

Montana CWD Management Plan

2020 Edit Summary

CHAPTER 1

Introduction and Background

- The plan's focus is shifted from solely mule deer to both mule deer and white-tailed deer.
- Edited and expanded "Predation and CWD" section to address the effects of predators on CWD.
- Added state regulation of the use of cervid lures to existing management tools.
- Updated CWD Action Team member list.

CHAPTER 2

Priority Surveillance Areas, Minimum Surveillance Units, and Rotation Schedule

- Priority surveillance areas were updated using known positives within the state to identify new high priority areas. The map illustrating these priority areas was updated in conjunction with these changes.
- Updated map of proposed minimum surveillance units for targeted sampling in 2020.
- Voluntary hunter submission and symptomatic cervid testing was added in addition to testing in priority areas.

CHAPTER 3

Montana's Response to a Detection of CWD

- The Incident Command structure was removed from the initial response to a new detection.
- Area-specific Carcass Transport Restriction Zones (TRZs) are replaced with a statewide carcass disposal requirement.
- If carcass transport restrictions are maintained, the CWD management zone would determine the boundary outside of which the transport of heads and spinal cords would not be allowed.
- Added "Urban Area CWD Management" section discussing the protocols following the detection of CWD within an urban area.

CHAPTER 4

- Removed the following:
 - Example news release
 - Example letter to landowners within 20 miles of detection
 - Example letter to landowners within the IRA
 - Example letter to hunters