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Below are proposed elk season regulation changes for the 2022 and 2023 elk seasons, generally described at the hunting district level. Changes include consolidation of hunting districts and adjustments to hunting district boundaries, changes to licenses and permits, and adjustments to quotas. Some broad changes reflected in the proposals below include:

Unbundle and remove the 900-20 archery-only either-sex permits in HDs 401, 403, 411, 412, 426, 447, 450, 455, 500, 502, 510, 511, 520, 530, 570, 575, 580, 590, 701, 702, 704 & 705 and make those hunting districts or combination of hunting districts either general season or unlimited as follows:

- HD 401: general license
- HD 403: general license
- HDs 411/412: unlimited permits (first and second choice)
- HD s 417/426: unlimited permits (first and second choice)
- HD 447: unlimited permits (first and second choice)
- HD 450: general license
- HD 455: unlimited permits 100 (Range 50–150)
- New proposed HD 515: general license
- HDs 502/new proposed 535/new proposed 555/590/existing portion of 701: unlimited (first and second choice)
- HD 575: general license
- HD 580: general license
- HDs 702/704/705: unlimited permits (first and second choice)

In elk hunting districts 411, 417, 426, 535, 590, 702, 704, 705, maintain the current season structure but increase the either sex elk firearm permits by 50% as follows:

- HD 411/new proposed HD 535: 300 to 450 permits
- HD 417: 225 to 340 permits
- HD 426: 60 to 90 permits
- HD 590: 250 to 380 permits
- HDs 702/704/705: 225 to 340 permits

Add a new statewide, unlimited antierless B license valid on private land in elk hunting districts that are greater than 200% above objective. Valid during open seasons for those hunting districts (for example, if there is and early and a late season, they would be valid during those. If there is no early season, this license wouldn't be valid during an early season). For 2022, that would include the following Hunting Districts:

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- —Table proposal to add new statewide, unlimited antlerless B license. Adjust existing Regional B licenses from 2021 season structures to address this issue. See details for each Region

 ■ Table proposal to add new statewide, unlimited antlerless B

 ■ Regional B licenses from 2021 season

 ■ Structures to address this issue. See details for each Region

 ■ Regional B licenses from 2021 season

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 - below.HD 260
- HD 411/535 (new)
- → HD 417
- HD 426
- HD 450
- HD 515 new
- ◆ HD 575
- HD 580
- ◆ HD 590
- ◆ HD 690
- HD 700
- ◆ HD 702/704/705

Statewide

Permits:

Permits for either-sex elk or brow-tined bull-antlerless elk will limit the holder to hunting for antlered elk within only the designated HD for the period identified on the permit. Antlerless elk hunting will not be limited by the permit. A general license may be used to hunt in any open district during dates outside of that identified on the permit.

Late Season Antlerless Elk Options:

Late antlerless elk hunting as proposed in the master list for individual hunting districts that run as late as February 15 on private and some public lands; add a late season in HDs 702/704/705 through February 15 on private lands. This shall be applied to all HDs that had late antlerless elk hunting opportunities in License Year (LY) 2021 and any additional HDs that might be added by the commission because they are over objective for 2022–2023. This option is incorporated in the specific HD descriptions below where they differ from LY 2021. Where there is no proposed difference from LY

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2021 identified in the master list, the late antlerless elk hunting in specific HDs is proposed under this option as no change from LY 2021.

Region 1

<u>HD 100:</u> Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 100-00 and 100-01 (PTHFV) and 100-00 (current quotas of 5 and 25, respectively).

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless with general license during general season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV).

Add new Antlerless Elk B opportunity LPT 100-00 with a license quota of 25 (range 25-300) valid during archery, and general, and muzzleloader seasons.

<u>HD 101: Boundary change-</u>Combine HD 101 and 109 and exclude a portion of 101 along the southern boundary. New HD will be named HD 101-Eureka. See boundary changes master list.

<u>Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 101-03 (PTHFV) (current quota of 5).</u>

Change Antlerless Elk Permit 199-00 to Antlerless Elk B License, LPT 101-00 maintain quota of 50 (range 5-150).

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license during general and muzzleloader season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV).

<u>HD 102 & 103</u>: Combine HD 102 and HD 103 along with a portion of 101. New HD will be named HD 103 – East Fisher-Pleasant Valley-Tally Lake. See boundary changes master list.

Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 102-01 (PTHFV) and 103-01 (PTHFV) (current quotas of 25 and 5, in each HD).

Change Antlerless Elk Permit 103-00 to Antlerless Elk B License 103-00, valid during archery, general and muzzleloader seasons, maintain quota of 25 (range 25-300)

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license during general and muzzleloader season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV).

<u>HD 104:</u> Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 104-00 and 104-01 (PTHFV) (current quota of 25 and 5, respectively).

Change antierless elk permit 104-00 to Antierless Elk B License 104-00 and maintain quota of 25 (range 25-300) valid during archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons. Add Antierless Elk B License LPT104-00 with a license quota of 25 (range 25-300) valid during archery and general season.

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license in general <u>and muzzleloader</u> season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV).

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- <u>HD 109:</u> Boundary change –Combine HD 101 and 109 and excluding a portion of 101 along the southern boundary. New HD will be named HD 101. See boundary changes master list.
- HD 110: Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 110-00 (current quota 5).
- <u>HD 120:</u> Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 120-00 and 120-01 (current quotas of 5 each).

 Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license in general <u>and muzzleloader</u> season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV).
- HD 121 & proposed new HD 200: Boundary change-Adjust boundary near Belknap, Montana. The current legal description references a USFS trail that no longer exists. Therefore, the description for that portion of the boundary will be changed to follow Sievers Ridge to its termination with Mosquito Creek road.

Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 121-00, 121-01 (PTHFV), and 121-02 (current quotas of 150, 10, and 20, respectively).

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license during general <u>and muzzleloader</u> season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV).

Add Antlerless Elk B License LPT 121-00 for archery and general <u>and muzzleloader</u> seasons with a license quota of 150 (range 50-2,000).

Add Antlerless Elk B License LPT 121-01 for late season (Day after general season to Feb 15) with a license quota of 20 (range 5-100).

- <u>HD 122:</u> Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 122-00 and 122-01 (PTHFV) (current quotas of 25 and 5, respectively).
 - _Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license in general <u>and muzzleloader</u> season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV)

Add Antlerless Elk B License LPT 122-00 for archery, and general, and muzzleloader seasons with a license quota of 25 (range 25-300).

HD 123: Boundary Change –Adjust boundary near Belknap, Montana. The current legal description references a USFS trail that no longer exists. Therefore, the description for that portion of the HD 121/HD123 boundary will be changed to follow Sievers Ridge to its termination with Mosquito Creek road in T22N R30W S20 & S22. See boundary changes master list.

Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 123-00 and 123-01 (PTHFV) (current quotas of 50 and 5, respectively).

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license in general and muzzleloader season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV)

Add Antlerless Elk B License LPT 123-00 for archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons with a license quota of 50 (range 25-300).

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HD 124: Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 124-00 and 124-01 (PTHFV) (current quotas of 25 and 5, respectively).

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license in general and muzzleloader season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV)

Add Antlerless Flk B License LPT 124-00 for archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons with a

Add Antlerless Elk B License LPT 124-00 for archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons with a license quota of 25 (range 25-200).

HD 123, 124 & 200: Boundary change Combine HDs 200, 123 and 124. Remove HD portion, "Mullan Gulch," from HD 200. New HD will be named HD 200. See boundary changes master list. See HD 200 season changes below.

HD 130: Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 130-00 (current quota of 5).

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless on general license during general <u>and muzzleloader</u> season for hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV).

Region 2

<u>HD 200:</u> Boundary change Combine HDs 200, 123 and 124. Remove HD portion, "Mullan Gulch," from HD 200. New HD will be named HD 200. Redefine northern boundary from Sievers Ridge to Mosquito Creek for a clearer legal description. See boundary changes master list.

Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 200-00 (current quota of 5).

Add Antlerless Elk B License opportunity 200-00 for archery and general seasons with a license quota of 5θ (range 25-7100) valid in Mullan Gulch portion.

HD 201: Boundary change- Expand HD 201 to include west half of HD 283, east half of HD 203, and northern portion of HD 240. Remove HD portion, "Fourmile", of HD 201. HD will be named HD 201. Boundary adjustment at Deep Creek for a clearer legal description. Other slight changes in boundary language for clarity. See boundary changes master list.

Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 201-00 (current quota of 150).

Add over the counter Antlerless Elk B License 201-01- for archery and general seasons valid on private land only, also valid on private lands in HD 260. Not valid east of Highway 93. Add Antlerless Elk B License 201-00 for archery and general seasons with a license quota of 150 (range 25-700).

Allow Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless elk with a general license on private land district-wide during general season for youth hunters and hunters with a Permit To Hunt From Vehicle (PTHFV).

<u>HD 202:</u> Boundary change- Expand HD 202 to include the west half of HD 203 and northern portion of HD 240. HD will be named HD 202. See boundary changes master list.

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Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 202-00 (current quota of 30). Add Antlerless Elk B License 202-00 with a license quota of 50 (range 5-200) valid during archery and general season

- HD 203: Boundary change- Expand HD 201 to include west half of HD 283, east half of HD 203, and northern portion of HD 240 and expand HD 202 to include the west half of HD 203 and northern portion of HD 240, thus eliminating HD 203. See boundary changes master list.
 Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 203-00 (current quota of 75).
- HD 204: Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 204-00 (current quota of 150).

Add over the counter Elk B License opportunity 262-01 valid general season through Jan. 08.

Allow brow-tined bull or antierless harvest on general license during general season (excluding Threemile WMA). (Only valid on private lands in HDs 204, 261, 262, and 270)

Retain opportunity for youth/PTHFV to harvest Brow-tined bull/antierless elk on the general license during the general rifle season.

Add limited draw Elk B License 204-00 valid district wide (quota of 150; quota range = 5-200) for archery only and general rifle season.

- <u>HD 210:</u> Change Antlerless Elk Permit 210 02 to Antlerless Elk B License 210-02 and maintain with a the quota of 13050 (range 50-1,000).
- <u>HDs 210, 211, 212 & 216:</u> Change Antlerless Elk Permit 210-03 to Elk B License 210-03 and maintain the with a quota of 800-200 (range 5-1,000).
- <u>HD 211:</u> Change Antlerless Elk Permit 211 00 to Elk B License 211-00 and maintain the quota of 120 (range 5-400).
- <u>HD 212:</u> Change Antlerless Elk Permit 212 00 Elk B License 212-00 and maintain the quota of 30 (range 5-100).
- <u>HD 213</u>: Change Antlerless Elk Permit 213 00 to Elk B License 213-00 and maintain the quota of 375 (range 25-700).

 Antlerless Elk B License 213-01 valid until Jan 08.
- HD 214: Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 214-00 (current quota 1).
- <u>HD 215:</u> Change Antlerless Elk Permit 215-01 to Elk B License 215-01 and maintain the quota of 250 (range 5-500).

Antlerless Elk B License 215-02 valid until Jan 08.

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- <u>HD 216:</u> Change Antlerless Elk Permit 216-00 to Elk B License 216-00 and maintain the quota of 75 (range 5-200).
- HD 217: Decrease quota of Elk B-license 217-02 from 400 to 300.
- <u>HD 240</u>: Boundary change- Shift northern boundary of HD 240 to the Bitterroot-Lolo Divide. Northern portions of current HD 240 will be included in proposed HDs 202 and 201. See boundary changes master list.
- HD 260: Boundary change- Adjustment in the wording that used describe Harpers Bridge, which is not a definable feature on the map, therefore, the description has been changed to a more definable boundary from Big Flat road to Deep Creek to the Clark Fork. Remove portions (West of Highway 93 is Missoula County, and Ravalli County). See boundary changes master list.
 Remove Antlerless Elk B License 262-01.

Remove portions (West of Highway 93 in Missoula County, and Ravalli County). Antlerless Elk B License 201-01 (over-the-counter) becomes valid on private land only in all of HD 260; valid for special weapons during: early shoulder season, general rifle season, and late season beginning the day after general rifle season ends to Jan 15. Valid for archery only during archery season. Private land only. Also valid on private lands in HD 201.

Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

- HD 261: Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 261-00 (current quota of 35).
 - Add Antlerless Elk B License 261-00 with a license quota of 50 (range 5-200) valid during archery and general seasons.
- <u>HD 270:</u> Allow Antlerless Elk B License 262-01 to be valid in all of HD 270. Reduce 270-02 B license quota from 300 to 200.
- HD 281: Boundary change Combine HD 281 with the northern portion of HD 293. New HD will be named 281. See boundary changes master list.

Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 281-01.

<u>HD 281, 284 & 293:</u> Boundary change Combine HD 281 with HD 284 and the northern portion of HD 293. New HD will be named 281. Current boundary of HD 284 will become an Archery Only Weapons Restriction Area. See boundary changes master list.

HD 282: Change Antlerless Elk B License 282-00 to be valid until the end of deer and elk general season.

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Change Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless 282-10 permit to be valid until the end of deer and elk general season.

- <u>HD 283</u>: Combine west half of HD 283 with HD 201, combine east half of HD 283 with HD 285 thus eliminating HD 283.
- <u>HD 285</u>: Boundary Change- Combine HD 285 with eastern part of HD 283. New HD will be named HD 285. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 290:</u> Change Antlerless B License 290-01 to be valid <u>through January 8. Private lands only. Valid in hunting districts 290 & 298. Reduce quota of elk B-license 290-01 from 300 to 200. until the end of deer and elk general season.</u>
- <u>HD 291: Boundary change Combine HD 291, 298, and the south portion of HD 293. New HD will be named 291. See boundary changes master list.</u>
- Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 291-02 (current quota of 50).

 <u>Change B-license 291-03 quota from 350 to 250.</u>
- <u>HD 293:</u> Boundary change—Combine HD 281 with the northern portion of HD 293, combine eastern part of HD 293 with HD 343, combine HD 291, 298, and the south portion of HD 293 thus eliminating HD 293. See boundary changes master list.
- Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 293-00 (current quota of 25).
 - Add Elk B-license 293-00 to replace antlerless Elk Permit 293-00. Quota = 25 (Quota Range 5 500)

HD 298: Change antlerless B-license 290-01 to be valid through January 8. Private lands only excluding
Nature Conservancy lands. Valid in hunting districts 290 & 298. Reduce quota of elk B-license
290-01 from 300 to 200.Boundary change—Combine HD 291, 298, and the south portion of HD
293. New HD will be named 291. See boundary changes master list.

Region 3

- HD 300: Rename HD 300 to HD 303.
- <u>HD 301:</u> Boundary change Combine HD 301 with the south portion of HD 311 and a small portion of HD 360. New HD will be named HD 301. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 301, 311 & 360:</u> Boundary change Combine HD 301, the south half of HD 311, and a minor portion of HD 360 into new HD. New HD will be named HD 301.

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Remove Antlerless Elk B License 301-01 (current quota of 50).

- <u>HD 302:</u> Boundary change Combine HD 302 with the eastern portion of HD 328. New HD will be named HD 302. See boundary changes master list.
- HD 304 (new HD): Add standard opportunity for elk harvest; general season BTB/antlerless elk for archery, rifle, muzzleloader and either-sex elk opportunity for youth/pthfy).
- HD 310, 360 & 362: Boundary change- Combine HD 360 and HD 362 (except for a portion of HD 360 that is proposed to be combined with HD 310 and a portion of HD 360 that is proposed to be combined with proposed new HD 3014). New HD will be named 360. See boundary changes master list.
- HD 311 & 333: Boundary change- Remove southern portion of HD 311, add portion of HD 333 east of
 State Highway 359, south of Interstate 90 and west of U. S. Highway 287. New HD will be named
 HD 311. See boundary change master list.
- HD 311, 360 & new HD 304: Boundary change- Combine southern portion of old HD 311 (south of Highway 84) with small portion of HD 360 north of Big Sky. New HD will be named HD 304.
- HD 313: Remove Antlerless Elk Permits 317-00, 313-01, 313-00 (current quotas of 300, 30, and 30, respectively).

Add Antlerless opportunity on general license for archery, general, and late season through Feb 15 (only for portion north of Dome Mountain WMA.

Add Antlerless Elk B license opportunity 313-00 with a license quota of 60 (range 50-100) valid for archery and general seasons. (Only youth 12-15.)

Change season dates for Brow Tined Bull Elk Permit 313-45 to start on deer and elk general season opener. Brow-tined bull opportunity on general license through archery season and all of general season EXCEPT the final 14 days of general season (when the 313-45 elk permit allows harvest) remains unchanged.

- <u>HD 314</u>: Boundary change- Remove "north" and "south" portions of HD. Remove Brow tined Bull only option for South of Big Creek and implement Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless valid in all of HD 314.
- Move the dividing line between "north" and "south" portions from Big Creek, south to Rock Creek.

 Add Antlerless on general license late season (day after general season ends to Feb 15). Not valid on national forest land. (Only valid north of Rock Creek.)

Add new Antlerless Opportunity to Elk B License 314-00 valid Aug 15 to Feb 15 except the 5-day period between archery and general seasons. (Only valid north of Rock Creek. (Aug 15 – day before start of general archery, Valid private land only. Valid all landownerships during archery

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and general seasons. Not valid on National Forest Lands during the late shoulder season from the day after general season ends through 15 February) with a license quota of 1000 (range 25-1000).

- <u>HD 317:</u> Remove Antlerless Elk Permit 317-00 (current quota of 300).

 Add Antlerless on general license valid during late season (day after general season ends to Feb 15).
- <u>HDs 318 & 335:</u> Change Antlerless Elk Permit 394-00 to Elk B License and reduce quota to 300 (range 100-500); holders of Elk B License 394-00 may only harvest one elk within area where License is valid.
- HD 319 & 341: Boundary change- Combine HD 319 and HD 341. New HD will be named HD 319. See boundary changes master list.Adjust minimum quota for 319-00 antlerless from 5 to 50.
- <u>HD 320 & 333:</u> Boundary change- Eliminate the northeast portion of HD 333 east of State Highway 359, south of Interstate 90, and west of U. S. Highway 287. Remove the remainder of HD 333 by combining it with 320. New HD will be named 320. See boundary changes master list.

Add Antlerless Elk B License 320-with a license quota of 200 (range 100-500) valid during general season, archery and muzzleloader. Not valid on Forest Service lands.

- HDs 320, 328, 331 & 332: Remove Antlerless Elk B-License 399-00 (current quota 750).
- HD 321 & HD 334: Boundary change- Combine HD 321 and HD 334. New HD will be named HD 321. See boundary changes master list.Adjust minimum quota for 321-00 antlerless from 25 to 50.
- HD 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, & 330: Boundary change Combine HDs 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 330. New HD will be named HD 322. Portion of HD 323 known as Wall Creek Special Hunt Area would be maintained. See boundary change master list.
- <u>HDs 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, & 330:</u> Eliminate these HDs because they have been combined with HD 322. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 328:</u> Eliminate HD 328 because it is split and combined with HD 302 and HD 329. See boundary changes master list.

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- <u>HD 329 & 328:</u> Combine HD 329 and the western portion of HD 328. New HD name will be HD 329. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 331 & 33-22:</u> Boundary change- Combine HD 331 and HD 332. New HD will be named HD 331. See boundary changes master list.

Remove Antlerless Elk B-License 399-00 (current quota 750).

Add <u>Antierless</u> Elk B License 331-00 with a license quota of 400 (range 100-750) valid during the <u>archery</u>, general, <u>and muzzleloader</u> season.

Allow general elk license to be valid for antierless elk during the general and muzzleloader season on private land only.

- HD 332: Eliminate HD 3322 and all opportunities because it has been combined with HD 331. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 334:</u> Eliminate HD 334 because it has been combined with HD 321. See boundary changes master list
- <u>HD 335:</u> Change Antlerless Elk Permit 394-00 to Elk B License and reduce quota to 300 (range 100-500); holders of Elk B License 394-00 may only harvest one elk within area where License is valid.
- <u>HDs 339 & 343:</u> Change BTB/Antlerless (HD 343) and Spike/Antlerless (HD 339) Elk Permit 396-00 to Antlerless Elk B License 396-00 and reduce the quota to 300 (range 200-600); holders of Elk B License 396-00 may only harvest one elk within area where License is valid.
- <u>HD 340:</u> Add Antlerless Elk B License LPT340-00with a quota of 400 (range 50-500) valid during archery and general seasons.

Remove Brow-tine Bull or Antlerless Elk Permit 340-10 (current quota of 250).

- $\underline{\text{HD 341:}}$ Eliminate HD 341 because it is being combined with HD 319. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 343 and HD 293:</u> Boundary change- Add the eastern portion of HD 293 to HD 343. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 350 & HD 370:</u> Boundary change Combine HD 350 and HD 370. Create "east" portion that is identical to current HD 370 and "west" portion identical to current HD 350. New HD will be named HD 350. See boundary changes master list.

Add Either Sex opportunity on general license for youth 12-15 and PTHFV holders valid during archery and general season district wide.

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West portion of 350—Brow-tined Bull on general license in general season. Offer (350-02) 50 antlerless elk B licenses valid in West portion only (quota range 50-200).

East portion of 350 – Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless on general license in general season. Offer (350-03) 100 antlerless elk B licenses valid in East portion only (quota range 50-200).

HD 310, 360 & 362: Boundary change- Combine HD 360 and HD 362 (except for a portion of HD 360 that is proposed to be combined with HD 310 and a portion of HD 360 that is proposed to be combined with proposed new HD 3014.) New HD will be named 360. See boundary changes master list.

Re-number Elk B Antlerless 398-00 to be 360-00

HD 350: Increase Antlerless Elk B licenses (350-02) to 50 (quota range 50-200).

<u>HD 362:</u> Eliminate HD 362 based on it being combined with HD 360 and HD 310. See boundary changes master list.

HD 370: Increase Antlerless Elk B licenses (370-02) to 100 (quota range 50-200).

-Eliminate HD 370 based on it being combined with HD 350. See boundary changes master list.

HD 380: Boundary change- Add southeast portion of HD 380 between the Missouri River and U.S. Hwy 287 to HD 390. Move the northeast defined South Portion boundary from the Radersburg Road (Crow Creek area) to Indian Creek/West Fork of Indian Creek. See boundary changes master list.

HD 380-00 quota changed from 150 to 250; max quota changed from 400 to 450. HD 380-20 max. quota changed from 700 to 200.

Remove Antierless Elk B License opportunities 380-01 (south portion), 380-02 (north portion) (current quotas are 350 and 250, respectively). Eliminate described north and south portions.

Change general license antlerless opportunity to allow antlerless harvest with a general license during the entire general season off National Forest.

Change 380-20 quota range to 50-200 (was 50-700).

Change 380-00 quota from 150 to 200 (quota range 50-450).

HDs 390, 391, 393: Remove Antlerless Elk B License opportunity 389-00 (unlimited, one per hunter).

HD 390: Add Elk B License 397-00 (unlimited, one/hunter), valid Aug 15 to Feb 15 except the 5-day period between archery and general seasons. (Aug 15 – day before start of general archery, Valid private land only; not valid on National Forest during the remaining time periods; license will also be valid in HDs 309, 311, 312 and 393.)

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Add Antlerless opportunity on general license valid day after general season ends to Feb 15. (Not valid on National Forest during this time period).

Boundary change: Add SE portion of HD 380 between the Missouri River and U.S. Hwy 287 to HD 390.

<u>HD 391:</u> Remove Either-Sex general license opportunity during archery and general seasons for youth 12-15 and PTHFV holders.

Adjust Antlerless Elk B License 391-00 license quota from 125 to 175 (range 50-400). Change limitation from Only valid north of Duck Creek, not valid on National Forest lands to Not valid on National Forest lands.

- <u>HD 392:</u> Remove Either-Sex general license opportunity during archery season for youth 12-15 and PTHFV holders.
- HD 393: Boundary change-Remove HD portion south of Willow Creek.
- General license opportunity includes Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless during the archery and general seasons, valid on all landownerships, and Antlerless elk from the end of the general season until Feb 15 valid off of National Forest. Add Antlerless Elk B License 397-00 (over-the-counter) valid Aug 15 to the day before start of archery on private land only, then valid again the day after general season ends until Feb 15 not valid on National Forest.

Region 4

- <u>HD 401:</u> Add general license opportunity for Either-sex elk during the archery season. Retain Either-sex elk permit 401-20 (current quota of 50) during the general season.
- <u>HD 403:</u> Add general license opportunity for Either-sex during the archery and general seasons. Remove this HD from the Either-Sex elk permit 401-20 (current quota of 50).
- HD 410: Adjust Either-Sex Elk Permit 410-21 quota to 1500 (range 1,000-1,900).
- HD 411: Add antlerless opportunity on the general license from Aug 15 to the day before archery season (private land only), maintain antlerless opportunity on the general for archery and general seasons, add antlerless opportunity on the general from the day after general season ends to Feb 15 (not valid on National Forest lands after the general season).
 Add Elk B Licenses 411-00 and 004-00 to be valid on private land only for the time period of Aug 15 to the day before the start of archery season, maintain current validity for archery and general seasons, add antlerless opportunity beginning the day after general season ends to Feb 15. From the end of the general season to Feb 15, the 004-00 License would not be valid on

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National Forest land; the 411-00 would be. There will be no district split in HD 411 at Red Hill Road.

Increase quota of Either-Sex permit 411-20 from 300 to 450 (range 50-450), license would be valid in HD 411 and 535.

Increase quota of Antlerless Elk B License 411-00 from 800 to 1200 (range 100-1200). Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

- <u>HDs 411 & 412:</u> Add Archery Only Either-Sex permit 411-21 with an unlimited license quota. Valid in HDs 411 and 412.
- <u>HD 412:</u> Remove "dead week" Antlerless opportunities from the general license and the Antlerless Elk B License 004-00.
- <u>HD 412 & 419:</u> Boundary change- Adjust boundary between HD 412 and 419 so the portion of HD 412 south of Hanover Road to Highway 200 would be included in HD 419. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 413 & 432: Boundary change-</u> Combine HD 413 with HD 432. New HD will be named HD 413. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 416 & 454:</u> Boundary change- Combine HD 416 and HD 454. New HD will be named HD 416. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HDs 413, 415, 416, 417, 418, 420, 432, 448, 450, 452, 454:</u> Change general license opportunity from Either-Sex to Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless.
- HD 417 & HD 426: Boundary change- Adjust boundary between HDs 417 and 426 so the portion of HD 426 north and east of PN Bridge Road to Stafford Ferry would be included in HD 417. See boundary changes master list.

Add Archery Only Either-Sex Elk Permit 417-21 with an unlimited license quota. Valid in HDs 417 and 426.

Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

HD 417: Remove Archery Only Either-Sex permit 410-21 (current quota of 1900).
 Remove Antlerless Elk B License 410-01 (current quota of 300). Extend shoulder season for 004-00 and general license from January 15 to February 15. These licenses are only valid south of Knox Ridge Road/D-Y Trail during all seasons.

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Increase 417-20 permits from 225 to 340.

- HD 420: Change Either-Sex Elk Permit 420-20 to be Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless elk Permit.
- <u>HD 421 & 445</u>: Boundary change- Adjust boundary between HD 421 and HD 445 to follow I-15. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 421 & 423:</u> Boundary change- Combine HD 423 with HD 421. New HD will be named HD 421. General elk license will be valid for Either-Sex elk. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 422 & 444</u>: Boundary change- Adjust the east boundary of HD 422 (west boundary of HD 444) to be US Hwy 287. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 426:</u> Increase 426-20 permit from 60 to 90.

 Add Archery Only Either-Sex Elk Permit 417-21 with an unlimited license quota. Valid in HDs 417 and 426
- <u>HD 441:</u> Change general license opportunity within the Bob Marshall Wilderness portion of HD from Either-Sex to Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless
- HD 442 & 450: Boundary change- Adjust the east boundary of HD 442 (west boundary of HD 450) from the Bellview/Battle Creek/Pishkun Canal Road to the US Forest Service Boundary. See boundary changes master list.
- HD 444: Remove general license antlerless opportunity from Aug 15 to day before archery season and from Jan 1 to Feb 15.
 Remove antlerless opportunity on Elk B License 004-00 from Aug 15 to day before archery season and from Jan 1 to Feb 15.
- <u>HD 445 & 455:</u> Boundary change Move the Whitetail Prairie Addition of the Beartooth WMA from HD 445 to HD 455, so the entire Beartooth WMA is in one hunting district (HD 455). See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 445:</u> Adjust dates when Either-Sex elk permit 445-20 is valid; remove archery only dates so that start date is <u>is the third Monday of the general rifle season through the end of the general rifle season and during the heritage muzzleloader season Nov 7 for the 445-20 permit.</u>
- HD 447: Add Archery Only Either-Sex Elk Permit 447-21 with an unlimited license quota.

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HD 450: Remove elk permit 450-20 (current quota of 5). General elk license would become valid for Brow-tined bull/antlerless elk opportunity during archery and general rifle seasons.
Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

<u>HD 455:</u> Add Archery Only Either-Sex Elk permit 455-21 with an <u>unlimited license quota 100 (Range 50–150</u>.

004-00: Region 4 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs excepts HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

Region 5

HDs 515,502,525,540,555,575,580,590 (All R5)

Remove 595-00 Antlerless Elk B License

Remove 900-20 Elk Archery Permit from HD 530, HD 580 south of Sweetgrass Ck., HD 590, HD 511, HD 502, HD 520 south and east of West Fork of Rock Creek, HD570, HD575, HD500.

<u>HD 500 & 570 (new HD 515):</u> Boundary Change – Combine HD 500 and HD 570. New HD will be named HD 515. See boundary changes master list.

Remove 500-20 and 570-20 either-sex elk permits

Add Antlerless opportunity to the general license for Aug 15 to the day before archery season (Only valid on private land) and late season (day after general season to Feb 15).

Add Antierless Elk B License 005-00 valid during Aug 15 to the day before archery season (Only valid on private land), during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15)

Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705. Antlerless Elk B 005-00: Region 5 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs. Valid in all Region 5 HDs excepts HDs 555 and 565 as listed under each HD.

HD 502:

Add Antlerless Elk B License 005-00 valid from Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (only on private land), during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15)

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Antlerless Elk B 005-00: Region 5 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs. Valid in all Region 5 HDs excepts HDs 555 and 565 as listed under each HD.

Add antierless opportunity on the general license from Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (only on private land), during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15)

Change General Elk License opportunity from Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk to Antlerless Elk for archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons.

- <u>HDs 502, 555:</u> Add Either-Sex permit 502-20 with a license quota of 30 (range 5-50) valid during archery and general seasons.
- <u>HDs 502, 535, 555, and 590 and portion of HD701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12, and west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd.:</u> Add archery season only Either-Sex permit 595-21 with an unlimited license quota.
- <u>HD 510, 520 & 560:</u> Boundary change –The northern portion of HD 560 and a portion of 520 will be combined and named HD 525. HD 510 and a portion of 520 will be combined and named 555. The southern portion of HD 560 will be renamed HD 565. See boundary changes master list.
- <u>HD 510 & 520 (proposed to be HD 555):</u> Add Antlerless Elk B License 555-00 with a license quota of 30 (range 5-50) valid archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons.

 Remove antlerless elk B license 520-01
- <u>HDs 502, 555:</u> Add Either-Sex permit 502-20 with a license quota of 30 (range 5-50) valid during archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons.
- <u>HD 511 & 530 (proposed to be HD 535):</u> Boundary Change Combine HD 511 and HD 530. New HD will be named HD 535. See boundary changes master list.

Add antierless opportunity valid on general license from Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (only valid on private land). late season (day after general season to Feb 15) Add either sex opportunity on general license valid during archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons on private land only.

Add Antlerless Elk B License 005-00 valid Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (only valid on private land), during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15)

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Antlerless Elk B 005-00: Region 5 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs. Valid in all Region 5 HDs excepts HDs 555 and 565 as listed under each HD.

Increase quota of Antierless Elk B License 411-00 from 800 to 1200 (range 100-1,200). (Valid in HDs 411 and 535)

Add Antlerless Elk B License 411-00 valid Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (only valid on private land), during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15)

Add Either-Sex Elk Permit 411-20 valid during archery, general, and muzzleloader.

Increase quota of Either-Sex permit 411-20 from 300 to $\frac{450400}{450}$ (range 50- $\frac{450400}{450}$) valid in HDs 411 and 535.

<u>HD 520 & 560 (proposed to be HD 525):</u> Add Either-sex opportunity on general license during archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons.

Remove antlerless elk B licenses 520-00 and 560-00

Add antierless opportunity to the general license for Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (private land only) and late season (day after general season to Feb 15, not valid on National Forest lands)

Add antierless Elk B License 005-00 valid from Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (private land only), during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15, not valid on National Forest lands).

Antlerless Elk B 005-00: Region 5 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs. Valid in all Region 5 HDs excepts HDs 555 and 565 as listed under each HD.

<u>HD 535:</u> Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

<u>HD 540:</u> Add Antlerless B License 005-00 valid Aug15 to the day before archery season begins (private land only) during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15)

Antlerless Elk B 005-00: Region 5 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs. Valid in all Region 5 HDs excepts HDs 555 and 565 as listed under each HD.

Remove Antlerless Elk B License 540-00 (current quota 100).

Add antierless opportunity on general license valid Aug 15 to day before archery season begins (private land only) and late season (day after general season to Feb 15)

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<u>HD 560 (southern portion proposed to be HD 565):</u> Add Either-Sex opportunity on the general license valid during archery season only.

Add Antlered Bull opportunity on general license valid during the general and muzzleloader seasons.

<u>HD 575:</u> Add Either-Sex opportunity on the general license valid during archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons.

Add antlerless opportunity on the general license valid Aug 15 to day before archery season begins (private land only) and late season (day after general season to Feb 15) Add Antlerless Elk B License 005-00 valid Aug 15 to day before archery season begins (private land only) during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15) .

Antlerless Elk B 005-00: Region 5 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs. Valid in all Region 5 HDs excepts HDs 555 and 565 as listed under each HD.

Remove Either-Sex permit 575-20 (current quota of 20).

Unlimited Antierless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

<u>HD 580:</u> Boundary change- Remove HD 580 portion, south of Sweet Grass Creek. See boundary changes master list.

Remove antlerless elk B license 580-00

Remove elk permit 580-20

Add Antlerless Elk B License 005-00 valid Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (private land only) valid during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general season to Feb 15).

Antlerless Elk B 005-00: Region 5 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs. Valid in all Region 5 HDs excepts HDs 555 and 565 as listed under each HD.

Add antierless opportunity on general license from Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (private land only) and late season (day after general season to Feb 15) Add either-sex opportunity on the general license valid during archery, general, and muzzleloader seasons.

Unlimited Antierless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

<u>HD 590:</u> Boundary change- Remove HD 590 portions, "north of Yellowstone River" and "south of Yellowstone River." See boundary changes master list.

Remove either-sex elk permit 590-21

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Increase either sex elk permit 590-20 from 250 to 380.

Add antierless opportunity on general license valid Aug 15 to the day before archery season begins (private land only) and late season (day after general season to Feb 15) Add antierless Elk B License 005-00 valid Aug15 to the day before archery season begins (private land only) valid during archery, general, muzzleloader, and late seasons (day after general

Antlerless Elk B 005-00: Region 5 Elk B Change quota from 6,000 to UNL. Remove June 1 apply by date. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs. Valid in all Region 5 HDs excepts HDs 555 and 565 as listed under each HD.

Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900 00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

Region 6

season to Feb 15).

<u>HD 622 & 630:</u> Boundary change- Adjust boundary between HD 622 and HD 630; add the land between Timber Creek, Burke Ranch Road and Ridge Road to HD 622. See boundary changes master list.

HDs 620, 621, 622:

Change Antlerless Elk Permit 698-00 to Elk B License 698-00 and maintain the quota of 300 (range 100-500).

Increase 620-20 ES permit from 60 to 70

Increase 622-20 ES permit from 50 to 60

Establish a 620-21 ES archery permit quota range at 1,200 – 1,600 (current quota is 1,400 with no quota range)

<u>HD 630, 631 & 632:</u> Boundary change – Combine HDs 630, 631 and 632. New HD will be named HD 630. See boundary changes master list.

HD 630: Remove Antlerless Elk B License 631-00 (current quota 65).

Add Antlerless Elk B License 630-00 with a license quota of 50 (range 1-200).

Remove Either-Sex Elk Permit 631-20 (current quota of 30).

Remove Either-Sex Elk Permit 632-20 (current quota of 10).

Add Either-Sex Elk Permit 630-20 with a license quota of 25 (range 25-75).

Remove Either-Sex Archery Only Permit 631-21 (current quota of 200).

Remove Either-Sex Archery Only Permit 632-21 (current quota of 100).

Add Either-Sex Archery Only Permit 630-21 with a license quota of 200 (range 100-300).

HD 690: Remove Antlerless Elk B-License 699-01 (current quota of 200).

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Increase 690-20 ES permit from 35 to 50, and adjust quota range to 15 - 100 (current range 10-50).

Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705-Increase 690-01 Antlerless Elk B-License from 150 to 300 and adjust quota range to 25 – 600 (current quota range is 25-400)

Region 7

<u>HD 700:</u> Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

HDs 702, 704, 705: Add Either-Sex archery only permit LPT 799-21 with an unlimited license quota. Change quota for 79900-20 from 225 to 340 either sex elk permits.

Unlimited Antlerless Elk B Licenses 900-00 valid on private land during any open season in HDs 260, 411, 417, 426, 450, 515, 535, 575, 580, 590, 690, 700, 702, 704, and 705.

—Add late season for antierless elk in HD 702/704/705 through Feb. 15 on private land. (extend all valid B licenses in Region 7 to be eligible plus the new statewide license as well as a general license for antierless elk only).