

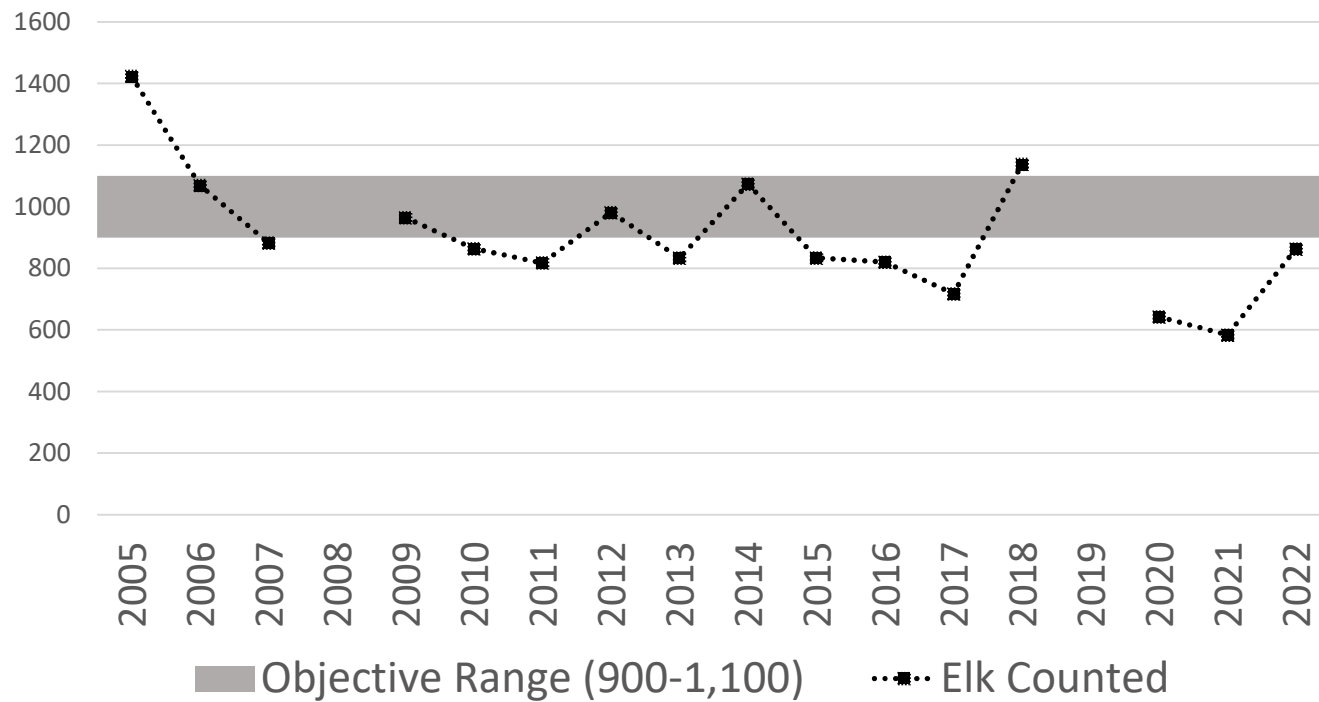
HDs 282 & 285

- Current population objective for this HD is expressed as a desired number of elk within a fixed range. 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 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?



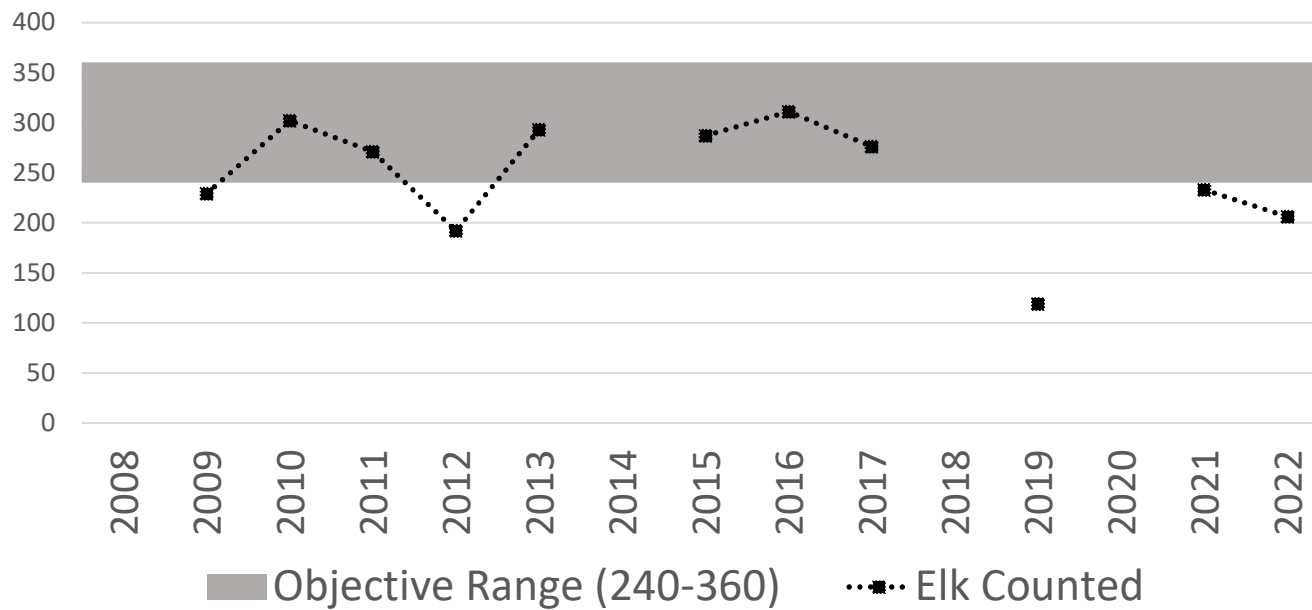
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Former HD 283 E: Redistricted to HD 285



HDs 282 & 285

- The current population objective for HDs 282 and 285 is 900-1,100. In 2022, the east portion of HD283 (Gold-Belmont) was incorporated into HD 285 creating a larger district. The objective range for the portion of HD 283 that now lies within 285 was 240-360 total elk observed during annual surveys. Should these be objectives be combined into a single HD objective range (1140-1460)?
- If yes, should the combined population objective level be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?
- If no, should individual subobjectives be maintained at current levels, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new ranges be?



HDs 282 & 285

- In HDs 282 & 285, there are bull objectives to maintain at least 20 bulls:100 cows observed during post-season surveys and to maintain at least 25% of bulls > 3-years-old (indicated by antler size) during post-season aerial surveys. 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?

