

2021/2022 Boundary Change Master List

Mountain Lion

Region 1

HD 121

Reason for Change: Clarify boundary between HD 121 and HD 123. USFS Trail 635 used in the current legal description does not exist on contemporary maps and can only be found in historic USGS maps. This creates an issue for the legal description and is a source of confusion for the public on where the boundary is since the reference trail cannot be located on maps. Redefining the boundary to follow Sievers Ridge to its termination with Mosquito Creek road allows for a clearer boundary and legal description with minimal changes to all districts involved.

Description:

That portion of Sanders County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where the Sanders- Lincoln County line intersects the Idaho border, then south and southeasterly along said border to the Kootenai-Lolo National Forest boundary in Section 34, T22N, R32W, then easterly along said boundary through Emma Peak, Helwick Peak and Mosquito Peak, then easterly along said boundary on Sievers Ridge, then continuing easterly along said ridge leaving the Kootenai-Lolo National Forest boundary, then continuing easterly along Sievers Ridge to its termination at the junction with the Mosquito Creek Road in Section 22, T22N, R30W, then easterly along said road to State Route 200, then southeasterly along said route through Thompson Falls to the Thompson Falls River Bridge, then northeasterly up the Thompson River to USFS Trail 433, then northerly up said trail to Marmot Peak, then westerly along said trail to Mt. Headley and USFS Trail 528, then northerly up said trail to the Vermilion River Divide, then northerly along said divide to the Sanders-Lincoln County Line in Section 19, T25N, R28W, then westerly along said county line to the Idaho border, the point of beginning.

HD 123

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Description:

That portion of Sanders County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where State Route 200 meets the Mosquito Creek Road, then westerly along said road for 1.38 miles to

the intersection of Sievers Ridge in Section 22, T22N, R30W, then westerly up said ridge to the Kootenai-Lolo National forest Boundary, then westerly along said boundary to Mosquito Peak, then westerly from said peak through the Helwick, Emma, Beaver Peak divide to the Montana-Idaho border in Section 34, T22N, R23W, then southerly along said border to the Sanders-Mineral County line, then easterly along said line to Greenwood Hill and the junction of USFS Trail 398, then northerly on said trail to Penrose Peak, then northerly from said peak along the Penrose-Cherry Peak divide to the junction of USFS Trail 1130, then northerly along said trail to Eddy Mountain, then northerly from said mountain along the Outlaw Lake Trail to Outlaw Creek, then northerly down said creek to the Clark Fork River, then westerly along the northern shore of said river to the Thompson River, then up said river to the Thompson River Bridge and State Route 200, then westerly along said route through Thompson Falls to the Mosquito Creek Road, the point of beginning.

Region 3

HD 300 & 303

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: No change to district boundaries or species harvest structure is proposed. This would only assign a new hunt district number to this district. Renaming HD 300 to HD 303 is expected to improve the reliability of hunter survey data. Currently an unknown proportion of hunters appear to use HD 300 to refer to Region 3 in general. This inflates deer and elk hunter and harvest statistics by an unknown amount.

Boundary description of new HD 303 is the same as the description of what was previously HD 300.

FROM: That portion of Beaverhead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Interstate 15 and the Big Sheep Creek Road south of Dell, then southwesterly along said road to Meadow Creek, then westerly along said creek to the Montana-Idaho border, then southeasterly along said border to Italian Peak, then northeasterly along said border to Interstate 15 at Monida, then northerly along said interstate to the junction with the Big Sheep Road south of Dell, the point of beginning.

TO: That portion of Beaverhead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Interstate 15 and the Big Sheep Creek Road south of Dell, then southwesterly along said road to Meadow Creek, then westerly along said creek to the Montana-Idaho border, then southeasterly along said border to Italian Peak, then northeasterly along said border to Interstate 15 at Monida, then northerly along said interstate to the junction with the Big Sheep Road south of Dell, the point of beginning.

HD 310, 311, 360, 361, 362 & 333

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulations simplification. To more closely match new proposed deer and elk HDs combine HDs 310, 311, 360, 361, 362 and the northeast portion of HD 333 that is east of State Highway 359, south of Interstate 90, and west of U.S. Highway 287. This portion of HD 333 has been added to HD 311 in the proposed deer and elk HD adjustments. New HD will be named HD 311.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions.

TO: See proposed deer and elk boundary adjustment for HD 311 and 2021 boundary descriptions for HD 310, 360, 361, and 362.

HD 302, 328 & 329

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulation simplification. Combine HD 302 with the eastern portion of HD 328. New HD will be named HD 302. Combine the western portion of HD 328 with HD 329. New HD will be named HD 329.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions.

TO: See proposed deer and elk boundary adjustments for HDs 302, 328, and 329.

HD 319 & 341

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulations simplification. Combine HD 319 and HD 341. New HD will be named HD 319.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions.

TO: See proposed deer and elk boundary adjustments for HDs 319 and 341.

HDs 312, 390 & 393

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: More appropriate management unit. Add HD 390 into an LMU with HDs 312 and 393. Combination of HDs into new LMU, no change to actual HD boundaries.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions and LMU description.

TO: New LMU incorporates HDs 312, 390, and 393. See 2021 deer and elk HD descriptions.

HD 390, 391 & 392: Reason for Change/Description of the Change: More appropriate management unit. Combine HDs 391 & 392 into a single LMU. Remove HD 390 from the LMU that included HD 391. This is a rearrangement of HDs into LMUs. No change to actual HD boundaries.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions and LMU description.

TO: New LMU incorporates combines HD 391 and HD 392. See 2021 deer and elk HD descriptions.

HD 320 & 333

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulations simplification. Combine HD 320 and HD 333 to exclude the northeast portion of HD 333 east of State Highway 359, south of Interstate 90, and west of U. S. Highway 287. Excluded portion is proposed to be added to HD 311. New HD will be named HD 320.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions.

TO: See proposed deer and elk boundary adjustments for HDs 320 and 333.

HD 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 & 330

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulations simplification. Combine HDs 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 and 330 into a single lion HD and a single LMU. New HD will be named HD 322.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions.

TO: See proposed deer and elk boundary adjustments for new HD 322.

HD 350 & 370

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulations simplification. Combine HD 350 and HD 370. New HD will be named HD 350.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions.

TO: See proposed deer and elk boundary adjustments for HDs 350 and 370.

HD 380 & 390

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulations simplification. Move southeast portion of HD 380 to HD 390. New HD will be named HD 390. HD 390 is being added to the LMU with HDs 312 and 393.

FROM: See 2021 deer and elk HD legal descriptions.

TO: See proposed deer and elk boundary adjustments for HDs 380 and 390.

Region 4

HD 416, 451, 452 & 454

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Remove HD 454 from LMU. Deer/Elk HD 454 is proposed to be combined with existing HD 416 and so would not appear in LMU description.

FROM: See D/E legal descriptions.

TO: See D/E legal descriptions.

HD 416, 451, 452, 446, & 454 - HD 416, 451, & 452

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Remove HD 446 from LMU 416, 446, 451, 452, 454. HD 446 is proposed to be moved from this existing LMU and added to current LMU 445, 455.

FROM: See D/E legal descriptions.

TO: Refer to Deer and Elk Hunting District Legal Descriptions

HD 445, 446 & 455

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Add Deer/Elk HD 446 to current LMU 445, 455. HD 446 is in the southern Big Belt Mountains and is more biologically connected with Big Belt HDs 445 and 455.

FROM: HD 445 and 455 existing as a single Lion Management Unit.

TO: HD 445, 446, 455 existing as a single Lion Management Unit.

HD 404, 421, 444 & 450

Reason for Change/Description of the Change:

FROM: LMU 404, 421, 444 & 450

TO: LMU 404 & 444 – refer to deer and elk hunting district boundaries as proposed. See LMU justification for further information.

HD 404, 421, 444 & 450 AND 422, 423, 424, 425 & 442

Reason for Change/Description of the Change:

FROM: LMU 404, 421, 444 & 450 AND LMU 422, 423, 424, 425 & 442

TO: LMU 421 AND LMU 422, 424, 425, 442 and 450 – refer to deer and elk hunting district boundaries as proposed. See LMU justification for further information

HD 413 & 432 Remove HD 432 from LMU HDs 413,432. (HD 432 combined with HD 413 to form new HD 413). LMU 413 = HD 413.

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Proposed combining deer and elk HD's 413 and 432 for regulations simplification.

FROM: HD 413 and 432 existing as a single Lion Management Unit.

TO: HD 413 existing as a single larger Lion Management Unit.

HD 421. Remove HD 421 from LMU HDs 404,421,444,450. New LMU 421 = HD 421 (old Deer elk 421/423 combined)

HD 423 remove from LMU HDs 422,423,424,425,442. HD 423 combined with HD 421 to form new HD 421.

HD 450 Remove HD 450 from Lion management unit of HDs 404, 421, 444 and 450. Add HD 450 to Lion Management Unit with HDs 422, 424, 425, 442, and 450. HD 450 D/E boundary change: Move west boundary of HD 450 (east boundary of HD 442) from Bellview/Deep Cr/Battle Cr Rd to USFS boundary.

Region 5

HD 502, 515, 535, 575, 590

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulation Simplification boundary changes to deer and elk hunting districts necessitate these lion HD number changes.

FROM: Deer and elk hunting districts 500, 502, 530, 570, 575 and 590 will all be under this one quota. HD 511 had an individual lion quota.

TO: Deer and elk hunting districts 502, 515, 535, 575 and 590 will all be under this one quota.

HD 525,555,565

Reason for Change/Description of the Change: Regulation Simplification boundary changes to deer and elk hunting districts necessitate these lion HD number changes.

FROM: Deer and elk hunting districts 510, 560, and 520 with individual lion quotas.

ADD: Deer and elk hunting districts 525, 555, 565 will all be under this one quota.