

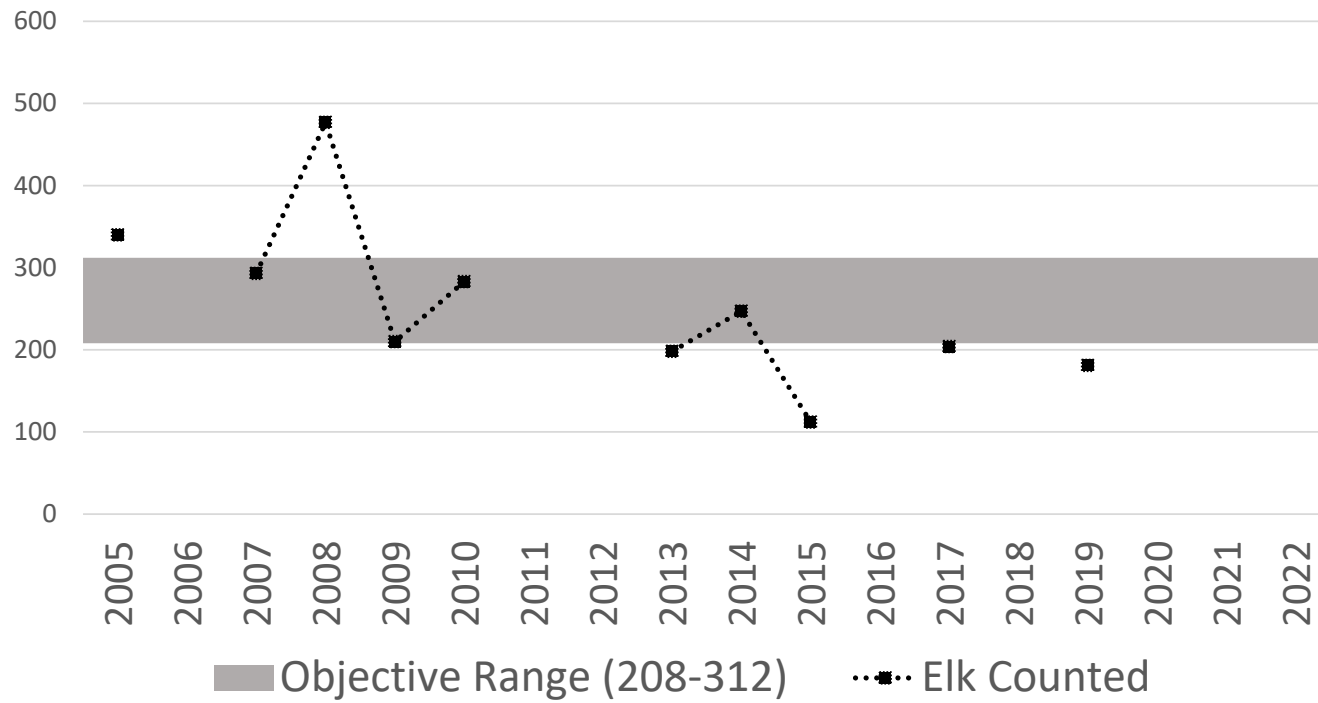
HD 103

- 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?
- 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?



HD 103

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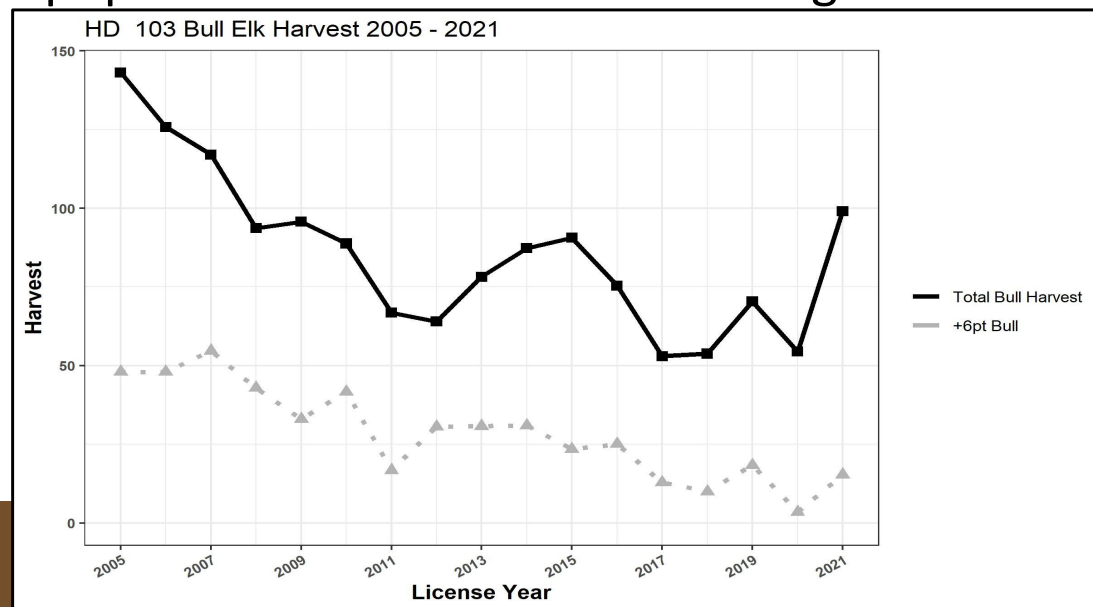
HD 103

- 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?



HD 103

- Aerial surveys in this hunting district are challenging due to extensive tree canopy cover. Currently, FWP also 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.



HD 103

- Do you think harvest data (above) 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 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?
- 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?

