

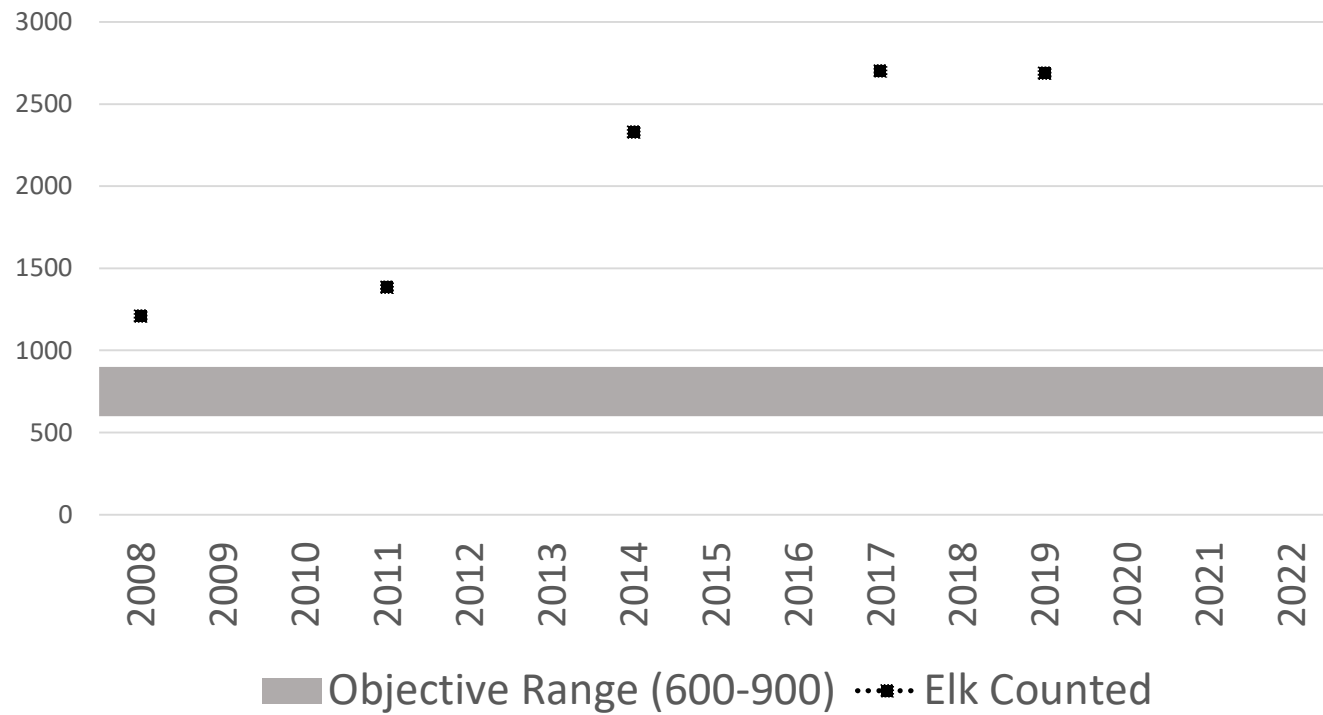
# HD 590

- 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?



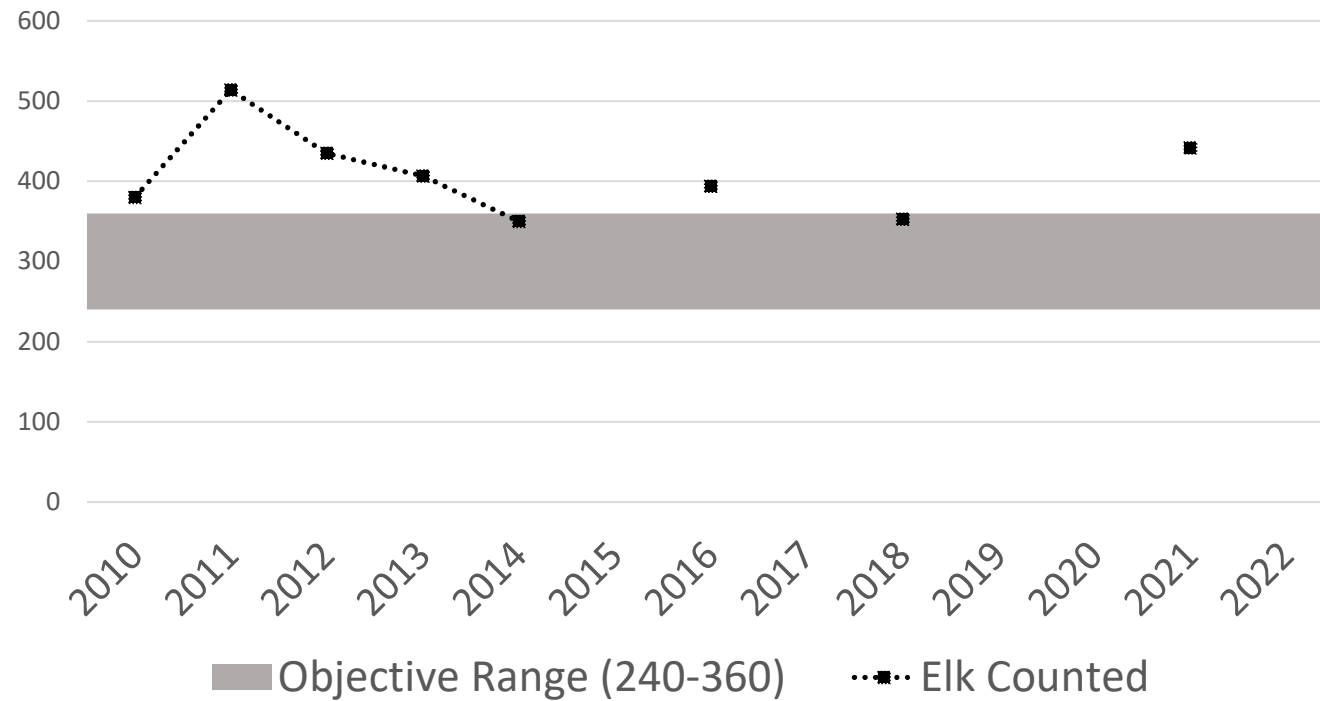
# HD 590

## 590 Bull Mountains Portion



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## 590 Pine Ridge Portion



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- The current population objective for the Bull Mountains (northern) part of HD 590 Bull Mountain portion is 750 (range 600-900). 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 current population objective for the Pine Ridge (southern) part of HD 590 Pine Ridge portion is 300 (range 260-340). Do you think the current population objective level should be maintained, increased, or decreased? If increased or decreased, what should the new range be?
- Should multiple population objectives (Bull Mountain and Pine Ridge) in this HD be retained? Or should population objectives be combined to a single objective for HD 590?



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- In HD 590, there is a bull objective to observe 60 bulls in the Pine Ridge Hills area of the HD and 150 in the Bull Mountains area of the HD 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 it be?
- Should the separate bull objectives in this HD be combined into a single bull objective?
- 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?

