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## **STATEWIDE REPORT SURVEYS AND INVENTORY**

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### **STATEWIDE**

#### **Summary**

White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus ochrourus*) are most abundant north of the Salmon River. South of the Salmon River, whitetails are primarily restricted to riparian habitats associated with major river systems. Anecdotal information suggests white-tailed deer have increased in number and distribution in southern Idaho over the last 20 years.

White-tailed deer management is guided by the White-tailed Deer Management Plan – 2005-2014. The state is divided into 7 whitetail data analysis units (DAUs) based on habitat characteristics and whitetail management priority (Fig 1). White-tailed deer generally receive management priority over mule deer in northern Idaho, while mule deer receive priority in southern Idaho.

Beginning in 1975 harvest of mule deer and white-tailed deer was monitored separately. However, hunter effort was not differentiated between mule deer and white-tailed deer hunts. Beginning in 2005, the Department began species-specific monitoring of hunter participation.

During 2010, 57,043 hunters harvested 19,106 white-tailed deer during 352,476 recreation days. By comparison, during 2009, 59,385 hunters harvested 17,983 white-tailed deer during 378,641 recreation days; and in 2008, 68,920 hunters harvested 19,903 white-tailed deer during 424,779 recreation days (Fig 2).

#### **Management Objectives**

The White-tailed Deer Management plan lists the following goals for white-tailed deer management during the period 2005-2014:

- 1) White-tailed deer will be managed for their unique characteristics and important significance as one of Idaho's wildlife resources.
- 2) White-tailed deer populations will be maintained under natural conditions in suitable habitat.
- 3) White-tailed deer populations will be managed to minimize depredation problems and disease occurrence.
- 4) IDFG will not actively encourage expansion of white-tailed deer in southern Idaho. However, whitetails will be managed in suitable habitats in southern Idaho where substantial overlap with mule deer does not occur.

- 5) IDFG will strive to provide a diversity of hunting opportunity including long seasons, concurrent deer and elk hunting, either-sex hunting, and maintaining a reasonable opportunity for mature bucks.
- 6) IDFG will explore opportunities to implement management for higher percentages of mature bucks in some areas.
- 7) IDFG will work with landowners to improve general public hunting access to private land.
- 8) General white-tailed deer hunting seasons will be managed to minimize hunter crowding and maintain flexibility in available hunting locations.
- 9) Private landowners and land management agencies will be encouraged to accommodate habitat requirements for white-tailed deer.
- 10) IDFG will develop a better understanding of white-tailed deer populations throughout Idaho.
- 11) IDFG will improve monitoring for disease in white-tailed deer.

Overall, management direction is geared to provide a minimum of 35,000 hunters with at least 207,000 recreation days, and harvest a minimum of 8,700 white-tailed deer bucks with at least 15% of the buck harvest comprised of five points or more (western count). Individual management goals are established for each of the seven DAUs.

### **Population Monitoring**

White-tailed deer are widely dispersed and occupy a variety of habitats, most of which is comprised of thick vegetative cover making most population enumeration techniques ineffective. The Department has experimented with various techniques including aerial surveys, spot-light counts, and radio telemetry, among others. To date, no single population technique provides reliable and cost-effective measures of population demographics and abundance. However, the Department has been monitoring harvest, index to population abundance and distribution, since 1975. Additionally, species-specific deer hunter participation information has been collected since 2005 and provides additional information on catch-per-unit-effort indices.

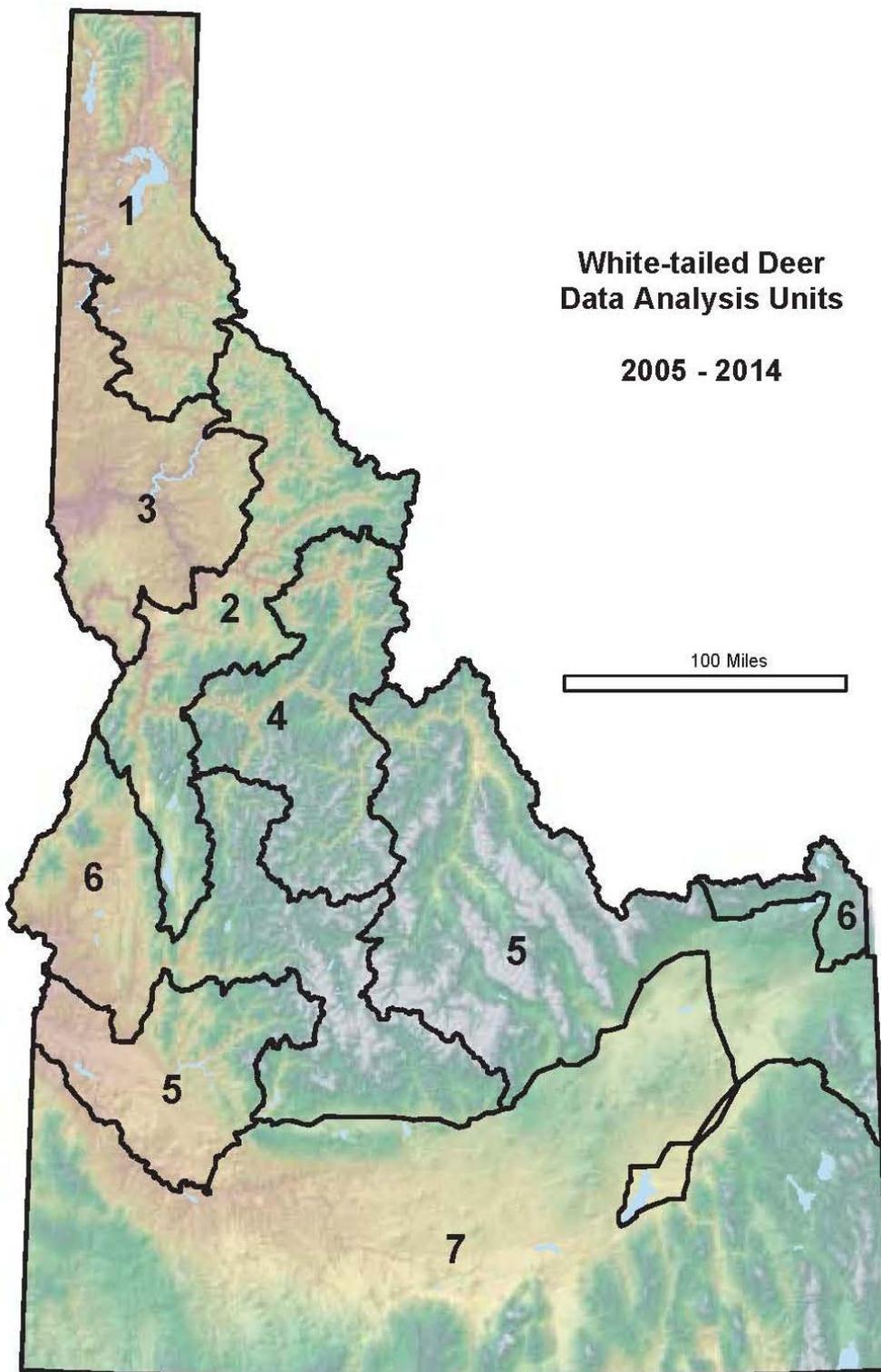
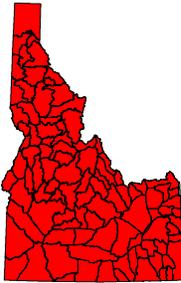


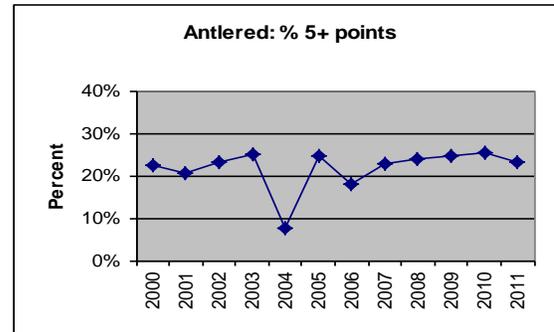
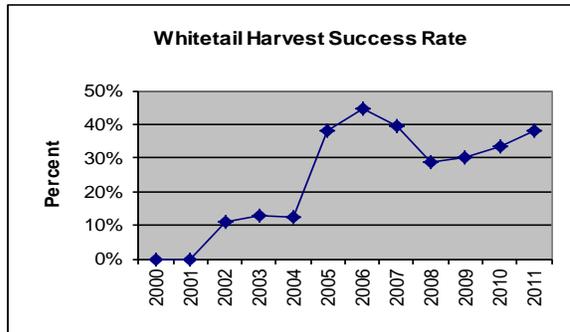
Figure 1. White-tailed deer Data Analysis Units.



## Statewide

All GMUs

<b>3-Year Averages</b>		Hunters per square mile:	0.69
		Harvest per square mile:	0.23
<b>Square Miles:</b>	<b>83,471</b>	Success Rate:	34%
		Hunter-days/Whitetail	19
		Antlered: % 5+ points	24%



Regular Deer Tags		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	NA	144493	120508	125408	24571	25153	24189	31439	26838	24679	24034
Hunter Days		NA	NA	753316	556810	622165	151983	163008	109097	202202	173156	152704	167028
Whitetail Harvest	Total	15296	18346	15224	14837	14445	8425	9494	8875	7950	6644	7056	8590
	Male	10615	12047	10359	10334	10899	5937	6398	6204	5645	5331	5746	5762
	Female	4681	6299	4865	4503	3546	2488	2932	2626	2241	1304	1310	2817
Success Rate		NA	NA	11%	12%	12%	34%	38%	37%	25%	25%	29%	36%
Antlered: % 5+ points		22%	20%	23%	25%	0%	26%	19%	24%	24%	25%	26%	24%
Whitetail Deer Tags		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters							27716	21207	29306	34264	29204	28321	28139
Hunter Days							160918	125271	118879	201341	186820	176896	183603
Harvest	Total						11562	10877	11662	10543	9943	10374	10928
	Male						8241	7713	8548	7823	7311	7902	7759
	Female						3279	2941	3017	2635	2627	2471	3154
Success Rate							42%	51%	40%	31%	34%	37%	39%
Antlered: % 5+ points							27%	20%	22%	25%	25%	26%	24%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits Issued		994	1391	3040	1529	0	3525	2069	2733	3217	3343	3722	3363
Hunter Days				8535	8224	0	14244	11993	13083	21236	18665	22253	21920
Harvest	Total	777	896	1293	976	1275	1337	1258	1649	1410	1396	1648	1534
	Male	491	462	564	151	285	195	153	133	139	338	222	125
	Female	286	434	729	825	990	1142	1105	1516	1271	1058	1426	1409
Success Rate		78%	64%	43%	64%		38%	61%	60%	44%	42%	44%	46%
Antlered: % 5+ points												24%	26%
All Deer Tags		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	NA	147533	122037	125408	55812	48429	56228	68920	59385	56722	55536
Hunter Days		NA	NA	761851	565034	625493	327385	300272	241059	424779	378641	351855	372551
White-tailed Deer Harvest Total	Total	16073	19242	16517	15813	15720	21324	21629	22186	19903	17983	19078	21052
	Male	11106	12509	10923	10485	11184	14373	14264	14885	13607	12980	13870	13646
	Female	4967	6733	5594	5328	4536	6909	6978	7159	6147	4989	5207	7380
Success Rate		NA	NA	11%	13%	13%	38%	45%	39%	29%	30%	34%	38%
Antlered: % 5+ points		22%	20%	23%	25%	8%	25%	18%	23%	24%	25%	25%	23%

Note: Prior to 2005, hunters, hunter days, and success rate include mule deer and white-tailed deer. Starting in 2005, calculations for mule deer and white-tailed deer are separate.

Figure 2. Statewide White-tailed Deer Harvest.

## DATA ANALYSIS UNIT 1 – NORTHERN FOREST

(GMUs 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6)

### Summary

Hunter densities in Data Analysis Unit 1 (DAU 1) are relatively high, success rates are moderate, and the opportunity to harvest a mature buck white-tailed deer is high (Fig 3). The 2011 general hunting season for antlered deer in the Northern Forest opened 10 October for both the Regular and White-tailed Deer Tag and 1 November for antlerless white-tailed deer. General season length varied from 31 to 53 days for antlered deer, and was 31 days for antlerless deer. One hundred extra antlerless tags were added in a portion of Unit 1 in 2011 to take advantage of high deer densities and address complaints from some agricultural landowners.

Ninety-two percent of the hunters who reported taking a deer in the Northern Forest DAU indicated they harvested a white-tailed deer. The harvest success rate in 2011 for hunters indicating they were hunting whitetails was 32%, higher than the three year average of 26%. The management criteria for hunters, hunter-days and buck harvest are well above minimum objectives.

### MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

Harvest under the new management plan was as expected, and management objectives were easily met in this DAU.

Criterion	Minimum	Three-year average
Hunters	14,000	22,553
Hunter-days of recreation	85,000	146,169
Buck harvest	2,700	4,478
%5+ points in the harvest	17%	26%

### Population Monitoring

Personnel from the Panhandle Region have attempted to collect data on white-tailed deer incidentally while conducting past aerial surveys for elk. The results of this effort were not encouraging and the information has not been utilized in management decisions. Personnel from the Panhandle Region have also conducted spot-light surveys in an attempt to evaluate doe:fawn ratios, however, inconsistencies in the results were determined to be unreliable.

### Habitat Monitoring

Habitat in this DAU is nearly ideal for white-tailed deer. The mixture of agricultural crops and coniferous forest stands has resulted in a high-density whitetail population. This land-use pattern is naturally resistant to certain large-scale habitat changes such as large wildfires. Logging activities in some areas of this DAU have improved white-tailed deer habitat. Urban sprawl has decreased available white-tailed deer winter ranges and limited hunter access.

## **Management Plan Goals**

White-tailed deer are substantially more abundant than mule deer in this DAU. Management emphasis is to maintain white-tailed deer populations that support hunting recreation and hunter satisfaction at recent or higher levels. In this DAU, hunters holding either the Regular Deer Tag or the White-tailed Deer Tag may pursue white-tailed deer from 10 October through 1 December.

Successive severe winter during 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 decreased white-tailed deer numbers in this DAU and hunting seasons were shortened to 9 days for antlerless deer during the 2009 and 2010 hunting seasons. A mild winter in 2010-2011 resulted in high deer survival and traditional antlerless harvest seasons were restored (Oct 10-Nov 9 in Unit 4; Nov 1 – Dec 1 in all other units).

### **Weather**

The winter of 2010-2011 was considered a below average winter for most areas of this DAU. There were no indications of significant impacts to white-tailed deer during this period.

### **Habitat Management**

No specific habitat management actions were undertaken for white-tailed deer management in this DAU.

### **Depredation Management**

The primary complaint regarding white-tailed deer was of too many deer in towns or urban areas. Areas at the periphery of Coeur d'Alene and Hayden produced the most calls. During this report period, the city of Fernan Village passed a city ordinance to disallow feeding of deer within city limits. Starting in 2010, extra antlerless tags were offered on the private lands north of Interstate 90 to address this problem.

### **Disease Monitoring**

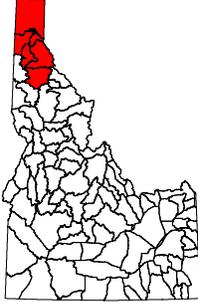
Since 2001, over 250 white-tailed deer have been tested for CWD in this DAU. None have had the disease.

### **Emergency Winter Feeding**

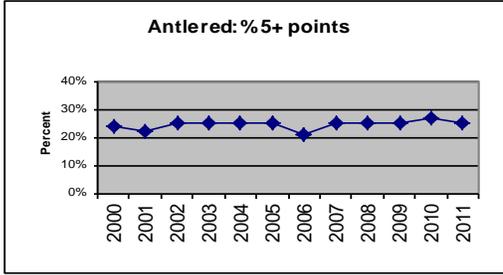
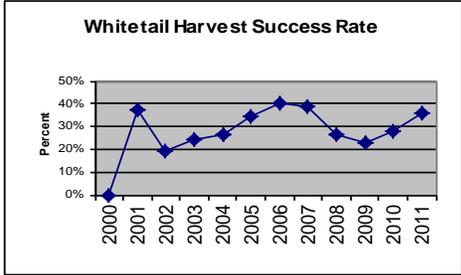
Department sponsored winter feeding was not conducted during this reporting period.

# DAU 1: Northern Forest

GMUs 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 6



<b>3-Year Averages</b>		Hunters per square mile:	3.46
		Harvest per square mile:	0.99
<b>Square Miles:</b>	<b>6,299</b>	Success Rate:	29%
		Hunter-days/Whitetail	23
		Antlered: % 5+ points	26%



<b>Regular Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	16028	22989	20906	17867	16520	17547	16711	22564	20046	17980	17668
Hunter Days		NA	93040	146394	121217	106371	106350	115806	79431	157657	135346	114964	130375
Whitetail Harvest	Total	4778	5961	4478	5123	4765	5683	6879	6332	5922	4665	5035	6424
	Male	3074	3779	3057	3419	3489	4014	4599	4443	4190	3860	4249	4271
	Female	1704	2182	1421	1704	1276	1669	2174	1867	1704	802	787	2152
Whitetail Success Rate		NA	0	19%	25%	27%	34%	39%	38%	26%	23%	28%	36%
Antlered: % 5+ points		24%	22%	25%	25%		29%	20%	26%	25%	25%	27%	26%
<b>Whitetail Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters							4572	3121	3803	4333	3423	2857	3059
Hunter Days							27043	17742	15811	26699	20536	16082	19037
Harvest	Total						1608	1472	1392	1112	757	694	965
	Male						1112	1021	949	743	620	581	623
	Female						454	426	436	353	137	113	333
Whitetail Success Rate							35%	47%	37%	26%	22%	24%	32%
Antlered: % 5+ points							30%	23%	21%	24%	24%	31%	20%
<b>Controlled Hunt Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits Issued		31	35	50	21		52	50		99	56	84	156
Hunter Days			144	407	178		143	210	2488	636	550	648	968
Harvest	Total		9	13	18	7	14	7	11	294	48	32	108
	Male		8	13	18	7	12	7	11	20	11	10	12
	Female		1	0	0	0	2	0	0	274	36	21	30
Success Rate		29%	37%	36%	33%	#DIV/0!	13%	22%	#DIV/0!	48%	57%	50%	69%
Antlered: % 5+ points							57%	55%	15%	44%	50%	73%	26%
<b>All Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	16063	23039	20927	17867	21144	20718	20514	26996	23525	20916	20883
Hunter Days		NA	93184	146801	121395	106371	133536	133758	97730	184992	156432	131696	150380
Whitetail Harvest	Total	4787	5974	4496	5130	4779	7298	8362	8018	7082	5454	5772	7497
	Male	3082	3792	3075	3426	3501	5133	5631	5412	4944	4490	4842	4913
	Female	1705	2182	1421	1704	1278	2123	2600	2577	2093	960	930	2572
Success Rate		NA	0	20%	25%	27%	35%	40%	39%	26%	23%	28%	36%
Antlered: % 5+ points		24%	22%	25%	25%	25%	25%	21%	25%	25%	25%	27%	25%

Note: Prior to 2005, hunters, hunter days, and success rate include mule deer and white-tailed deer. Starting in 2005, calculations for mule deer and white-tailed deer are separate.

Figure 3. White-tailed Deer Data Analysis Unit 1 – Northern Forest.

## **DATA ANALYSIS UNIT 2 – CENTRAL FOREST**

**(GMUs 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24)**

### **Summary**

Most of DAU 2 (Fig 4) consists of coniferous forest habitat with moderate to high road densities. A large percentage of the land in this DAU is under U.S. Forest Service (USFS) ownership. In general, the northern and western portions of the DAU provide good white-tailed deer habitat, while the heavily forested and higher elevation eastern portion supports whitetails at much lower densities. Hunter densities, success rates, and the opportunity to harvest a mature buck white-tailed deer are all moderate. Current general any-weapon deer hunting seasons for antlered whitetails run from 10 October to 20 November (42 days) for most GMUs in this DAU (10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, and 23) and are open for antlerless whitetails either season long (GMUs 10, 12, 15, and 16) or 10-16 October (GMUs 14, 18, and 23) (Appendix A). GMUs 7 and 9 have a 31-day (10 Oct - 9 Nov) season for antlered white-tailed deer and a 9 day season (1 Nov – 9 Nov) for antlerless white-tailed deer. GMU 24 season runs from 10-31 October (27 days) for either-sex white-tailed deer. Additionally, an extra antlerless controlled hunt is held in portions of GMUs 14, 15, 16 and 23 to address crop depredations.

The Clearwater Deer Tag was required to hunt in the majority of the GMUs (all but GMUs 7, 9, 23, and 24) in this DAU between 1998 and 2004. This tag was implemented to address trespass complaints on private property by forcing hunters to choose between hunting mule deer in southern Idaho or whitetails and mule deer in the Clearwater Region. Implementation of the Clearwater Tag resulted in a substantial reduction of trespass complaints.

Starting in 2005, the Clearwater Deer Tag was replaced by the White-tailed Deer Tag. Under this strategy, more flexibility was given to Idaho hunters by relaxing restrictions on the Regular Deer Tag and allowing it to again be used in the Clearwater Region through 3 November and by allowing White-tailed Deer Tag holders to hunt whitetails throughout the state, including the late portion of the whitetail hunt in the Clearwater Region. This change has been met by little resistance from hunters in the Clearwater Region. In GMUs 7 and 9, hunters holding either the Regular Deer Tag or the White-tailed Deer Tag may pursue white-tailed deer from 10 October through 9 November.

### **Management Objectives**

An opinion survey conducted during the development of the 2005-2014 White-tailed Deer Management Plan revealed that hunter satisfaction was high for the number of days of white-tailed deer hunting opportunity offered under existing hunting seasons, the opportunity to harvest a white-tailed deer, and the opportunity to harvest a mature white-tailed deer buck. Therefore, management emphasis will be to maintain white-tailed deer populations that support hunting recreation and hunter satisfaction at recent or higher levels. Additionally, management actions designed to maintain adequate harvest pressure on antlerless whitetails will be a priority in order to address depredation concerns. Objectives for minimum hunter numbers, hunter-days of

recreation, buck harvest, and percent  $\geq 5$  points in the buck harvest were easily met during this reporting period as illustrated in the table below.

Criterion	Minimum	Three-year average
Hunters	5,200	7,657
Hunter-days of recreation	25,500	41,287
Buck harvest	1,500	1,898
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	17%

### **Population Monitoring**

Personnel from the Clearwater Region have attempted to collect sightability data on white-tailed deer incidentally while conducting past elk and mule deer surveys. This data was analyzed with the mule deer sightability model to evaluate if it would provide any useful index to whitetail population status. The results of this effort were not encouraging and the practice has been discontinued. Staff from the Panhandle Region reached a similar conclusion.

### **Habitat Monitoring**

Coniferous forest (primarily under USFS ownership) is the predominant habitat type for this DAU, especially in the eastern portion. Timber harvest, wildfires, and recent prescribed fires (conducted primarily to enhance elk habitat) help provide a mixture of successional stages to the benefit of whitetails. Loss of low-elevation, closed canopy stands important during deep-snow winters is the primary habitat concern in GMUs 7 and 9.

The southern and western portions of the DAU are of mixed ownership with more open rangeland and private property located at lower elevations along the Salmon River and USFS-owned coniferous forest at higher elevations. Noxious weeds, such as yellow starthistle and spotted knapweed, are out-competing native vegetation on lower elevation spring and winter ranges. Additionally, construction of new home-sites has impacted whitetail habitats and limited hunter access.

### **Management Plan Goals**

#### **Habitat Management**

No mapping of whitetail habitats was undertaken during this reporting period.

#### **Depredation Management**

Depredation complaints involving white-tailed deer occur in the privately-owned portions of this DAU. Cash crops that receive damage from whitetails include wheat, barley, oats, peas, lentils, rapeseed, and irrigated alfalfa. Unfenced fruit orchards along the Salmon River also experience damage caused by whitetails. Standard depredation control techniques are employed, beginning with hazing techniques and often culminating with depredation hunts as a last resort.

Additionally, a controlled hunt for extra antlerless deer is conducted in portions of GMUs 14, 15, 16 and 23 as a population control measure.

### **Disease Monitoring**

Although some deer were lost to Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in 2003, this DAU was not impacted as heavily as DAU 3. No outbreaks have been detected since 2003.

A research project overseen by the Wildlife Health Laboratory was conducted during the 2003-2005 field seasons to evaluate the prevalence of *Culicoides spp.* gnats around the Clearwater Region and to perform virus isolation on these gnats.

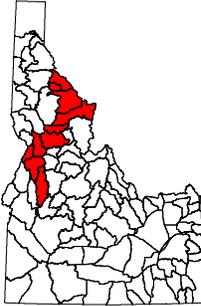
Additionally, a statewide program to monitor for CWD is ongoing. Samples are collected at big game check stations and from road-killed carcasses. To date, no positive samples have been detected in Idaho.

### **Emergency Winter Feeding**

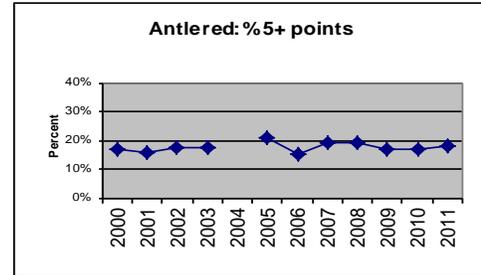
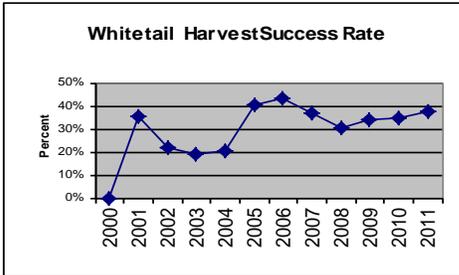
Emergency feeding of white-tailed deer by the Department has not occurred in recent years.

## DAU 2: Central Forest

GMUs 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24



<b>3-Year Averages</b>		Hunters per square mile:	1.10
		Harvest per square mile:	0.39
<b>Square Miles:</b>	6,879	Success Rate:	35%
		Hunter-days/Whitetail	16
		Antlered: % 5+ points	17%



<b>Regular Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	8446	12263	10860	11948	1963	1652	1555	1903	1733	1421	1394
Hunter Days		NA	40746	65091	53927	64521	11448	9806	6321	10302	9226	7996	7257
Whitetail Harvest	Total	2505	2858	2494	1954	2399	539	442	508	380	469	378	394
	Male	1846	2023	1759	1401	1925	366	268	316	225	284	258	230
	Female	659	835	735	553	474	173	161	191	143	183	120	156
Whitetail Success Rate		NA	0	20%	18%	20%	27%	27%	33%	20%	27%	27%	28%
Antlered: % 5+ points		17%	16%	17%	18%		17%	7%	22%	12%	16%	8%	13%
<b>Whitetail Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters							5812	4571	6177	6559	5671	6247	5387
Hunter Days							29839	23600	23090	35009	31202	34022	30402
Harvest	Total						2585	2157	2333	2116	1967	2181	2111
	Male						1843	1605	1846	1635	1510	1763	1619
	Female						742	500	473	462	456	417	487
Whitetail Harvest Success Rate							44%	47%	38%	32%	35%	35%	39%
Antlered: % 5+ points							22%	20%	18%	19%	17%	18%	19%
<b>Controlled Hunt Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits Issued		325	472	761	241		1163	255	281	298	280	283	248
Hunter Days			1706	1910	1026		1403	1466	766	1420	1236	1261	1260
Harvest	Total	267	306	329	144	165	169	184	130	142	157	171	147
	Male	172	196	211	20	54	22	9	7	13	10	17	3
	Female	95	110	118	124	111	147	174	120	126	147	154	144
Success Rate		82%	65%	43%	60%		15%		46%	48%	56%	60%	59%
Antlered: % 5+ points							20%	0%	0%	15%	0%	17%	33%
<b>All Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	8918	13024	11101	12691	8118	6478	8013	8760	7684	7951	7029
Hunter Days		NA	42452	67001	54953	67849	42930	34872	30177	46731	41664	43278	38919
White-tailed Deer Harv Total	Total	2772	3164	2823	2098	2564	3293	2783	2971	2638	2593	2730	2652
	Male	2018	2219	1970	1421	1979	2231	1882	2169	1873	1804	2039	1852
	Female	754	945	853	677	585	1062	835	784	731	786	691	787
Success Rate		NA	0	22%	19%	20%	41%	43%	37%	30%	34%	34%	38%
Antlered: % 5+ points		17%	16%	17%	18%		21%	15%	19%	19%	17%	17%	18%

Note: Prior to 2005, hunters, hunter days, and success rate include mule deer and white-tailed deer. Starting in 2005, calculations for mule deer and white-tailed deer are separate.

Figure 4. White-tailed Deer Data Analysis Unit 2 – Central Forest.

## **DATA ANALYSIS UNIT 3 – NORTHERN AGRICULTURE**

**(GMUs 5, 8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A, 13)**

### **Summary**

Most of DAU 3 (Fig 5) consists of private property (approximately 74%) and is nearly equally split between dryland agriculture and coniferous forest habitats. Hunter densities, success rates, and the opportunity to harvest a mature buck white-tailed deer are amongst the highest in the state. The large private property component of this DAU has led to a number of management challenges including: depredations on agricultural crops, achieving adequate antlerless harvest, and tensions between landowners and sportsmen over access/trespass issues. A significant portion of GMU 5 includes the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, comprised of private and trust properties, some of which require an additional reservation hunting license. Current hunting seasons for white-tailed deer range from a 53-day either-sex season in GMUs 8, 8A, 10A, 11, and 11A (10 Oct-1 Dec), down to a 25-day season for antlered deer (10 Oct-3 Nov) with a 7-day antlerless season (10 Oct-16 Oct) in GMU 13 (Appendix A). Seasons in GMU 5 include a 53-day season for antlered whitetails (10 Oct-1 Dec) and a 9-day (1 Nov-9 Nov) antlerless season. Additionally, controlled hunts for extra antlerless deer are held in GMUs 8, 8A, 10A, and 11A as a population control measure.

The Clearwater Deer Tag was required to hunt in most of the GMUs (all but GMU 5) in this DAU between 1998 and 2004. This tag was implemented to address trespass complaints on private property by forcing hunters to choose between hunting mule deer in southern Idaho or whitetails and mule deer in the Clearwater Region. Implementation of the Clearwater Tag resulted in a substantial reduction of trespass complaints.

The Clearwater Deer Tag was replaced by the White-tailed Deer Tag in 2005. Under this strategy, more flexibility was given to hunters by relaxing restrictions on the Regular Deer Tag by allowing it to again be used in the Clearwater Region through 3 November and by allowing White-tailed Deer Tag holders to hunt whitetails throughout the state, including the late portion of the whitetail hunt in the Clearwater Region. This change has been met by little resistance from hunters in the Clearwater Region. In GMU 5, hunters holding either the Regular Deer Tag or the White-tailed Deer Tag may pursue white-tailed deer from 10 October through 1 December.

### **Management Objectives**

An opinion survey conducted during the development of the 2005-2014 White-tailed Deer Management Plan revealed that hunter satisfaction was high for the number of days of white-tailed deer hunting opportunity offered under existing hunting seasons, the opportunity to harvest a white-tailed deer, and the opportunity to harvest a mature white-tailed deer buck. Therefore, management emphasis will be to maintain white-tailed deer populations that support hunting recreation and hunter satisfaction at recent or higher levels. Additionally, management actions designed to maintain adequate harvest pressure on antlerless whitetails will be a priority in order to address depredation concerns. Objectives for minimum hunter numbers, hunter-days of

recreation, buck harvest, and percent  $\geq 5$  points in the buck harvest were easily met during this reporting period as illustrated in the table below.

Criterion	Minimum	Three-year average
Hunters	12,700	21,813
Hunter-days of recreation	81,000	141,910
Buck harvest	4,300	5,754
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	28%

### **Population Monitoring**

Personnel from the Clearwater Region have attempted to collect sightability data on white-tailed deer incidentally while conducting past elk and mule deer surveys. This data was analyzed with the mule deer sightability model to evaluate if it would provide any useful index to whitetail population status. The results of this effort were not encouraging and the practice has been discontinued. Staff from the Panhandle Region reached a similar conclusion.

### **Habitat Monitoring**

Habitat in this DAU is nearly ideal for white-tailed deer. The mixture of agricultural crops and coniferous forest stands has resulted in a high-density whitetail population. This land-use pattern is naturally resistant to certain large-scale habitat changes such as large wildfires. However, the construction of new home-sites has decreased available white-tailed deer winter ranges and limited hunter access.

### **Management Plan Goals**

#### **Habitat Management**

No mapping of whitetail habitats was undertaken during this reporting period.

#### **Depredation Management**

Depredation complaints involving white-tailed deer are common in this DAU. Cash crops that receive damage from whitetails include wheat, barley, oats, peas, lentils, garbanzo beans, rapeseed, organic vegetables, bluegrass, and hay. Landowners establishing tree plantations, tree farms, and orchards also experience damage by white-tailed deer. The most chronic depredation complaints in this DAU involve whitetail damage to legumes in GMUs 8, 8A, 11, and 11A. These complaints intensify as the legumes near harvest time. Standard depredation control techniques are employed, beginning with hazing techniques and often culminating with depredation hunts as a last resort. Additionally, controlled hunts for extra antlerless deer are conducted in GMUs 8, 8A, 10A, and 11A as a population control measure.

## **Disease Monitoring**

A large-scale Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) outbreak started in the Kamiah area in late July 2003. Previously, EHD had been confirmed only once in the region, when there was a small-scale outbreak near Peck in 2000. The 2003 outbreak ended with a hard frost that interrupted the *Culicoides* spp. gnat life cycle in October. While centered on the Kamiah and Kooskia area, whitetail deaths caused by EHD were observed in lower elevations along the Clearwater, South Fork Clearwater, and Salmon rivers. While actual losses will never be known, localized losses were high (likely 20-80% in some areas). It is likely that several thousand white-tailed deer died. No major outbreaks have been detected since 2003.

A research project overseen by the Wildlife Health Laboratory was conducted during the 2003-2005 field seasons to evaluate the prevalence of *Culicoides* spp. gnats around the Clearwater Region and to perform virus isolation on these gnats.

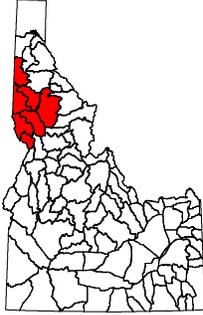
Additionally, a statewide program to monitor for CWD is ongoing. Samples for testing are collected at big game check stations and from road-killed carcasses. To date, no positive samples have been detected in Idaho.

## **Emergency Winter Feeding**

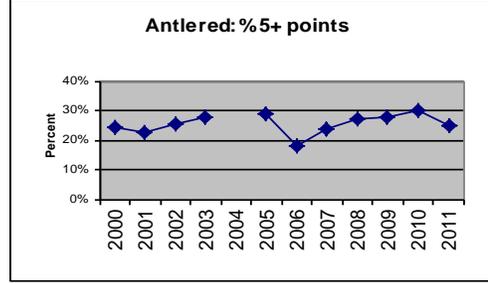
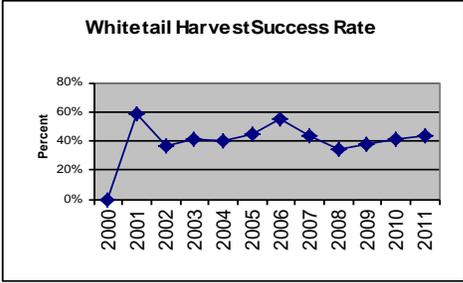
Emergency feeding of white-tailed deer by the Department has not occurred in recent years.

### DAU 3: Northern Agriculture

GMUs 5, 8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A, 13



<b>3-Year Averages</b>		Hunters per square mile:	3.76
		Harvest per square mile:	1.53
<b>Square Miles:</b>	<b>5,698</b>	Success Rate:	41%
		Hunter-days/Whitetail	16
		Antlered: % 5+ points	28%



<b>Regular Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	14252	20727	18240	17133	2799	2801	2954	3412	2939	2751	2743
Hunter Days		NA	82442	128448	106058	104244	16334	16800	12659	19509	18476	17506	18310
Whitetail Harvest	Total	7212	8265	7377	7176	6320	1223	1257	1299	1108	1006	981	1163
	Male	5066	5421	4896	5067	4775	825	821	877	808	789	763	796
	Female	2146	2844	2481	2109	1545	398	419	407	295	216	217	368
Whitetail Harvest Success Rate		NA	1	36%	39%	37%	44%	45%	44%	32%	34%	36%	42%
Antlered: % 5+ points		25%	23%	25%	28%		30%	19%	23%	24%	27%	32%	23%
<b>Whitetail Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters							16042	12190	17298	20583	17641	16858	17071
Hunter Days							97308	75958	71261	124267	118815	112677	115789
Harvest	Total						6983	6790	7311	6755	6586	6806	7138
	Male						5041	4779	5350	5061	4738	5047	4996
	Female						1942	1875	1904	1659	1844	1759	2141
Whitetail Success Rate							44%	56%	42%	33%	37%	40%	42%
Antlered: % 5+ points							29%	20%	24%	28%	28%	30%	26%
<b>Controlled Hunt Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits Issued		638	884	2229	1267		1139	889	1404	1337	1349	1561	1426
Hunter Days			3673	6218	7020		5710	4449	5435	9046	7224	8411	8530
Harvest	Total	501	577	946	825	588	771	724	806	813	753	895	880
	Male	311	253	335	124	84	73	64	40	52	46	65	21
	Female	190	324	611	701	504	698	656	756	757	753	830	859
Success Rate		79%	65%	42%	65%		68%		57%	61%	56%	57%	62%
Antlered: % 5+ points							16%	2%	3%	8%	2%	31%	5%
<b>All Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	15136	22956	19507	17133	19980	15880	21656	25332	21929	21170	21240
Hunter Days		NA	86115	134666	113078	104244	119352	97207	89355	152822	144515	138594	142629
White-tailed Deer Harve Total		7713	8842	8323	8001	6908	8977	8771	9416	8676	8345	8681	9181
	Male	5377	5674	5231	5191	4859	5939	5664	6267	5921	5573	5875	5813
	Female	2336	3168	3092	2810	2049	3038	2950	3067	2711	2813	2806	3368
Success Rate		NA	1	36%	41%	40%	45%	55%	43%	34%	38%	41%	43%
Antlered: % 5+ points		25%	23%	25%	28%		29%	18%	24%	27%	28%	30%	25%

Note: Prior to 2005, hunters, hunter days, and success rate include mule deer and white-tailed deer. Starting in 2005, calculations for mule deer and white-tailed deer are separate.

Figure 5. White-tailed Deer Data Analysis Unit 3 – Northern Agriculture.

## DATA ANALYSIS UNIT 4 – BACKCOUNTRY

(GMUs 16A, 17, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 26, 27)

### Summary

Most of DAU 4 (Fig 6) is classified as wilderness. Land ownership is over 99% USFS. Road densities are extremely low, with most roads acting as peripheral access to the Selway-Bitterroot, Gospel Hump, and Frank Church River-of-No-Return wilderness areas. This low road density contributes to relatively low deer vulnerability in the area. Habitat varies from mesic forest conditions in the Selway River drainage to dry, open pine/grassland habitat in the Salmon River drainage. Hunter densities are low and any-weapon seasons are long in this DAU (Appendix A).

Little quantifiable information exists on present or historic white-tailed deer populations in this DAU. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, white-tailed deer and mule deer were managed as a “single species” with a single, general, either-sex season framework that ran from 15 September to 18 November. In 1997, the bag limit in this DAU south of the Salmon River was changed to bucks-only in response to deer herd (primarily mule deer) declines from the severe winter 1992-1993. The Clearwater Deer Tag was established in 1998 for hunting deer in the Clearwater Region, which affected lands in this DAU north of Salmon River. Further management changes in 2000 included converting general seasons to controlled hunts for deer south of Salmon River during the more vulnerable periods in late October and November. The rugged and remote nature of this area will continue to limit the impacts of humans on white-tailed deer and habitat.

### Management Objectives

Mule deer are more abundant than white-tailed deer in this DAU. Management emphasis will be to maintain the “single species” approach. White-tailed deer populations will be maintained to support hunting recreation and hunter satisfaction at recent or higher levels. The harvest survey system was modified in 2005, in conjunction with adoption of a separate whitetail tag, so that species-specific hunter effort could be quantified. Based on data from the 2008 season, harvest objectives were nearly met or exceeded in DAU 4. However, the prevalence of whitetail hunter effort and harvest may be overestimated in GMUs south of Salmon River where whitetails are extremely rare or nonexistent. Based on data from the 2010 season, the number of hunters and hunter-days were below objective in DAU 4 (See table below). This reduction in hunter participation is a direct result of a decrease in elk and elk hunters in these backcountry units. Most of the deer harvest has historically been of an incidental nature by elk hunters.

Criterion	Minimum	Three-year average
Hunters	700	485
Hunter-days of recreation	3,500	2,800
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	24%

### **Population Monitoring**

Because of the low whitetail density and hunter participation, no population monitoring or modeling is conducted for this DAU.

### **Habitat Monitoring**

Because the area is predominately designated wilderness, very little intentional habitat management occurs. Habitat trend is largely determined by wildfire occurrence and extent. Within occupied whitetail range in this DAU, fires have been sporadic in recent years, affecting relatively small portions of occupied habitat. Perhaps the most significant recent habitat trend in portions of the DAU has been increasing infestations of noxious weeds.

### **Management Plan Goals**

#### **Habitat Management**

The Department has been involved with weed control projects in parts of the DAU, but management actions are limited by wilderness designation as well as logistical considerations.

#### **Depredation Management**

Depredations are not an issue in this wilderness DAU.

#### **Disease Monitoring**

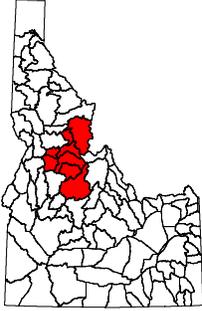
Opportunities for disease monitoring in this DAU are limited by several factors: remote, rugged terrain; low number of whitetails; and the fact that few whole carcasses or even heads are brought out by hunters. Nevertheless, biological samples (primarily for CWD testing) are collected opportunistically at check stations.

#### **Emergency Winter Feeding**

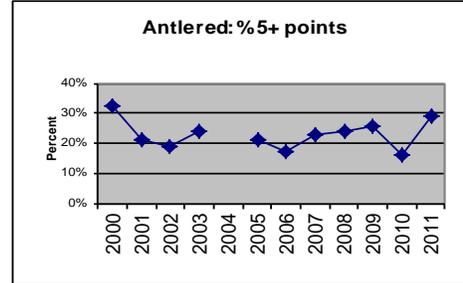
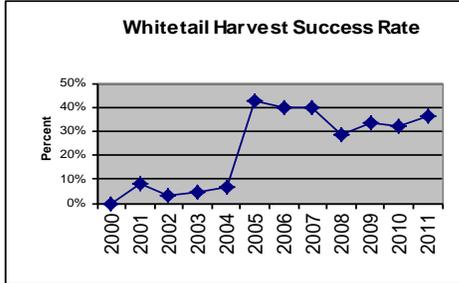
Emergency winter feeding is not a consideration in this wilderness DAU.

## DAU 4: Backcountry

GMUs 16A, 17, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 26, 27



<b>3-Year Averages</b>		Hunters per square mile:	0.08
		Harvest per square mile:	0.03
<b>Square Miles:</b>	<b>5,873</b>	Success Rate:	34%
		Hunter-days/Whitetail	17
		Antlered: % 5+ points	23%



<b>Regular Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	2581	4671	3587	2660	447	460	352	378	225	301	242
Hunter Days		NA	14188	29592	19483	16065	3092	3493	1485	2258	1286	1929	1387
Whitetail Harvest	Total	204	208	144	164	163	196	184	161	105	95	106	100
	Male	158	156	107	125	129	177	161	129	76	66	78	73
	Female	46	52	37	39	34	19	20	32	26	29	28	26
Whitetail Success Rate		NA	0	3%	5%	6%	44%	40%	46%	28%	42%	35%	41%
Antlered: % 5+ points		32%	21%	19%	24%		22%	20%	16%	36%	37%	23%	32%
<b>Whitetail Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters							243	245	274	352	226	221	209
Hunter Days							1397	1543	1218	1937	1348	1260	1082
Harvest	Total						97	85	91	97	54	61	63
	Male						67	43	65	74	43	56	52
	Female						30	41	24	20	11	5	11
Whitetail Harvest Success Rate							40%	35%	33%	28%	24%	28%	30%
Antlered: % 5+ points							22%	12%	38%	11%	9%	5%	25%
<b>Controlled Hunt Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits Issued							14		16	0	8	9	1
Hunter Days							72	13	39	58	56	48	4
Harvest	Total						13	5	12	5	4	3	0
	Male						12	5	12	5	4	2	0
	Female						1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Success Rate							36%		31%		38%	22%	0%
Antlered: % 5+ points							25%	33%	0%	25%	0%	50%	0%
<b>All Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	2581	4671	3587	2660	704	705	642	730	459	531	452
Hunter Days		NA	14188	29592	19483	16065	4561	5049	2742	4253	2690	3237	2473
White-tailed Deer Harvest	Total	204	208	144	164	176	298	281	257	206	152	169	163
	Male	158	156	107	125	141	249	216	199	154	111	136	125
	Female	46	52	37	39	35	49	61	56	46	41	33	37
Success Rate		NA	0	3%	5%	7%	42%	40%	40%	28%	33%	32%	36%
Antlered: % 5+ points		32%	21%	19%	24%		21%	17%	23%	24%	26%	16%	29%

Note: Prior to 2005, hunters, hunter days, and success rate include mule deer and white-tailed deer. Starting in 2005, calculations for mule deer and white-tailed deer are separate.

Figure 6. White-tailed Deer Data Analysis Unit 4 – Backcountry.

## DATA ANALYSIS UNIT 5 – RANGELAND-RIPARIAN HABITAT

(GMUs 21, 21A, 28, 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 36B, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 50, 51  
58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 62, 63A, 64, 65, 67, 68A)

### Summary

Historical accounts for DAU 5 (Fig 7) indicate that white-tailed deer were native to the area. At the turn of the century, white-tailed deer were relatively scarce, most likely over-hunted by early settlers. In 1957, white-tailed deer were apparently reintroduced in the river bottoms of the South Fork and North Fork of the Snake River. Since the early 1980s, white-tailed deer have expanded in distribution and grown in number. They have moved farther up the South Fork and Henrys Fork of the Snake River. Currently, they exist along rivers and creeks and have spread into thick conifer and aspen stands in some areas.

Area residents are reporting that more white-tailed deer inhabit the area. There is no survey data on white-tailed deer and harvest data could be misleading due to inconsistent seasons and an increased popularity of white-tailed deer hunting. It does, however, appear that populations have increased.

Although local hunters were not traditionally white-tailed deer hunters, the sport is gaining popularity. This could be due to restricted mule deer seasons, decreased numbers of mule deer in some areas, and increases in white-tailed deer populations.

White-tailed deer hunter densities are relatively low, success rates are low, and the opportunity to harvest a mature buck is moderate. Past general hunting seasons for white-tailed deer were structured mainly for mule deer. New seasons with the white-tailed deer tag are better suited for hunting white-tailed deer.

### Management Objectives

White-tailed deer are managed in appropriate habitats in this DAU. Buck survival is managed to maintain a range of 10-30% of bucks with  $\geq 5$  antler points per side. In the past, this objective has been met easily for this DAU and was met for this reporting period.

Criterion	Minimum	Three-year average
Hunters	900	4,107
Hunter-days of recreation	4,700	24,803
Buck harvest	ND	656
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	23%

### Population Monitoring

Population monitoring is difficult in the broken habitats found in this DAU. Deer abundance and density are difficult to sample due to the isolated and dispersed habitats and the difficulty of

estimating white-tailed deer numbers. Research activities on white-tailed deer are a low priority in southern Idaho and no work was done during this reporting period.

Only harvest data is currently available for white-tailed deer management in DAU 5. Success rates could be used to index population trend, but the inconsistent seasons and variable weather influence makes interpretation difficult. Antler-point summaries from harvested bucks can be used to index adult buck survival. Spotlight surveys could be conducted in this DAU to assess herd composition but are of low priority. Harvest data and season structure is becoming standardized and will likely produce good information in the future.

### **Habitat Monitoring**

The rangeland-riparian habitat of this DAU does not commonly see dramatic large-scale habitat changes. The area has, however, experienced extensive housing development. In some cases, this development may reduce habitat but may actually increase white-tailed deer use due to habitat changes brought on by the housing developments.

Farming practices have also changed substantially in the last 20 years with a switch to center-pivot irrigation systems that may have reduced habitat effectiveness for white-tailed deer.

### **Management Plan Goals**

White-tailed deer in this area are being managed relative to goals outlined in the current state plan. White-tailed deer are managed with extensive either-sex and/or antlerless-only harvest to reduce depredation occurrence, disease issues, and expansion of populations into mule deer ranges. The new white-tailed deer tag structure has allowed the Department to more effectively manage hunters and harvest. The area has a diversity of white-tailed deer hunting opportunities with long general season structures under two general tag formats, and liberal either-sex general hunting seasons available while maintaining minimum harvest objectives for mature bucks. The wide range of hunting opportunities minimizes hunter crowding and increases flexibility. Improvement of disease monitoring has occurred with multiple CWD collection programs in place for early detection of the disease.

### **Habitat Management**

This DAU can be broadly described as mostly river bottom, with large amounts of agricultural land and some forested aspen and conifer areas. Habitat security is moderate, with patchy vegetative cover and very easy access to most white-tailed deer habitat. White-tailed deer are starting to expand out of riparian areas into forested draws and hills. This is likely due to natural and human-induced habitat changes creating habitats more conducive to white-tailed deer. Little has been done on mapping white-tailed deer habitat in this DAU. The majority of the white-tailed deer habitat is on private lands making habitat conservation and improvement difficult.

## **Depredation Management**

White-tailed deer habitat in this DAU is almost entirely private land. White-tailed deer frequently cause damage to vegetable gardens, orchards, nurseries, haystacks, and field crops. Depredation control is, therefore, an important aspect of managing white-tailed deer in this DAU. In the winter months, a common problem in the area is white-tailed deer frequenting haystacks which results in haystack paneling. The light winter of 2011-2012 resulted in little or no white-tail depredations in the Upper Snake Region

## **Disease Monitoring**

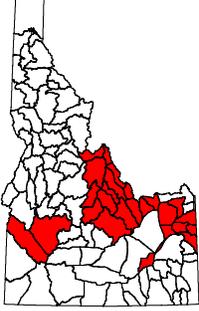
Disease has not been a major issue in this DAU due to relatively low deer densities. Testing for CWD is done on roadkilled deer and on harvested deer at checkstations. At this point, this area does not appear to have high enough densities of white-tailed deer to result in large winterkills or disease die-offs.

## **Emergency Winter Feeding**

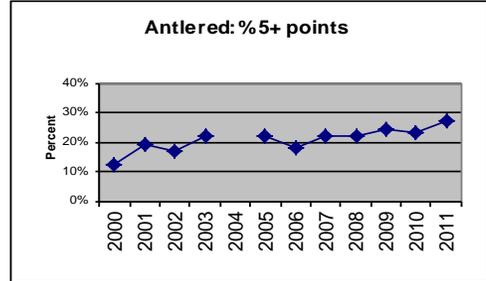
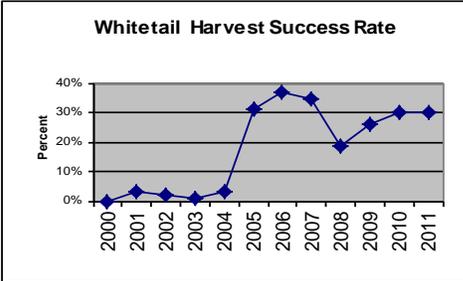
Winter feeding has not been a large issue for white-tailed deer in this DAU. The only place the Department has undertaken emergency winter feeding for white-tailed deer in the area was in the Teton Basin. During winter 2006-2007, white-tailed deer were fed at 3 sites in GMU 62. Winter feeding is discouraged except for when emergency winter feeding criteria are met.

## DAU 5: Rangeland-Riparian Habitat

GMUs 21, 21A, 28, 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 36B, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 50, 51, 58,  
59, 59A, 60, 60A, 62, 63A, 64, 65, 67, 68A



<b>3-Year Averages</b>	Hunters per square mile:	0.21
	Harvest per square mile:	0.06
<b>Square Miles: 17,859</b>	Success Rate:	29%
	Hunter-days/Whitetail	23
	Antlered: % 5+ points	25%



Regular Deer Tags		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	18611	27004	21934	25854	1523	1424	1300	1893	959	1078	936
Hunter Days		NA	74340	123816	88165	119198	8573	10281	4514	7178	4960	5534	5278
Whitetail Harvest	Total	351	618	469	223	455	463	476	392	256	249	326	304
	Male	272	383	358	182	377	313	402	291	222	209	240	259
	Female	79	235	111	41	78	150	65	100	33	39	86	45
Whitetail Success Rate		NA	0	2%	1%	2%	30%	33%	30%	14%	26%	30%	32%
Antlered: % 5+ points		12%	19%	17%	22%		21%	27%	19%	20%	29%	21%	25%
Whitetail Deer Tags		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters							722	755	1258	1706	1647	1559	1695
Hunter Days							3855	4491	5601	9869	12192	9972	12716
Harvest	Total						223	298	433	381	456	482	535
	Male						142	221	304	252	334	365	396
	Female						81	72	114	119	122	118	140
Whitetail Success Rate							31%	39%	34%	22%	28%	31%	32%
Antlered: % 5+ points							24%	18%	25%	24%	21%	24%	27%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits Issued							845	582	760	1483	1201	1289	1128
Hunter Days							5444	4502	3610	7943	7690	9072	8702
Harvest	Total					354	268	243	323	311	276	370	282
	Male					89	56	45	47	39	237	71	54
	Female					265	212	192	271	266	38	298	229
Success Rate							32%	42%	43%	21%	23%	29%	25%
Antlered: % 5+ points							18%	11%	18%	18%	22%	22%	41%
All Deer Tags		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	18611	27004	21934	25854	3090	2761	3318	5082	3807	3926	3759
Hunter Days		NA	74340	123816	88165	119198	17872	19274	13725	24990	24842	24578	26696
White-tailed Deer Harve	Total	351	618	469	223	809	954	1017	1148	948	981	1178	1121
	Male	272	383	358	182	466	511	668	642	513	780	676	709
	Female	79	235	111	41	343	443	329	485	418	199	501	414
Success Rate		NA	0	2%	1%	3%	31%	37%	35%	19%	26%	30%	30%
Antlered: % 5+ points		12%	19%	17%	22%		22%	18%	22%	22%	24%	23%	27%

Note: Prior to 2005, hunters, hunter days, and success rate include mule deer and white-tailed deer. Starting in 2005, calculations for mule deer and white-tailed deer are separate.

Figure 7. White-tailed Deer Data Analysis Unit 5 – Rangeland-Riparian Habitat.

## DATA ANALYSIS UNIT 6 – DRYLAND FOREST

(GMUs 22, 25, 31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 43, 44, 48, 49, 61, 62A)

### Summary

Potential for increasing white-tailed deer populations in DAU 6 (Fig 8) is limited because of habitat and elevation constraints. Mule deer will continue to receive primary management emphasis and white-tailed deer densities and harvest are expected to remain low. The statewide White-tailed Deer Tag was implemented in 2005. October hunting seasons were established for either-sex white-tailed deer in GMUs 22, 25, 31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 43, 61, and 62A (Appendix A). November buck hunting opportunity is allowed in GMUs 61 and 62. Controlled hunts for an extra antlerless deer are used to manage damage to agricultural crops in GMUs 61 and 62. Some white-tailed deer encountered at big game check stations are sampled for CWD testing.

### Management Objectives

Habitat and elevation constraints limit opportunity for increasing white-tailed deer populations in this DAU. In most of the DAU, future increases in white-tailed deer numbers will be associated with riparian habitats along major drainages. Mule deer will continue to receive primary management emphasis and white-tailed deer densities and harvest are expected to remain low.

Criterion	Minimum	Three-year average
Hunters	1,000	1,059
Hunter-days of recreation	2,100	5,030
Hunter harvest	ND	242
%5+ Points in the harvest	10%	10%

### Population Monitoring

Currently, there is no reliable aerial or ground survey technique for estimating white-tailed deer populations.

### Habitat Monitoring

White-tailed deer are distributed along riparian and agricultural habitat associations in this DAU. Some white-tailed deer extend into the drier ponderosa uplands and canyons in this area. Fire, farming, and development all affect white-tailed deer habitat in this DAU, but these changes are not readily tracked.

### Management Plan Goals

Strategies outlined in the 2005-2014 White-tailed Deer Management Plan and pertinent to this DAU are establishing the statewide White-tailed Deer Tag, providing standardized white-tailed deer seasons; exploring additional opportunities to reduce deer numbers in areas sustaining high

agricultural damage; and monitoring diseases in white-tailed deer populations. The statewide White-tailed Deer Tag was implemented in 2005. October hunting seasons were established for either-sex white-tailed deer in GMUs 22, 25, 31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 43, 61, and 62A. November buck hunting opportunity is allowed in GMUs 61 and 62. Controlled hunts for an extra antlerless deer are used to manage damage to agricultural crops in GMUs 61 and 62A. Some white-tailed deer encountered at big game check stations are sampled for CWD testing.

### **Depredation Management**

Although white-tailed deer are considered low in numbers in this DAU, they are often found concentrated around agricultural fields. Damage to crops occurs in some cases. Areas with chronic white-tailed deer depredations are often managed with controlled hunts for an extra antlerless deer. No cases of white-tail deer depredation were reported for GMUs 61 and 61A.

### **Disease Monitoring**

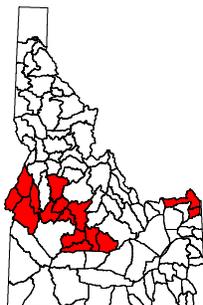
White-tailed deer are monitored for CWD in this DAU. Samples are collected at big game check stations during the Regular Deer Tag any-weapon seasons. To date, no positive samples have been found.

### **Emergency Winter Feeding**

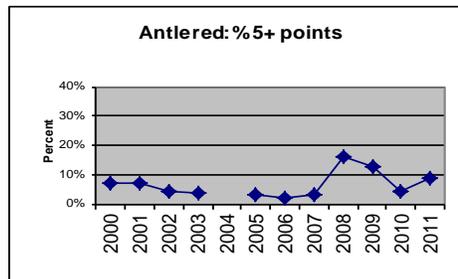
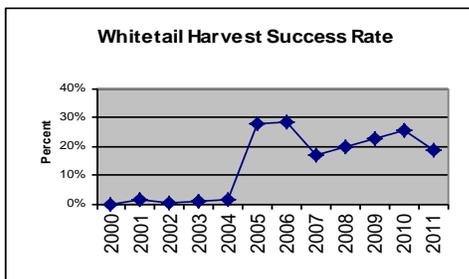
Occasionally, white-tailed deer are fed incidental to feeding implemented in severe winters to prevent catastrophic loss of mule deer.

## DAU 6: Dryland Forest

GMUs: 22, 25, 31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 43, 44, 48, 49, 61, 62A



<b>3-Year Averages</b>		Hunters per square mile:	0.11
		Harvest per square mile:	0.02
<b>Square Miles:</b>	<b>10,609</b>	Success Rate:	22%
		Hunter-days/Whitetail	21
		Antlered: % 5+ points	8%



<b>Regular Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	18855	27569	22673	23844	620	625	596	485	426	550	516
Hunter Days		NA	68894	123201	86755	104676	2884	3707	2130	2453	1776	2181	2128
Whitetail Harvest	Total	131	239	133	130	230	159	153	90	101	84	108	86
	Male	106	165	99	91	123	92	82	67	61	72	68	60
	Female	25	74	34	39	107	67	66	22	29	12	40	25
Whitetail Success Rate		NA	0	0%	1%	1%	26%	24%	15%	21%	20%	20%	12%
Antlered: % 5+ points		7%	7%	4%	4%		3%	3%	2%	7%	3%	3%	12%
<b>Whitetail Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters							231	194	259	459	415	386	496
Hunter Days							983	848	1097	2286	1982	1866	2700
Harvest	Total						50	56	35	61	91	113	92
	Male						26	37	6	40	41	64	62
	Female						24	17	28	19	50	49	29
Whitetail Success Rate							22%	29%	14%	13%	22%	29%	19%
Antlered: % 5+ points							0%	4%	8%	28%	30%	5%	6%
<b>Controlled Hunt Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits Issued							111	84	89	0	201	255	143
Hunter Days							431	300	284	305	902	1338	1008
Harvest	Total						82	57	49	35	25	59	86
	Male						11	16	3	6	7	20	6
	Female						71	41	45	28	18	52	66
Success Rate							51%	58%	39%		29%	34%	24%
Antlered: % 5+ points							7%	0%	0%	31%	15%	5%	0%
<b>All Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	18855	27569	22673	23844	962	903	944	944	1042	1192	1155
Hunter Days		NA	68894	123201	86755	104676	4298	4855	3511	5044	4660	5386	5836
White-tailed Deer Harve Total	Total	131	239	133	130	312	266	258	160	187	234	306	212
	Male	106	165	99	91	134	134	122	79	108	120	151	128
	Female	25	74	34	39	178	132	128	78	66	114	91	83
Success Rate		NA	0	0%	1%	1%	28%	29%	17%	20%	22%	26%	18%
Antlered: % 5+ points		7%	7%	4%	4%		3%	2%	3%	16%	13%	4%	9%

Note: Prior to 2005, hunters, hunter days, and success rate include mule deer and white-tailed deer. Starting in 2005, calculations for mule deer and white-tailed deer are separate.

Figure 8. White-tailed Deer Data Analysis Unit 6 – Dryland Forest.

## DATA ANALYSIS UNIT 7 – SOUTHERN IDAHO

(GMUs 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 66, 66A, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, and 78)

### Summary

White-tailed deer populations in DAU 7 (Fig 9) have historically been low to nonexistent. There are no accounts of white-tailed deer in Osborne Russell’s (1914) “Journal of a Trapper” during the 1800s. White-tailed deer populations remained, for the most part, nonexistent until human settlement, which brought grazing and land clearing for agricultural purposes. These practices provided water and forage suitable for white-tailed deer.

White-tailed deer and mule deer have historically been managed as a “single species.” For the most part, this DAU continues to be managed this way, with the exception of some controlled hunting opportunities specifically for white-tailed deer in the Upper Snake Region.

Area residents are reporting that more white-tailed deer inhabit the area. There is no survey data on white-tailed deer and harvest data could be misleading due to inconsistent seasons and an increased popularity of white-tailed deer hunting. It does, however, appear that populations have increased.

### Management Objectives

Objectives for DAU 7 are to maintain opportunity for a minimum of 800 white-tailed deer hunters, provide a minimum of 1,600 hunter days of recreation, and maintain a minimum of 10% of the male harvest at  $\geq 5$  points.

Criterion	Minimum	Three-year average
Hunters	800	1,017
Hunter-days of recreation	1,600	4,850
Hunter harvest	ND	228
%5+ Points in the harvest	10%	16%

### Population Monitoring

Population monitoring for white-tailed deer has been minimal. There have been some attempts at green-field counts and camera census, but they have proved impractical due to the low density of deer populations. Additionally, white-tailed deer select riparian cover, which occludes deer from the air, making aerial surveys extremely difficult. Most white-tailed deer data comes from field observations and incidentally during deer and elk population surveys.

## **Habitat Monitoring**

Current habitat monitoring focuses on mule deer and elk wintering habitat within DAU 7. Riparian habitat monitoring has been done, to some extent, by land management agencies such as the BLM and USFS to monitor grazing.

## **Management Plan Goals**

Currently, each GMU within DAU 7 provides long seasons and extra opportunity with minimal crowding. While the current season framework does not encourage the expansion of white-tailed deer within this DAU, field observations and harvest indicate white-tailed deer are expanding in some portions of DAU 7.

## **Habitat Management**

Currently, there is no habitat management ongoing within this DAU. However, some mule deer, turkey, and elk habitat projects can have positive impacts on portions of white-tailed deer range.

## **Depredation Management**

There are very few depredation complaints regarding white-tailed deer. GMU 68A in the Southeast Region had a few deer depredation complaints during winter 2005-2006. The complaint was not restricted to white-tailed deer; there were a number of mule deer also. Hazing and depredation panels have been provided and were successful. No depredation hunts have been necessary.

## **Disease Monitoring**

There is currently no disease monitoring program designed specifically for white-tailed deer. White-tailed deer are sampled occasionally at Department checks stations incidental to mule deer and elk sampling.

## **Emergency Winter Feeding**

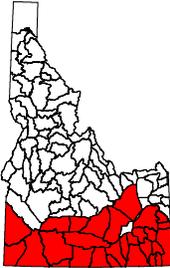
Winter feeding operations have been focused on mule deer and elk within this DAU; there are no white-tailed deer-specific winter feeding operations.

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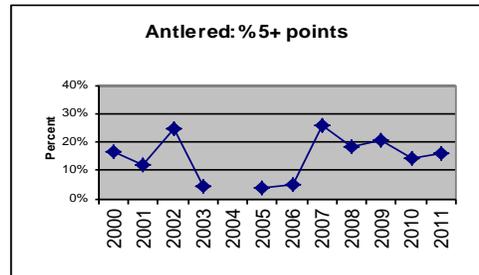
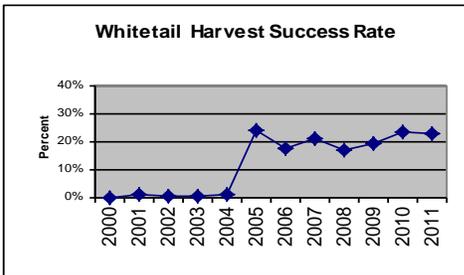
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## DAU 7: Southern Idaho

GMUs: 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 66, 66A, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78



<b>3-Year Averages</b>		Hunters per square mile:	0.03
		Harvest per square mile:	0.01
<b>Square Miles:</b>	30,255	Success Rate:	22%
		Hunter-days/Whitetail	22
		Antlered: % 5+ points	16%



<b>Regular Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	20365	29270	22308	26102	699	644	721	804	510	598	535
Hunter Days		NA	76088	136774	81205	107090	3302	3115	2557	2845	2086	2594	2293
Whitetail Harvest	Total	115	197	129	67	113	162	103	93	78	76	122	119
	Male	93	120	83	49	81	150	65	81	63	51	90	73
	Female	22	77	46	18	32	12	27	7	11	23	32	45
Whitetail Success Rate		NA	0	0%	0%	0%	23%	16%	13%	10%	15%	20%	22%
Antlered: % 5+ points		16%	12%	25%	4%		3%	6%	25%	23%	25%	16%	8%
<b>Whitetail Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters							94	131	237	272	181	193	222
Hunter Days							493	1089	801	1274	745	1017	1877
Harvest	Total						16	19	67	21	32	37	24
	Male						10	7	28	18	25	26	11
	Female						6	10	38	3	7	10	13
Whitetail Success Rate							17%	15%	28%	8%	18%	19%	11%
Antlered: % 5+ points							0%	11%	34%	17%	32%	8%	64%
<b>Controlled Hunt Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Permits Issued							201	209	183	0	248	241	261
Hunter Days							1041	1053	461	1828	1007	1475	1448
Harvest	Total						59	60	49	75	83	72	83
	Male						23	16	9	8	13	26	35
	Female						36	44	38	67	68	46	48
Success Rate							30%	23%	41%		29%	34%	33%
Antlered: % 5+ points							17%	0%	25%	0%	0%	13%	18%
<b>All Deer Tags</b>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hunters		NA	20365	29270	22308	26102	994	984	1141	1076	939	1032	1018
Hunter Days		NA	76088	136774	81205	107090	4836	5257	3819	5947	3838	5086	5618
White-tailed Deer Harve Total	Total	115	197	129	67	172	238	171	235	182	180	242	229
	Male	93	120	83	49	104	176	81	117	94	102	151	106
	Female	22	77	46	18	68	62	75	112	82	76	91	119
Success Rate		NA	0	0%	0%	1%	24%	17%	21%	17%	19%	23%	22%
Antlered: % 5+ points		16%	12%	25%	4%		4%	5%	26%	18%	21%	14%	16%

Note: Prior to 2005, hunters, hunter days, and success rate include mule deer and white-tailed deer. Starting in 2005, calculations for mule deer and white-tailed deer are separate.

Figure 9. White-tailed Deer Data Analysis Unit 7—Southern Idaho.

**APPENDIX A**  
**IDAHO**  
**2011 SEASON**  
**WHITE-TAILED DEER RULES**

# Idaho Big Game Seasons and Rules 2011



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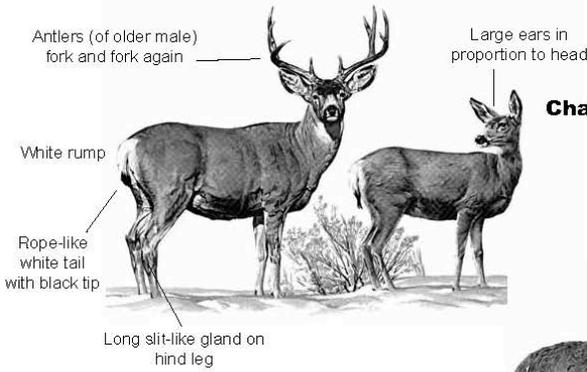
**Deer, Elk, Pronghorn**  
August 2011 - February 2012  
**Black Bears, Mountain Lions**  
August 2011 - July 2012

Including Controlled Hunts for  
Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, and Black Bears



**DEER**

**Characteristics of a mule deer**



**CAUTION!**  
Antlers on yearling buck white-tailed and mule deer may look similar.

**Characteristics of a white-tailed deer**

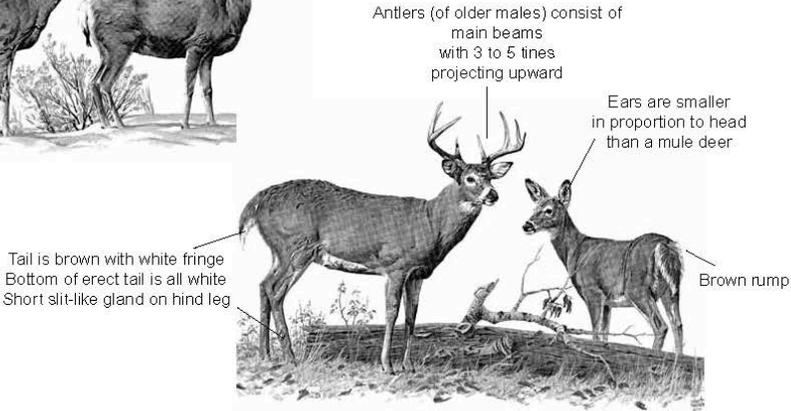


Illustration by Robert Neaves courtesy of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**Definitions**

- Antlered** — A deer with an antler or antlers at least 3 inches in length.
- Antlerless** — A deer without antlers or with antlers less than 3 inches in length.

2011 Regular Deer Tag General Any-Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
1	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	Nov 1 - Dec 1 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
	Nov 1 - Dec 1		
2, 3, 4A, 5, 6	Oct 10 - Nov 9	Nov 1 - Dec 1 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	<i>See note 1, Page 13</i>
	Nov 10 - Dec 1 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>		
4, 7, 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
8, 8A, 10, 10A, 12, 15, 16	Oct 10 - Nov 3	Oct 10 - Nov 3	
11, 11A	Oct 10 - Nov 3 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	Oct 10 - Nov 3 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
13, 14, 18	Oct 10 - Nov 3 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	Oct 10 - Oct 16 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	<i>Unit 13 has limited access</i>
16A, 17, 19, 20	Sep 15 - Nov 18	Sep 15 - Nov 18	
19A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	
20A, 26, 27	Sep 15 - Oct 31	None	

continued

2011 Regular Deer Tag General Any-Weapon Seasons - continued			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
21, 21A, 28, 29, 30, 36, 36A, 36B, 37, 37A	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only, Private land only)	See note 3, Page 11, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 29, 30, 36A, 37 & 37A, See Page 70
22	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (2-point deer only)	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	
23, 24, 25	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	See note 1, Page 11
30A	None	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only, Private land only)	Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
31, 32, 32A	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	See notes 2 & 3, Page 11, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 32 & 32A, See Page 70
33, 34, 35	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	
39	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
40, 41	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (2-point deer only)	Oct 10 - Nov 24 (Youth hunt only, Only in a small portion of these units. Very limited access.)	Youth Hunt Area Restrictions: Only a small portion of Units 40 & 41 is open for harvest of antlerless deer, See notes 2, 3 & 6, Page 11, Antlerless hunt is Youth only.
42	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (2-point deer only)	None	
43	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
46	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	See notes 2 and 3, Page 11
48, 49	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Unit 49, See Page 70
50, 51, 56, 58, 59, 59A	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
52A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
60, 61, 62, 62A, 64, 65	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	See note 3, Page 11
60A	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	See note 4, Page 11
66, 69	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
67	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	See note 5, Page 11
66A, 68, 71, 72, 73A, 74, 76	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	Mandatory check required for antlerless deer in Unit 71, See note 7, Page 11, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 66A & 76, See Page 70
70, 78	None	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	Mandatory check required for antlerless deer in Unit 70, See note 7, Page 11, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70

<b>2011 Regular Deer Tag General Any-Weapon Seasons - continued</b>			
<b>Unit(s)</b>	<b>Antlered</b>	<b>Antlerless</b>	<b>Notes</b>
73	None	Oct 10 - Oct 16 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
75, 77	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>

**Notes:**

- Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 24 within the following boundary: Beginning in McCall at the junction of State Highway 55 and Boydston Street, then south on Boydston Street to West Valley Road, then west and south along West Valley Road and West Mountain Road to Cabarton Road, then north on Cabarton Road to State Highway 55, then north on State Highway 55 to Farm-To-Market Road, then north on Farm-To-Market Road to Elo Road, then west on Elo Road to State Highway 55, then north on State Highway 55 to the point of beginning.
- Short-range weapons **only** on the islands in the Snake River.
- Short-range weapons **only** on C.J. Strike, Chester Wetlands, and Montour Wildlife Management Areas, and Pahsimeroi Access Area.
- Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 60A south and east of the North (Henrys) Fork Snake River, and that portion within 1 mile north and west of the North Fork Snake River.
- Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 67 south and west of State Highway 26.
- Youth Hunt Area: Only that portion of Units 40 and 41 within the following boundary are open to youth antlerless hunting - starting at the Oregon border on the Snake River then upstream to the C.J. Strike Dam Road then south on C.J. Strike Dam Road to Highway 78 at Rim Rock High School, then east on Highway 78 to Highway 51, then south on Highway 51 to the Shoofly Cut-off Road, including the cultivated lands that lie within 2.5 miles south of the Shoofly Cutoff Road and 3.5 miles west of Highway 51, then west on the Shoofly Cut-off Road to the Mudflat Road, then north on the Mudflat Road to Highway 78, continue west on Highway 78 to the powerline that crosses the Snake River about 3 miles south of the Walter's Ferry Bridge at the 22.5 mile marker, then west along the powerline to the Oregon border, then north along the Oregon border to the Snake River, the point of beginning; and on cultivated fields in that portion of Unit 40 no more than 5 miles south or west of Highway 78. Map available at Southwest Region office and the Fish and Game website at: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntplanner>.
- Antlerless deer taken during the youth general hunt in Unit 70 and Unit 71 are required to be checked by Idaho Fish and Game. Deer may be checked at the Pocatello Regional Office (weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or at the Inkom Check station (8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Oct 15, 16, 22, and 23) located at the Port of Entry weigh station. The entire unskinned carcass shall be presented for the mandatory check. We are beginning a new project looking at mule deer in the Southeast region. Information collected from this check will be used to better manage mule deer for the future.

<b>2011 Regular Deer Tag General Archery-Only Seasons Archery Permit Required</b>			
<b>Unit(s)</b>	<b>Antlered</b>	<b>Antlerless</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 9	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
	Dec 10 - Dec 24	Dec 10 - Dec 24 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
2	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	<i>See note 1, Page 13</i>
	Nov 1 - Dec 1	Nov 1 - Dec 1 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	<i>See note 2, Page 13</i>
	Dec 10 - Dec 24	Dec 10 - Dec 24 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	<i>See note 1, Page 13</i>

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<b>2011 Regular Deer Tag General Archery-Only Seasons Archery Permit Required - continued</b>			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11A, 12, 15, 19A, 21, 21A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
22	Aug 30 - Sep 30 <i>(2-point deer only)</i>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
23, 24, 25, 36, 36B	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
28	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	
29, 30, 30A, 32, 32A, 36A, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
31, 33, 34, 35	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
38	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>See note 3, Page 13</i>
39	Nov 10 - Nov 30	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>See note 4, Page 13, Part of unit closed</i>
40, 41, 42	Aug 30 - Sep 30 <i>(2-point deer only)</i>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
43, 46, 52A, 54	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 59A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 47, 49, 50, 51, 56, 58, 59 and 59A, See Page 70</i>
55	Nov 25 - Dec 19	Nov 25 - Dec 19	
60, 60A, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 66 &amp; 69, See Page 70</i>
	Nov 1 - Dec 19 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	Nov 1 - Dec 19 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
61, 62A, 63A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
63	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
	Nov 1 - Dec 19	Nov 1 - Dec 19	
66A, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 66A, 70, 73, 75, 76, 77 &amp; 78, See Page 70</i>

<b>2011 Regular Deer Tag General Muzzleloader-Only Seasons Muzzleloader Permit Required</b>			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
4, 7, 9	Nov 20 - Dec 1	Nov 20 - Dec 1 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
39	None	Sep 8 - Sep 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>



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2011 Regular Deer Tag General Deer Short-Range-Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
38	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Very limited access, See note 3, Page 13</i>
45	Oct 10 - Nov 6	Oct 10 - Nov 6	<i>See note 5, Page 13, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
53	Oct 10 - Nov 6	Oct 10 - Nov 6	<i>See note 6, Page 13, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
63	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	

**Notes:**

1. Farragut State Park and Farragut Wildlife Management Area are **closed**.
2. Farragut State Park and Farragut Wildlife Management Area **only**.
3. That portion of Unit 38 within the Lake Lowell Sector of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge is **closed**.
4. **Area Closure:** That portion of Unit 39 within Ada County, **and** that portion of Unit 39 within the following boundary: Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 21 and the Middle Fork Boise River Road (Forest Road 268), east on Forest Road 268 to Cottonwood Creek-Thorn Creek Road (Forest Road 377), to South Fork of Thorn Creek to confluence of Thorn Creek, north and west on Thorn Creek to the confluence with Mores Creek, south and west along the center of Mores Creek including in the Mores Creek arm of Lucky Peak Reservoir to Highway 21 to the point of beginning is **closed**.
5. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 45 south of Interstate 84 and east of the Bliss Bridge. The rest of Unit 45 is controlled hunt only.
6. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 53 west of U. S. Highway 93. Archery only east of U.S. Highway 93.

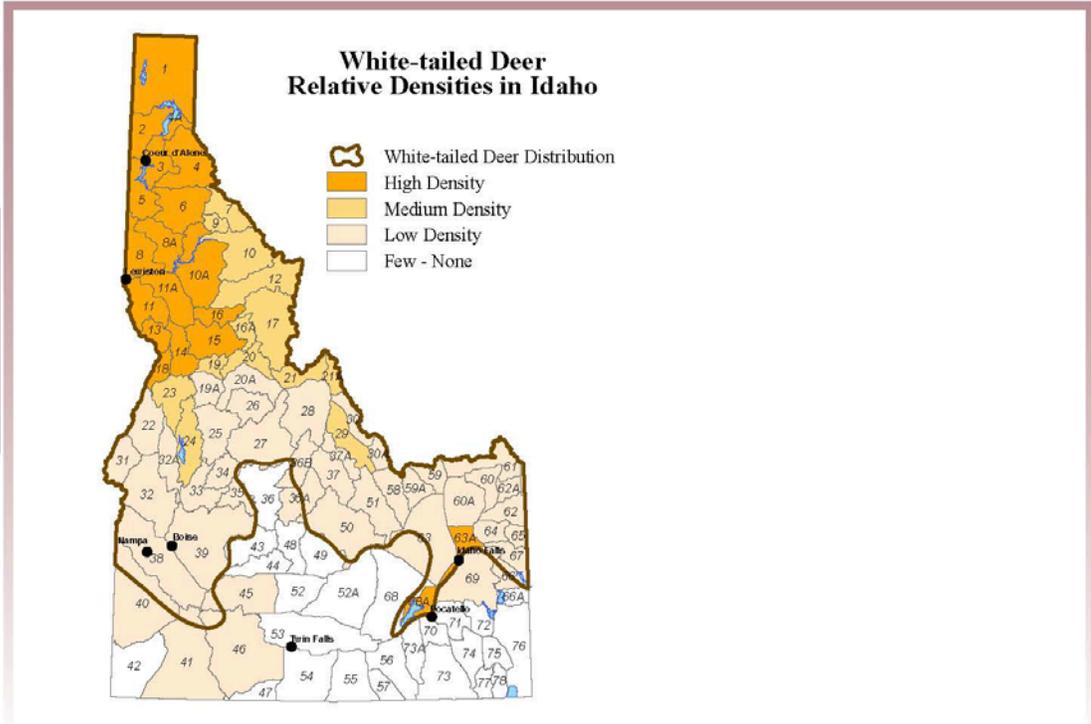
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**WHITE-TAILED DEER**



2011 White-tailed Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, 6	Oct 10 - Dec 1	Nov 1 - Dec 1	See note 1, Page 15
4, 7, 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9	
8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A	Oct 10 - Dec 1	Oct 10 - Dec 1	
10, 12, 15, 16	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Nov 20	
13	Oct 10 - Nov 3	Oct 10 - Oct 16	Very limited access
14, 18	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Oct 16	
16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, 27	Sep 15 - Nov 18	Sep 15 - Nov 18	
19A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
21, 21A, 28, 36B	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only, Private land only)	Very limited access
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only, Private land only)	Very limited access, See note 2, Page 15, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
22, 25	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
23	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Oct 16	
24	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 3, Page 15
31, 32, 32A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See notes 2 & 4 Page 15, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 32 & 32A, See Page 70
33, 34, 35	Oct 10 - Nov 8	Oct 10 - Nov 8	

2011 White-tailed Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
39, 43	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
38	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Nov 24	See note 5, Page 15
40, 41	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (2-point deer only)	Oct 10 - Nov 24 (Youth hunt only. Only in a small portion of these units. Very limited access.)	Youth Hunt Area Restrictions: See notes 2, 4 & 6, Page 15. Only a small portion of Units 40 & 41 are open for harvest of antlerless deer. Antlerless hunt is Youth only.
46	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	See notes 2 & 4, Page 15
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
	Nov 10 - Dec 9	Nov 10 - Dec 9	
60, 62, 64, 65	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 2, Page 15
60A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 7, Page 15
61, 62A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
	Nov 10 - Dec 9	Nov 10 - Dec 9	
66, 69	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
67	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 8, Page 15

WHITETAILED DEER

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3. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 24 within the following boundary: Beginning in McCall at the junction of State Highway 55 and Boydston Street, then south on Boydston Street to West Valley Road, then west and south along West Valley Road and West Mountain Road to Cabarton Road, then north on Cabarton Road to State Highway 55, then north on State Highway 55 to Farm-To-Market Road, then north on Farm-To-Market Road to Elo Road, then west on Elo Road to State Highway 55, then north on State Highway 55 to the point of beginning.
4. Short-range weapons **only** on the islands in the Snake River.
5. Short-range weapons **only**. **Except** that portion of Unit 38 within the Lake Lowell Sector of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge is **closed**.
6. Youth Hunt Area: Only that portion of Units 40 and 41 within the following boundary are open to youth antlerless hunting - starting at the Oregon border on the Snake River then upstream to the C.J. Strike Dam Road then south on C.J. Strike Dam Road to Highway 78 at Rim Rock High School, then east on Highway 78 to Highway 51, then south on Highway 51 to the Shoofly Cut-off Road, including the cultivated lands that lie within 2.5 miles south of the Shoofly Cutoff Road and 3.5 miles west of Highway 51, then west on the Shoofly Cut-off Road to the Mudflat Road, then north on the Mudflat Road to Highway 78, continue west on Highway 78 to the powerline that crosses the Snake River about 3 miles south of the Walter's Ferry Bridge at the 22.5 mile marker, then west along the powerline to the Oregon border, then north along the Oregon border to the Snake River, the point of beginning; **and** on cultivated fields in that portion of Unit 40 no more than 5 miles south or west of Highway 78. Map available at Southwest Region office and the Fish and Game website at: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntplanner>.
7. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 60A south and east of the North (Henrys) Fork Snake River, and that portion within 1 mile north and west of the North Fork Snake River.
8. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 67 south and west of State Highway 26.

2011 White-tailed Deer Tag General Archery-Only Seasons Archery Permit Required			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
1, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 9	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
	Dec 10 - Dec 24	Dec 10 - Dec 24	
2	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>See note 1, Page 16</i>
	Nov 1 - Dec 1	Nov 1 - Dec 1	<i>See note 2, Page 16</i>
	Dec 10 - Dec 24	Dec 10 - Dec 24	<i>See note 1, Page 16</i>
8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11A, 12, 19A, 22, 23, 24, 25	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
15	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
	Dec 5 - Dec 20	Dec 5 - Dec 20	
21, 21A, 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 36B, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Very limited access, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37 &amp; 37A, See Page 70</i>
28	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	<i>Very limited access</i>
31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 32 &amp; 32A, See Page 70</i>
38	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>See note 3, Page 16</i>
39	Nov 10 - Nov 30	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>See note 4, Page 16, Part of unit closed</i>
40, 41	Aug 30 - Sep 30 (2-point deer only)	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
43, 46	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
60, 60A, 62, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 66 &amp; 69, See Page 70</i>
	Nov 1 - Dec 19	Nov 1 - Dec 19	
61, 62A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	

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2011 White-tailed Deer Tag General Muzzleloader-Only Seasons Muzzleloader Permit Required			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
4, 7, 9	Nov 20 - Dec 1	Nov 20 - Dec 1	
8A	None	Dec 2 - Dec 14	<i>See note 1, Page 17</i>
10A	None	Dec 2 - Dec 14	
16	Nov 21 - Dec 9	Nov 21 - Dec 9	

2011 White-tailed Deer Tag Short-Range-Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
21, 21A, 28, 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 36B, 37, 37A	Nov 10 - Dec 9	Nov 10 - Dec 9	<i>Very limited access, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37 &amp; 37A, See Page 70</i>
24	Nov 1 - Nov 20	None	
63	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	
63A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	

**Notes:**

- Hunt Area 8A: That portion of Unit 8A east of State Highway 6 and State Highway 9 and north of the following line: Beginning at the boundary of Unit 8A at its junction with State Highway 8 at Deary, then east on Highway 8 to Forest Service Road 1963 at Helmer, then south and east on Forest Service Road 1963 to Long Meadow Creek, then southeast on Long Meadow Creek to Dworshak Reservoir, then east along the shoreline of Dworshak Reservoir to the Unit 8A boundary at Dent Bridge.



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## Deer Controlled Hunts

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions please see pages 73-76.

**Hunters: Please check Controlled Hunt Area descriptions on pages 25-26. Hunt Areas may change annually.**

<b>2011 Controlled Deer Hunts (14,352 Tags Plus Unlimited Tags)</b> <b>Antlered Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1001	1* (see pg 25)	55	Aug 30- Dec 1	
1002	11	74	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1003	11	35	Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1004	11A	63	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only, Very limited access</i>
1005	13	200	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only, See note 1, Page 23</i>
1006	14	180	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1007	18	120	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1008	19A	10	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1009	20A	Unlimited	Nov 1 - Nov 18	
1010	22	60	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1011	23	25	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1012	25	10	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1013	26	Unlimited	Nov 1 - Nov 18	
1014	27	Unlimited	Nov 1 - Nov 18	<i>3-point or larger deer only</i>
1015	30A	30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1016	31	30	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1017	32	40	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>See note 3, Page 23, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1018	32A	30	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1019	36A	Unlimited	Oct 26 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1020	39-1	199	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
1021	40	195	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1022	41	100	Nov 1 - Nov 24	<i>See note 3, Page 23</i>
1023	42	74	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1024	44-1	225	Sep 15 - Oct 31	
1025	45	75	Oct 15 - Oct 31	<i>See note 3, Page 23, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1026	47-1	90	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1027	47-2* (see pg 26)	10	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Unit 47, See Page 70</i>
1028	48	10	Nov 10 - Nov 24	
1029	49	10	Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1030	50	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Portion of Unit only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1031	52	75	Oct 15 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1032	54	500	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1033	54	20	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
1034	55	25	Aug 15 - Sep 24	
1035	55	375	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1036	57	109	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1037	57	10	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
1038	58* (see pg 26)	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1039	60-1* (see pg 26)	50	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>See note 3, Page 23</i>

**CONTROLLED  
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\* See controlled hunt area descriptions. This hunt includes other units or parts of other units.

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**For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 73-76.**

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 <b>2011 Controlled Deer Hunts Antlered Deer - continued</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1040	62	30	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1041	66	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1042	67	40	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1043	69	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1044	70	175	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1045	73	Unlimited	Oct 10 - Oct 16	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1046	78	200	Aug 30-Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>

**CONTROLLED DEER**

 <b>2011 Controlled Hunts Antlerless Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1047	22	350	Oct 10 - Oct 24	
1048	28	30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	<i>Portion of unit only, See Page 25</i>
1049	31	350	Oct 10 - Oct 24	
1050	32	450	Oct 10 - Oct 24	<i>See note 3, Page 23, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1051	32A	450	Oct 10 - Oct 24	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1052	39-1	1000	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1053	43	250	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1054	44-1	250	Oct 10 - Nov 9	
1055	45	250	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>See note 3, Page 23, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1056	48	50	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1057	49	50	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1058	52	100	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1059	54	100	Nov 1 - Nov 14	
1060	55	100	Nov 1 - Nov 14	
1061	56	100	Nov 15- Nov 30	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1062	60-1* (see pg 26)	50	Nov 1 - Nov 30	<i>See note 3, Page 23</i>

 <b>2011 Controlled Hunts Either Sex Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1063	60-2* (see pg 26)	400	Oct 5 - Nov 17	<i>See note 3, Page 23</i>
1064	62	100	Oct 5 - Nov 8	
1065	63A	50	Oct 5 - Nov 15	<i>Mule deer only, Short range weapons only</i>
1066	67	75	Oct 5 - Nov 8	

\* See controlled hunt area descriptions. This hunt includes other units or parts of other units.  
For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 73-76.

 <b>2011 Controlled Hunts</b> <b>Archery-Only Deer - Archery Permit Required</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1067	22	25	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Either sex
1068	39-2	50	Nov 16 - Dec 16	Either sex, See note 2, Page 23, Roads on Boise River WMA closed to Motorized Travel
1069	40	25	Aug 15 - Sep 30	Antlered only
1070	41-2* (see pg 26)	25	Aug 15 - Sep 30	Antlered only
1071	53	Unlimited	Aug 30 - Dec 19	Either Sex, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
1072	68A	Unlimited	Aug 30 - Dec 19	Either sex
	72		Dec 1 - Dec 19	Antlered only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70

 <b>2011 Controlled Hunts</b> <b>Youth Only Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1073	11A	25	Oct 10 - Dec 31	Either sex
1074	28	10	Sep 15 - Oct 31	Either sex, Portion of unit only, See Page 25
1075	44-2* (see pg 26)	400	Nov 15 - Nov 30	Antlerless only, See note 3, Page 23, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 45 & 52, See Page 70
1076	47-3*(see pg 26)	300	Oct 5 - Oct 31	Either sex, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Unit 47, See Page 70
1077	47-3*(see pg 26)	100	Oct 5 - Oct 31	Antlerless only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Unit 47, See Page 70

**CONTROLLED DEER**

 <b>2011 Controlled Hunts</b> <b>Muzzleloader-Only Deer - Muzzleloader Permit Required</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1078	8A	25	Dec 2 - Dec 14	Either sex, White-tailed deer only
1079	10A	25	Dec 2 - Dec 14	Either sex, White-tailed deer only
1080	33* (see pg 25)	149	Nov 10 - Nov 30	Antlered only
1081	37* (see pg 26)	73	Nov 25 - Dec 9	Antlered only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
1082	43	125	Oct 1 - Oct 9	Either sex
1083	45	30	Oct 1 - Oct 14	Antlered only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
1084	47-4*(see pg 26)	100	Nov 1 - Nov 14	Either sex, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Unit 47, See Page 70
1085	51* (see pg 26)	100	Nov 1 - Nov 30	Either sex, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
1086	52A	75	Nov 10 - Nov 24	Either sex, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70
1087	61	Unlimited	Nov 11 - Dec 9	Either sex
1088	64* (see pg 26)	50	Oct 25 - Nov 30	Either sex

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For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 73-76.

 <b>2011 Controlled Hunts Extra Antlerless Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1089	1X	100	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1090	3X	50	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>Private land only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1091	8X	350	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 31	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1092	8AX	350	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
			Dec 2 - Dec 14	<i>Muzzleloader only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1093	10AX	400	Dec 15 - Dec 31	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
			Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1094	11X	100	Dec 2 - Dec 14	<i>Muzzleloader only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Dec 15 - Dec 31	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1095	11AX* (see pg 25)	650	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>Mule Deer or White-tailed Deer</i>
1096	15X	100	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Unit 11A only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 31	<i>Mule Deer or White-tailed Deer</i>
			Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1097	16X	100	Oct 10 - Nov 20	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
			Dec 5 - Dec 20	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Nov 20	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1098	21X* (see pg 25)	210	Nov 21 - Dec 9	<i>Muzzleloader only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access</i>
1099	23X	100	Aug 15 - Sep 30	<i>Short range weapons only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1100	32X	100	Aug 1 - Dec 31	<i>Very limited access, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1101	36AX* (see pg 25)	140	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access, Archery only, White-tailed deer only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 66 &amp; 69, See Page 70</i>
1102	50X* (see pg 26)	1,200	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>White-tailed deer only, See notes 4 &amp; 5, Page 23, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 66 &amp; 69, See Page 70</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only, Units 60, 60A, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 &amp; 69 only Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 66 &amp; 69, See Page 70</i>
			Nov 1 - Dec 19	<i>White-tailed deer only, Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 61, &amp; 62A only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Units 50, 51, 58, 59 &amp; 59A, See Page 70</i>
			Nov 10 - Dec 9	

\* See controlled hunt area descriptions. This hunt includes other units or parts of other units.  
For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 73-76.

 <b>2011 Controlled Hunts Extra Antlerless Deer - continued</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1103	63AX	300	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Short range weapons only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Nov 1 - Dec 19	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1104	68AX	100	Aug 30 - Oct 31	<i>Archery only, Very limited access</i>

 <b>2011 Controlled Hunts Landowner Permission Required Extra Antlerless Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1105	55X	30	Aug 15 - Sep 30	<i>See Page 76 for application information</i>

**Notes:**

1. This hunt has very limited access because of few roads and private property.
2. Mandatory class required - Anyone drawing a deer controlled archery-only hunt permit for this hunt must satisfactorily complete a mandatory hunter education course. The course will be administered by the Southwest Region and will include the hunt boundaries and legal restrictions, and will emphasize proper hunter ethics. Bowhunter education required.
3. Short-range weapons **only** on CJ Strike, Chester Wetlands, and Montour Wildlife Management Areas, and all of Units 63 and 63A.
4. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 60A south and east of the North (Henry's) Fork Snake River, and that portion within 1 mile north and west of the North Fork Snake River.
5. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 67 south and west of State Highway 26.

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**CONTROLLED  
DEER**



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2011 Controlled Hunts Outfitter Allocation Deer - Antlered Deer Only				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1106	1* (see pg 25)	1	Aug 30 - Dec 1	
1107	11	1	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1108	11A	2	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1109	13	37	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1110	14	22	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1111	18	9	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1112	22	6	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1113	33* (see pg 25)	1	Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>Muzzleloader only</i>
1114	37* (see pg 26)	2	Nov 25 - Dec 9	<i>Muzzleloader only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1115	39-1	1	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
1116	40	5	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1117	42	1	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1118	45	2	Oct 15 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1119	47-3* (see pg 26)	1	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Youth hunt only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies in Unit 47, See Page 70</i>
1120	47-1	3	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1121	50	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Portion of Unit only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1122	54	1	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1123	55	1	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1124	57	1	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1125	70	1	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
1126	78	7	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motor Vehicle Rule Applies, See Page 70</i>

**Outfitted controlled hunts:**  
 Before submitting an application for an outfitter-allocated controlled hunt, hunters must have a written agreement with an outfitter licensed in the hunt area. Successful applicants must hunt with an outfitter licensed for the hunt area. The outfitter must purchase the hunter's permit and tag by August 20. Successful applicants authorize Idaho Fish and Game to provide names and addresses to the outfitters licensed for that controlled hunt. For a list of licensed outfitters in the applicable controlled hunt area, a sample written agreement, and additional information contact the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board at their website - [www.oglb.idaho.gov](http://www.oglb.idaho.gov) or by calling 208-327-7380.

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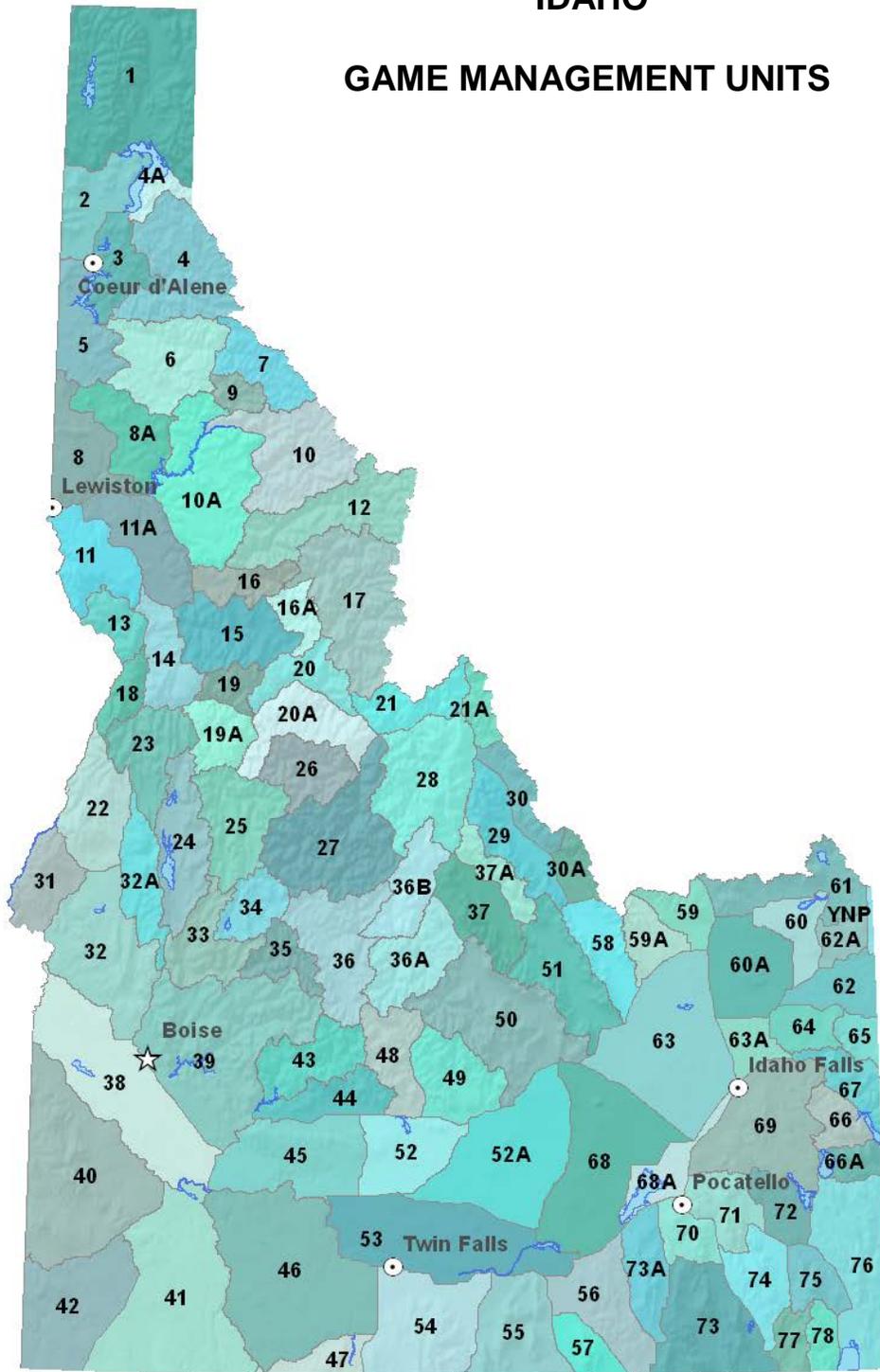


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## GAME MANAGEMENT UNITS



## FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program consists of funds from a 10% to 11% manufacturer's excise tax collected from the sale of handguns, sporting rifles, shotguns, ammunition, and archery equipment. The Federal Aid program then allots the funds back to states through a formula based on each state's geographic area and the number of paid hunting license holders in the state. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game uses the funds to help restore, conserve, manage, and enhance wild birds and mammals for the public benefit. These funds are also used to educate hunters to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to be responsible, ethical hunters. Seventy-five percent of the funds for this project are from Federal Aid. The other 25% comes from license-generated funds.

