

HD 100

In the 2005 Elk Management Plan, the population objective for HD 100 is:

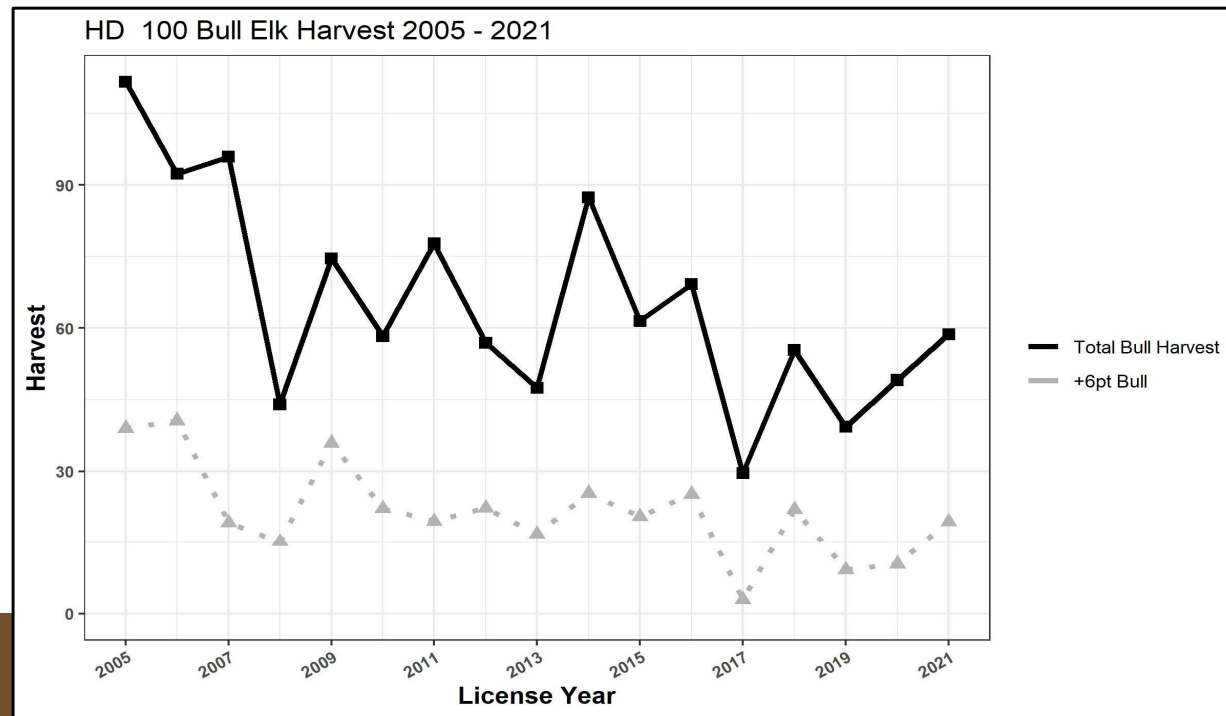
1. Achieve post-season classifications of 300 elk annually on 2 primary trend areas, the Horse Range and the Pipe Creek/Seventeenmile Creek area.
2. Maintain at least 8% bulls in the total elk observed during the post-season classification sample.
3. Manage for a bull harvest averaging at least 25 bulls with 6 points or more on at least one antler.

Since the 2005 Elk Management Plan was adopted, surveys were discontinued due to difficulty observing elk in forested cover.



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- Aerial surveys in this hunting district are not possible due to extensive tree canopy cover. Currently, FWP utilizes bull harvest data, survey flight information from adjacent areas in Region 1 when available, and public feedback to evaluate elk population trends and to make regulation recommendations.



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- Do you think harvest data appropriately represents elk population trend within this HD over time (increasing, stable, decreasing)?
- Are you comfortable with the data Region 1 is currently using?
- Is there other data FWP should use for elk management?
- 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?
- Are you satisfied with the current elk distribution in this HD? If not, would you suggest any specific objectives to address the distribution?
- What else does the Elk Management Plan need to include for this HD?

