

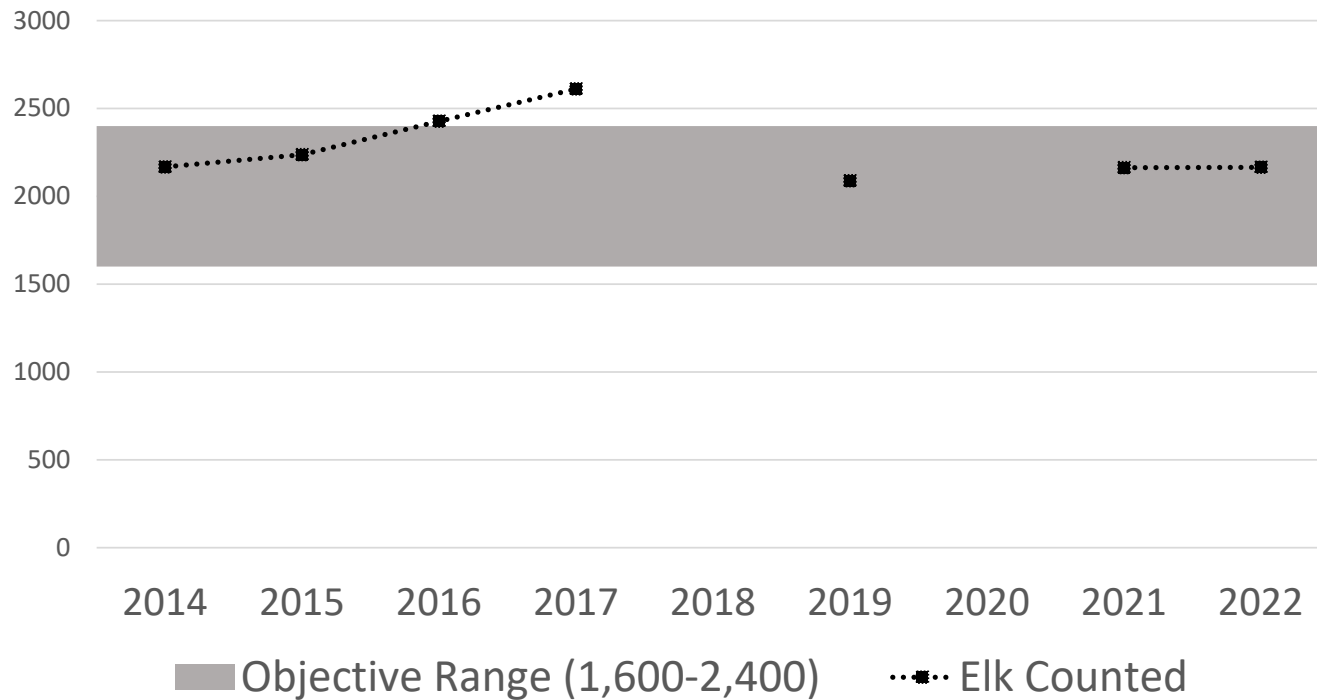
HD 201

- 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?
- 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?



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New HD 201



Note: boundary to HD 201 was changed in 2014 & 2022. Counts included in figure are for current HD 201. Objective range is estimated from previous objectives (or portions thereof) of former HDs now included in HD 201.

HD 201

- The boundary for hunting district 201 expanded in 2022 to include the east half of HD 203, the west half of HD 283, and the northern portion of HD 240. Previously HD 201 had a population objective of 600 elk (range = 480-720). HD 203 had a population objective of 950 elk (range = 760-1,140) with 75-80% of the elk counted in the portion of the district being added to HD 201. The North Hills elk herd (formerly in HD 283) has a population objective of 300 elk (range = 240-360) and the Mt Jumbo elk herd (formerly in HD 283) has a population objective of 90 elk. There are also ~70 elk in the Johnson/Woody Mtn area of old HD 283 and ~250 elk counted in the northern portion of HD 240.
- Based on the combination of population objectives from former HDs, the population objective for new HD 201 would be ~ 2,000 elk (range = 1,600-2,400). Do you think this population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?
- Should sub-objectives be maintained for certain portions of the HD? If so, where? What should the ranges be?



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- In HD 201, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 10 bulls:100 cows, or at least 7% bulls in the total elk observed during aerial surveys. Should there be a bull objective in this HD? If so, is the current bull objective appropriate? If not, 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?

