

### ***PROPOSED AMENDMENT by Commissioner Brooke (Region 3)***

**Motion:** I move the Fish and Wildlife commission to approve the following adjusted boundary descriptions for deer-elk hunting districts 313 and 314, that is intended to adjust the deer-elk hunting district 314-313 boundary that extends west of the Yellowstone River, to the Yellowstone River.

#### **New deer-elk HD 313 boundary description** (with GDS edits)

313 Gardiner: That portion of Park County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the intersection of the Yellowstone River and the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park near Gardiner, then north along said boundary to the Yellowstone River near its junction with Reese creek, then north along said river to its junction with Sixmile Creek, then up said creek to the intersection with State Highway 540 (East River Road), then northeasterly on said highway to the intersection of Sixmile Creek Road, then southerly on said road to the intersection with the westerly branch of Sixmile Creek in the NE1/4 Section 29, T6S, R8E, then southerly up said creek to the North Fork of Sixmile Creek, then easterly up the North Fork of Sixmile Creek to Monitor Peak, then southeasterly along the Mill-Hellroaring-Bear Creek divide to Ash Mountain, then southerly along the divide between Crevice and Cottonwood Creek and Hellroaring Creek to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then westerly along said boundary to its intersection with the Yellowstone River, the point of beginning. NOTE: "No Shooting Zone" posted around the town of Gardiner.

#### **New deer-elk HD 314 boundary description** (with GDS edits)

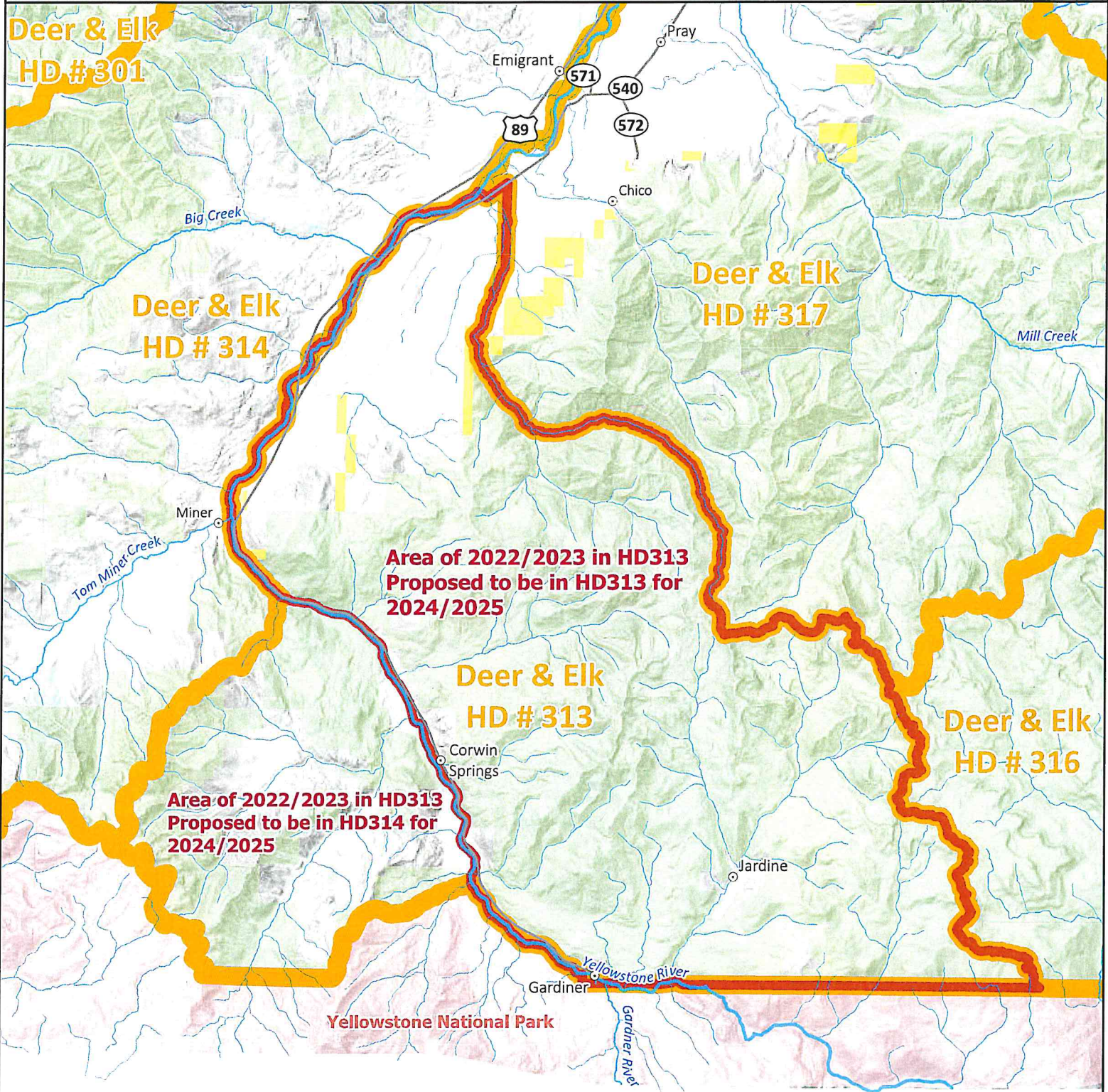
314 Upper Yellowstone West: Those portions of Gallatin and Park Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of the Yellowstone River and Interstate 90, then westerly along said interstate to the Trail Creek Road, then southeasterly up said road to the Goose Creek Road, then southerly on said road to its intersection with Gallatin-Yellowstone River divide, then southerly down said divide to Yellowstone National Park boundary, then southeasterly along said boundary to the intersection of the Yellowstone River, near its junction with Reese creek, then northerly down said river to its junction with Interstate 90, the point of beginning.



#### **DEPARTMENT RESPONSE**

HD 313 elk telemetry data collected between 2007–2009 indicate that the elk population routinely crosses the Yellowstone River. The current boundaries of HD 313 are intended to encompass the winter range of the Northern Yellowstone elk population and use the same management structure on both sides of the Yellowstone River so that the herd is managed as a single unit. Adjacent elk herds that occupy the current HD 314 primarily winter in HD 314. This proposed amendment, while unlikely to have substantive biological effects on elk populations, would subject the HD 313 elk population to two different season structures. One result could be a reduction in the current low bull:cow ratios in HD 313 and reduced elk presence in the southern portion of HD 314.

If the amendment is adopted, the department recommends reducing HD 313 youth B licenses to 25 and the B licenses for hunters of any age to 25, with no change to the proposed quota range.





-  HD 313 Adjusted Boundary
-  Current Hunting Districts (Deer, Elk)



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Administrative boundaries from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Helena, MT. Reference data from Montana State Library, Helena, MT.





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General Location Info		Deer Elk Lion Historic Hunting Districts				
Zoom	District	Region	Acres	Sq Km	Sq MI	Regulation Yea
Zoom	313	3	123461	500	193	1999
Zoom	313	3	123461	500	193	2000
Zoom	313	3	123949	502	194	2001
Zoom	313	3	123967	502	194	2002
Zoom	313	3	123967	502	194	2003
Zoom	313	3	123967	502	194	2004
Zoom	313	3	160585	650	251	2005
Zoom	313	3	160585	650	251	2006

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**293-South Lincoln-Nevada Creek**

Those portions of Powell and Lewis and Clark Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Rogers Pass, then south along the Continental Divide to MacDonald Pass, then west along U.S. Highway 12 to Avon, then northwest along State Route 141 to State Route 200, then east along said highway to its intersection with the section line between Sections 28 and 29, T14N, R9W, then south along said section line to its junction with the Sauerkraut Road, then easterly along said road to its junction with the Dalton Mountain Road, then southeasterly along said road to its junction with the Herrin Lakes Road, then southeasterly along said Herrin Lakes Road to its intersection with the Stemple Pass-Poorman Creek Road; then northerly along said road to its intersection with the southern boundary of Section 19 (T14N, R8W), then east along the southern boundary of Sections 19 and 20 to the southeast corner of Section 20, then north along the boundary between Sections 20 and 21 to the Blackfoot River, then easterly up the Blackfoot River to its confluence with the Landers Fork, then northeasterly up said river to the bridge at State Route 200, then northeasterly to Rogers Pass, the point of beginning.

**300-Lima Peaks**

That portion of Beaverhead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Interstate 15 with the Big Sheep Road at Dell, then westerly along said road to its junction with the Nicholia-Deadman Road, then southerly along the Nicholia-Deadman Road (Forest Route 951), then southeasterly along said road to the Montana-Idaho border at Old Bannack Pass (Medicine Lodge Pass), then northeasterly along said border to Interstate 15 at Monida Pass, then northwesterly along said interstate to the Big Sheep Road junction at Dell, the point of beginning.

**301-Hyalite-Portal**

Those portions of Gallatin and Park Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 191 and Interstate 90 at Bozeman, then easterly along said Interstate to Trail Creek Road, then southerly up said road to the Goose Creek Road, then southerly up said road to the Gallatin-Yellowstone Divide near the Old Cooper Reservoir, then south along said divide to Eaglehead Mountain, then in a northerly and westerly direction along the Portal-Porcupine Creeks and the Porcupine-Levinski Creeks divide to the Gallatin River near the mouth of the West Fork, then northerly down the Gallatin River to Shedd's Bridge where the Gallatin River intersects Route 84 by Four Corners, then easterly on said route and U.S. Highway 191, to its junction with Interstate 90 at Bozeman, the point of beginning.

**302-Tendoy's**

That portion of Beaverhead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Route 324 and Interstate 15, then westerly along said route to the Medicine Lodge-Big Sheep Road, then southerly along said road to the junction of the Nicholia-Deadman Road, then easterly and northerly along the Big Sheep Road to its junction with Interstate 15 at Dell, then northerly along said interstate to its junction with Route 324, the point of beginning.

**309-Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area**

Beginning at the intersection of Cottonwood Rd and Enders Rd, continuing southeast from that intersection along Cottonwood Rd, north to South 19th, then east on South 19th to Nash Rd, then east on Nash Rd to Sourdough Canyon Rd, then south on Sourdough Canyon Rd to the national forest boundary, then east along said boundary to boundary of state land sections 4, 3, 34, 35 and 1 to Bear Canyon Rd, then northerly on Bear Canyon Road to the Bear Canyon/I-90 Interchange, then northerly to Rocky Cr., northwesterly along Rocky Cr. to Story Mill Rd, then north on Story Mill Rd to Lookfar Way, north on Lookfar Way to Rolling Hills Dr., north on Rolling Hills Dr. to Sypes Canyon Rd, northwesterly on Sypes Canyon Rd then to Summer Cutoff Rd, then to Saddle Mtn Rd, then east on Saddle Mtn Rd to Bostwick Rd; then north along Bostwick Rd to Baseline East Rd, then west on Baseline East Rd to Spring Hill Rd, then south on Spring Hill Rd to Airport Rd, then west on Airport Rd to U.S. Highway 10, then northwesterly on U.S. Highway 10 to Heeb Rd, then south on Heeb Rd to Amsterdam Rd, east on Amsterdam Rd to Linney Rd, south on Linney Rd to Cameron Bridge Rd, then east on Cameron Bridge Rd to River Rd, then south on River Rd, to Gallatin Gateway Bridge, then east on Gallatin Gateway Rd to U.S. Highway 191, then south on Highway 191 to Cottonwood Rd, then east on Cottonwood Rd to point of beginning.

**310-Upper Gallatin**

Those portions of Gallatin and Madison Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Buck Creek and the Gallatin River, then up Buck Creek to the Madison-Gallatin Rivers divide, then south and east along said divide to the Yellowstone National Park Boundary, then northerly along said boundary to its intersection with the Gallatin-Yellowstone Rivers divide, then in a northerly direction along said divide to Eaglehead Mountain, then in a westerly and northerly direction

along the Portal Creek-Porcupine Creek divide and along the Porcupine Creek-Levenski Creek divide to the Gallatin River near the mouth of West Fork of the Gallatin River, then southerly up the Gallatin River to Buck Creek, the point of beginning.

NOTE: Refer to Gallatin closed area boundary description.

**311-Lower Gallatin**

Those portions of Madison, Gallatin, Jefferson and Broadwater Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 287 and Route 84 at Norris, then northerly along said highway to Interstate 90 near Three Forks, then southeasterly along said interstate to U.S. Highway 191 at Bozeman, then westerly along said highway to its intersection with the Gallatin River at Shedd's Bridge near Four Corners, then southerly up the Gallatin River, to its intersection with Dudley Creek-West Fork Gallatin divide near Big Sky Junction (U.S. Highway 191 and Route 64), then northwesterly up said divide to Wilson Peak, then northwesterly along Hellroaring Creek-West Fork Gallatin-Spanish Creek divide, then along the Madison-Gallatin Rivers divide and the Madison River-Cherry Creek divide to Red Knob Mountain, then westerly down Trail Creek to the intersection with the Montana Power Canyon Road in Beartrap Canyon, then north along said road to its intersection with the North Shore County Road (at Ennis Lake), then west along said county road to its intersection with U. S. Highway 287 at McAllister, then northerly along said highway to its intersection with Route 84 at Norris, the point of beginning.

**312-West Bridger**

Those portions of Gallatin County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Sixteen Mile Creek and the Missouri River, then southerly up said river to the Jefferson River, then southerly up said river to its intersection with Interstate 90 near Three Forks, then southeasterly along said interstate to its junction with Route 86 at Bozeman, then easterly and northerly along said route to its junction with the Flathead Pass Road; then westerly along said road to Flathead Pass and the Bridger Range Divide, then northerly and westerly along said divide to Blacktail Mountain, then westerly down Olie Canyon to the Rocky Mountain Road, then northerly along the said road to the Blacktail Divide Road, then one mile westerly along said road to Brammer Creek Road, then northerly along said road to the Dry Creek Road, then northerly along said road to Maudlow, then easterly along the Maudlow-Ringling Road to the bridge over Sixteen Mile Creek, then westerly down said creek to the Missouri river, the point of beginning.

**313-Gardiner**

That portion of Park County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the Yellowstone National Park boundary at its intersection with Eagle Creek, then east along said boundary to the divide between Crevica and Cottonwood Creeks and Hellroaring Creek, then northerly along said divide to Ash Mountain, then northwest along the Hellroaring-Mill-Bear creeks divide to Monitor Peak, then down the north fork of Six Mile Creek to Six Mile Creek, then down said creek where the westerly branch crosses the Six Mile Creek Road in the NE1/4 S29, T6S, R8E, then northerly down said road to the intersection of State Highway 540 (East River Road), then southwestly on said highway to Six Mile Creek, then down said creek to the intersection with the Yellowstone River, then south along said river to its junction with Little Trail Creek, then up said creek to its intersection with U.S. Highway 89, then south on said highway to a hunting district boundary marker sign near the Montana Power Substation (approximately 1 mile north of Gardiner), then northerly along a posted line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to its intersection with the Chapman private property line as posted, then west and southerly along said line until it intersects with the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then east said boundary to its intersection with Eagle Creek, the point of beginning.

**314-Upper Yellowstone West**

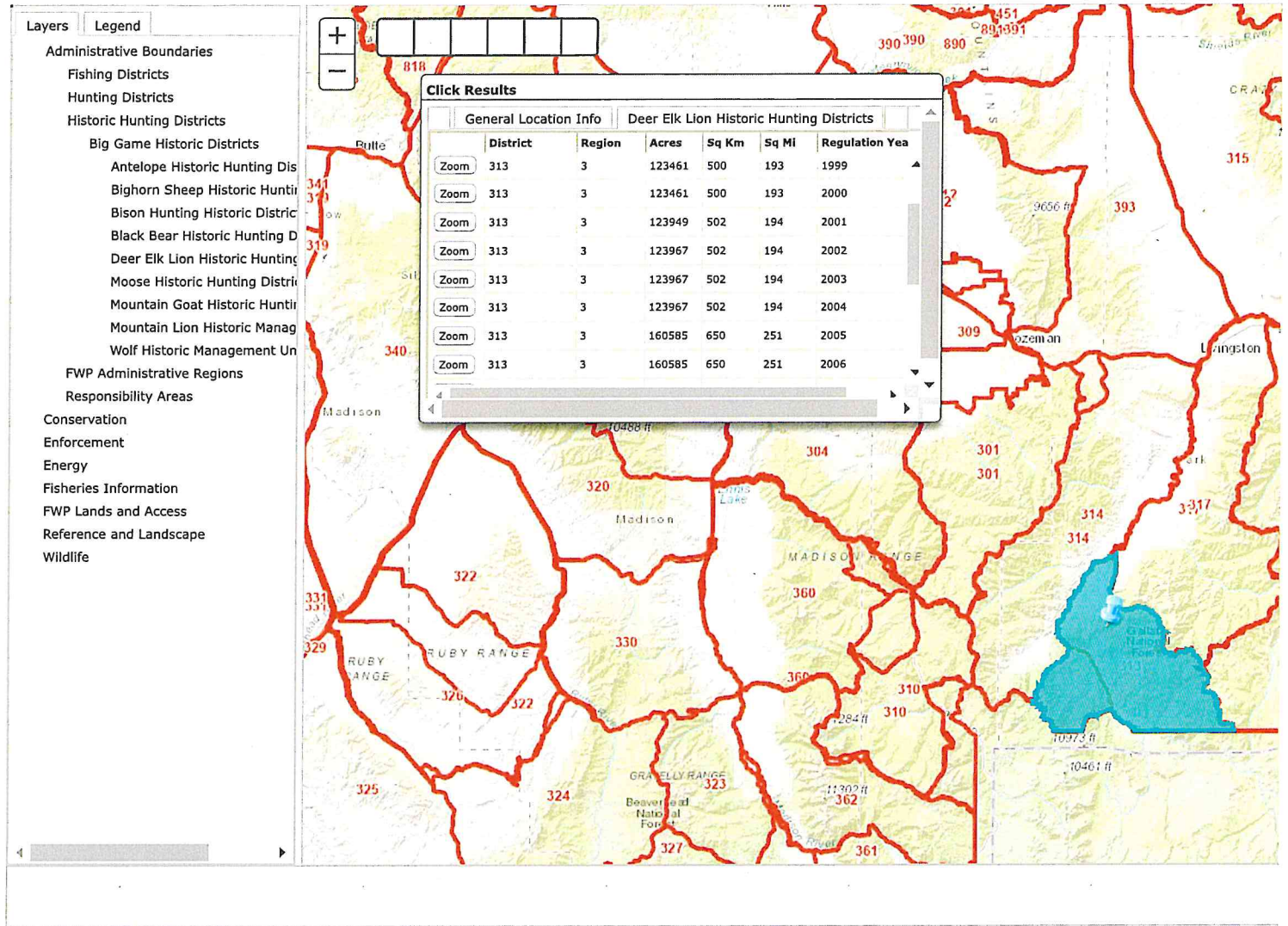
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**315-West Slope Crazy Mountains**

Those portions of Meagher, Park and Sweet Grass Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at U.S. Highway 89 and the Yellowstone River east of Livingston, then northerly along said highway to Sixteen Mile Creek, then easterly up said creek to the Crazy Mountain Divide, then southerly along said divide to the West Fork of Duck Creek near Fairview Peak, then easterly down the West Fork of Duck Creek to Duck

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then southeast along the county road to Helmville, then southerly along Route 271 (Drummond-Helmville Road) to Interstate 90, then westerly along said interstate to Milltown, the point of beginning.

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**315-West Slope Crazy Mountains:** Those portions of Meagher, Park and Sweet Grass Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at U.S. Highway 89 and the Yellowstone River east of Livingston, then northerly along said highway to Sixteen Mile Creek, then easterly up said creek to the Crazy Mountain Divide, then southerly along said divide to the West Fork of Duck Creek near Fairview Peak, then easterly down the West Fork of Duck Creek to Duck Creek, then southerly down said creek to the Yellowstone River, then westerly up said river to U.S. Highway 89, the point of beginning.

**316-Absaroka:** Those portions of Carbon, Sweet Grass and Park Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of the Montana-Wyoming border and the Custer-Gallatin National Forest boundary southeast of Albino Lake, then northerly and westerly along said boundary to Granite Mountain, then north one-half mile to the Stillwater County Line, then west along said county line to the Custer-Gallatin National Forest Boundary near Timberline Mountain, then northerly along said boundary to the Slough Creek-Boulder River Divide near Columbine Pass, then southwest along the Boulder River-Slough Creek Divide and northwesterly along the Boulder River-Buffalo Fork Divide and the Hellroaring Creek-Boulder River Divide to the Hellroaring-Mill-Creeks

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