

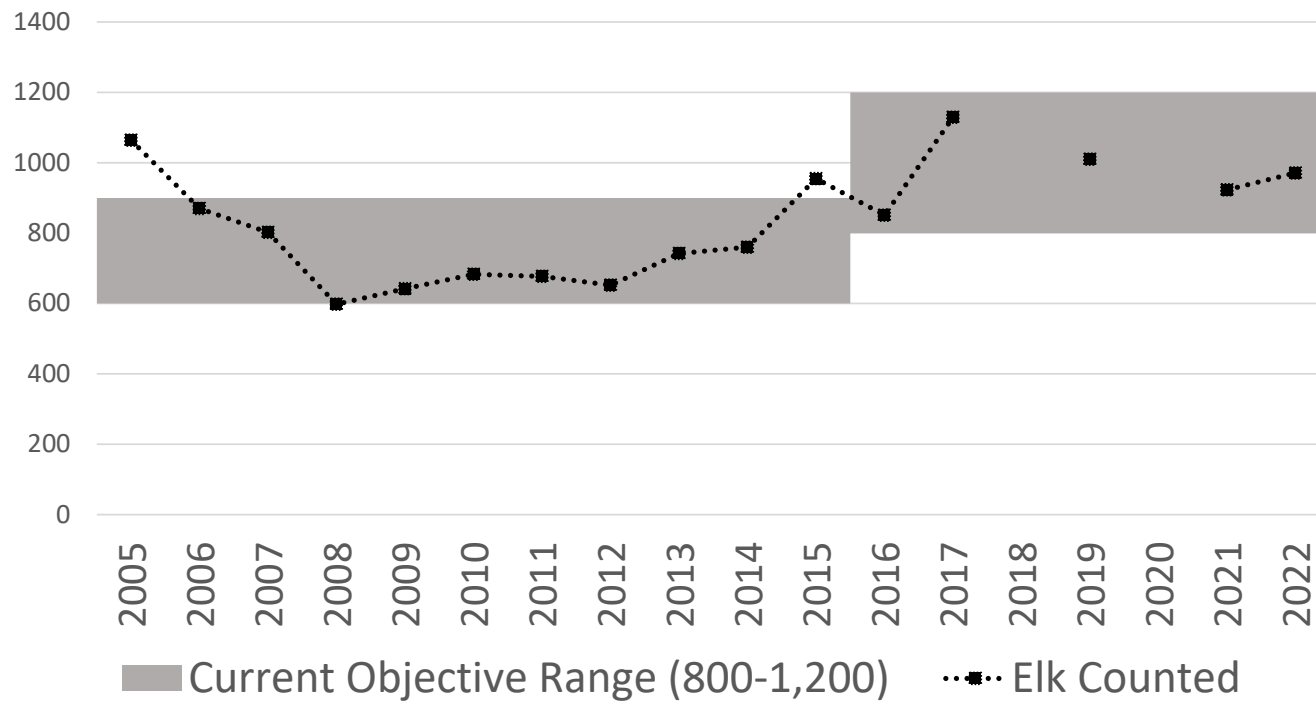
HD 240

- 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 ?



HD 240

Former HD 240



HD 240

- The current objective for HD 240 is 1,000 elk (range = 800-1,200). HD 240 changed boundaries in 2022, and a portion of HD 240 became HD 201. Given the new boundary change, using current objectives within the new boundary the estimated population objective would be ~ 750 (range 600-900). Do you think the population objective level of 750 should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?
- In HD 240, there are bull objectives to maintain at least 10 bulls:100 cows during post-season aerial surveys and maintain an annual bull harvest comprised of 100% brow-tined bulls, including at least 15% of harvested bulls are \geq 6pt. Should there be bull objectives in this HD? If so, are the current bull objectives appropriate? If not, what should they 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?

