antlered harvest cannot be compared to the LTA due to the boundary change. Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025. See Flint Range Complex for longer term harvest trends.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	25	22
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.19	0.17
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	-	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	27	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-	-

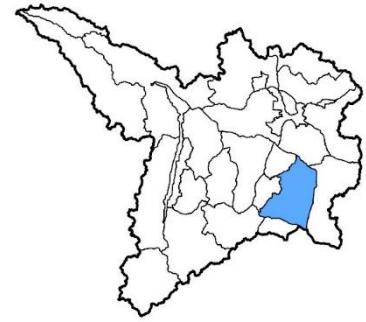
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HD 212 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	72	68	141	62%	2015	221	119	340	52%
2005	119	78	198	64%	2016	118	121	238	69%
2006	138	196	335	72%	2017	130	126	255	62%
2007	123	168	291	63%	2018	84	163	247	73%
2008	114	101	216	61%	2019	103	95	197	76%
2009	96	37	132	68%	2020	48	32	81	88%
2010	144	56	200	59%	2021	36	7	42	67%
2011	121	42	163	72%	2022	13	14	28	54%
2012	171	68	239	81%	2023	24	2	26	58%
2013	186	51	237	56%	2024	36	14	50	39%
2014	230	78	308	59%	2025	25	22	47	56%

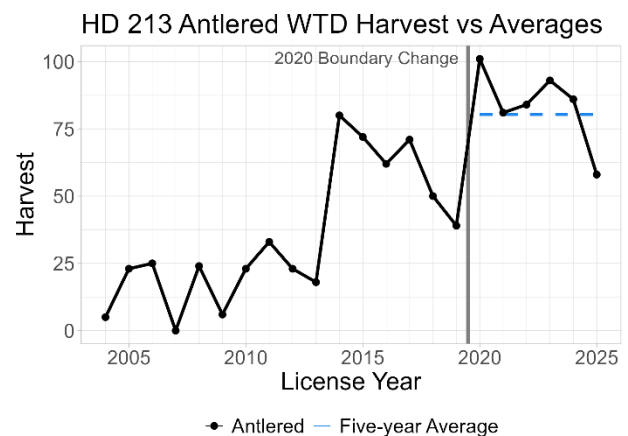
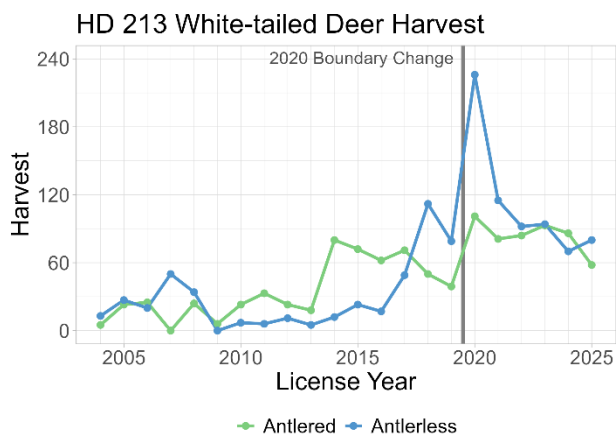
HD 213 – East Flint Range

The boundary of HD 213 changed in 2020. Antlered harvest cannot be compared to the LTA due to the boundary change. Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025. See Flint Range Complex for longer term harvest trends.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	58	80
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.12	0.16
Long-term Average (2004-2025)*	-	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	80	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-	-

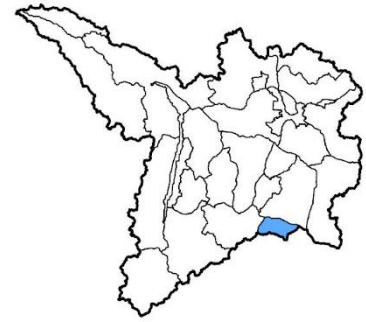
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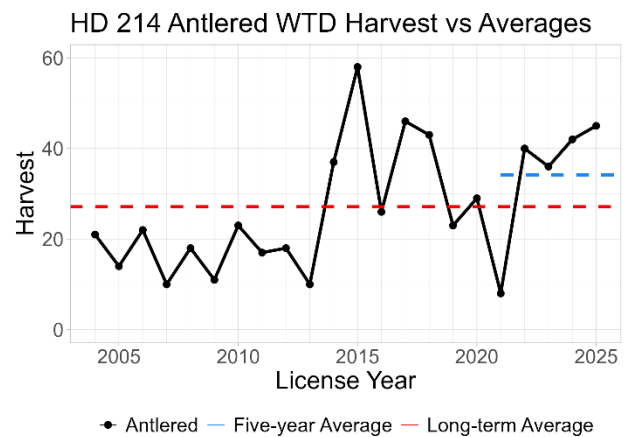
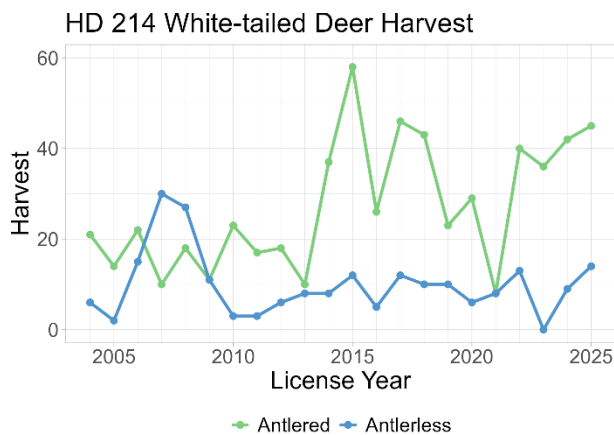
HD 213 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	5	13	18	60%	2015	72	23	96	68%
2005	23	27	50	83%	2016	62	17	78	63%
2006	25	20	48	56%	2017	71	49	120	68%
2007	0	50	50	NA	2018	50	112	162	66%
2008	24	34	58	38%	2019	39	79	118	92%
2009	6	0	6	0%	2020	101	226	326	81%
2010	23	7	30	61%	2021	81	115	197	53%
2011	33	6	39	64%	2022	84	92	176	62%
2012	23	11	34	52%	2023	93	94	188	59%
2013	18	5	23	61%	2024	86	70	156	70%
2014	80	12	92	75%	2025	58	80	138	76%

HD 214 – Mill Creek – Storm Lake

The boundary of HD 214 was reduced slightly in 2020. However, harvest is generally low in this HD, and the LTA is still included here. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 26% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



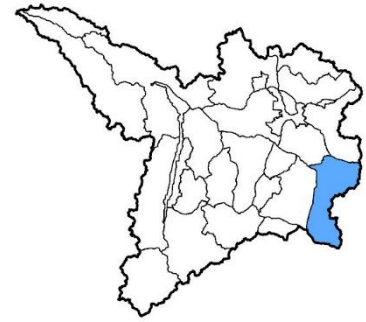
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	45	14
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.39	0.12
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	27	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	34	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+26%	-



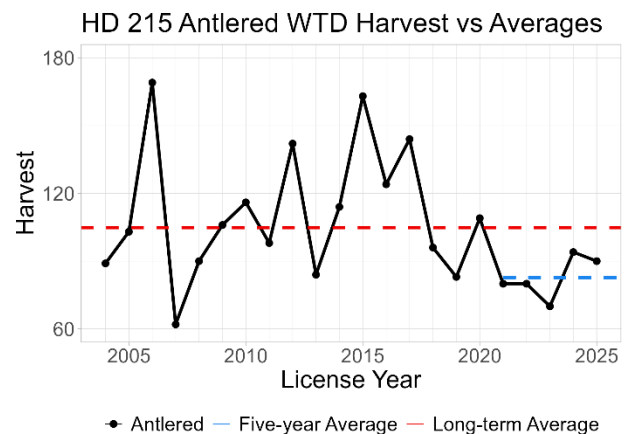
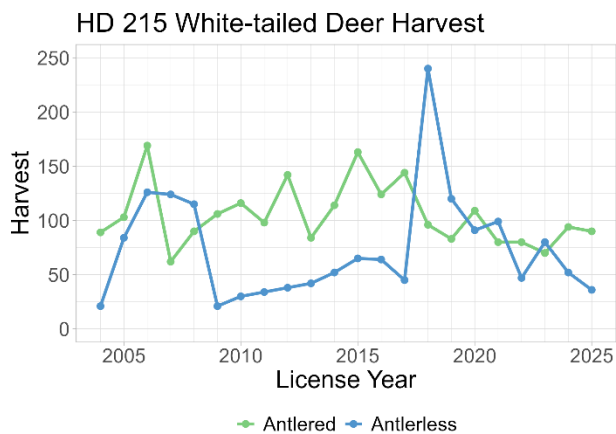
HD 214 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)										
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	
2004	21	6	27	71%	2015	58	12	69	66%	
2005	14	2	16	71%	2016	26	5	31	65%	
2006	22	15	37	86%	2017	46	12	57	63%	
2007	10	30	40	0%	2018	43	10	53	63%	
2008	18	27	46	67%	2019	23	10	33	43%	
2009	11	11	22	82%	2020	29	6	35	69%	
2010	23	3	25	61%	2021	8	8	16	50%	
2011	17	3	19	47%	2022	40	13	53	82%	
2012	18	6	23	56%	2023	36	0	36	47%	
2013	10	8	19	50%	2024	42	9	52	50%	
2014	37	8	46	62%	2025	45	14	59	69%	

HD 215 – East Deer Lodge

For HD 215, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 21% below the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



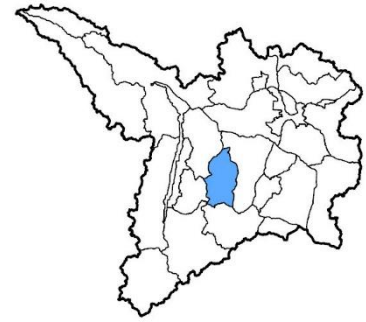
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	90	36
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.16	0.06
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	105	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	83	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-21%	-



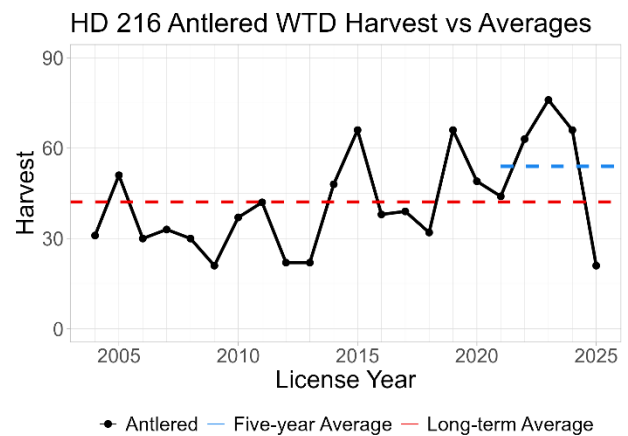
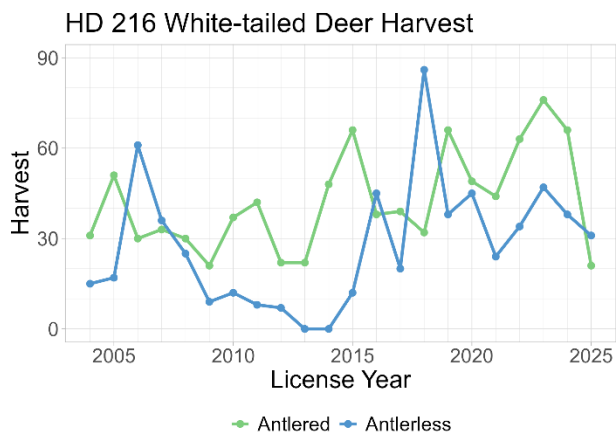
HD 215 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	89	21	111	42%	2015	163	65	228	65%
2005	103	84	188	64%	2016	124	64	187	56%
2006	169	126	302	52%	2017	144	45	189	59%
2007	62	124	185	53%	2018	96	240	336	71%
2008	90	115	205	47%	2019	83	120	203	76%
2009	106	21	128	58%	2020	109	91	200	58%
2010	116	30	146	60%	2021	80	99	179	65%
2011	98	34	132	63%	2022	80	47	127	68%
2012	142	38	180	65%	2023	70	80	150	81%
2013	84	42	125	52%	2024	94	52	146	64%
2014	114	52	165	68%	2025	90	36	126	76%

HD 216 – West Rock Creek – Quigg Peak

For HD 216, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 29% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



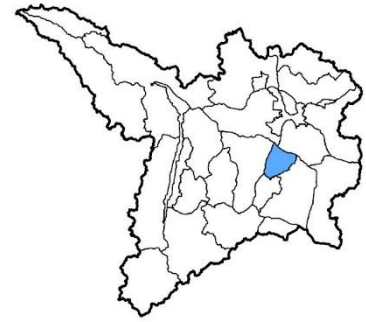
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	21	31
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.07	0.10
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	42	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	54	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+29%	-



HD 216 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	31	15	46	52%	2015	66	12	78	56%
2005	51	17	68	59%	2016	38	45	83	63%
2006	30	61	90	73%	2017	39	20	58	62%
2007	33	36	70	85%	2018	32	86	118	31%
2008	30	25	55	70%	2019	66	38	104	68%
2009	21	9	30	86%	2020	49	45	94	71%
2010	37	12	48	46%	2021	44	24	68	55%
2011	42	8	50	52%	2022	63	34	98	48%
2012	22	7	30	14%	2023	76	47	123	42%
2013	22	0	22	36%	2024	66	38	105	65%
2014	48	0	48	58%	2025	21	31	52	67%

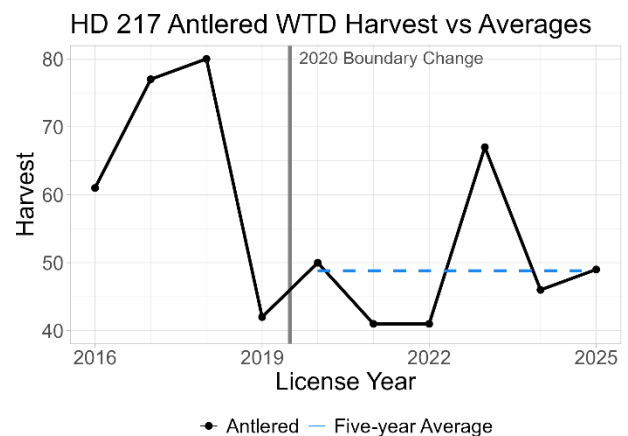
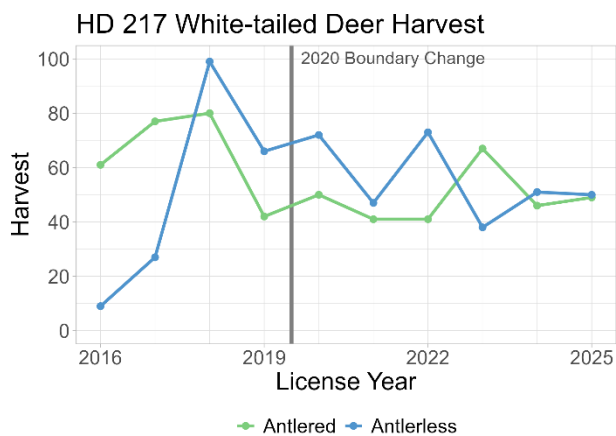
HD 217 – Northwest Flint Range

HD 217 was formed in 2016, and the boundary changed in 2020. Antlered harvest cannot be compared to the LTA due to the boundary change. Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025. See Flint Range Complex for longer term harvest trends.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	49	50
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.34	0.35
Long-term Average (2004-2025)*	-	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	49	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-	-

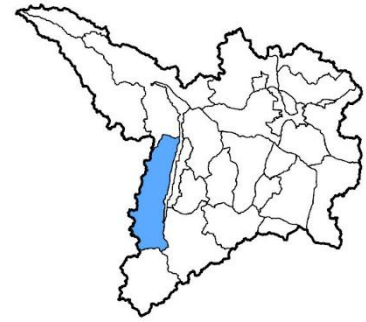
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HD 217 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2016 – 2025)				
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2016	61	9	70	56%
2017	77	27	103	61%
2018	80	99	180	59%
2019	42	66	108	69%
2020	50	72	122	84%
2021	41	47	88	71%
2022	41	73	114	71%
2023	67	38	105	66%
2024	46	51	97	54%
2025	49	50	99	57%

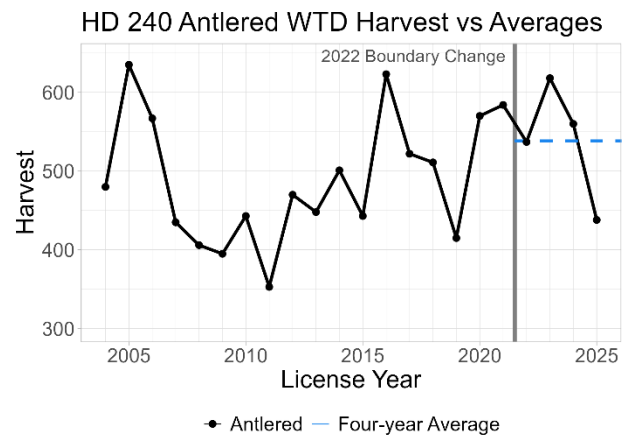
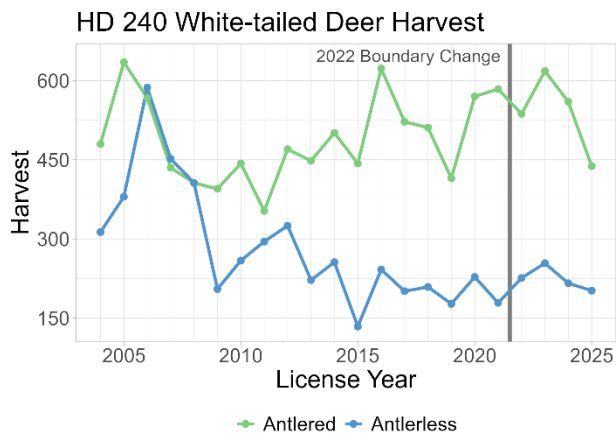
HD 240 – West Bitterroot

The boundary of HD 240 changed in 2014 and again in 2022. Antlered harvest cannot be compared to the LTA due to the boundary change. Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	438	202
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.65	0.30
Long-term Average (2004-2025)*	-	-
4-year Average (2022-2025)*	547	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-	-

*LTA omitted due to 2022 boundary change; recent average adjusted

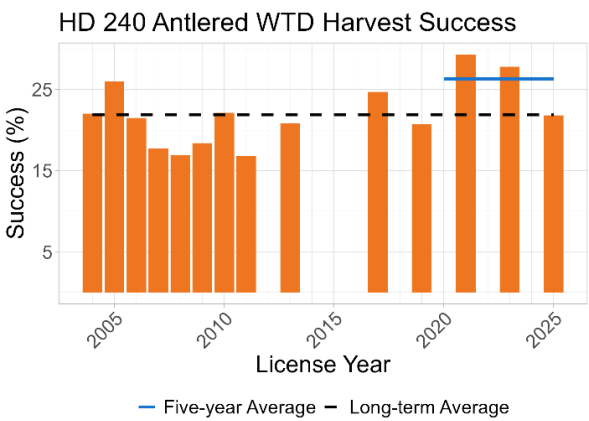


HD 240 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	480	313	795	56%	2015	443	134	577	53%
2005	635	380	1015	62%	2016	623	242	865	51%
2006	567	587	1158	59%	2017	522	201	723	54%
2007	435	452	888	62%	2018	511	209	719	56%
2008	406	406	812	63%	2019	415	177	592	63%
2009	395	205	600	60%	2020	570	228	798	64%
2010	443	259	702	55%	2021	584	179	763	64%
2011	353	295	648	53%	2022*	537	226	763	64%
2012	470	325	795	55%	2023*	618	254	871	61%
2013	448	222	669	46%	2024*	560	216	776	71%
2014	501	256	757	55%	2025*	438	202	640	59%

*HD 240 boundary was reduced in 2022

HD 240 – West Bitterroot, cont.

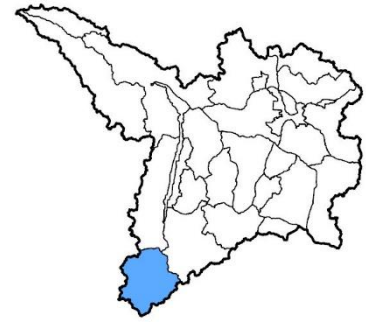
Antlered Harvest Success



HD 240 Antlered WTD Harvest Success	
2025 Success	21.8%
5-year Average (2021-2025)	26.3%
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	21.9%

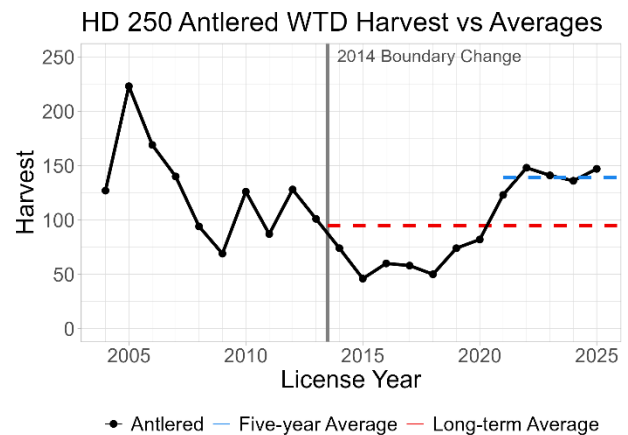
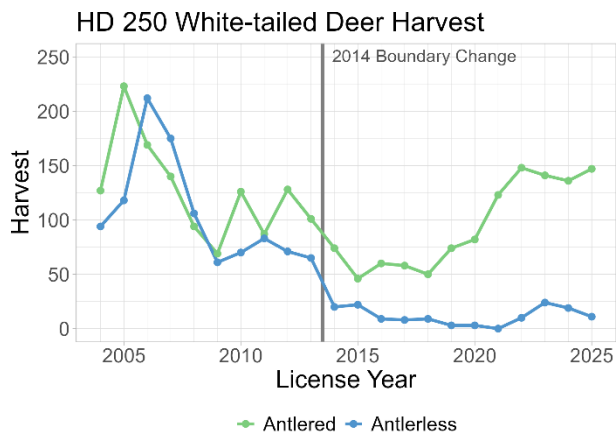
HD 250 – West Fork Bitterroot

The HD 250 boundary changed in 2014. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 46% above the LTA (2014-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	147	11
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.26	0.02
Long-term Average (2014-2025)*	95	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	139	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+46%	-

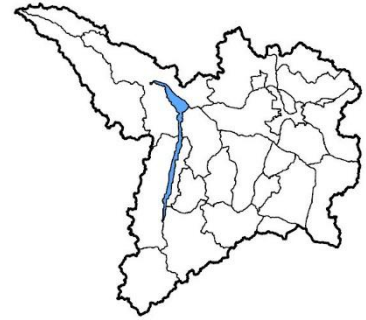
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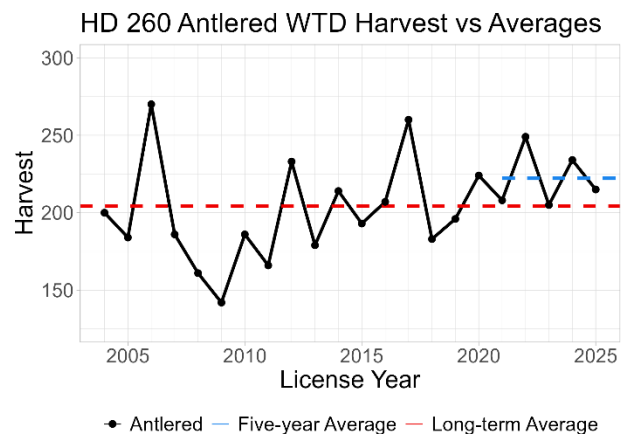
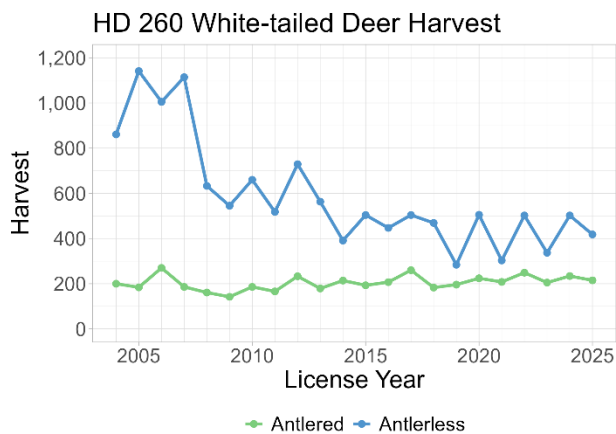
HD 250 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	127	94	222	50%	2015	46	22	68	30%
2005	223	118	342	60%	2016	60	9	69	50%
2006	169	212	384	59%	2017	58	8	67	60%
2007	140	175	315	64%	2018	50	9	60	56%
2008	94	106	200	72%	2019	74	3	78	78%
2009	69	61	130	65%	2020	82	3	86	55%
2010	126	70	196	39%	2021	123	0	123	75%
2011	87	83	170	39%	2022	148	10	158	72%
2012	128	71	200	48%	2023	141	24	165	67%
2013	101	65	166	58%	2024	136	19	155	66%
2014	74	20	93	50%	2025	147	11	158	67%

HD 260 – Bitterroot – Clark Fork Archery District

For HD 260, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 9% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



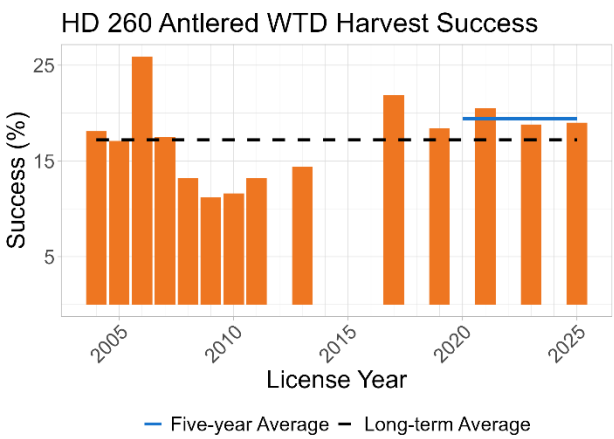
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	215	418
2025 Harvest/mi ²	1.39	2.70
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	204	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	222	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+9%	-



HD 260 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	200	861	1065	74%	2015	193	504	698	70%
2005	184	1141	1324	76%	2016	207	447	654	72%
2006	270	1005	1283	73%	2017	260	504	764	70%
2007	186	1114	1301	76%	2018	183	469	652	67%
2008	161	633	794	76%	2019	196	284	481	80%
2009	142	545	687	75%	2020	224	505	730	79%
2010	186	660	846	74%	2021	208	303	511	69%
2011	166	518	685	70%	2022	249	502	751	75%
2012	233	729	961	68%	2023	205	337	542	74%
2013	179	563	742	63%	2024	234	502	736	71%
2014	214	391	605	68%	2025	215	418	633	65%

HD 260 – Bitterroot – Clark Fork Archery District, cont.

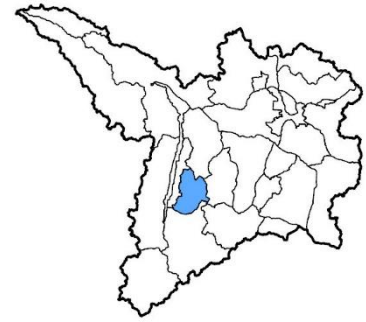
Antlered Harvest Success



HD 260 Antlered WTD Harvest Success	
2025 Success	19.0%
5-year Average (2021-2025)	19.4%
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	17.2%

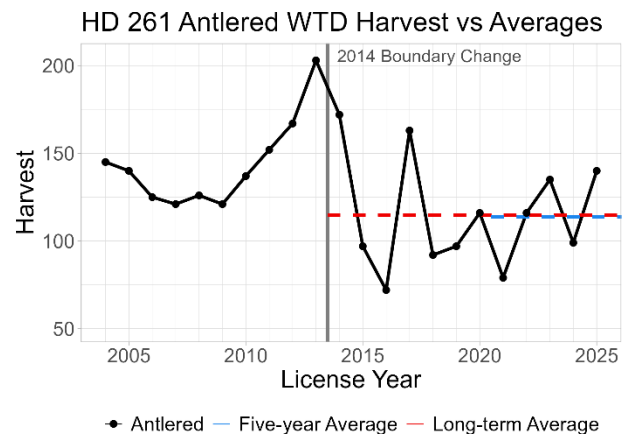
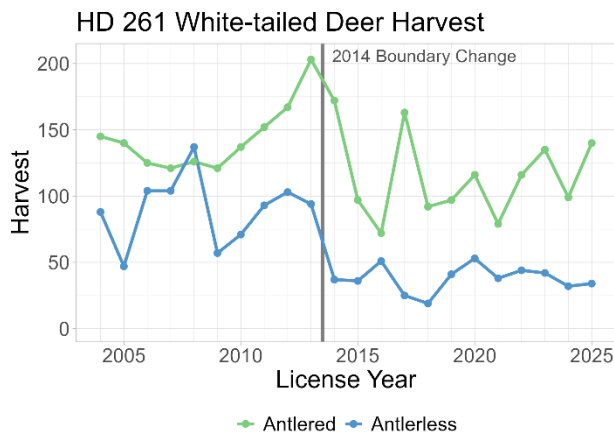
HD 261 – East Bitterroot

The boundary of HD 261 was reduced when HD 262 was formed in 2014. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was aligned with the LTA (2014-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025. See North Sapphire Complex for longer term harvest trends.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	140	34
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.65	0.16
Long-term Average (2014-2025)*	115	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	114	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-0.9%	-

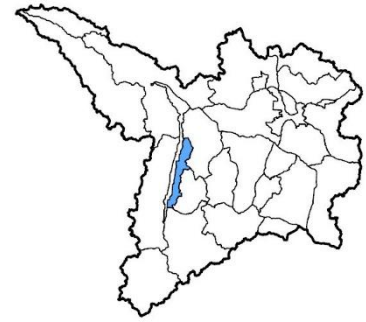
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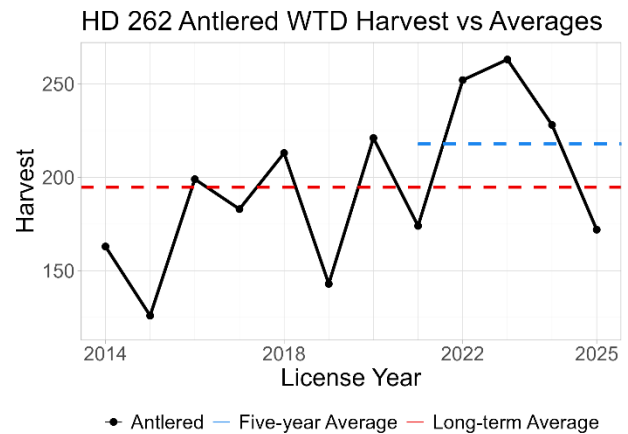
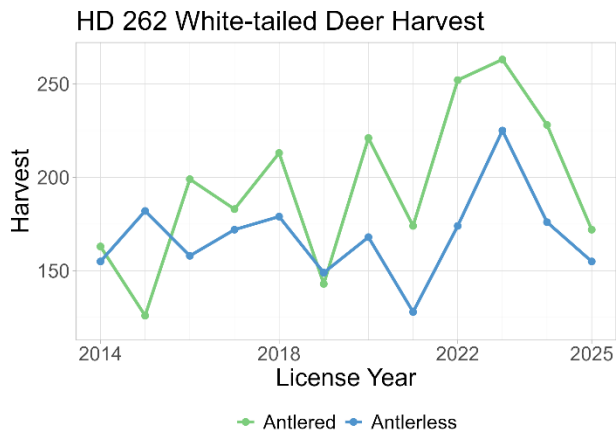
HD 261 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	145	88	233	53%	2015	97	36	133	67%
2005	140	47	188	69%	2016	72	51	123	67%
2006	125	104	233	50%	2017	163	25	188	56%
2007	121	104	225	66%	2018	92	19	111	59%
2008	126	137	263	60%	2019	97	41	138	62%
2009	121	57	178	69%	2020	116	53	169	72%
2010	137	71	208	70%	2021	79	38	117	66%
2011	152	93	245	52%	2022	116	44	160	66%
2012	167	103	270	61%	2023	135	42	177	85%
2013	203	94	297	61%	2024	99	32	132	72%
2014	172	37	209	56%	2025	140	34	174	73%

HD 262 – Bitterroot Farmlands

HD 262 was formed in 2014. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 12% above the LTA (2014-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2014 and 2025. See North Sapphire Complex for longer term harvest trends.



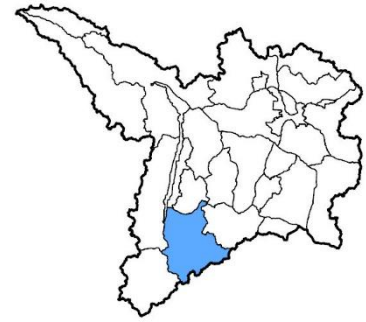
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	172	155
2025 Harvest/mi ²	1.38	1.24
Long-term Average (2014-2025)	195	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	218	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+12%	-



HD 262 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2014 – 2025)				
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2014	163	155	318	52%
2015	126	182	309	61%
2016	199	158	358	60%
2017	183	172	355	61%
2018	213	179	392	56%
2019	143	149	292	62%
2020	221	168	388	70%
2021	174	128	303	61%
2022	252	174	426	66%
2023	263	225	488	76%
2024	228	176	405	61%
2025	172	155	327	69%

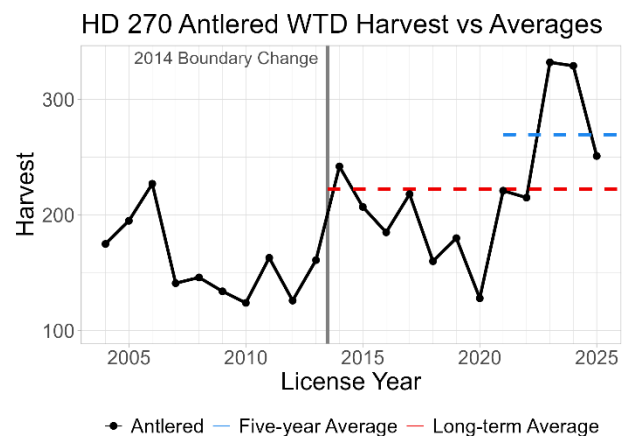
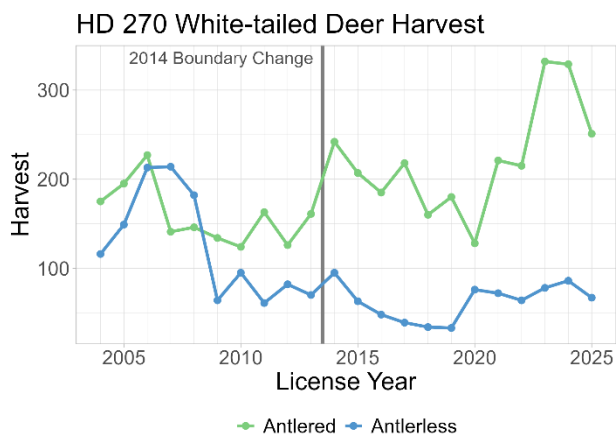
HD 270 – East Fork Bitterroot

The HD 270 boundary was expanded in 2014. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 22% above the LTA (2014-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	251	67
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.38	0.10
Long-term Average (2014-2025)*	222	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	270	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+22%	-

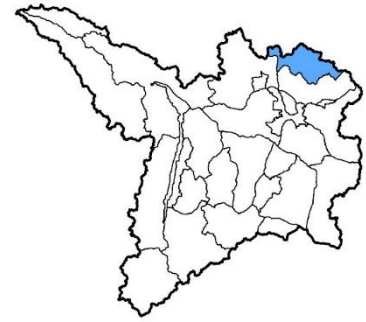
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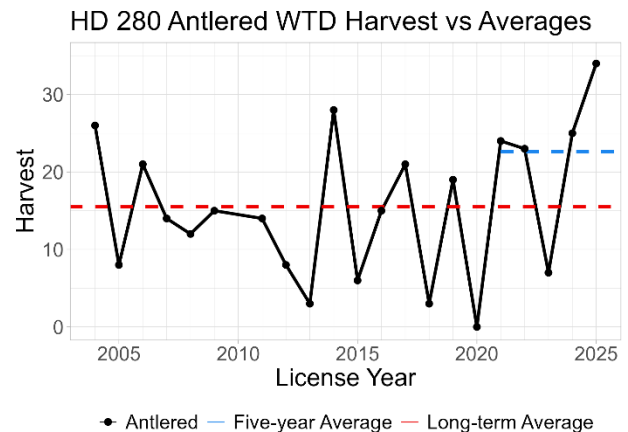
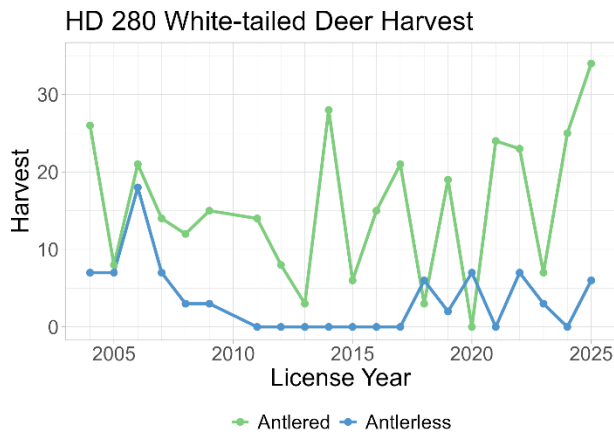
HD 270 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	175	116	291	56%	2015	207	63	270	57%
2005	195	149	344	68%	2016	185	48	233	63%
2006	227	213	440	52%	2017	218	39	256	51%
2007	141	214	354	61%	2018	160	34	194	51%
2008	146	182	328	60%	2019	180	33	214	59%
2009	134	64	199	51%	2020	128	76	205	46%
2010	124	95	218	59%	2021	221	72	293	69%
2011	163	61	224	58%	2022	215	64	278	47%
2012	126	82	208	62%	2023	332	78	410	54%
2013	161	70	231	49%	2024	329	86	414	64%
2014	242	95	337	65%	2025	251	67	318	63%

HD 280 – North Blackfoot

HD 280 is a backcountry district with limited access, and total harvest is generally low. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 44% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



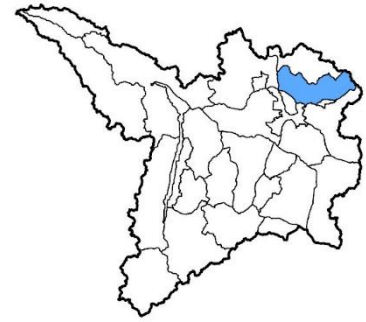
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	34	6
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.11	0.02
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	16	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	23	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+44%	-



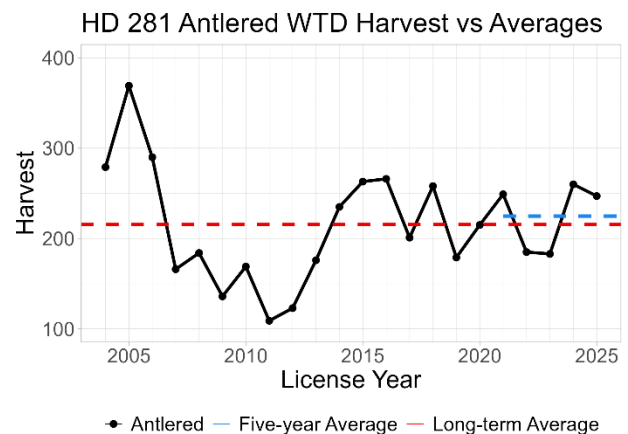
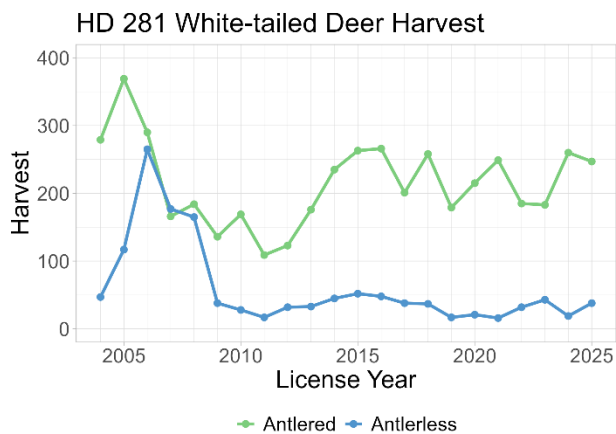
HD 280 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)										
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	
2004	26	7	32	77%	2015	6	0	6	50%	
2005	8	7	16	50%	2016	15	0	15	60%	
2006	21	18	40	86%	2017	21	0	21	71%	
2007	14	7	21	36%	2018	3	6	9	0%	
2008	12	3	15	100%	2019	19	2	21	68%	
2009	15	3	18	100%	2020	0	7	7	NA	
2010	14	0	14	57%	2021	24	0	24	83%	
2011	8	0	8	38%	2022	23	7	30	43%	
2012	3	0	3	100%	2023	7	3	10	100%	
2013	28	0	28	71%	2024	25	0	25	48%	
2014	26	7	32	77%	2025	34	6	40	50%	

HD 281 – Upper Blackfoot

For HD 281, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 4% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



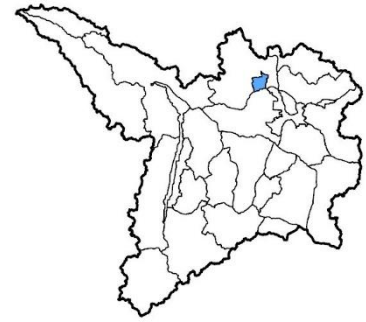
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	247	38
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.65	0.10
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	216	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	225	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+4%	-



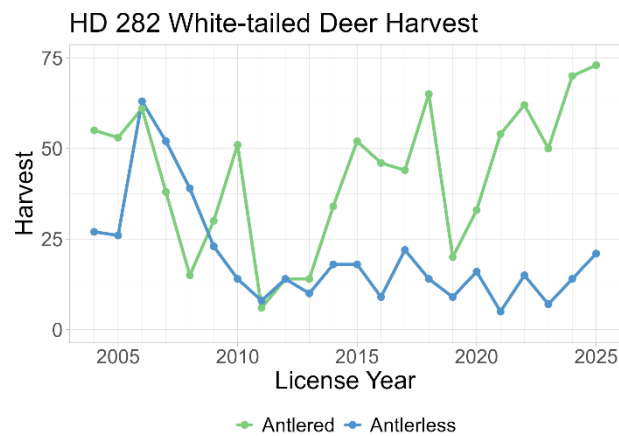
HD 281 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	279	47	326	76%	2015	263	52	315	67%
2005	369	117	486	78%	2016	266	48	314	63%
2006	290	265	554	69%	2017	201	38	239	63%
2007	166	177	343	85%	2018	258	37	295	60%
2008	184	165	349	72%	2019	179	17	196	79%
2009	136	38	173	78%	2020	215	21	236	59%
2010	169	28	197	70%	2021	249	16	265	61%
2011	109	17	125	62%	2022	185	32	217	55%
2012	123	32	155	62%	2023	183	43	226	64%
2013	176	33	209	39%	2024	260	19	279	65%
2014	235	45	280	60%	2025	247	38	285	66%

HD 282 – Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA

Harvest of WTD during the general season in this HD is by permit (antlered) or B license (antlerless) only. Trends in antlered and antlerless WTD harvest are primarily driven by harvest opportunity in this district. Harvest opportunities have been limited and variable between 2004 and 2025.



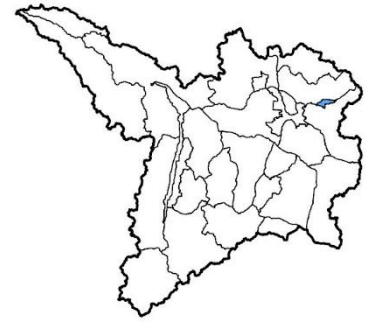
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	73	21
2025 Harvest/mi ²	1.79	0.51
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	43	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	62	-



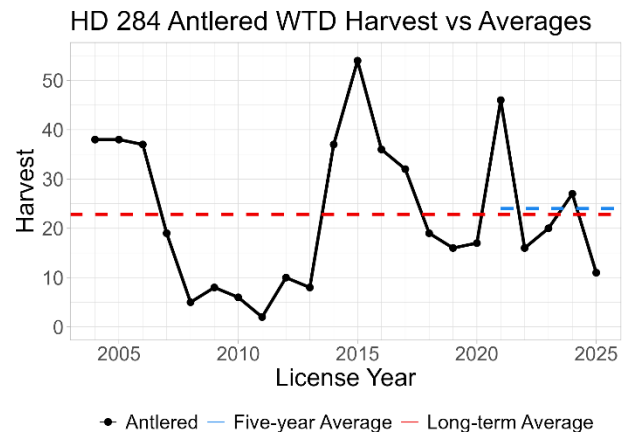
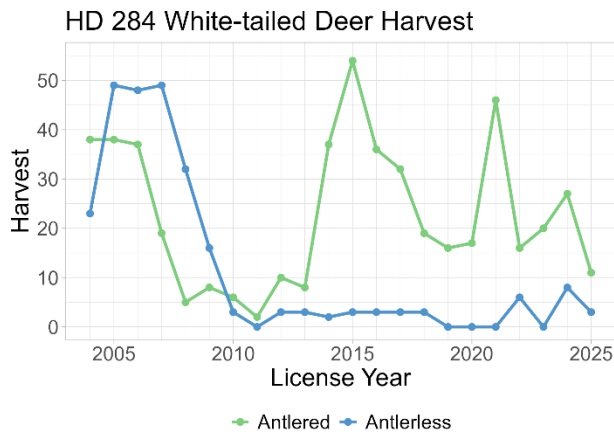
HD 282 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	55	27	82	80%	2015	52	18	70	65%
2005	53	26	79	68%	2016	46	9	55	74%
2006	61	63	128	85%	2017	44	22	66	45%
2007	38	52	90	50%	2018	65	14	80	71%
2008	15	39	55	93%	2019	20	9	29	100%
2009	30	23	53	40%	2020	33	16	50	39%
2010	51	14	64	73%	2021	54	5	59	46%
2011	6	8	13	50%	2022	62	15	77	61%
2012	14	14	28	57%	2023	50	7	58	66%
2013	14	10	24	21%	2024	70	14	85	73%
2014	34	18	51	74%	2025	73	21	94	88%

HD 284 – Lincoln Archery District

For HD 284, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 4% above the LTA (2014-2025). However, harvest is generally low in this HD, and that 4% reflects a one-deer difference. Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



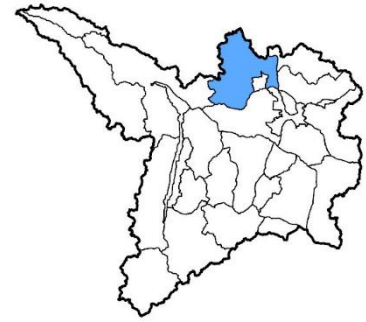
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	11	3
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.65	0.18
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	23	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	24	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+4%	-



HD 284 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)										
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	
2004	38	23	61	84%	2015	54	3	57	59%	
2005	38	49	86	74%	2016	36	3	40	67%	
2006	37	48	85	100%	2017	32	3	36	47%	
2007	19	49	68	100%	2018	19	3	22	84%	
2008	5	32	38	60%	2019	16	0	16	62%	
2009	8	16	24	100%	2020	17	0	17	41%	
2010	6	3	8	100%	2021	46	0	46	83%	
2011	2	0	2	100%	2022	16	6	23	81%	
2012	10	3	13	100%	2023	20	0	20	50%	
2013	8	3	11	75%	2024	27	8	35	56%	
2014	37	2	38	70%	2025	11	3	14	100%	

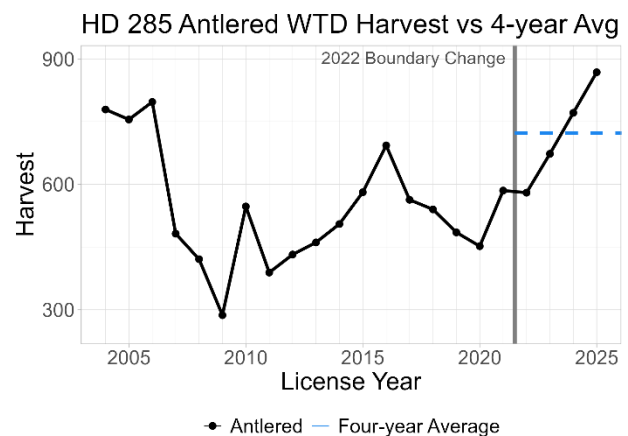
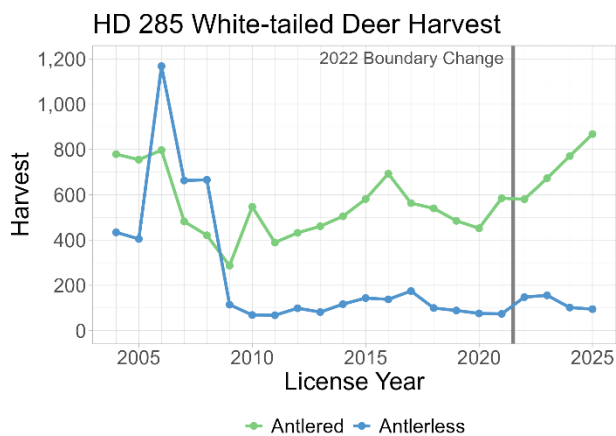
HD 285 – Monture

The boundary of HD 285 was expanded in 2022 to include the east portion of former HD 283. Antlered harvest cannot be compared to the LTA due to the boundary change. Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	868	95
2025 Harvest/mi ²	1.31	0.14
Long-term Average (2004-2025)*	-	-
4-year Average (2022-2025)*	696	-
% Difference from 4-year Avg to LTA	-	-

*LTA omitted due to 2022 boundary change; recent average adjusted

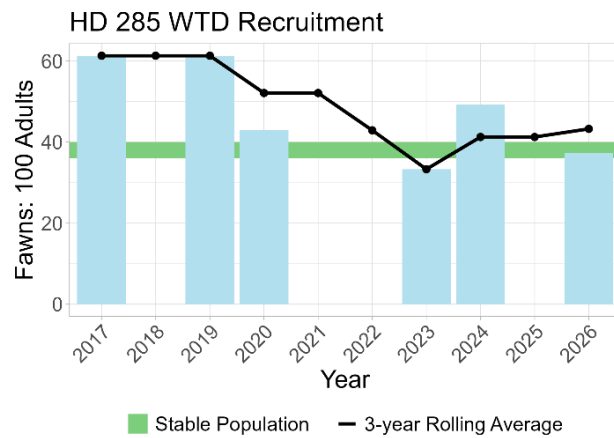


HD 285 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	779	434	1217	58%	2015	581	144	725	52%
2005	755	405	1160	70%	2016	693	138	831	51%
2006	797	1168	1972	63%	2017	563	175	738	55%
2007	482	663	1145	66%	2018	540	100	640	48%
2008	421	666	1087	66%	2019	485	89	574	65%
2009	287	115	402	71%	2020	452	76	528	51%
2010	547	69	616	62%	2021	585	74	659	52%
2011	389	68	458	59%	2022*	580	148	728	49%
2012	432	99	531	61%	2023*	673	156	829	57%
2013	461	82	542	55%	2024*	771	102	872	57%
2014	505	117	622	51%	2025*	868	95	963	60%

*HD 285 boundary was expanded in 2022

HD 285 – Monture, cont.

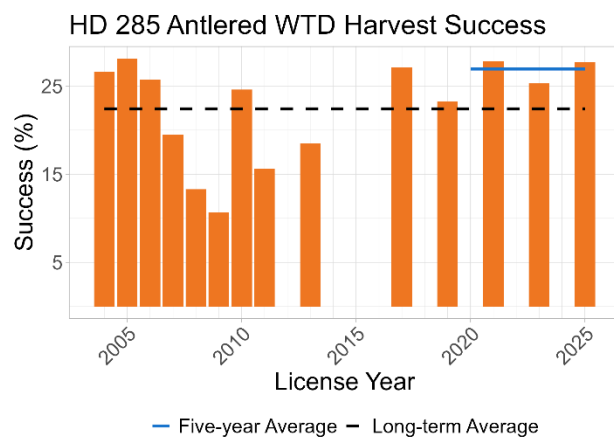
Recruitment



HD 285 Spring White-tailed Deer Surveys											
Year	Total	Adults	Fawns	Unc.	Fawns: 100 Adults	Year	Total	Adults	Fawns	Unc.	Fawns: 100 Adults
2017	50	31	19	0	61.3	2022	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2018	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2023	244	180	60	4	33.3
2019	71	31	19	21	61.3	2024	370	248	122	0	49.2
2020	62	35	15	12	42.9	2025	195	142	53	0	37.3
2021	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2026	50	31	19	0	61.3

*Total counts are affected by many factors and should not be used to assess population trends

Antlered Harvest Success



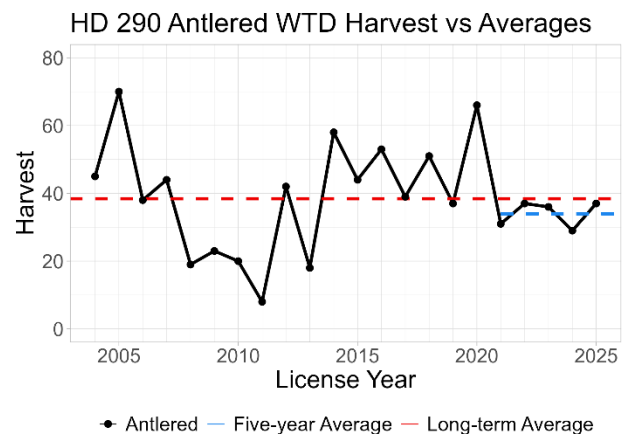
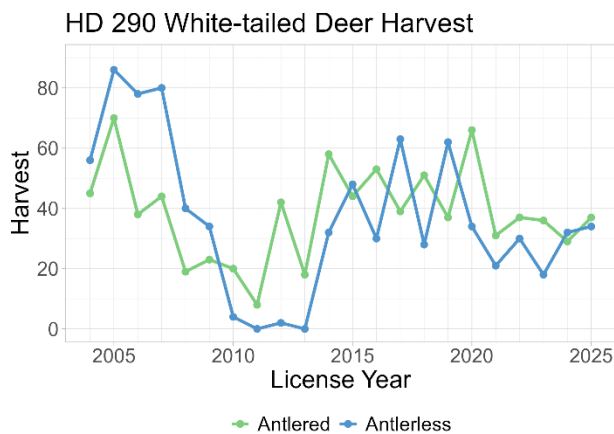
HD 285 Antlered WTD Harvest Success	
2025 Success	27.7%
5-year Average (2021-2025)	26.9%
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	22.4%

HD 290 – Helmville-Ovando Archery District

For HD 290, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 11% below the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



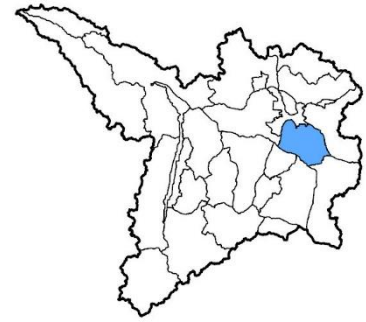
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	37	34
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.70	0.65
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	38	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	34	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-11%	-



HD 290 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	45	56	101	80%	2015	44	48	92	73%
2005	70	86	156	96%	2016	53	30	83	58%
2006	38	78	116	82%	2017	39	63	102	85%
2007	44	80	124	70%	2018	51	28	78	78%
2008	19	40	59	42%	2019	37	62	98	81%
2009	23	34	57	87%	2020	66	34	100	86%
2010	20	4	24	90%	2021	31	21	52	39%
2011	8	0	8	75%	2022	37	30	67	89%
2012	42	2	43	50%	2023	36	18	54	83%
2013	18	0	18	83%	2024	29	32	61	59%
2014	58	32	89	76%	2025	37	34	71	65%

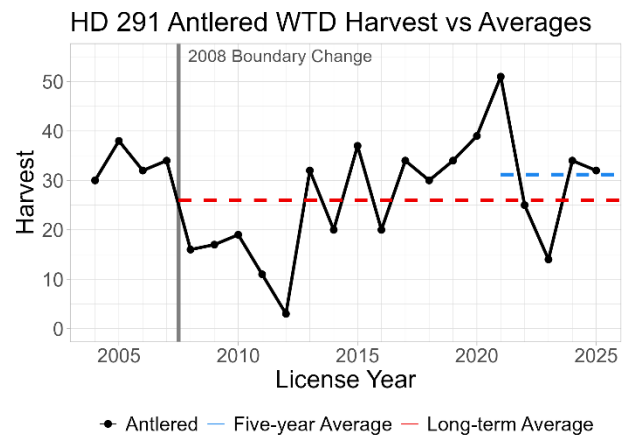
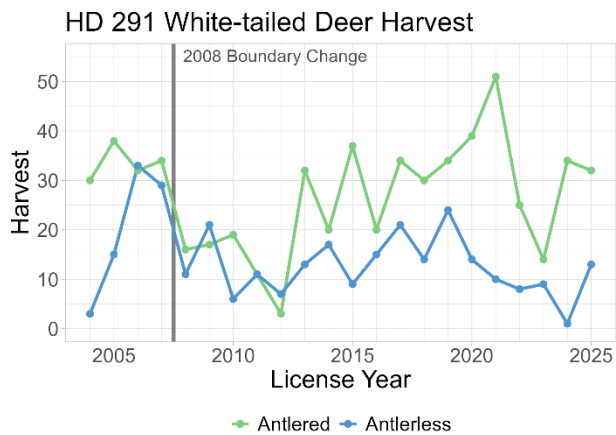
HD 291 – East Garnet Range

The boundary of HD 291 changed in 2008. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 19% above the LTA (2008-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	32	13
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.10	0.04
Long-term Average (2008-2025)*	26	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	31	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+19%	-

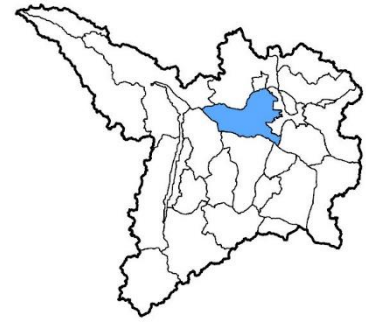
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HD 291 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	30	3	33	53%	2015	37	9	46	46%
2005	38	15	53	71%	2016	20	15	36	25%
2006	32	33	65	53%	2017	34	21	55	44%
2007	34	29	64	50%	2018	30	14	44	47%
2008	16	11	28	88%	2019	34	24	58	59%
2009	17	21	38	53%	2020	39	14	53	56%
2010	19	6	25	58%	2021	51	10	62	45%
2011	11	11	22	73%	2022	25	8	33	88%
2012	3	7	10	100%	2023	14	9	23	50%
2013	32	13	45	66%	2024	34	1	34	71%
2014	20	17	37	40%	2025	32	13	45	78%

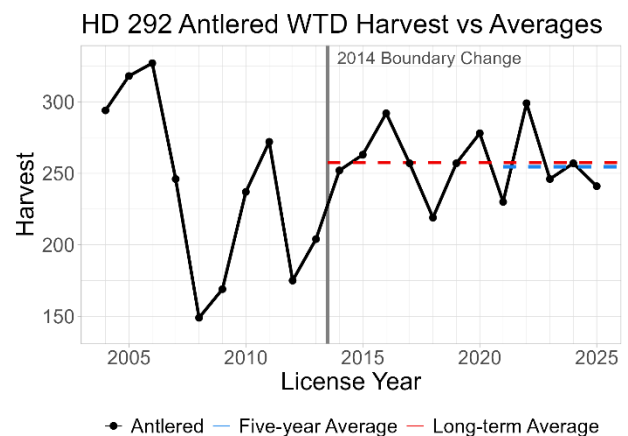
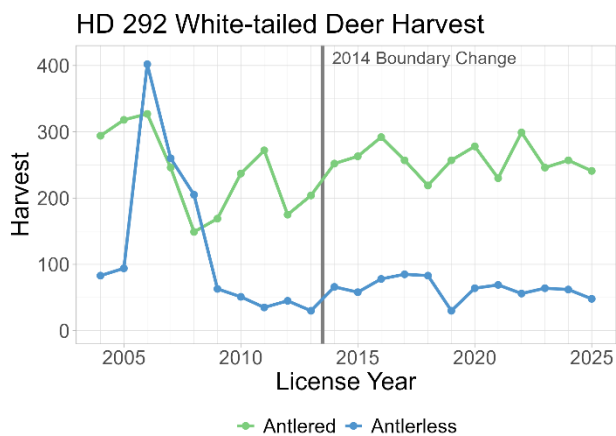
HD 292 – West Garnet Range

The HD 292 boundary changed in 2008 and again in 2014. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was aligned with the LTA (2014-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	241	48
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.50	0.10
Long-term Average (2014-2025)*	258	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	255	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-1%	-

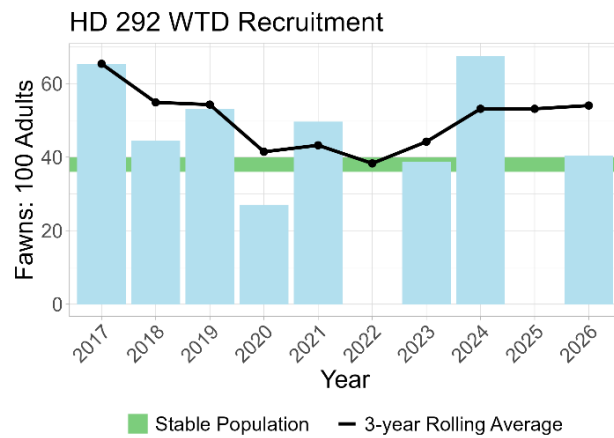
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HD 292 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	294	83	377	58%	2015	263	58	320	62%
2005	318	94	412	70%	2016	292	78	370	42%
2006	327	402	742	68%	2017	257	85	342	63%
2007	246	260	507	67%	2018	219	83	302	63%
2008	149	205	354	70%	2019	257	30	287	68%
2009	169	63	232	69%	2020	278	64	342	48%
2010	237	51	289	61%	2021	230	69	300	64%
2011	272	35	308	61%	2022	299	56	354	56%
2012	175	45	219	60%	2023	246	64	311	69%
2013	204	30	234	50%	2024	257	62	319	55%
2014	252	66	318	59%	2025	241	48	289	65%

HD 292 – West Garnet Range, cont.

Recruitment

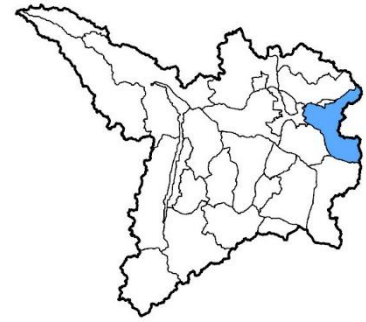


HD 292 Spring White-tailed Deer Surveys											
Year	Total	Adults	Fawns	Unc.	Fawns: 100 Adults	Year	Total	Adults	Fawns	Unc.	Fawns: 100 Adults
2017	201	104	68	29	65.4	2022	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2018	152	90	40	22	44.4	2023	229	163	63	3	38.7
2019	142	81	43	18	53.1	2024	114	68	46	0	67.6
2020	363	286	77	0	26.9	2025	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2021	289	163	81	45	49.7	2026	104	74	30	0	40.5

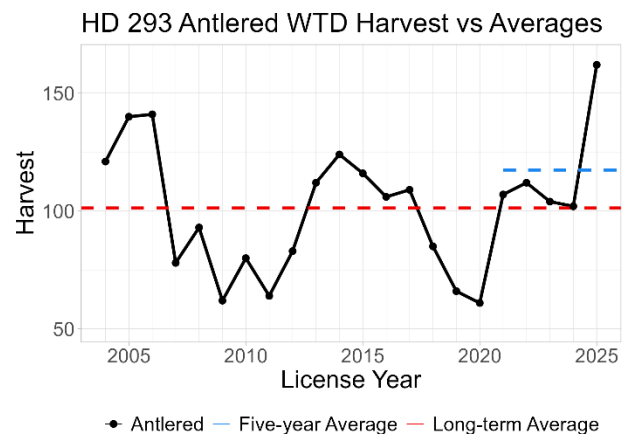
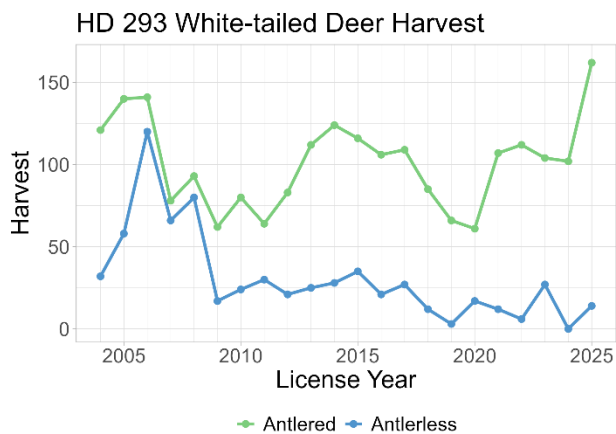
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HD 293 – South Lincoln – Nevada Creek

For HD 293, the 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 16% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



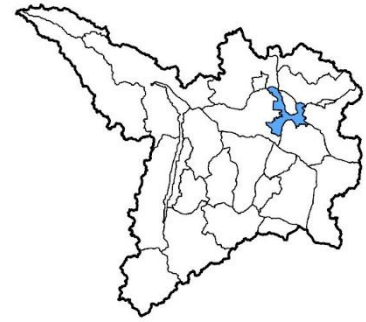
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	162	14
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.36	0.03
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	101	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	117	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+16%	-



HD 293 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)										
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	
2004	121	32	153	73%	2015	116	35	151	61%	
2005	140	58	198	74%	2016	106	21	126	68%	
2006	141	120	265	77%	2017	109	27	136	51%	
2007	78	66	143	81%	2018	85	12	97	62%	
2008	93	80	173	81%	2019	66	3	70	65%	
2009	62	17	79	73%	2020	61	17	78	72%	
2010	80	24	104	46%	2021	107	12	119	70%	
2011	64	30	94	52%	2022	112	6	119	56%	
2012	83	21	104	60%	2023	104	27	131	77%	
2013	112	25	137	57%	2024	102	0	102	79%	
2014	124	28	152	60%	2025	162	14	176	76%	

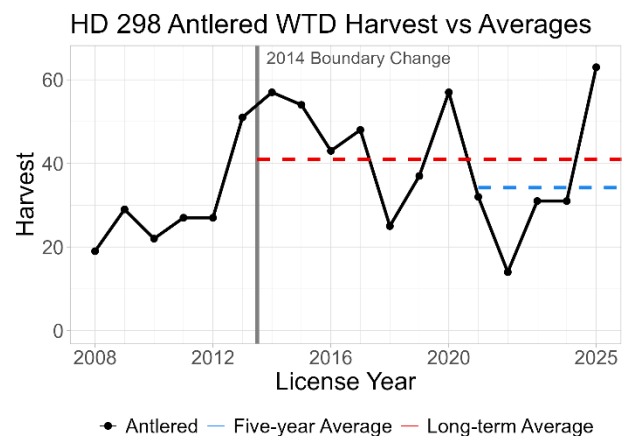
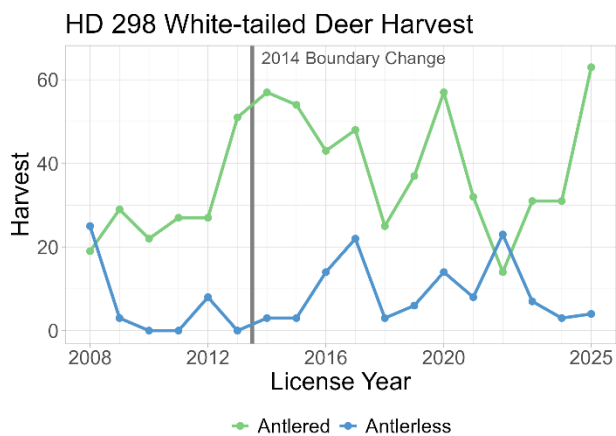
HD 298 – Ovando – Helmville

HD 298 was formed in 2008, and the boundary changed in 2014. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 17% below the LTA (2008-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2008 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	63	4
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.42	0.03
Long-term Average (2014-2025)*	41	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	34	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-17%	-

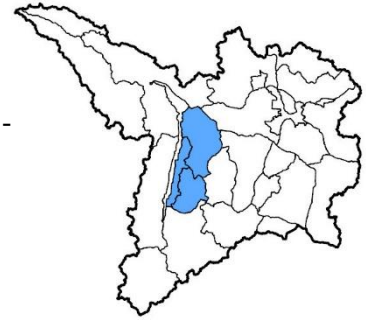
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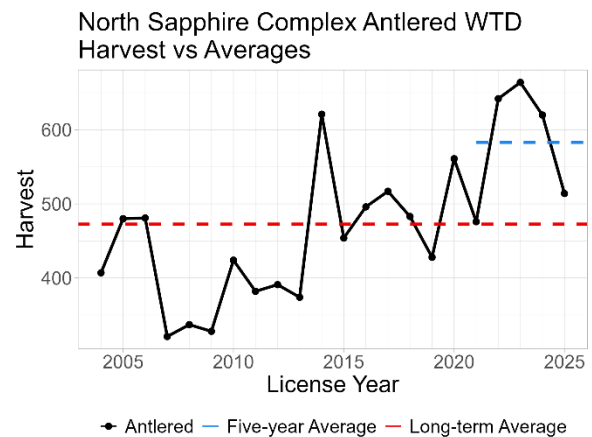
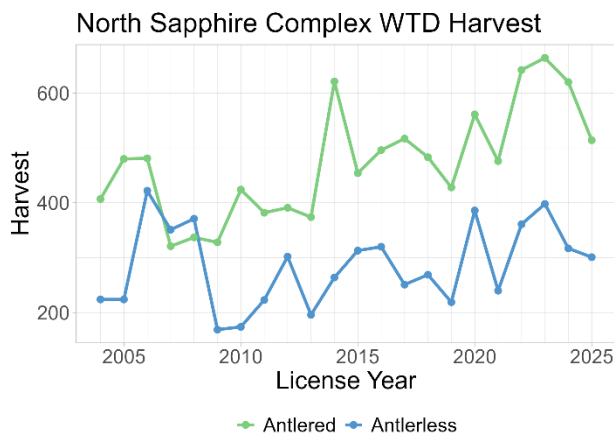
HD 298 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2008 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2008	19	25	43	47%	2017	48	22	70	75%
2009	29	3	32	69%	2018	25	3	28	76%
2010	22	0	22	77%	2019	37	6	44	100%
2011	27	0	27	81%	2020	57	14	71	72%
2012	27	8	35	70%	2021	32	8	40	100%
2013	51	0	51	49%	2022	14	23	38	79%
2014	57	3	59	60%	2023	31	7	38	68%
2015	54	3	57	85%	2024	31	3	34	81%
2016	43	14	57	93%	2025	63	4	67	78%

HD 204, 261, 262 – North Sapphire Complex

The North Sapphire Complex represents three HDs where interior boundaries have changed over the years, but the external footprint has remained the same. Combining harvest across these HDs allows us to use the LTA to compare recent harvest trends. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 23% above the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



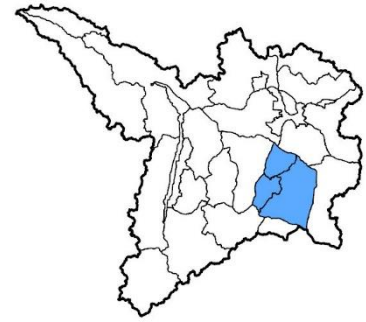
	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	514	301
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.69	0.41
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	473	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	583	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	+23%	-



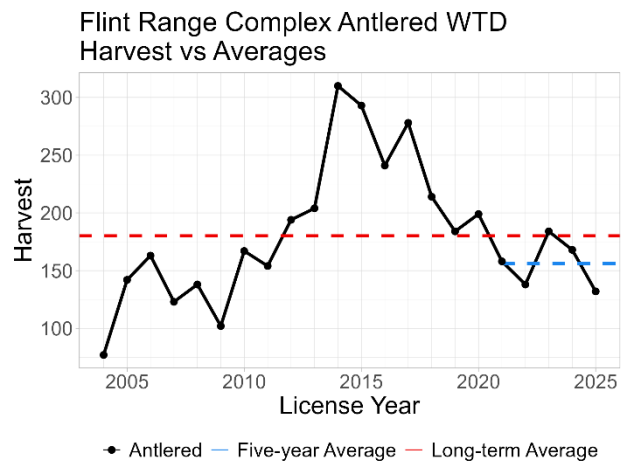
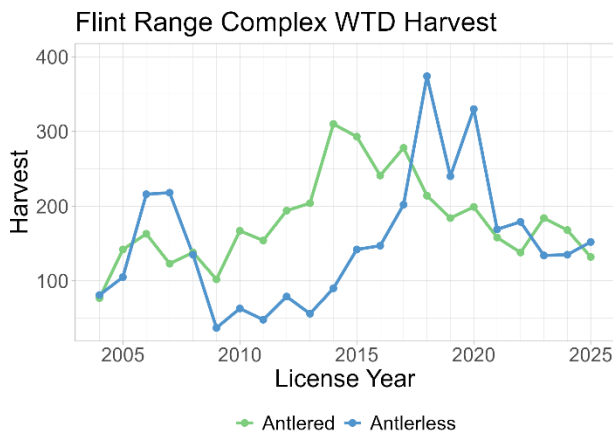
HD 204-261-262 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	407	224	631	55%	2015	454	313	767	62%
2005	480	224	704	60%	2016	496	320	816	60%
2006	481	422	903	54%	2017	517	251	768	56%
2007	321	351	672	60%	2018	483	269	752	60%
2008	337	371	708	58%	2019	428	219	647	69%
2009	328	169	497	69%	2020	561	386	947	68%
2010	424	174	598	62%	2021	476	240	716	64%
2011	382	223	605	56%	2022	642	361	1003	65%
2012	391	302	693	54%	2023	664	398	1062	72%
2013	374	196	570	53%	2024	620	317	937	66%
2014	621	264	885	59%	2025	514	301	815	69%

HD 212, 213, 217 – Flint Range Complex

The Flint Range Complex represents three HDs where interior boundaries have changed over the years, but the external footprint has remained the same. Combining harvest across these HDs allows us to use the LTA to compare recent harvest trends. The 5-year average (2021-2025) antlered WTD harvest was 13% below the LTA (2004-2025). Antlerless harvest opportunities varied between 2004 and 2025.



	Antlered	Antlerless
2025 Harvest	132	152
2025 Harvest/mi ²	0.17	0.20
Long-term Average (2004-2025)	180	-
5-year Average (2021-2025)	156	-
% Difference from 5-year Avg to LTA	-13%	-



HD 212-213-217 White-tailed Deer Harvest (2004 – 2025)									
Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points	Year	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% ≥ 4 points
2004	77	81	158	62%	2015	293	142	435	56%
2005	142	105	247	67%	2016	241	147	388	64%
2006	163	216	379	70%	2017	278	202	480	63%
2007	123	218	341	63%	2018	214	374	588	66%
2008	138	135	273	57%	2019	184	240	424	78%
2009	102	37	139	64%	2020	199	330	529	83%
2010	167	63	230	59%	2021	158	169	327	61%
2011	154	48	202	70%	2022	138	179	317	64%
2012	194	79	273	78%	2023	184	134	318	61%
2013	204	56	260	56%	2024	168	135	303	59%
2014	310	90	400	63%	2025	132	152	284	65%



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