

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
HUNTING SEASON / QUOTA CHANGE SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Species: Elk
Region: 4
Hunting District: 446
Year: 2025

1. Describe the proposed season / quotas changes and provide a summary of prior history (i.e., prior history of permits, season types, etc.).

The 2024 F&W Commission-approved Deer, Elk, Antelope (DEA) Regulations brochure contained an inadvertent misprint of season dates that contradicted the season structure adopted for HD446 adopted by the Commission in 2015. The misprint created an overlap of one day for the general and archery season dates. This proposal simply returns the seasons (and rotating dates) to the previously adopted structure. Below are the proposed 2025 season dates.

Specifically, the antlerless elk season dates for the general elk license should be October 20-24, 2025.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply By Date	Quota	Quota Range	Early Season Dates	Archery Season Dates	Season Dates	Muzzleloader Heritage Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
Elk										
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 05	-	Oct 20-Oct 24	-	Dec 01-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest Land or FWP WMAs.
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Sep 06-Oct 19	Oct 25-Nov 30	Dec 13-Dec 21	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 12	UNL	-	Aug 15-Sep 05	Sep 06-Oct 19	Oct 20-Nov 30	-	Dec 01-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

2. What is the objective of this proposed change? This could be a specific harvest amount or resulting population level or number of game damage complaints, etc.

This proposal would correct an inadvertent misprint in the 2024 Regulations.

3. How will the success of this proposal be measured? This could be annual game or harvest surveys, game damage complaints.

Landowners and hunters will continue to abide by accurate Commission-adopted regulations.

4. What is the current population's status in relation to the management objectives? (i.e., state management objectives from management plan if applicable; provide current and prior years of population survey, harvest, or other pertinent information).

Not applicable.

5. Provide information related to any weather/habitat factors, public or private land use or resident and nonresident hunting opportunity that have relevance to this change (i.e., habitat security, hunter access, vegetation surveys, weather index, snow conditions, and temperature / precipitation information).

Not applicable.

6. Briefly describe the contacts you have made with individual sportsmen or landowners, public groups or organizations regarding this proposal and indicate their comments (both pro and con).

Landowners and sportsmen were frustrated by the misprint in the 2024 DEA Regulations.

Submitted by:

Date:

Approved: _____

Regional Supervisor / Date

Disapproved / Modified by: _____
Name / Date

Reason for Modification:

Game – BFW October 23, 2024