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Q1

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Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

YES AND NO

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

SURE

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

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Q5

Respondent skipped this question

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Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

WHY NOT MAKE X-BOWS LEGAL IN ARCHERY SEASON FOR THE HANDI -CAP STATE WIDE ?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 100

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

no

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

just by looking at the numbers it is decreasing

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

8 bulls per 100 cows is way to low

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

either shorten the season or go to permits.

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Q1

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Q2 Respondent skipped this question

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Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 100

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No, I believe that the numbers are much lower than the data you are using. Hunter numbers are way higher than in the past and the check station doesn't even get a small percentage of the actual amount of hunters and unsuccessful numbers for this HD. Predator numbers are not even close for this. It's a damn shame how our studies are guessed at best. Not even an educated guess on FWP.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

It's all up and down depending on weather. Not the population. Again you are only getting a small amount of data due to lack of game checks especially since it has been closed due to covid for how many years now?

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Yes get out and use some of that license Money to get some actual data and make an educated guess. We are starting to just think how fwp can get more money but do less work and manage our natural resources. It has all turned political.

Q5

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

Again very flawed. You are killing too many bulls and not enough cows. How do cows get pregnant? You don't have that number of 6 point bulls. Maybe 2-3 year old bulls but not mature bulls doing the breeding. Cow to calf ratio is not hardly even sustainable due to predators which is a guess because you cannot count them either.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No it's not good in HD's 100, 103, 104. You can spend a huge amount of time afield and not see the numbers portrayed. Access is becoming a problem and elk are getting on private grounds just like other districts in the state. Granted there are more public lands in Lincoln County than many other counties but it's turning into a situation like flathead County.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Predator control other than the hunters in the field. Ask your wardens in the area and let them speak to numbers.

#6

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 100

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

Contact Information

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State	Montana

Page 2: HD 100

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

I'd like to see more precise counting of elk before this goes forward.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

I don't no. And I've not seen any at all.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Not sure why actual head counts are not being done.

Q5

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

I think the first priority should be to get accurate numbers.

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

I feel I've stated my concerns.

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 100

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

this is general statewide comment. why not allow handi-cap people to use a x-bow in the entire general archery season in Montana.

Q3**Respondent skipped this question**

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4**Respondent skipped this question**

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5**Respondent skipped this question**

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 100

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 100

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Data is not accurate in Region 1 for deer or elk. Need to require online submission off hunter harvesting. Filled or not needs to be a requirement in order to hunt in Montana before any changes to season dates or tag drawings. It is time Mt. joins the era of tracking harvests. No more random calls from FWP. This format does not represent what is taken each year. Get with the times. No changes until this is implemented.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

NO

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Online Harvesting for ALL hunters/license holders

Q5

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

NO and NO. Numbers are not accurate.FWP needs to start doing aerial surveys and online harvesting first before any changes take place.

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

Contact Information

Name	p
City	p

Page 2: HD 100

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 100

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 100, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed and to manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should the bull objective be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 101

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No not accurate

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

NO

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Aerial surveys. Stop making excuses and complete surveys and have online harvesting a requirement for next year tag requirements

Q5

In HD 101, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Do not want it

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

NO. Aerial and online harvesting

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

More wolf and lion harvesting to help elk management

#1

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Q1

Contact Information

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Page 2: HD 103

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted in FWP's annual elk surveys, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Unknown.you are the professionals

Q4

The current population objective for HD 103 is 260 (range 208-312). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Permit hunting on what few elk are left..road hunter numbers are off the chart in rifle season ...need more logging...more gated roads..and more elk..plus enforcement

Q5

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Not sure...

Q6

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Decreasing

Q7

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Lion numbers..1 black bear per sq mile...how many wolves...huge predation area

Q8

In HD 103, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given the difficulty with aerial surveys in this area, should there be a bull objective? If so, what should it be?

More period

Q9

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No...no longer seen...where I have hunted fir 43 yrs...

Q10

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Permit hunting

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 103

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted in FWP's annual elk surveys, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Stay with the current form because of trees and other factors.

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

I like the way they do it now.

Q4

The current population objective for HD 103 is 260 (range 208-312). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

It should stay the same. Over the years a lot of hunters have chosen to hunt elk in other areas across the state because it is easier with the lack of trees. We have a older class of hunters in the area and trees.

Q5

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Yes I am. FWP does a lil right with getting ideas of animals.

Q6

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Seems about normal with the knowledge of hunters do go hunt other areas because they get tired of trees, ups and downs of local economy effects on hunters, winters and snow flow...ect.

Q7

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Should listen to hunters that put boots on the ground threw the year not just road hunters or hunters that are trying to push other hunters out of "Thier spots" I am sure most biologist can identify the hunters that spend the time I. The woods and see the animals and other animals.

Q8

In HD 103, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given the difficulty with aerial surveys in this area, should there be a bull objective? If so, what should it be?

I like the elk hunting regs for region 1 the way they are

Q9

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Yes I am. There are elk in region 1 and I all HDs up here, you just have to actually be a elk hunter. Just like everyone else I sometimes wish we had more elk that I could see easily but it makes sence with the terrain in the area and having predators. I don't think hunters are over harvesting and I don't think they are doing bad chasing elk. I see elk every year in differant areas up here so I know we have them.

Q10

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

I hope nothing changes for this HD or for Region 1 as a whole. My above come ts also go for the other HDs in Region 1. HD 100,102,103,104

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 103

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted in FWP's annual elk surveys, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4

The current population objective for HD 103 is 260 (range 208-312). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

400

Q5

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No

Q6

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

It's very clear that the elk numbers are dropping year after year. I believe it's more exaggerated than this graph depicts as I live and have hunted this area strictly my entire life. 31 YOA

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q8

In HD 103, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given the difficulty with aerial surveys in this area, should there be a bull objective? If so, what should it be?

Yes 25 percent. There is almost nothing but piss ant little rag horns out side the refuge and They are being decimated from rifle and archery season with no chance to learn and grow into a decent bull. Make it a 6 point or better area to give them a chance to add sport to hunting out there. I chased the smallest rag horn iv ever in Archery. Honesty felt bad for him, he was so stupid I wouldn't even stick him. Opening morning of rifle they mowed him down. It's not even sporting. Give them a year or two. It's a joke. 1 spike for 30 cows is common and the next year you can bet that that rag horn gets cut down. Chang it up

Q9

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Ya 6 point or better. And bring the numbers up it's clear there is a downward trend in population.

Q10

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

6 point or better. No cows. Double the population.

#4

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 103

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted in FWP's annual elk surveys, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

I think the max limit should be eliminated and replaced with a min amount that is supplemented with transplanting from over objective areas if numbers fall to that level

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

individual surveys sent out to the hunters and landowners in those areas and average them out

Q4

The current population objective for HD 103 is 260 (range 208-312). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

i dont feel there should be max level in HD 103 as I dont feel you would ever have a problem with over population due to increased hunting pressure from hunters and predators

Q5

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No, I feel mature bull elk numbers are low in this area probably 2-4% not the 8% that is the best guess I also think we should try for a lot higher bull to cow ratio

Q6

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

No, its only increase is from hunter density rather than increase or stable elk numbers cow elk numbers may be up because of limited opportunitys to hunt them

Q7

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

sportsmans surveys as well as field surveys as in boots on the ground, also collering more calfs to monitor calf mortality , maybe using micro chips instead of collars

Q8

In HD 103, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given the difficulty with aerial surveys in this area, should there be a bull objective? If so, what should it be?

Yes there should be a bull objective but it should be much higher say 15% at least

Q9

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

The elk seem to be moving more to private property and away from more remote areas due to the increased hunting pressure from man and beast i.e.-Wolves and Lions

Q10

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Transplanting of elk from over objective areas
Increase bull elk numbers, 1st week cow elk only would help
Reduce predators Wolves and Lions

#5

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Q1

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Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted in FWP's annual elk surveys, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Stop using averages and do annual surveys for accuracy

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Individual annual surveys

Q4

The current population objective for HD 103 is 260 (range 208-312). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Population should increase. Manage annually by addressing predator levels for this area

Q5

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

NO

Q6

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

NO

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q8

In HD 103, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given the difficulty with aerial surveys in this area, should there be a bull objective? If so, what should it be?

Do aerial surveys. Hire aviation or drowns to complete. Stop making excuses. Also get an idea of potentially increasing wolf population

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q10

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Manage predators better. Wolves and lion harvest increase

#1

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Q1

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Q2 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Yes

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Yes, wolf population

Q5

In HD 104, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 16 bulls in HD 104. Given aerial surveys are not possible in this HD, should there be a bull objective? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

I feel that the bull to cow ratio is good right now, and I feel it's over the 8% objective

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Distribution is good in our area. Once we were allowed to kill more wolves the population is growing and the distribution has gotten better

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Habitat improvement. Forest service lands need to be managed to improve habitat, and we need to continue to get rid of the wolves. I am totally against the idea of choose your weapon for our region. We have a decent number of elk around our town but some of the toughest country in the state to hunt, so cutting our season length or making us pick our weapon would drastically reduce our chances of harvesting an elk

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 104

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

NO

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q5

In HD 104, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 16 bulls in HD 104. Given aerial surveys are not possible in this HD, should there be a bull objective? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

#3

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 104

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

NO

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

NO

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Aerial survey with drone or helicopter for annual survey

Q5

In HD 104, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 16 bulls in HD 104. Given aerial surveys are not possible in this HD, should there be a bull objective? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Aerial surveys are possible if annually completed with given months available.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

NO. Aerial annually for accuracy before any changes

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Manage wolves and lions with increasing harvesting more of both

#1

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 110

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 110, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given aerial surveys are not possible in this HD, should there be a bull objective? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 110

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No the management in this unit is terrible.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Yes the elk population is down by alot.

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 110, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given aerial surveys are not possible in this HD, should there be a bull objective? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Take away cow hunting in this unit period.

#1

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 120

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

I'd prefer more reliable data. Perhaps trail cam counts?

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Yes.

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5

In HD 120, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given aerial surveys are not possible in this HD, should there be a bull objective? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

20% bull objective. 8% is way to low in my opinion. A few get killed in hunting season and it massively affects how many cows are actually bred.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Keep more elk on public lands. Perhaps allow less cattle in public lands. Or better yet keep cattle off public lands and on the private owners lands. I bet the elk will move back onto the public lands if they're cattle free.

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 120

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

I think you can assume that the population is reasonably stable but that does not guarantee that it is anywhere near it's potential. Similar to the recent press release that the wolf population is stable in Montana does not mean that we are close to the optimal level. If the elk were using the land that they had used prior to the winter of 96-97 I think we could double the number of elk with no issues. That is of course assuming the average hunter could get access.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

I think you have to assume it is stable but the number of larger bulls is in a slow decline.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Trail cameras could offer more information but I think you would have to not use totally random placement of cameras and acknowledge that the number could be skewed by using travel and feeding areas.

Q5

In HD 120, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys. Given aerial surveys are not possible in this HD, should there be a bull objective? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

If you cannot fly, all you can do is see what the harvest numbers show and take in account the weather impact for each year. I am not familiar with the capability of the drones but have to wonder if the biologists could not use them to get the same information at a far reduced cost.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

The majority of the elk in 120 are on private or tribal land and not accessible to the average hunter. Many have moved because to the winter of 96-97 and never returned to the hills. Some have moved down because to depredation from lions and wolves. The elk that run the fringe of the accessible land are mostly cows (hoping for 8% bulls makes this obvious) and they are now protected because the commission eliminatd the 5 permits that were available. There is nothing to insure that those permits got to anyone who might have access anyway. There is a herd of 150 elk that the average hunter cannot access.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

The elk need to be relocated to accessible areas. Some landowners may allow physical herding and some may need to use drones or remote methods to push them. Breaking the groups up is necessary. Possibily just bringing in elk from areas that are over objective to the upper areas to start a new population.

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 121

Q2

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Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

The current population objective for HD 121 is 1,355 (range 1,084-1,626). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 121, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 88 bulls in HD 121. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 121

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

I questions current population stats. I've lived in Heron 24 yrs. 20 years ago, elk population in west end of 121 was 2-3x's higher. Bull to cow was 12-15%. Today I estimate Bull to cow is 5%. In central 121, elk population is much higher with higher bull to cow %. We have 3 outfitters in West end with 20-40 clients per week. Especially during archery season. Their success ratio is so low, they've moved to central area of 121, in 2020 - 2021. Between guided hunts, and predators, almost no bulls left, and poor calf survival.

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

I recommend 2-3 yr. surveys.

Q4

The current population objective for HD 121 is 1,355 (range 1,084-1,626). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Population objective should be increased.

Q5

In HD 121, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 88 bulls in HD 121. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Most of the 8% is in central part of 121. It's probably less than 4% in west end of unit. I would like to see objective increased to 10% throughout 121.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

I suggest reducing Guided outfitter hunts. They have stands on EVERY spring and wallow. They are putting themselves out of business with low success rates now. 15-20 years ago, they had very high success rates.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

I would like to see some stats on elk mortality in 121 due to predator kills. North Idaho biologist has a recent study showing mountain lion kills substantially higher, due to wolf packs following and taking over lion kills.

#3

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 121

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Well considering all of region one elk populations are virtually non existent providing anything other than the latest data would be ridiculous

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4

The current population objective for HD 121 is 1,355 (range 1,084-1,626). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Increased by no less than 100%

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 121, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 88 bulls in HD 121. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

More aggressive predation harvest. Remove all quotas for mountain lion, and increase black bear harvest to 2 per person. Get a handle on the wolf issue in all of region 1

#4

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 121

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

5 year average +/- 10%

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

3 year average

Q4

The current population objective for HD 121 is 1,355 (range 1,084-1,626). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Increase to 2000 (1600-2400)

Q5

In HD 121, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 88 bulls in HD 121. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Min of 20 bulls per 100 cows

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Not sure, addition road closure and habitat improvement (spring burning/timer mgt) would help distribution

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Min for calves per 100 cows 30-35. Wildlife Biologist include a plan to meet the new objective is mandatory for all hunting districts in Region 1

#5

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 121

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q4

The current population objective for HD 121 is 1,355 (range 1,084-1,626). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q5

In HD 121, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 88 bulls in HD 121. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

#6

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 121

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

3 years

Q4

The current population objective for HD 121 is 1,355 (range 1,084-1,626). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

most of the elk appear to be on or near private property and not in the mountains.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 121, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 88 bulls in HD 121. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

i have been walking my bird dog behind gates this summer and fall. i am not seeing any animals or sign. only occ deer track or deer. i have not had any answer a bugle.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

i think montana should follow idaho to pursue predator management. it may take years for our animals to recover. i did see a cow and calf moose on prospect highway just 4 miles from town

#7

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 121

Q2**Respondent skipped this question**

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3**Respondent skipped this question**

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4

The current population objective for HD 121 is 1,355 (range 1,084-1,626). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Current population objectives should be should be raised to 1750. Season structure and length of seasons should be adjusted to allow for elk to reach objective.

Q5

In HD 121, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 88 bulls in HD 121. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Bull population objectives are too low for this region. A post season percentage of bulls should be 1. The 15-20% objective range and seasons, structure, or hunting opportunity should be limited to accommodate a higher bull population.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Not satisfied. High predator numbers on public land and unrelenting hunter pressure during the general season has changed the way elk are distributed in the past 10-15 years. Most elk now live year round on private land on the valley floor instead of on public land in the mountains.

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 122, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#2

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Q1

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Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 122, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#3

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Q1

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Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 122, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#4

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 122, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#5

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 122

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No, none collected. Need surveys before a season structure can be developed. Need to know what you have before a season structure can be developed.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

122 has been in decline for the last 10 plus years. Need to increase the population instead of not knowing what you have and letting population decline.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Not sure, consider contracting out elk surveys Region 1 by companies that specialize in inventory.

Q5

In HD 122, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

No, min of 25 bull per 100 cow target of 35 bulls per 100 cows.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No, lots of mixed ownership with lots of wheel tracks, put some \$ together inventory and close these wheel track roads. Discourage road hunters. Unit need more habitat improvement (prescribed fire) on State and private lands. Get Coop agreement to do some burning.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Target on population 1000 min. calves (35) per 100 cows . Not meeting objectives would drive season structure. Main thing is Region 1 Wildlife Biologist are the professional that should be proposing season structure not politics or Outfitter that increase the elk population on Region 1 landscape. Sportman expect QUALITY hunting opportunity.

#6

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 122

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

It seems unlikely that that one piece of information can represent population trends over time.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Yes. Count the elk. There must be economical ways to get more information.

Q5

In HD 122, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

20% Bull objective. Not having a bull objective is inappropriate.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

There's hardly any elk in this hd.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Get the cattle off of public land. Most of this hd is owned by Green diamond resource they have Cattle on most of the land. Perhaps if the public owned land were cattle free there would be more game for the public to harvest.

#7

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 122

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

I am not with the data used for this area. I feel due to wildfires since 2017 and timber harvests it this district should receive an aerial survey to better understand the elk distribution.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

The harvest data is good but it doesn't accurately address the cow numbers in this region. I feel due to wildfires since 2017 and timber harvests it this district should receive an aerial survey to better understand the elk distribution.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Yes, areal survey data.

Q5

In HD 122, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Yes.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Look at cow levels and see if we can reopen a cow youth season.

#1

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Q1

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Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

First of I would like to preface that I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to share information with fwp on this topic within this district. I grew up in Thompson Falls hunting and have hunted there for years and this area is very sentimental to me.

Hunting district 123 is roughly 90 percent public land and 244 square miles. The average of the current maximum and minimum objective count is 365; this puts the elk per square mile in this district at 1.49. This is extremely low and does not take into account that a large number of elk in this district spend a large majority of the year in the front country right off of prospect creek highway and on the flats around Iron Ridge and Clarks Mtn. and cherry creek.

I think this district has a lot to offer from the habitat inventories I've done over the last several years. It is also subjected to a vast spread of variables over the course of a full season: some of the densest bear populations in the state, conifer encroachment, high lion numbers, deep heavy and wet snow throughout the spring, some of the densest wolf populations in the state, high number of logging roads, and the potential for very hot summers which can force elk into very specific locations.

Due to the reasons above, i think that the management goals need to focus on a specific quantity of elk that is much higher than what it is now. I think this district has the potential to hold double the average of the current objective range. I have all of the harvest and hunter effort information going back into the 80s and i am well aware that this area can support that. Biologists know as well as I do that when hunter effort goes up and harvest goes down over consecutive years that is a red flag for population health and it needs to be addressed. This is exactly what is happening in 123 and i have the data to prove it.

Again, Objective needs to be higher. I also think FWP needs to take into account that historically 123 is a wintering district for elk that summer on the south side of the CC divide north of I-90. There is a large number of elk that are counted in 123 during the spring that migrate back to HD200 during the summer and spend the fall there which doesn't reflect the surveys accurately for 123 specifically. A low end range for 244 square miles of 292 is appalling to be frank considering how much viable summer range 123 has.

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Surveys need to be expanded in 123 to include more drainages that are already being flown. There are several areas that are not flown when surveys are done that hold elk in the spring especially when there its a light snow year. I understand that if surveys were expanded there is nothing to reference those areas from prior years but I really think that surveys need to be more intense especially given that a lot of side drainages are heavily timbered. I also think that camera grids, although they require a lot of man power, would be extremely beneficial. Annual surveys are a must because of the amount of variables year to year. This district is really sensitive to population changes. Historically is has always been a wintering district for elk that summer in HD200. 123 has always had a high mortality rate for bulls from hunters during hunting season given that it is winter range for a lot of elk. Surveys need to be done every year to keep accurate tabs on the population.

Q4

The current population objective for HD 123 is 365 (range 292-438). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Definitely increased. The habitat inventories that I have done and the amount of time I have spent setting trail cameras, scouting and just walking around during hunting season have show that there is plenty of food, habitat security, and water to support a higher population count. Obviously the high number of predators and issues in certain areas with climaxed timber stands that block out the sun on summer range does not help the cause but those are other issue that need to be address. Given the harvest numbers going back into the 80s there is plenty of room to close to double the minimum objective range. we really need to work on increasing bull recruitment year to year consecutively and decreasing calf mortality in the spring.

Q5

In HD 123, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 28 bulls in HD 123. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

28 bulls is slightly less than 10 percent of the current MINIMUM objective range for this district. If anything this number should be 10 percent of the maximum objective range. Bull numbers are extremely low in this district. Finding a mature bull in this unit is extremely hard during archery and still rare during November even after elk have started migrating over the CC divide through Wilkes creek, Crow creek, and over MT. Bushnell into dry creek. I understand that bull to cow ratios of 10-12 are widely accepted in the literature on the topic but this district has been consistently less that 10 percent in recent years and AGAIN it does not account for the fact that a large portion of these elk are migratory from 200. I think to shoot for this district to have an observed bull count of something around 50 year to year give or take a few is not unreasonable. I am not someone who wants an absurd amount of elk in 123 but i do think there is a lot of room for improvement. Again bull mortality has always been bad from hunters alone. Compound that with predation and other year to year variables and i think you have everything working against proper bull recruitment. A lot of raghorns are killed because that may be the only bull someone sees all season. This area has a lot of potential. Historically shoshone county in Idaho which is right over on the other side of Thompson Pass holds a lot of records for big bulls. The country is undoubtedly there and ready to support more elk.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Absolutely not. Summer range Distribution is is lacking incredibly. Even winter range distribution is lacking. Again I am not somebody who wants elk in every single pocket of timber but there is large amounts of room for improvement. I think Working on summer range habitat, opening up timber, eliminating climaxed timber, working on predator number ESPECIALLY in the spring time to help with calf recruitment, maybe even implementing some managed prescribed burns in the backcountry similar to what they did in gold rush and on clarks mountain (which is winter range) in the past would be extremely beneficial to open up more timber would drastically help. I think the lion quota needs to be increased a little bit, wolf numbers need to be watched very closely because of the potential they have to reproduce quickly, and bear hunters need to be educated and incentivized because of the impact bears have on elk calves year to year.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

I Think the elk management plan for this district needs to be transparent and honest with the potential the area has. Predation really needs to be address honestly rather than politically. I understand and completely agree that everything has a place on the landscape. NO doubt about that. But certain species have very specific impacts on populations and if left along can be detrimental to the ecosystem. This district needs an honest addressing with people that have had boots on the ground for years. There is plenty of knowledge on the country within this district within the outdoorsmen in the area. They know the district best and they know it honestly and have seen how it has changed throughout the years. FWP will always have to talk to people that remember 123 before the wolf introduction which is a valid point. This area HAS changed drastically. I think a fair and successful goal to have is somewhere right in the middle between where we are now and where the district use to be in the 80s. Again i think everything deserves and has a right to be on the landscape. But I also think that finding a compromise is extremely important. There is a lot of heart and determination within the people that hold these mountains dear. They are 100 percent willing to listen to you if you listen and hear what they have to say and address it.

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 123

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (point value with fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

3 year average

Q4

The current population objective for HD 123 is 365 (range 292-438). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Increase to 500 450-550

Q5

In HD 123, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 28 bulls in HD 123. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Increase to 20% 50 bull min

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Habitat improvement projects spring burning timber harvest.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Min calves per 100 cow 35-50 Wildlife Biologist plan to meet these objective is mandatory

#1

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 124

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 124, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 10 bulls in HD 124. Given difficulty conducting aerial surveys in this area, should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 124

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

I am not comfortable with the data used for this area. I feel due to wildfires since 2017 and timber harvests it this district should receive an aerial survey to better understand the elk distribution.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

I believe that fwp's is data is accurate but incomplete in that we don't know how many cows are in the area.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

I would like to better understand the number of cows in this area. I believe that an aerial survey would better understand that full elk population.

Q5

In HD 124, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during post-season aerial surveys OR an observed bull count of 10 bulls in HD 124. Given difficulty conducting aerial surveys in this area, should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, what should it be?

The objective is fine but it could be done somewhat effectively with an aerial survey due to the amount of land that has been burnt or cut recently.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Yes

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

I would appreciate more accurate population numbers of bulls, cows, and calves.

#1

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 130

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Increasing

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Aerial surveys can be conducted in the swan in April. Sizeable herds can be found wintering in large meadows, condon Airstrip, Gordon Ranch, Lindbergh Lake etc. Significant cow elk population increase since 2010, harvest would be acceptable.

Q5

In HD 130, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

NA

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Yes, elk population is booming and increasing every year.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Allow B-tags for cow elk harvest. In the past 5 permits were allowed, keep this, increase it, and allow B-tags for harvest.

#1

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 140

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Use the long term average 20 plus years

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Long term average

Q4

The current population objective for HD 140 is a 3 year average of 225 elk (range 150-320). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Increased to 4 to 5 hundred

Q5

In HD 140, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Seems to be working just need to increase the population

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Predator control and increased habitat

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Increase the number of elk through predator control and improved habitat

#2

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Q1

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Q2

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Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

The current population objective for HD 140 is a 3 year average of 225 elk (range 150-320). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 140, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#3

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 140

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

FWP Should consider a different approach like historical elk numbers. This distract has a fraction of the elk the habit could support.

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

it looks like FWP has not completed surveys for the last 2 years and been very inconsistent in the past so this a mute point.

Q4

The current population objective for HD 140 is a 3 year average of 225 elk (range 150-320). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

The population objective should be increase significantly. 225 elk a objective is extremely low considering the vast amount of public land and available space for elk. the objective should at least be over 1000

Q5

In HD 140, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

as long as elk objectives are increased, I do not think a bull objective is necessary due to the ability elk have to hide in this area.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No, there are hardly any elk left in this district.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

The elk management plan needs to address how to reestablish elk numbers higher levels that were recorded in the past.

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 140

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

The current population objective for HD 140 is a 3 year average of 225 elk (range 150-320). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 140, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 141

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No most of these elk winter in GNP. There are very few elk left on winter in GNP. FWP needs survey the elk wintering in the park, there used to be hundreds of elk wintering along highway 2. this needs to be watched more closely.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

yes it shows a drastically decreased elk population.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

FWP should study the highway 2 winter range in GNP. there are a fraction of the elk that there used to be.

Q5

In HD 141, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

this is fine for this unit

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No there are very few elk left compared to historical numbers

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

The elk management plan needs to address how to reestablish a sizable elk herd in this district. there is a lot of public land and space that is not being utilized.

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 150

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

How would anyone know what the population trends are when no elk surveys are being don in the last 4 out of 5 years

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4

The current population objective for HD 150 is a 3-year average of 400 elk (range 310-500). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

What average are you talking about the last survey came up with under 200 elk. the population trend has been a steady decline since 2014

Q5

In HD 150, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

no bull objective is unacceptable. This is wilderness and is to be kept in as natural of a state as possible there should be a minimum of 20 bulls per 100 cows.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No I'm not satisfied having a 12 week riffle season and during the rut for under 200 elk is unacceptable.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

eliminating riffle hunting during the rut shorten the season!!!

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 150

Q2

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I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q4

The current population objective for HD 150 is a 3-year average of 400 elk (range 310-500). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

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Q5

In HD 150, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

I would like to see reduced populations of elk in this district. The elk are outcompeting our mule deer. Reduce all bulls and cows to help grow quality mule deer bucks.

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 150

Q2

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Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4 **Respondent skipped this question**

The current population objective for HD 150 is a 3-year average of 400 elk (range 310-500). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

In HD 150, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7 **Respondent skipped this question**

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 150

Q2**Respondent skipped this question**

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Q3**Respondent skipped this question**

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4

The current population objective for HD 150 is a 3-year average of 400 elk (range 310-500). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Population level should be increased, plenty of country for more elk to roam. No cow harvest is a good start.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

In HD 150, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 150

Q2

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Elk objectives in NW Montana need to be completely reevaluated. If an elk objective is reestablished a long-term average should be considered, but the term needs to be much longer than the last 5-10 years. The department needs to dust off a history book and realize what the NW, particularly the Bob Marshall used to offer for elk hunting opportunity in the state. The Bob Marshall EMU used to be the destination for everyone in the state to fill their elk tag. Currently the elk objective for the Bob Marshall EMU is lower the what the annual elk harvest used to be and our populations are still under objective. NW Montana with our vast public lands needs a different approach for objectives that the rest of the state. Elk objectives in much of NW Montana, but particularly the Bob Marshall EMU need to be based of carrying capacity of the landscape. There are multiple historical records that establish what the carrying capacity of the landscape is. These studies were conducted in the 1960's after elk overpopulated in the 1930's and caused damage to the forage. The objective should not be so high that the elk could damage the habitat. But the current 310-500 animals is absurdly low. The elk harvest used to exceed that! Check it out if you don't believe me. <https://foresthstory.org/research-explore/us-forest-service-history/u-s-forest-service-publications/region-1-northern/the-flathead-story/>

Q3

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Absolutely not. Between hard winters and predation things can change incredibly quick and NW Montana. Just look back to the winter of 1996-1997, that winter decimated game populations. Populations need to be evaluated annually and action needs to be taken with our regulations to respond accordingly. Stretching out reporting periods does not allow the department to respond in a timely manner.

Q4

The current population objective for HD 150 is a 3-year average of 400 elk (range 310-500). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

The elk objective needs to be increased significantly. The Flathead National Forest used to have between 4,000 to 6,000 elk and the harvest ranged from 700 – 1,800 elk in the 1920's-1950's. In more recent years the combined elk count in HD 140 & 150 in 1985 was over 1,400 elk. The current combined objective for HD 140 & 150 is 460 – 820. No winter range damage was observed when there were 1,400 plus elk in 1985. These elk never leave public property. They are "Good" elk. We need higher objectives and we need to manage towards those goals.

Q5

In HD 150, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

A bull objective in HD 150 is a moot point when you only have you only have 198 elk total according to the latest count. We just need to focus on improving elk number and the bull objective will take care of itself. This is obviously a question generated for eastern Montana and there is no reason it should be asked in Region 1. If the department actually had an understanding of Region 1 they wouldn't ask a question like this.

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

No, it is hard to be satisfied with 198 elk when this used to be the elk hunting destination of the State. We need to set the objective at the carrying capacity of the landscape to draw attention to how poorly this district and the surrounding area is doing in comparison to its potential.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

HD 150, and most if not all districts in Region 1 need a minimum recruitment objective. Recruitment of less than 10 calves per 100 cows (which has been recorded on multiple occasions) is unacceptable and should be a trigger for other management tools to be implemented. Why is the recruitment so low? The short answer is excessive predation. Habitat quality is a major concern in many areas in Northwest Montana where logging practices have drastically lessened. But you cannot claim habitat as the issue in the Bob Marshall. There never was logging or other forms of forestry management to improve the landscape. With multiple recent fires the quality of the habitat in HD 150 far exceeds that of when elk populations were many times that of what they currently are. To my knowledge there has not been a corresponding predator count in HD 150, but if you prorate the predator populations within the ecoregions in the northwest by area you would find that HD with its 198 elk would have an elk to predator ratio in excess of 1:1. This is why elk populations are suffering and this is your management answer. Simply put, this elk issue isn't an elk issue at all. We need to look outside of elk to figure out how to improve the situation.

Another item that needs to be addressed is the early Bob Marshall elk hunt. Does the Department know why we start hunting elk in HD 150 on September 15th? Obviously not, because if you did you would stop doing it. The early rifle hunt was established as a "game depredation" hunt because elk populations were at one time exceeding the capacity of the landscape. This early elk season is unsustainable and should be halted immediately until situations improve.

#6

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 150

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Current population objectives are expressed as a desired number of elk counted, and typically include a range around that value (+/-20%). The range accounts for anticipated variability in elk counts among years. In this HD, should FWP maintain the current form of objective (fixed range) or should FWP consider alternative population objective forms, like using the long-term average (5 years, 10 years) +/- 20%, or some other approach to establish a population objective?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Elk populations are classified into objective status using annual or biennial survey data. Because there is often variation among surveys, would it be more appropriate to use individual surveys or a 3-year average of surveys to determine objective status for this HD or would you recommend some other approach?

Q4 **Respondent skipped this question**

The current population objective for HD 150 is a 3-year average of 400 elk (range 310-500). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

In HD 150, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7 **Respondent skipped this question**

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

#1

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 170

Q2

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

No. This graph represents an increasing or steady population trend. The fact is the elk population in the new 170 is absolutely tanked. There are very few calves or wintering elk herds left here. And I am positive bull harvest is mostly from the hwy 206 herd which is garbage. They are harbored on pvt land year round. Any data in this day and age that isnt mandated reporting is also bad science and total garbage. For years you allowed unlimited killing of cow elk on pvt land in the old 132 and barely any of those cows showed up on your phone surveys.

Q3

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

No. The elk population is way down. Where there were wintering herds of 60-80 elk, there is less than 20. The herd at the fish hatchery is gone.

Q4

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Mandatory reporting for one. Nothing stopping you from still doing the silly phone survey for your "trends", but MT must join the rest of the country in mandatory reporting of all harvests.

Q5

In HD 170, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Of course there should be one. Following the state of WY!

Q6

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Stop counting the herd on hwy 206. They should not count toward any objectives.

Q7

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

Increase objective with an actual value. And whatever you are counting now i say triple it. Stop with this idea of a "small" number. You went years and years killing off cows because of this nonexistent game damage complaints. They were all coming from the hwy 206 herd.

#2

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Q1

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Page 2: HD 170

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Do you think harvest data (above) appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

In HD 170, there is no bull objective. Is this appropriate in this HD? If you would like to have a bull objective, what should it be?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

From: [Austin Wargo](#)
To: [FWP Wildlife](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMP Comments
Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 8:30:28 AM

I have commented on specific districts that I hunt, but want to give an overall comment for the elk management plan. Lately it seems that the elk distribution has drastically changed from public land to private, and when elk are over objective FWP opens up more tags for the unit, but the elk killed are the accessible ones which just make less elk available on public and more on private not solving the overall issue. In the end it seems like instead of studying elk distribution in a district and fixing the issue where it occurs, a broad blanket approach is taken, which sadly degrades hunting for the majority of hunters that do not have access to private. this issue needs to be addressed in the new EMP.

My other comment is elk being over objective seems to take all the focus of FWP and districts that are under objective are not studied and no plans are put in place to increase populations in these districts. This is especially true in regions one and two. The bob marshall should be an elk hunting paradise for Montana, but sadly there are hardly any elk left in that area. FWP should be putting as much or more effort into increasing elk population in under objective areas. It seems to me that fwp should be putting a large effort into studying the elk in these areas, and doing habit improvements or look at other options to increase the elk population.

Sincerely,
Austin Wargo
East Helena, MT

Comment Card



Your opinion matters to us. Please let us know what you think.

Be as detailed as possible.

I have lived in Thompson Falls 35 years.
There are hardly any animals walking in the woods
now, I have been walking my dog this dog in 121
and see a deer, I have not seen an elk, and
rarely see an elk track. I think we should have
predator control similar to Idaho. Year round.
I think a lot of environmentalist would use wolves
to stop hunting altogether.

If you'd like to hear back from us, please print your email address or phone number.

Randy Lovell ~~the~~ 9514@blackfoot.net

From: [Jerry McGuire](#)
To: [FWP Wildlife](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk mgt plan comments
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:44:22 PM

This comment is for all Region 1 Hunting District, as any cattle rancher would tell you, you need the carry capability of your land before you decide on how many animal you raise. My question has the department estimated carry capacity for elk in Region 1 hunting districts? Seem like the first thing that is needs to be done. The information is out their, USFS Flathead NF, Lolo NF NEPA document, put together hiding cover, thermo cover, winter range and forage for each planning area documents completed. Range info collected on grazing allotments etc. Just a matter of putting info together.

Jerry McGuire

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android \[go.onelink.me\]](#)

From: [Jerry McGuire](#)
To: [FWP Wildlife](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk management survey
Date: Friday, July 29, 2022 6:20:20 AM

Being able to comment on each of the hunting district in Region 1 is a great idea, but one very important thing missing in questionnaire for Elk Mgt in Region 1 as a whole. Please consider putting question for entire Regions.

Such as 1) Regions responsiveness to sportsmans concerns on elk mgt? 2) reliability of elk surveys and harvest data? 3) do the sportsman expect the Region 1 Wildlife Biologists to produce a plan to increase elk numbers and quality hunting opportunities across the region?

Jerry McGuire
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From: [Shanks](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elk Plan Public Scoping
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:02:01 AM

As pertaining to ALL of the hunting districts in region one. There will be an increase in the harvest of elk, until they are completely gone. Or push to non hunt able ground for survival. Because of the increase in hunter population in the woods in region one. It's just a ratio thing at this point. We need to highly regulate elk hunting in region one. I'm a third generation born and raised flathead resident. I've seen elk numbers decline along with deer. And huge increase in hunter population. It's not just a predator problem.

We need a shorter season for elk in region one and permit's for bulls. Everywhere in the state that has limited draw has great numbers of elk. I'd like to see my grandchildren be able to kill elk here. We should also really only kill 5pt or better for awhile.

Cow's should be on permit as well in all region one. I believe state minimum is 25 without going back to legislation to reinstate them.

The north fork of the flathead was changed this year (110) that area was almost open to shoot cows during general season, because "you the commission " said not enough elk population to support regulations for cow elk.

If you look back 30-35 years ago those elk flooded from glacier park onto great northern flats and the big crk area the 2nd and 3rd week of the season. 1990-2000, and years before they were in there by the hundreds. And up on old man Tom Ladenberg's. The past 20 years around here has gone down hill fast.

It's time to put region one on permit only and shorten the season for archery and rifle both.

Thank you I hope you read this and take it into consideration

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shanks](#)
To: [FWP Wildlife](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ElkPlanPublicScoping
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:13:25 PM

Pertaining to questions asked about how long data survey's should be for elk. I'm actually in the middle of the two times. FWP gave 3year options and 5-10 options.

I think data gathered from 3-7 years on hunter's harvest and calf recruitment and flight survey's. Boots on the ground and game cameras in region one. Would be best, this way you can get an idea of a bad winter and within two years they might level out.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

September 30, 2022

Honorable Greg Gianforte

Dear Governor Gianforte

I am sending this packet to you to make you aware of the problems that have arisen due to poor predator management of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in District 1.

I attended a meeting a few weeks ago held by FWP in Thompson Falls regarding plans to update hunting regulations in Montana.

The people who attended this meeting spoke at length about the need for predator control, mainly wolves.

By FWP representatives' own admission, they have not been able to get an Elk count in our area since 2005, due to heavy timber. So, it is a mystery as to why they would even consider an either/or hunting season for elk.

Those of us who live here have noted elk calve populations are lower and know this is due to predators, both wolves and cougars.

Recently the Center for Biological Diversity has sued the State of Montana to relist wolves to the Endangered Species roles.

The Center for Biological Diversity has had lawsuits in all fifty states over the years. The group originated in Washington D.C. and now has offices in several states. Montana must fight them and their intrusion into our state. Having just researched this organization again after fighting them a few years ago, they have branched out to supporting groups like Black Lives Matter and other social issues that do not have much to do with endangered species. The group now operates with a 20-million-dollar budget.

The names listed on sheets provided are all current residents of Montana and wish to have their concerns heard and considered.

I am also attaching a sheet showing the growth of a bureaucracy of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in that breakdown there are only 63 game wardens. Something is totally out of control in this department and too many biologists are working to

justify their jobs. Common sense is needed more than more bodies to fill positions.

We need to reduce the numbers of wolves in District 1, especially in Sanders and Lincoln Counties. Please consider our request for common sense management.

Thank you in advance for any consideration you give to the people in District 1.

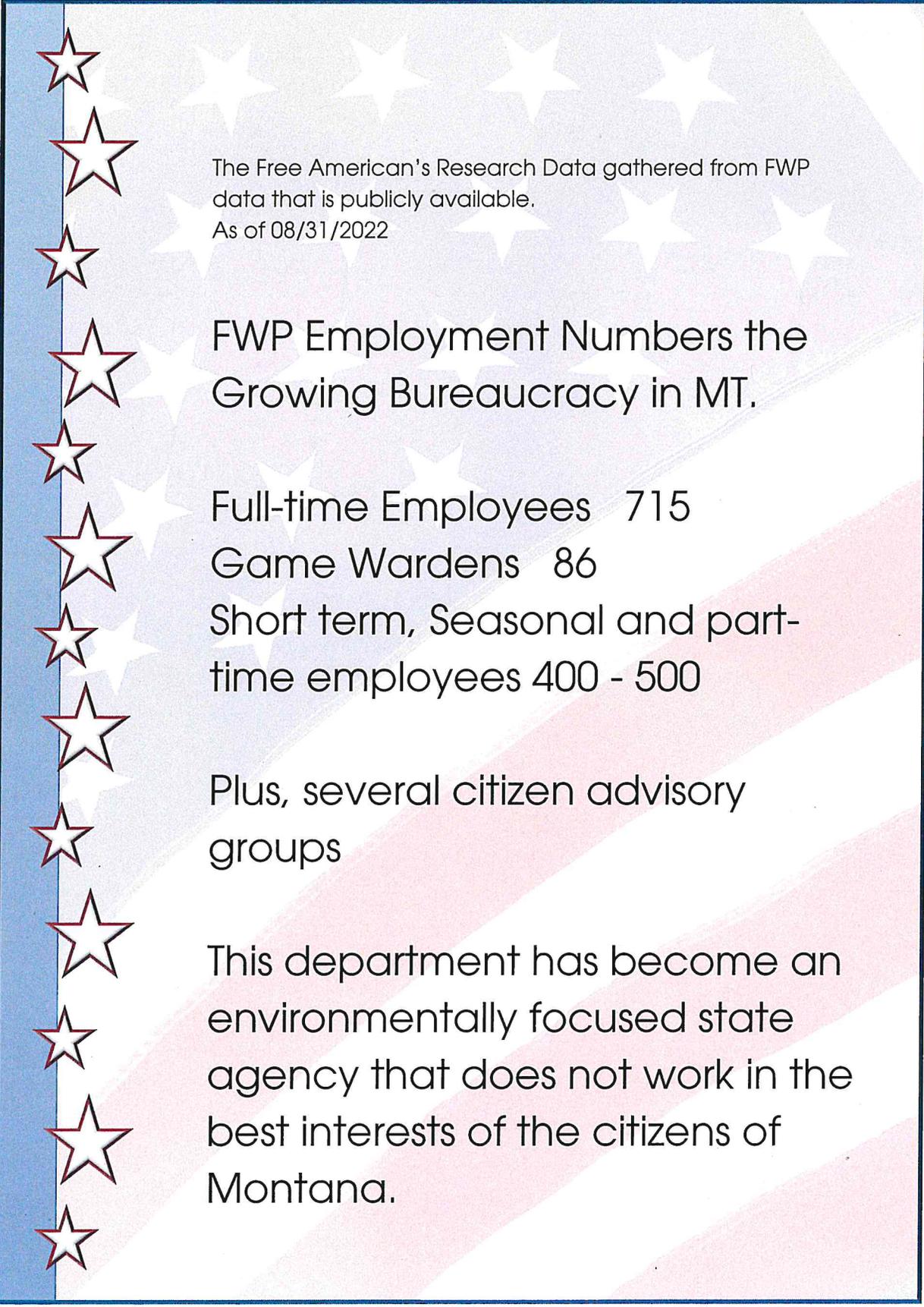
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Connie Foust, PO Box 1160, Plains MT 59859

520 559 0529

cc: Austin Knudsen, Montana Attorney General

Hank Worsech, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Director



The Free American's Research Data gathered from FWP
data that is publicly available.
As of 08/31/2022

FWP Employment Numbers the Growing Bureaucracy in MT.

Full-time Employees 715

Game Wardens 86

Short term, Seasonal and part-
time employees 400 - 500

Plus, several citizen advisory
groups

This department has become an
environmentally focused state
agency that does not work in the
best interests of the citizens of
Montana.



Please Sign to Voice Your Opposition to Either/Or Elk Hunting Proposal to FWP.

FWP is currently conducting statewide Elk Management public input meetings to determine the future of elk management.

The elk management Advisory Group has sent their findings to the Director of FWP with suggestions on how to grow the Elk population in Montana.

If we do not speak up, they are currently looking at "Either/Or Elk Licensing". This would force hunters to choose what season they can hunt in. So, if you choose Archery and do not get an animal, you would not be able to hunt in the rifle season.

They are not considering the growth of predator animals and how it factors into fewer calves each year.

District One virtually has had no count on Elk for several years due to heavy timber, but hunters do give some information to FWP when they come to a checkpoint.

Hunters know there are growing wolf packs and they are aware of the rise in cougars in our area, yet they have been met with resistance to solve the obvious problem

They need to allow more licensing for predators and not limit the ability of a hunter to get game to feed his/her family.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF MONTANA

<i>Constance Foust</i>	<i>Plains, Mt.</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Plains MT</i>
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<i>Chloe Chelle</i>	<i>Missoula, MT</i>
<i>Christy R. West</i>	<i>Bonner, MT.</i>
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Neil Surji
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Larry Koffland
Jack Hays

Charles Hohenstein
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Richard [unclear]

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Trout Creek MT

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Charlo MT

T. F. MT

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Stephenie Wootley T. creek, MT.

Dave of Wootley Trout Cr. MT.

Brins Ann Thompson Falls MT.

Chuck Harris LAKESIDE MT

Allen Ann Thompson Falls mt.

Ossine Walker Elmo, MT

Paul J. Lodge St. Ignatius, mt.

David E. Houtley Libby, mt.

Jane Kendley Polson, Mt.

Becky Plains, Mt.

Don Mill Trout creek

Fuzzy Doyle Trout creek

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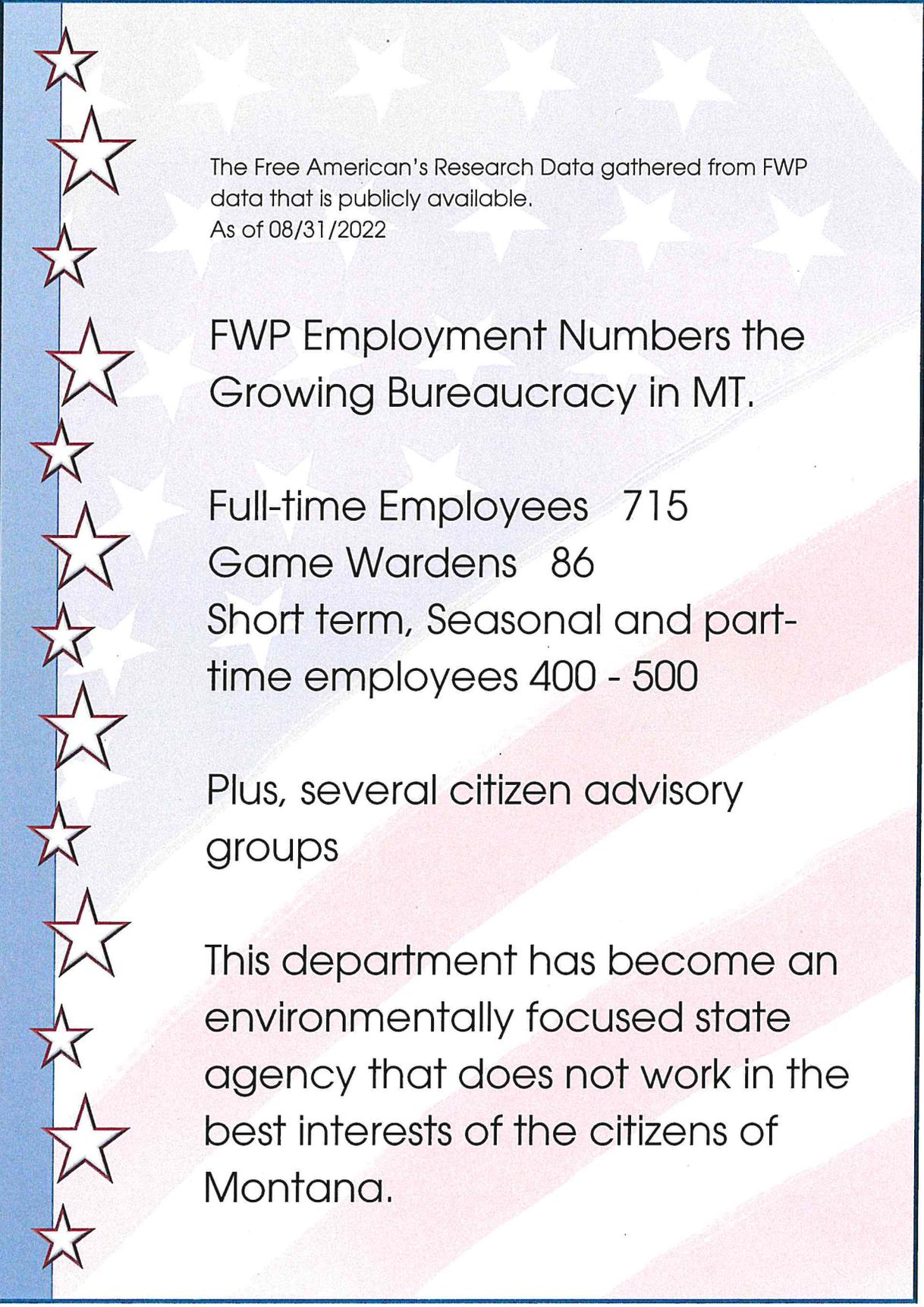
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From: [Robert Drager](#)
To: [FWP Wildlife](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Choose a weapon and predator management in region 1 -Robert Drager of Kalispell, Montana
Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 10:41:36 AM

Hello my name is Robert Drager I'd like to make a comment on the "choose a weapon" idea and Predator management. Choose a weapon would make general season more jam packed then it already is in region 1. I see there's a lot of talk about elk management why don't we bring back 12-15 year old kids get to shoot a antlerless elk in region 1? The fact of the matter is I personally believe this is gonna go the complete opposite way then what you guys think it will it will crowd one season so bad it will be unbearable here in region 1. If cow numbers are up shouldn't we have 12-15 year old and maybe 65+ be able to take antlerless elk in region one in general season? I see there's talk about extending bear season to June 15th in parts of region 1 why don't we also give out 1 more permit for black bear in region 1? Thank you for reading this hopefully my voice brings up another point of view.

-Robert Drager
Of Kalispell,mt

Sent from my iPhone



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Questions from the Biologist

Circle one HD:

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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

a. What could FWP try?

*Have a cow season-guns
either one week in beginning
or one week at end of season*

b. What shouldn't we try?

Turn card over



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a. What could FWP try?

*(Reunits)
Increase in cow's taken in District
for the meat hunters.*

b. What shouldn't we try?

*Should NOT ask a Hunter to choose between
Rifle or Bow, Montana is not Washington.*

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a. What could FWP try?

*Collect anecdotal reports from
participants. It is the weakest form
of evidence, but it
is still evidence*

b. What shouldn't we try?

Turn card over

Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

have it easier to kill wolves

Questions from the Biologist

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4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

TO MANY SMALL BULLS TAKEN. ALLOW MORE ~~BULLS~~ BULLS TO BE HARVESTED FOR THE MOUNT HUNTER (PEANUTS)

Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENT HUNTERS
+ LESS FOR NON RESIDENTS IF HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES
NEEDED TO BE REDUCED.

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4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

PROACTIVELY MANAGING PREDATORS IN ELK'S
APPROACH CARRYING CAPACITY BY REDUCING
HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES ALSO, IF REQUIRED/NECESSARY
TO KEEP BALANCE AS CLOSE TO OPTIMAL AS POSSIBLE
PRIORITIZE GROWTH OF ^{ELK} POPULATIONS

Questions from the Biologist

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This was a great listening session.



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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure? **No**

- a. What could FWP try? **Reduce elk season -**
increase predator opportunities
MT lion **chase your**
Bear **weapon for elk.**
Wolves **Bow, rifle or muzzle loader**
- b. What shouldn't we try? **Status quo**

Turn card over

Questions from the Biologist

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Limit opportunities of
hunting types, (a ardare/biele)

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?



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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

NO

a. What could FWP try?

*Maybe 5 point on one side,
maybe more cow tags, not too many.*

b. What shouldn't we try?

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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

*NO IT needs to be more diversified
~~the~~ week saw cows only to reduce
pressure on bulls*

a. What could FWP try?

*Reduce predators by increasing predator
harvest or put bounty on hard to harvest
predators I.E. wolves
transplant more elk in areas that need them
b. What shouldn't we try?
Reduce pressure on bulls to increase
bull cow ratio also reduce predators
with bounty's & increased open hunt
transplant more elk*



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a. What could FWP try?

b. What shouldn't we try?

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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

*No. FWP is going in the wrong
direction. Limit non-resident tags.*

a. What could FWP try?

*Limit out of state tags.
Mandatory harvest reporting.*

b. What shouldn't we try?

*Pick your weapon season. It
is not the solution and will
lead to more problems*

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Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

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carnivores need to be brought down.

Questions from the Biologist

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100
We need more access. To distribute hunters over more of the landscape

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

All of these
& transplant more elk on to regular basins to reduce objection areas

Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

- prescribed burns
- increased access to private land
- work on landowner relations to help manage predators on private land

Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

Hunters in R1 are declining. Need predator management but also protection of winter ranges.

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

Limit access to woods during wintering and calving season. No have areas shut off to snow mobiles & bad dirt bikes.



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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

go to 4 week season, drop last week

a. What could FWP try? Choose ur weapon in sample units (1-3) see results - go to 4 week Rifle

b. What shouldn't we try? Drop Elk B tags go back to permits

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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

No. Elk in Southern part are unaccessable

a. What could FWP try?

No gimmies for landowners who do NOT provide Access.

b. What shouldn't we try?

All options open w) sunset

Turn card over

Questions from the Biologist

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Predator/Pay Ratio
Habitat improvement + get
DSL to do more burning after
timber harvest - Spring under
burns

Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

No - Elk are NOT Accessible

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

Habitat + predator management
enhance Reimbursement for wolves
harvested thru FWP



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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

Just Stop messing with it.

a. What could FWP try?

Open up a give bounty on wolf hides

b. What shouldn't we try?

Don't follow WA + DR Preys
That would split Archery & Rifle
into an either or sport. Turn card over



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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

yes

a. What could FWP try?

more Predator Control

b. What shouldn't we try?

No Predator Control



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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

No

a. What could FWP try?

Lower Predators, use motion activated cameras
instead of ones that just take one every 5 min

b. What shouldn't we try?

Doing nothing

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a. What could FWP try?

b. What shouldn't we try?

Questions from the Biologist

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Less out of State Licensing

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

In Sanders & Lincoln Counties AS mentioned Help Reduce The Numbers of Wolves

Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

Again, I have no idea what The Distal Return Factor is.

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

Yes

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

Carnivores and Habitat

Questions from the Biologist

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4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

Wolf numbers are just fine



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1. Are you satisfied with the current elk season structure?

WITH THE PRESENT LOWER ELK +
DEER COUNTS, REDUCE SEASON LENGTHS

a. What could FWP try?

IF AERIAL COUNTING IS NOT RELIABLE,
YOU NEED BOOTS ON THE GROUND,
USE COLLEGE STUDENTS AS SUMMER
PROJECTS

b. What shouldn't we try?

REDUCE POW PERMITS
UNTIL POPULATION RECOVERS

Turn card over

Questions from the Biologist

3. Are hunter numbers and/or distribution acceptable?

② DISTRICT #123 OBJECTIVES ARE TOO LOW, OVER THE LAST 5 YRS, IVE OBSERVED A DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN BOTH THE ELK & WHITE TAIL POPULATIONS

4. What should FWP focus on to improve elk management (habitat, carnivore relationships, access, etc.)?

- INCREASE LOGGING TO REDUCE DISEASED TREES, INCREASE SURVIVABILITY OF HEALTHY TREES, THIS WILL PROVIDE & OPEN UP THE FOREST PROVIDING BETTER HABITAT FOR GRAZZING ANIMALS
REDUCES FIRE DANGER

Comment Card

Your opinion matters to us. Please let us know what you think.

Be as detailed as possible. I have no idea what the options are, I need to access your Elk Management Plan before

I could make a suggestion, I am a land owner and I have numerous Elk on my land. They have not caused any trouble for me since Pt. Deming my fences and eating my livestock feed. I enjoy hunting them and providing friends and family the opportunity to hunt on my land as occasionally the kids

If you'd like to hear back from us, please print your email address or phone number.

geraldcwillien@yahoo.com



Comment Card

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1) Red/gray Base's vegetation of black. 2) Sportsman want Quality hunting spots and more elk on the landscape.

- 3) Wildlife Bid to prepare biolog. based plan to increase Elk numbers, with out political staff or outfitter input.
- 4) Support Ian Savage proposal.
- 5) Increase cat harvest.
- 6) Region 1 HD Below or At objective - Elim. Coontags

If you'd like to hear back from us, please print your email address or phone number.

mangymass@yahoo.com 406-242-0682



Comment Card

Your opinion matters to us. Please let us know what you think.

Be as detailed as possible. Too Many predators is #1 issue we have ^{Elk} habitat in Region 1 - Transplant elk is an option - Idaho wants to reduce wolves + is increased reimbursement in areas w/ low Elk thru Fdw m. Need to take advantage of the regulations the legislature passed + look at Idaho where they have Lynx + Gorr + are still trapping almost year around. Quit caving into every group that threatens + lawsuit

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RATPAK@CENTURYTEL.NET



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Be as detailed as possible.

all of region 1 working with prey and predator species in mind of how they Ebb and flow. It appears we have too many predators for what size of elk herds we would like to see. we need to do what we can to increase forests and our herds where populations are stable and healthy as possible.

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More towards additional collaborative studies to provide data for what is driving calf mortality. Move towards additional collaborative studies to provide data for what is driving calf mortality. EX: X unit can hold/has an objective to hold X amount of elk X amount of wolves, X amount of lions, etc.

More towards additional collaborative studies to provide data for what is driving calf mortality.

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Be as detailed as possible.

Manage all animals as an ecosystem - elk, deer, MT lion, bear, wolves & hunters.

Choose your weapon for elk: archery, rifle, muzzleloader.

Ball cow ratio at a minimum of 150/1 observed

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Be as detailed as possible. FROM A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE,

HOW CLOSE ARE THE WOLF #S TO WHAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER TO BE OPTIMAL IN REGION 1? WHAT OTHER INCENTIVES OR HUNTING RESTRICTIONS HAVE YOU CONSIDERED CHANGING TO REDUCE #S OF WOLVES TO WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM.

NIGHT HUNTING? LONGER SEASONS? I ~~DO NOT~~ BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE IN THE ECO SYSTEM BUT WANT TO SUPPORT A HELP CONTROL THEIR #S.

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dc/trad@yahoo.com

Comment Card



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Be as detailed as possible. 1. Elected Commissioners instead of

Appointed Commissioners so Regions are better represented by the people as that region's

2. Flat Bounties on Predators that reduce Elk numbers

3. Have a cow elk only check in general season to take pressure off bulls probably 1st week of season

4. Increase Bull to cow ratio by limiting

State Lic issued

5. Trans plant elk from over objective areas to ones that have
If you'd like to hear back from us, please print your email address or phone number:
dpel@verizon.net



Comment Card

Your opinion matters to us. Please let us know what you think.

Be as detailed as possible. Data is essential, but so is interpretation. We need an interactive GIS system to show the public, distribution, death, harvest, & birth numbers. show numbers per season, (spring, summer, fall, winter) per year.

Don't sell license unless someone completes survey.

If you'd like to hear back from us, please print your email address or phone number.

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