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Note: During its Dec. 5 meeting the Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to modify some of FWP’s original proposals by removing or not implementing shoulder seasons in 18 hunting districts (HDs 390, 391, 411, 417, 419, 445, 447, 502, 510, 520, 575, 511, 530, 540, 560, 570, 580 & 590). The original FWP proposals were publicly available prior to the Dec. 5 meeting. **FWP changes to its original proposals in response to commission direction are highlighted in yellow below.**

REGION 1

HD 121: Make the 121-02 antlerless permit valid on private land in entire HD instead of only on private land in Heron Flats portion.

HDs 130, 132, 140 & 170: Boundary change- Remove HD 132 by placing private lands from HD 132 into HD 170, and the public Forest Service lands from HD 132 into expanded HDs 130 & 140. See boundary changes master list.

HD 140: Remove the 140-00 antlerless elk permit.

HDs 141, 150 & 151: Remove antlerless elk from the archery-only season in HDs 141, 150 & 151.

HDs 150 & 151: Combine deer/elk/lion HDs 150 & 151 into a new larger HD 150. See boundary changes master list.

REGION 2

All R2 HDs except 200, 202, 203, 240, 250, 280, 281, 282, 283, & 284: Change the 002-00 elk B license from OTC to a quota of 1500 (range 200-5000).

Proposed Region 2 002-00 antlerless B license season validity chart for 2020-2021.

HD	Early	Archery	Dead Week	General	Late
	8/15-9/4	9/5-10/18	10/19-10/23	10/23-11/29	11/30-1/15
201		X		X	
260	X	X	X	X	X
261		X		X	
262	X	X		X	X
270		X		X	
285		X		X	
290	X	X	X	X	X
292	X	X	X	X	
298	X	X	X	X	X

HD 204: Add a new 204-01 elk B license with a quota of 500 (range 100-700). Private land only.

HDs 210, 211, 212 & 216: Remove these HDs and HD 214 from the 002-00 OTC B License bundle.

Add a new 210-03 elk B license quota 800 (range 5-1000) valid only on private lands Aug 15-Oct 23 and valid on DNRC lands outside the National Forest boundary during the general rifle season.

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HD 211: Boundary change – A new, larger HD 211 that incorporates the west part of old 214. See boundary changes master list.

HDs 212 & 213: Boundary change - A new, larger HD 213 combining old east 212 and old 213. See boundary changes master list.

Move all Prison Ranch language, regulations, and season dates from HD 212 to HD 213.

HD 212: Remove the 002-00 elk B license for HD 212.

Reduce the 212-00 antlerless elk permit quota and quota range from 200 (range 25-600) to 30 (range 5-50).

Change the 212-00 antlerless elk permit to be valid in the entire HD.

Remove the 212-01 antlerless elk permit.

HD 213: Make the general elk license opportunity valid until Jan 1 on Prison Ranch Archery Equip-only Area. Valid for brow-tined bull or antlerless elk.

Replace the 002-00 elk B license with a new 213-01 elk B license with a quota of 350 (range 5-500). Only valid on private lands and the Montana State Prison Ranch.

Change the 213-00 antlerless elk permit quota and quota range from 200 (range 5-400) to 375 (range 25-700).

Change the 213-00 antlerless elk permit to only be valid in HD 213 south of Rock Creek. Holders 16 and older may not hunt antlered elk in HD 213.

Add a new 213-02 antlerless elk permit. Quota 50 (range 5-120) only valid in portion of HD 213 south of Boulder Creek road. Holders 16 and older may not hunt antlered elk in HD 213.

HDs 213 & 217: Boundary change - Change HDs 213 & 217 by using section lines of Sections 21 and 16 (T9N R10W) to separate districts. See boundary changes master list.

HD 214: Boundary change- A new HD 214 smaller HD of just the east portion of old HD, changing in conjunction with HD 211. See boundary changes master list.

Add a new 214-45 brow-tined bull elk permit with a quota of 30 (range 1-100).

Remove brow-tined bull elk from the general elk license opportunity.

Remove youth-only and PTHFV brow-tined bull or antlerless opportunity on the general license.

Remove archery brow-tined bull or antlerless opportunity on the general license.

Remove HD 214 from the 002-00 elk B license bundle.

HD 215: Remove antlerless elk from the general season opportunity.

Add a new 215-01 antlerless elk permit with a quota of 250 (range 5-500). Holders cannot hunt antlered elk in HD 215.

Add a new 215-02 elk B license (quota 400, range 5-800). Only valid on private land and not valid east of Brown's Gulch Creek during archery, valid on private and DNRC outside National Forest boundary and not valid east of Brown's Gulch Creek during general.

HD 217: Add a new 217-02 elk B license with a quota of 400 (range 5-500). Valid only on private land.

HD 240: Change antlerless elk permit 240-01 into a B license valid during the archery, general, and shoulder seasons with an end date of January 15th.

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HD 260: Make the 002-00 B license valid in entire HD instead of only valid in Missoula County west of Hwy 93.

Remove the 260-00 B license and replace it with the regionwide 002-00 license.

HD 270: Make the 002-00 B license valid on private land in the entire HD.

HD 283: Remove the 283-02 elk B license.

Remove the 283-10 elk B permit.

Remove the youth and PTHFV opportunity to harvest antlerless elk on a general license.

HD 291: Add a new 291-03 elk B license with a quota of 350 (range 5-600). Only valid on private lands 8/15-11/29.

HD 293: Add a new 293-01 elk B license (quota 150, range 5-350). Only valid on private lands in the south portion of HD 293 8/15 to end of general rifle.

REGION 3

HDs 300, 301, 302, 311, 312, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 340, 341, 343, 350, 360, 361, 362, 370, 390, 391 & 393 (i.e. all HDs except 309, 310, 313, 339, 380, 388 & 392): Standardize both the Youth and PTHFV opportunity to be either-sex in both archery and general seasons.

HD 301: Add a 301-01 antlerless elk B license with a quota of 50 (range 25-100) valid on private land only.

HDs 301 & 309: Remove the 395-00 antlerless B license.

HD 309: Extend antlerless hunting with general license from November to February 15 in HD 309.

HDs 309 & 311 N of Hwy 84: Add these two HDs to the 397-00 antlerless elk B license (only valid north of Hwy 84 in HD 311).

HD 311: Remove the 311-00 antlerless B license.

HDs 318, 335, 339 & 343: Remove the “Holders 16 and older may not hunt antlered elk in either of these HDs” restriction on the 394-00 and 396-00 antlerless permits.

HD 333: Remove HD 333 from the 399-00 antlerless elk B license bundle.

Create a new elk B license 333-01 with a quota of 500 (range 100-1000). Not valid on National Forest lands.

HD 334: Increase the 334-00 B license quota and quota range from 250 (range 25-250) to 350 (range 25-350).

HDs 350 & 370: Remove the 399-01 B license that is valid in both HDs.

Add a new 350-02 B license (quota 150, range 25-300)

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Change the general season in HD 350 from BTB/Antlerless to BTB.

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HD 390: Remove shoulder season.

Add to new 390-00 OTC B license bundle valid in HDs 390 & 391 from beginning of general rifle to Jan. 1. Not valid on Forest Service land or FWP WMAs.

HD 391: Change general license opportunity from brow-tined bull and antlerless to brow-tined bull only on National Forest land and brow-tined bull or antlerless elk off National Forest land.

Remove shoulder season

Add to new 390-00 OTC B license bundle valid in HDs 390 & 391 from beginning of general rifle to Jan. 1. Only valid south of Duck Cr. Not valid on Forest Service land or FWP WMAs.

HD 392: Remove the general rifle season antlerless elk opportunity for youth and PTHFV hunters.

Reduce the 392-00 antlerless elk licenses from 50 (range 50-250) to 25 (range 25-200).

Add a new youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV archery season on the general license for HD 392.

HD 393: Remove shoulder season hunting from the general license opportunity in HD 393.

Remove HD 393 from the 397-00 B license bundle

Add new 393-01 B license available OTC.

REGION 4

All R4 HDs except HDs 410, 411, 417, 419, 445 & 455: Change the 004-00 elk B license quota range from 2200-6000 to 2500-7500, quota to remain at 6000.

HDs 404, 421 & 444: Boundary change- Modify the shared boundary of these districts. See boundary changes master list.

HD 410: Change the 410-02 elk B license to be valid only south of Valentine/Crooked Creek Rds. and not valid on the CMR Refuge. Change the quota and quota range from 300 (range 100-500) to 1000 (range 100-1200).

Increase the 410-00 elk B license quota range from 200-1000 to 100-1000.

HDs 411 & 412: Boundary change- A new, larger 412 that would encompass the western portion of current 411. See boundary changes master list.

HD 411: Make spike elk valid on the general elk license in HD 411 during the archery/general seasons.

Remove from 004-00 elk B license bundle.

Include in 5,000 595-00 B license bundle

Eliminate the district split east and west of Red Hill Road so that 411 regulations are consistent across the entire HD.

Change the 411-00 license to be valid on National Forest lands during the archery/general/late shoulder seasons to match HDs 511 & 530.

Increase the quota and range of the 411-00 elk B license from 400 (range 100-600) to 800 (range 100-1200).

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- HD 412: Change the 004-00 elk B license to be valid only on private land for the early shoulder season.
Increase the quota and quota range for the 412-20 either-sex elk permit from 85 (range 25-100) to 120 (25-200).
Make spike elk valid on the general elk license in HD 412 during the archery/general seasons to be consistent with HDs 511 & 530 and proposed for HD 411.
- HD 417: Add a new 417-02 elk B license with a quota of 100 (range 50-500).
Remove from 004-00 B license bundle.
Add new 417-01 B license (quota 500, range 100-2000) valid during general rifle to Jan. 1 and not valid on Forest Service land or FWP WMAs.
- HD 419: Remove from 004-00 B license bundle.
Add new 419-00 B license (quota 500, range 100-2000) valid during general rifle to Jan. 1 and not valid on Forest Service land or FWP WMAs.
- HDs 411, 511, & 530: Increase the quota range of the 411-00 elk B license from 100-600 to 100-1200.
Remove shoulder season.
Remove HD 411 from 004-00 B license bundle.
Include in new 595-00 B license bundle (quota 5000, range 1000-10000) valid during general rifle to Jan. 1 and not valid on Forest Service land, FWP WMAs or CMR Refuge.
- HDs 420, 425 & 455: Add HDs 420, 425 & 455 to the 900-20 either-sex permit archery-only bundle.
Increase the 900-20 either-sex archery permit quota from 3,700 to 4,000.
- HDs 421, 422, 423 & 444: Reduce late shoulder season antlerless elk hunting by excluding December.
- HD 425: Reduce the HD 425 weekly limited antlerless elk licenses from 6 weeks to 3 weeks (eliminating the 425-03, 425-04, and 425-05 permits for the last three weeks).
- HD 445: Remove shoulder season.
Remove from 004-00 B license bundle.
Add new 445-00 B license (quota 2000, range 500-5000) valid during general rifle to Jan. 1 and not valid on Forest Service land or FWP WMAs.
- HD 447: Remove shoulder season
Remove from 004-00 B license bundle for shoulder seasons.
Add new 447-00 B license (quota 500, range 100-2000) valid during general rifle to Jan. 1 and not valid on Forest Service land or FWP WMAs.
- HDs 449 & 452: Boundary change- combine HDs 449 and 452 into HD 452. See boundary changes master list.

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REGION 5

All Region 5 HDs except HD 500: In response to commission direction: Remove shoulder seasons.

Remove from 005-00 B license bundle

Create new 595-00 B License bundle (quota 5,000, range 1,000 – 10,000) only valid general rifle to Jan 1. Not valid on USFS anywhere. Not valid south of Falls Creek in HD560 or East of Hwy 310 in HD510.

HD 500: Increase 500-20 Either-sex permit quota and range from 60, range 10-60 to 80, range 10-125.

HD 540: Allow for either-sex elk harvest instead of brow-tined bull or antlerless elk only with a general license.

HD 580: Create a new permit area 580-20 (quota 80, range 50-200) by combining the 580-21 and 580-22 either-sex permit areas.

REGION 6

HD 611: Boundary change - Eliminate the current HD 611 by combining it into a new larger HD 670. See boundary changes master list.

HDs 620, 621, 622, 630, 631 & 632: Boundary change in HD 620 - Make Hwy 2 the north boundary from Dodson to Malta instead of the Milk River. See the boundary changes master list.

Remove the 698-00 antlerless elk permit.

Remove the 620-00 antlerless elk archery B license.

Remove the 621-00 youth-only antlerless elk permits.

Change the 699-00 antlerless elk permit to be valid during the archery, general and special shoulder seasons instead of only the shoulder season. Drop HD 632 from the 699-00 B license bundle.

Remove the 631-01 youth-only antlerless elk permits.

Make the 621-01, 622-00, 631-00, and the 632-00 elk B-licenses valid during both Archery-Only Season and General Season instead of only General Season.

HDs 620, 621, 622, 630, 631 632, 680 & 690: Consolidate the 621-00, 631-01 and 690-00 youth-only antlerless B licenses into a new 699-01 youth-only B license (quota 200, range 50-500).

HDs 630 & 631: Change the 631-00 elk B license quota range from 65-150 to 1-150.

HDs 640, 641, 651 & 670: Boundary change- Consolidate HDs 640, 641 and parts of HDs 670 and 651 into a new larger HD 640 and remove HD 641. See boundary changes master list.

HDs 650 & 651: Boundary change - Combine HDs 650 & 651 into a new larger HD 650. See boundary changes master list.

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HDs 680 & 690: Boundary change - Combine HDs 680 & 690 into a new larger HD 690. See boundary changes master list.

Allow antlerless elk hunting with a general license in HDs 680 & 690 (HDs proposed to be combined).

Increase the 690-21 either-sex elk permit 35 (range 15-50) to 50 (range 15-100).

Remove the 696-00 and 697-00 antlerless elk permits.

Remove the 690-00 youth-only antlerless elk permit.

Make the 690-01 antlerless elk license valid during both the general and shoulder seasons instead of only the general season.

REGION 7

No proposed changes.