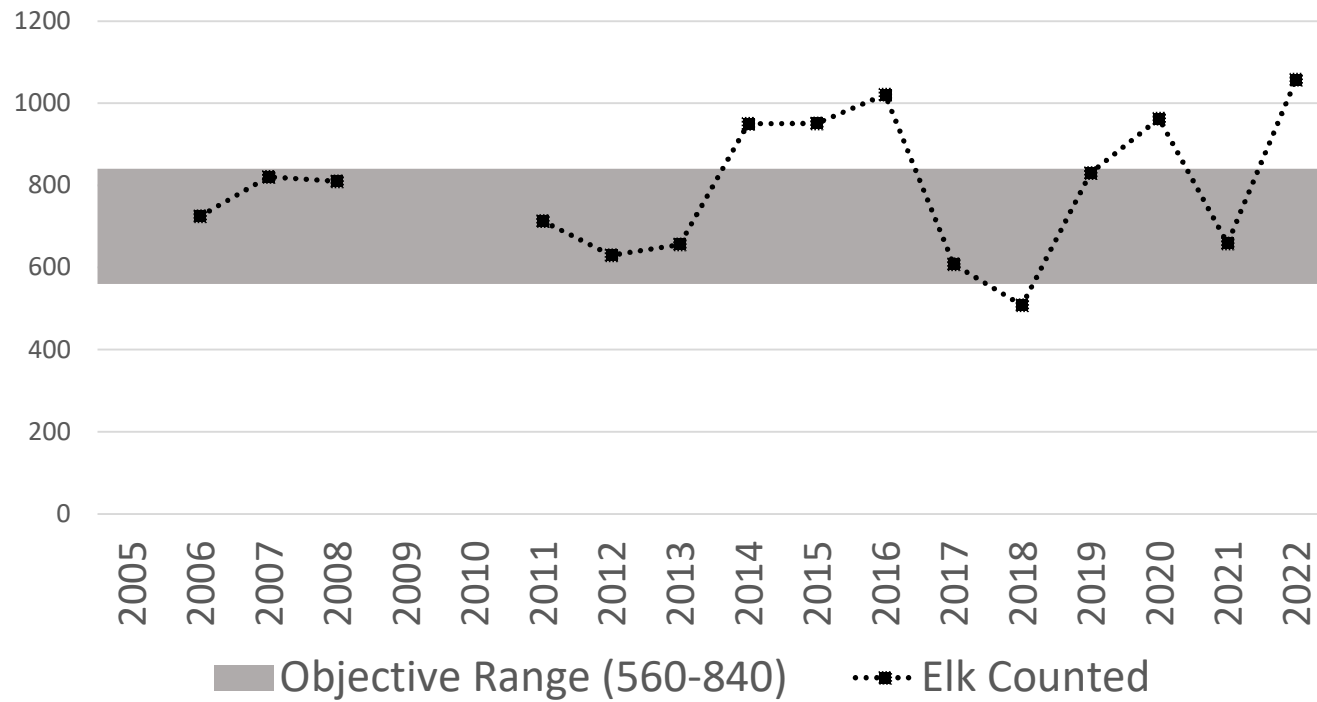# HD 343

- 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 ?
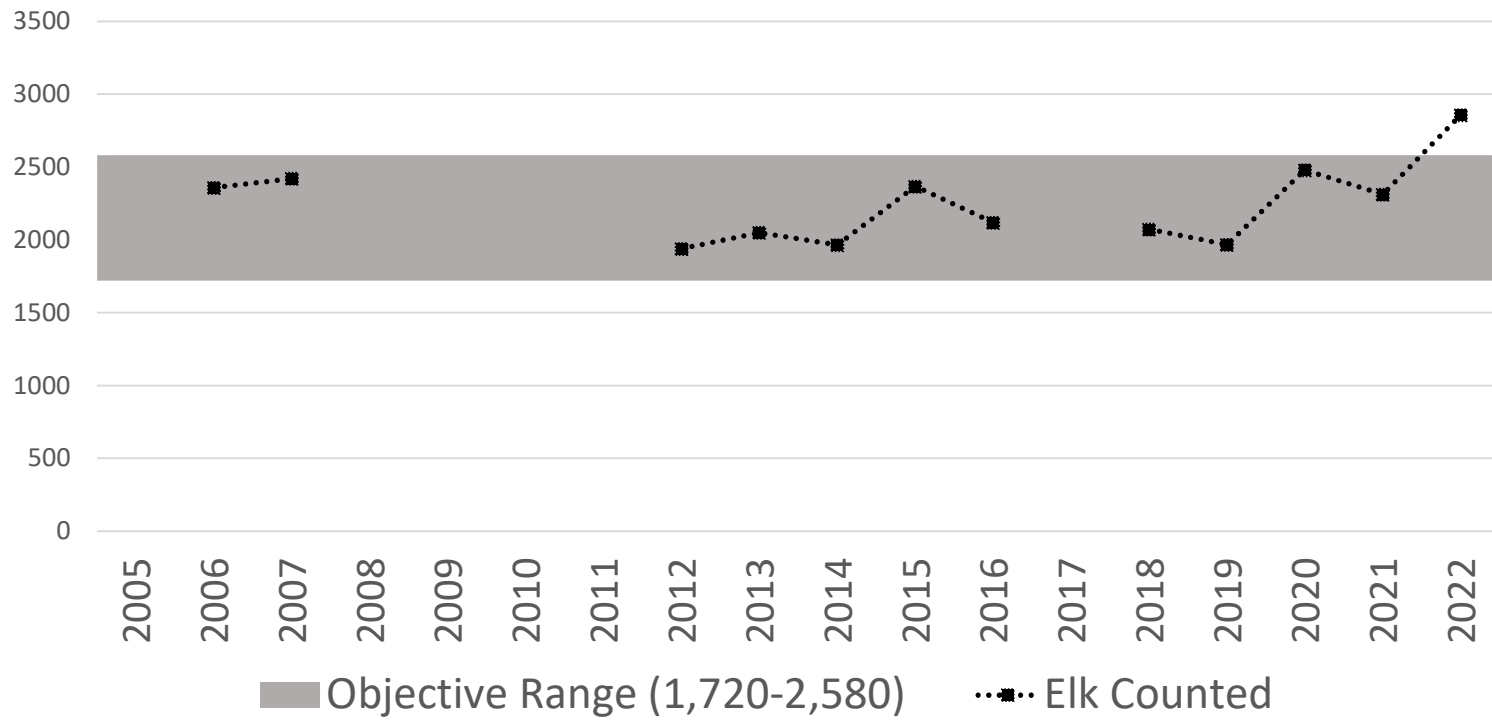
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- The current population objective for HD 343 is 700 (range 560-840). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

- The population objective for the combination of HDs 284, 293, 339, 343, and 388 is 2,150 (range 1,720-2,580; see figure below). Should each individual district-level population objective be retained, or should FWP manage toward a single objective for the combination of HDs given variability in elk distribution across those HDs? If you think FWP should manage this combination of HDs with a single population objective, should the current level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?

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HDs 284, 293, 339 & 343

Objective Range (1,720-2,580) ····■···· Elk Counted

HD 343

- In HD 343, there is a bull objective to maintain at least 10 bulls:100 cows in the post-season aerial trend survey. 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?