

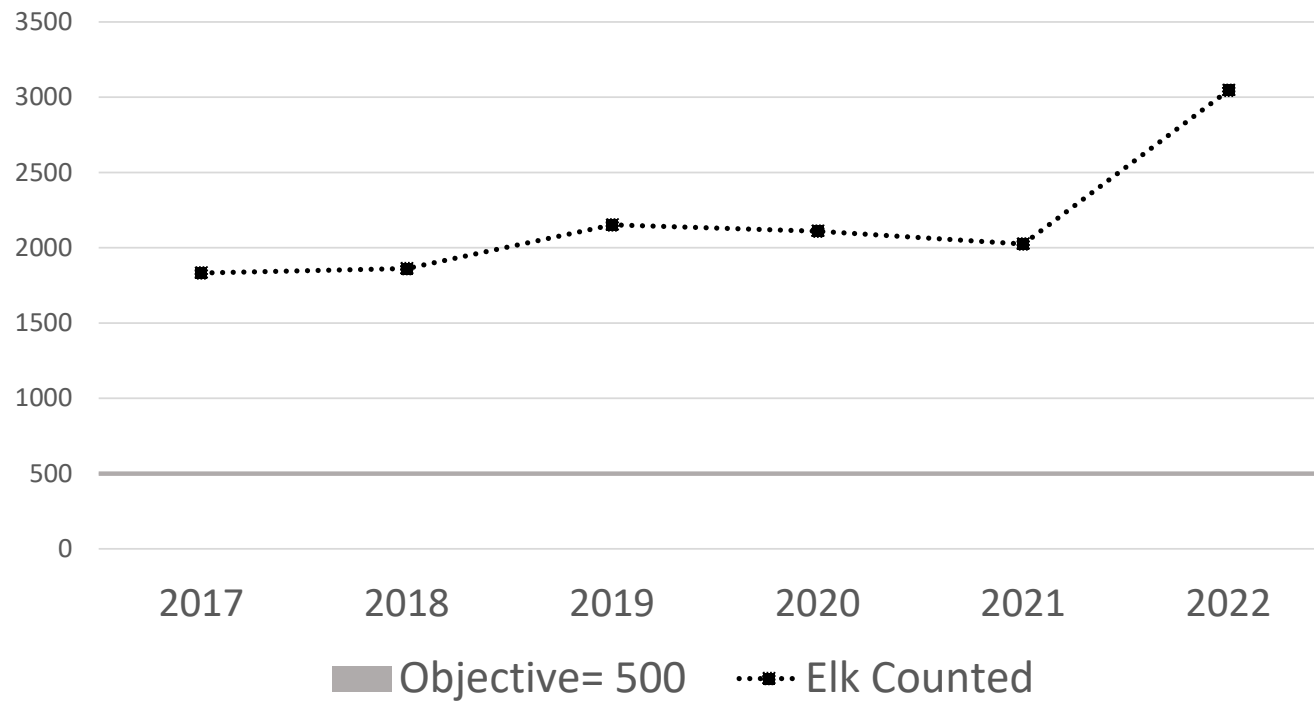
HD 704

- 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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HDs 702, 704 & 705



Note: Surveys in HD 702 are conducted in alternating years from surveys flown in HD 704 and 705; therefore most recent counts are combined for the totals shown in figure (e.g., HD 702 was last surveyed in 2022, and HDs 704 and 705 were last surveyed in 2021; the 2022 number shown is a combination of those most recent surveys).

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- The current population objective for HDs 702, 704 and 705 is 500 (range 400-600). 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 there be sub-objectives for HD 702, HD 704, or HD 705? If so, what should they be?
- In HDs 702, 704 and 705, there is a bull objective to maintain an observed post-season ratio of 30-40 bulls:100 cows. 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?

