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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.

Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) 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) comprised of game management units (GMUs) based on habitat characteristics and whitetail management priority (Figure 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.

White-tailed hunter numbers, hunter days afield, and harvest have been increasing over previous 3 reporting periods 2010 through 2012. Hunter harvest has increased from 19,106 in 2010 to 23,145 in 2013 (Figure 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.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2011-2013)
Hunters	35,000	63,490
Hunter-days of recreation	207,000	391,766
Hunter Harvest	ND	22,928
Buck harvest	8,700	14,834
%5+ points in the harvest	15%	22%

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.

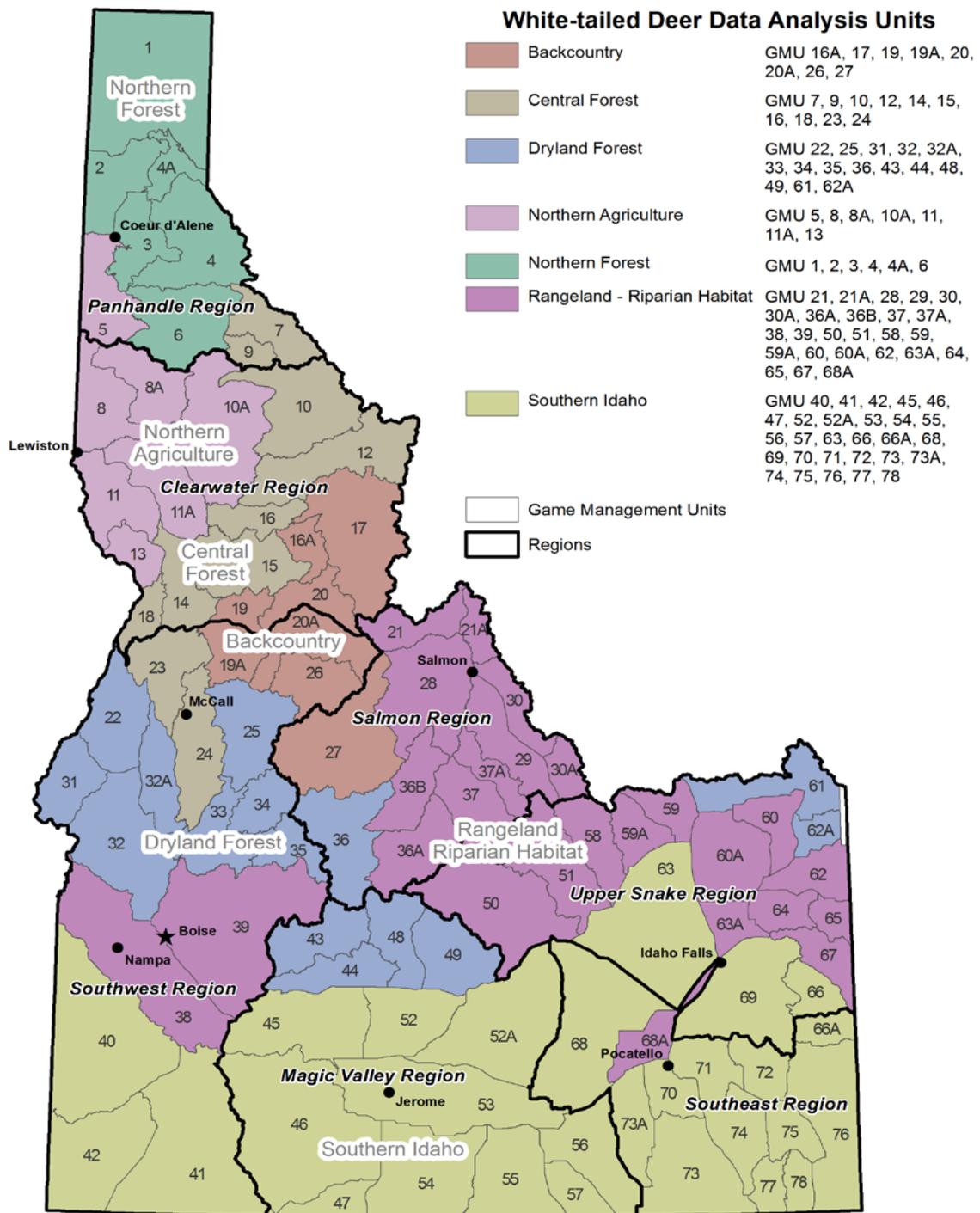
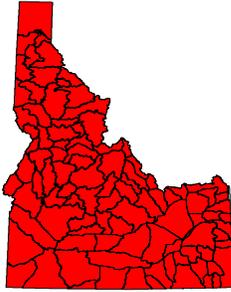


Figure 1. White-tailed deer Data Analysis Units.



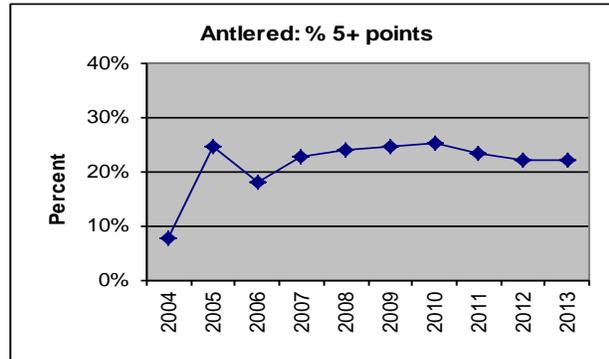
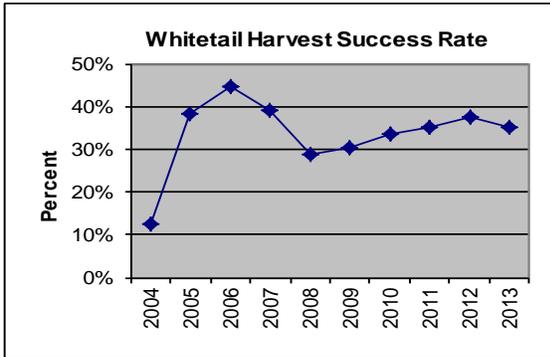
Statewide

All GMUs

3-Year Averages

Square Miles: 83,471
Hunters: 63,490
Hunter Days: 391,766

Hunters per square mile: 0.76
 Harvest per square mile: 0.27
 Success Rate: 36%
 Hunter-days/Harvest: 17
 Antlered: % 5+ points: 22%



Regular Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		125,408	24,571	25,153	24,189	31,439	26,838	24,837	24,034	29,869	28,337
Hunter Days		622,165	151,983	163,008	109,097	202,202	173,156	152,972	167,027	187,163	174,193
Whitetail Harvest	Total	14,445	8,425	9,494	8,875	7,950	6,644	7,056	8,590	10,342	8,863
	Male	10,899	5,937	6,398	6,204	5,645	5,331	5,746	5,763	6,918	5,937
	Female	3,546	2,488	2,932	2,626	2,241	1,304	1,310	2,818	3,403	2,911
Success Rate		12%	34%	38%	37%	25%	25%	28%	36%	35%	31%
Antlered: % 5+ points		0%	26%	19%	24%	24%	25%	26%	24%	22%	19%
Whitetail Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters			27,716	21,207	29,306	34,264	29,204	28,441	28,140	31,487	33,092
Hunter Days			160,918	125,271	118,879	201,341	186,820	177,010	183,615	192,429	200,313
Harvest	Total		11,562	10,877	11,662	10,543	9,943	10,382	10,928	12,436	12,443
	Male		8,241	7,713	8,548	7,823	7,311	7,903	7,760	8,748	8,972
	Female		3,279	2,941	3,017	2,635	2,627	2,479	3,154	3,640	3,435
Whitetail Success Rate			42%	51%	40%	31%	34%	37%	39%	39%	38%
Antlered: % 5+ points			27%	20%	22%	25%	25%	26%	24%	22%	23%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Permits Issued		0	3,525	2,072	3,112	3,615	3,343	3,765	3,365	3,851	4,104
Hunter Days		0	14,244	11,993	13,083	21,236	18,665	22,494	21,922	24,044	24,605
Harvest	Total	1,275	1,337	1,258	1,649	1,410	1,396	1,668	1,539	1,760	1,839
	Male	285	195	153	133	139	338	227	125	153	125
	Female	990	1,142	1,105	1,516	1,271	1,058	1,441	1,410	1,607	1,715
Success Rate			38%	61%	53%	39%	42%	44%	46%	46%	45%
Antlered: % 5+ points			18%	11%	11%	15%	18%	24%	26%	35%	21%
All Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		125,408	55,812	48,432	56,607	69,318	59,385	57,043	59,730	65,206	65,533
Hunter Days		625,493	327,385	300,272	241,059	424,779	378,641	352,476	372,552	403,636	399,111
Whitetail Harvest	Total	15,720	21,324	21,629	22,186	19,903	17,983	19,106	21,057	24,583	23,145
	Male	11,184	14,373	14,264	14,885	13,607	12,980	13,876	13,649	15,820	15,034
	Female	4,536	6,909	6,978	7,159	6,147	4,989	5,231	7,381	8,650	8,061
Success Rate		13%	38%	45%	39%	29%	30%	33%	35%	38%	35%
Antlered: % 5+ points		8%	25%	18%	23%	24%	25%	25%	23%	22%	22%

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.

Northern Forest

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

Summary

Hunter densities in Northern Forest (DAU 1) are relatively high, success rates are moderate, and the opportunity to harvest a mature buck white-tailed deer is high (Figure 3). The 2013 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. Three hundred fifty extra antlerless tags were offered in portions of GMU 1 and 3 in 2013 to take advantage of high deer densities and address complaints from some agricultural landowners, an increase from the 250 extra tags offered in 2012.

The harvest success rate in 2013 for hunters indicating they were hunting whitetails was 34%, similar to the previous three year average of 33%. The management criteria for hunters, hunter-days and buck harvest are well above minimum objectives.

Management Objectives

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 (10 Oct -9 Nov in GMU 4; 1 Nov – 1 Dec in all other GMUs).

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

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2011-2013)
Hunters	14,000	24,136
Hunter-days of recreation	85,000	159,434
Hunter Harvest	ND	8,215
Buck harvest	2,700	5,388
%5+ points in the harvest	17%	22%

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.

Weather

The winter of 2013-2014 was considered an 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

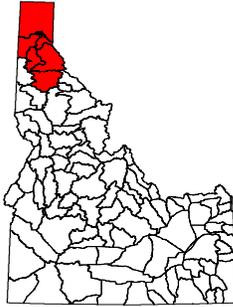
The primary complaint regarding white-tailed deer was of too many deer in towns or urban areas. Areas at the periphery of Coeur d'Alene and Hayden produced the most calls. During this report period, the city of Dalton Gardens passed a city ordinance to disallow feeding of deer within city limits and instituted a pilot deer trapping and relocation program. Increases in extra white-tailed deer antlerless permits reflect the high densities of deer in GMUs 1 and 3 and an attempt to prevent depredation claims.

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

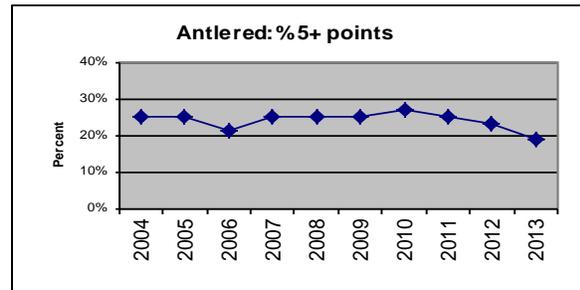
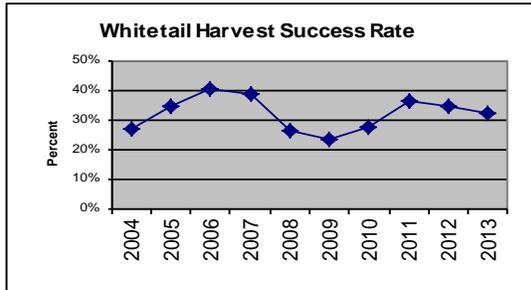
Department sponsored winter feeding was not conducted during this reporting period.



DAU 1: Northern Forest

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

3-Year Averages		Hunters per square mile:	3.83
Square Miles:	6,299	Harvest per square mile:	1.30
Hunters	24,136	Success Rate:	34%
Hunter Days	159,434	Hunter-days/Harvest	19
		Antlered: % 5+ points	22%



Regular Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		17,867	16,520	17,547	16,711	22,564	20,046	17,980	17,668	22,437	20,535
Hunter Days		106,371	106,350	115,806	79,431	157,657	135,346	114,964	130,375	146,461	132,807
Whitetail Harvest	Total	4,765	5,683	6,879	6,332	5,922	4,665	5,035	6,424	7,663	6,414
	Male	3,489	4,014	4,599	4,443	4,190	3,860	4,249	4,271	5,146	4,366
	Female	1,276	1,669	2,174	1,867	1,704	802	787	2,152	2,504	2,045
Whitetail Success Rate		27%	34%	39%	38%	26%	23%	28%	36%	34%	31%
Antlered: % 5+ points		29%	20%	26%	25%	25%	27%	26%	23%	20%	
Whitetail Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters			4,572	3,121	3,803	4,333	3,423	2,857	3,059	3,805	4,026
Hunter Days			27,043	17,742	15,811	26,699	20,536	16,082	19,037	22,032	22,098
Harvest	Total		1,608	1,472	1,392	1,112	757	694	965	1,253	1,346
	Male		1,112	1,021	949	743	620	581	623	770	928
	Female		454	426	436	353	137	113	333	476	413
Whitetail Success Rate			35%	47%	37%	26%	22%	24%	32%	33%	33%
Antlered: % 5+ points			30%	23%	21%	24%	24%	31%	20%	21%	15%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Permits Issued			52	50	379	99	56	84	156	346	375
Hunter Days			143	210	2,488	636	550	648	968	2,224	2,299
Harvest	Total	14	7	11	294	48	32	42	108	246	223
	Male	12	7	11	20	11	10	12	19	22	20
	Female	2	0	0	274	36	21	30	87	234	204
Success Rate			13%	22%	78%	48%	57%	50%	69%	71%	59%
Antlered: % 5+ points			57%	55%	15%	44%	50%	73%	26%	41%	31%
All Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		17,867	21,144	20,718	20,893	26,996	23,525	20,916	20,883	26,588	24,936
Hunter Days		106,371	133,536	133,758	97,730	184,992	156,432	131,696	150,380	170,717	157,204
Whitetail Harvest	Total	4,779	7,298	8,362	8,018	7,082	5,454	5,772	7,497	9,163	7,986
	Male	3,501	5,133	5,631	5,412	4,944	4,490	4,842	4,913	5,938	5,314
	Female	1,278	2,123	2,600	2,577	2,093	960	930	2,572	3,204	2,662
Success Rate		0	0	40%	38%	26%	23%	28%	36%	34%	32%
Antlered: % 5+ points		25%	25%	21%	25%	25%	25%	27%	25%	23%	19%

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. Northern Forest White-tailed DAU Status and Objectives

Central Forest

DAU 2 (GMUs 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24)

Summary

Most of Central Forest (DAU 2, Figure 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 areas in this DAU (GMUs 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 15 and 16 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 ≥ 5 points in the buck harvest were easily met during this reporting period as illustrated in the table below.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2011-2013)
Hunters	5,200	7,465
Hunter-days of recreation	25,500	39,445
Hunter harvest	ND	2,766
Buck harvest	1,500	1,926
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	18%

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.

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 15 and 16 as a population control measure.

Disease Monitoring

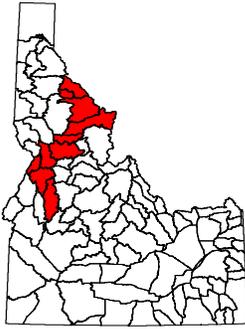
Although some deer were lost to Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in 2003, this DAU was not impacted as heavily as DAU 3. No outbreaks have been detected since 2003.

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. No major outbreaks have been detected since, although isolated reports have been documented intermittently throughout the region.

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

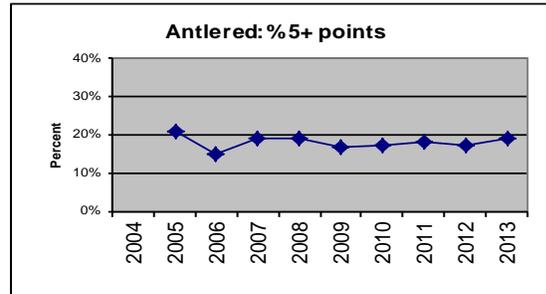
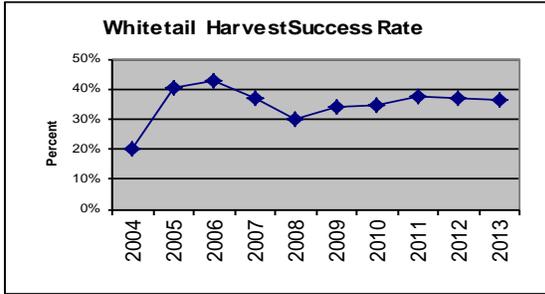
Emergency feeding of white-tailed deer by the Department has not occurred in recent years.



DAU 2: Central Forest

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

3- Year Averages		Hunters per square mile:	1.09
Square Miles:	6,879	Harvest per square mile:	0.40
Hunters	7,465	Success Rate:	37%
Hunter Days	39,445	Hunter-days/Harvest	14
		Antlered: % 5+ points	18%



Regular Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		11,948	1,963	1,652	1,555	1,903	1,733	1,421	1,394	1,558	1,508
Hunter Days		64,521	11,448	9,806	6,321	10,302	9,226	7,996	7,257	8,439	7,627
Whitetail Harvest	Total	2,399	539	442	508	380	469	378	394	491	441
	Male	1,925	366	268	316	225	284	258	230	276	232
	Female	474	173	161	191	143	183	120	156	215	209
Whitetail Success Rate		20%	27%	27%	33%	20%	27%	27%	28%	32%	29%
Antlered: % 5+ points			17%	7%	22%	12%	16%	8%	13%	12%	10%
Whitetail Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters			5,812	4,571	6,177	6,559	5,671	6,247	5,387	5,943	5,946
Hunter Days			29,839	23,600	23,090	35,009	31,202	34,022	30,402	31,180	30,220
Harvest	Total		2,585	2,157	2,333	2,116	1,967	2,181	2,111	2,232	2,236
	Male		1,843	1,605	1,846	1,635	1,510	1,763	1,619	1,652	1,760
	Female		742	500	473	462	456	417	487	576	477
Whitetail Success Rate			44%	47%	38%	32%	35%	35%	39%	38%	38%
Antlered: % 5+ points			22%	20%	18%	19%	17%	18%	19%	18%	21%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Permits Issued			1,163	255	281	298	280	283	248	207	206
Hunter Days			1,403	1,466	766	1,420	1,236	1,261	1,260	995	955
Harvest	Total	165	169	184	130	142	157	171	147	123	123
	Male	54	22	9	7	13	10	17	3	2	4
	Female	111	147	174	120	126	147	154	144	121	119
Success Rate			15%	72%	46%	48%	56%	60%	59%	59%	60%
Antlered: % 5+ points			20%	0%	0%	15%	0%	17%	33%	0%	0%
All Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		12,691	8,118	6,478	8,013	8,760	7,684	7,951	7,029	7,707	7,660
Hunter Days		67,849	42,930	34,872	30,177	46,731	41,664	43,278	38,919	40,614	38,801
Whitetail Harvest	Total	2,564	3,293	2,783	2,971	2,638	2,593	2,730	2,652	2,846	2,800
	Male	1,979	2,231	1,882	2,169	1,873	1,804	2,039	1,852	1,930	1,995
	Female	585	1,062	835	784	731	786	691	787	913	805
Success Rate		20%	41%	43%	37%	30%	34%	34%	38%	37%	37%
Antlered: % 5+ points			21%	15%	19%	19%	17%	17%	18%	17%	19%

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. Central Forest White-tailed DAU Status and Objectives

Northern Agriculture

DAU 3 (GMUs 5, 8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A, 13)

Summary

Most of Northern Agriculture (DAU 3, Figure 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). Additionally, there is a 13-day antlerless muzzleloader season in units 8A and 10A (2 Dec-14 Dec). Seasons in GMU 5 include a 53-day season for antlered whitetails (10 Oct-1 Dec) and a 30-day (1 Nov-1 Dec) antlerless season. Additionally, controlled hunts for extra antlerless deer are held in GMUs 8, 8A, 10A, 11, and 11A as a population control measure. Controlled hunts for white-tailed deer include a 83-day either-sex youth hunt in 11A and a 66-day either-sex muzzleloader hunt in Units 8A and 10A.

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 ≥ 5 points in the buck harvest were easily met during this reporting period as illustrated in the table below.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2011-2013)
Hunters	12,700	23,535
Hunter-days of recreation	81,000	152,291
Hunter harvest	ND	10,117
Buck harvest	4,300	6,456
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	24%

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.

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, 11, 11A, 15, and 16 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

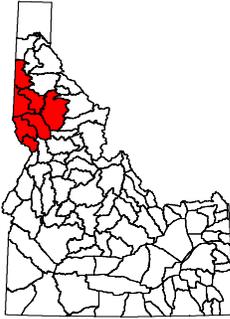
small-scale outbreak near Peck in 2000. The 2003 outbreak ended with a hard frost that interrupted the *Culicoides* spp. gnat life cycle in October. While centered on the Kamiah and Kooskia area, whitetail deaths caused by EHD were observed in lower elevations along the Clearwater, South Fork Clearwater, 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

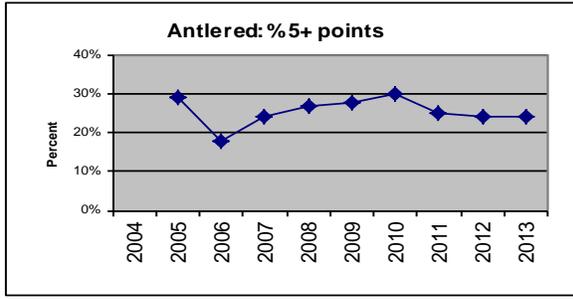
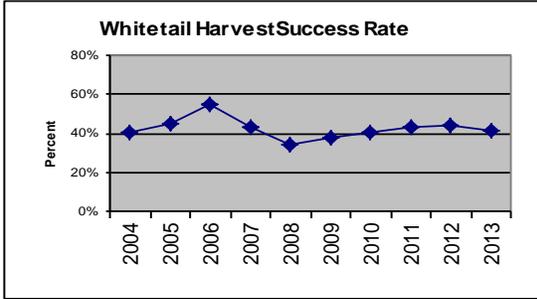
Emergency feeding of white-tailed deer by the Department has not occurred in recent years.



DAU 3: Northern Agriculture

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

3-Year Averages		
Square Miles:	5,698	
Hunters	23,535	
Hunter Days	152,291	
Hunters per square mile:		4.13
Harvest per square mile:		1.78
Success Rate:		43%
Hunter-days/Harvest		15
Antlered: % 5+ points		24%



Regular Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		17,133	2,799	2,801	2,954	3,412	2,939	2,751	2,743	3,716	3,521
Hunter Days		104,244	16,334	16,800	12,659	19,509	18,476	17,506	18,310	22,400	21,585
Whitetail Harvest	Total	6,320	1,223	1,257	1,299	1,108	1,006	981	1,163	1,589	1,359
	Male	4,775	825	821	877	808	789	763	796	1,046	882
	Female	1,545	398	419	407	295	216	217	368	542	473
Whitetail Success Rate		37%	44%	45%	44%	32%	34%	36%	42%	43%	39%
Antlered: % 5+ points			30%	19%	23%	24%	27%	32%	23%	25%	19%
Whitetail Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters			16,042	12,190	17,298	20,583	17,641	16,858	17,071	19,081	19,790
Hunter Days			97,308	75,958	71,261	124,267	118,815	112,677	115,789	122,848	129,643
Harvest	Total		6,983	6,790	7,311	6,755	6,586	6,806	7,138	8,226	8,078
	Male		5,041	4,779	5,350	5,061	4,738	5,047	4,996	5,860	5,734
	Female		1,942	1,875	1,904	1,659	1,844	1,759	2,141	2,341	2,332
Whitetail Success Rate			44%	56%	42%	33%	37%	40%	42%	43%	41%
Antlered: % 5+ points			29%	20%	24%	28%	28%	30%	26%	24%	25%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Permits Issued			1,139	889	1,404	1,337	1,349	1,561	1,426	1,501	1,757
Hunter Days			5,710	4,449	5,435	9,046	7,224	8,411	8,530	8,205	9,564
Harvest	Total		588	771	724	806	813	753	895	880	1,028
	Male		84	73	64	40	52	46	65	21	17
	Female		504	698	656	756	757	753	830	859	1,010
Success Rate			68%	81%	57%	61%	56%	57%	62%	59%	59%
Antlered: % 5+ points			16%	2%	3%	8%	2%	31%	5%	15%	12%
All Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		17,133	19,980	15,880	21,656	25,332	21,929	21,170	21,240	24,298	25,068
Hunter Days		104,244	119,352	97,207	89,355	152,822	144,515	138,594	142,629	153,452	160,793
Whitetail Harvest	Total	6,908	8,977	8,771	9,416	8,676	8,345	8,681	9,181	10,705	10,465
	Male	4,859	5,939	5,664	6,267	5,921	5,573	5,875	5,813	6,923	6,633
	Female	2,049	3,038	2,950	3,067	2,711	2,813	2,806	3,368	3,756	3,815
Success Rate		40%	45%	55%	43%	34%	38%	41%	43%	44%	42%
Antlered: % 5+ points			29%	18%	24%	27%	28%	30%	25%	24%	24%

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. Northern Agriculture White-tailed DAU Status and Objectives

Backcountry

DAU 4 (GMUs 16A, 17, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 26, 27)

Summary

Most of Back Country (DAU 4, Figure 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). Current general any-weapon deer hunting seasons for either-sex whitetails run from 15 September to 18 November (65 days) for most areas in this DAU (GMUs 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, and 27). In GMU 19A, current general any-weapon deer hunting season for either sex whitetails runs from 10-31 October (22 days).

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). Since 2010, harvest data indicates a continued decrease in hunter effort and overall harvest, although success has remained high. This reduction in hunter participation is a direct result of a decrease in elk and elk hunters in these backcountry GMUs. Most of the deer harvest has historically been of an incidental nature by elk hunters.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2011-2013)
Hunters	700	443
Hunter-days of recreation	3,500	2,499
Hunter harvest	ND	153
Buck harvest	ND	116
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	28%

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.

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

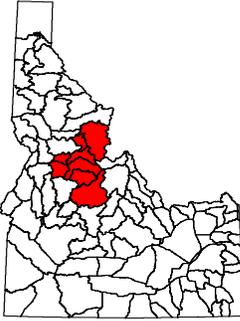
Depredations are not an issue in this wilderness DAU.

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

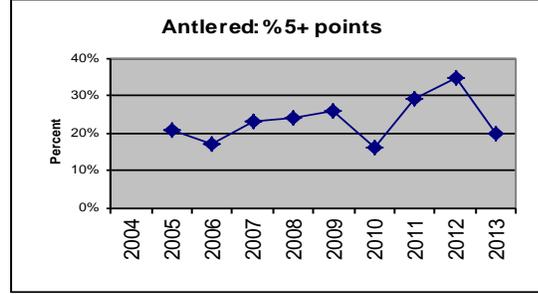
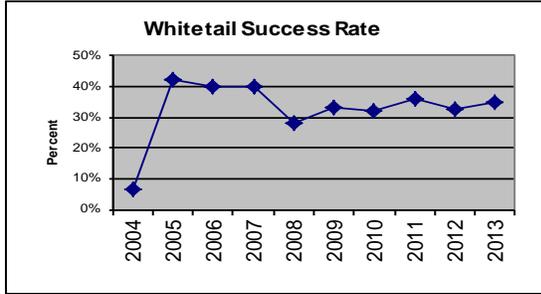
Emergency winter feeding is not a consideration in this wilderness DAU.



DAU 4: Backcountry

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

3-Year Averages		Hunters per square mile:	0.08
Square Miles:	5,873	Harvest per square mile:	0.03
Hunters	443	Success Rate:	35%
Hunter Days	2,499	Hunter-days/Harvest	16
		Antlered: % 5+ points	28%



Regular Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		2,660	447	460	352	378	225	301	242	240	246
Hunter Days		16,065	3,092	3,493	1,485	2,258	1,286	1,929	1,387	1,587	1,485
Whitetail Harvest	Total	163	196	184	161	105	95	106	100	91	99
	Male	129	177	161	129	76	66	78	73	77	77
	Female	34	19	20	32	26	29	28	26	14	21
Whitetail Success Rate		6%	44%	40%	46%	28%	42%	35%	41%	38%	40%
Antlered: % 5+ points			22%	20%	16%	36%	37%	23%	32%	41%	19%
Whitetail Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters			243	245	274	352	226	221	209	193	191
Hunter Days			1,397	1,543	1,218	1,937	1,348	1,260	1,082	961	974
Harvest	Total		97	85	91	97	54	61	63	49	54
	Male		67	43	65	74	43	56	52	33	34
	Female		30	41	24	20	11	5	11	16	21
Whitetail Success Rate			40%	35%	33%	28%	24%	28%	30%	25%	28%
Antlered: % 5+ points			22%	12%	38%	11%	9%	5%	25%	19%	24%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Permits Issued			14	3	16	11	8	9	1	1	5
Hunter Days			72	13	39	58	56	48	4	4	13
Harvest	Total	13	5	12	5	4	3	2	0	1	2
	Male	12	5	12	5	4	2	2	0	1	2
	Female	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Success Rate			36%	400%	31%	36%	38%	22%	0%	100%	40%
Antlered: % 5+ points			25%	33%	0%	25%	0%	50%	0%	100%	0%
All Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		2,660	704	708	642	741	459	531	452	435	442
Hunter Days		16,065	4,561	5,049	2,742	4,253	2,690	3,237	2,473	2,552	2,472
Whitetail Harvest	Total	176	298	281	257	206	152	169	163	141	155
	Male	141	249	216	199	154	111	136	125	111	113
	Female	35	49	61	56	46	41	33	37	30	42
Success Rate		7%	42%	40%	40%	28%	33%	32%	36%	32%	35%
Antlered: % 5+ points			21%	17%	23%	24%	26%	16%	29%	35%	20%

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. Backcountry White-tailed Deer DAU Status and Objectives

Rangeland Riparian Habitat

DAU 5 (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 Rangeland-Riparian Habitat (DAU 5, Figure 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 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 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.

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 ≥ 5 antler points per side. In the past, this objective has been met easily for this DAU and was met for this reporting period.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2011-2013)
Hunters	900	4,140
Hunter-days of recreation	4,700	27,346
Hunter harvest	ND	1,182
Buck harvest	ND	709
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	25%

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.

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

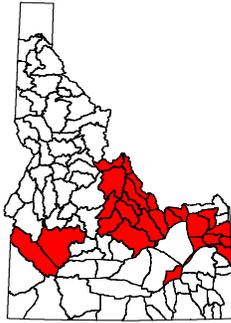
haystacks which results in haystack paneling. The below average winter of 2013-2014 resulted in 3 white-tail depredations within the Upper Snake Region primarily in riparian areas near the South Fork of the Snake River.

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

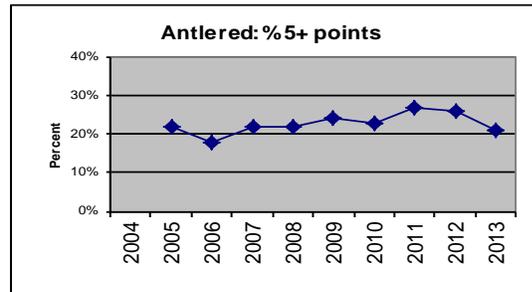
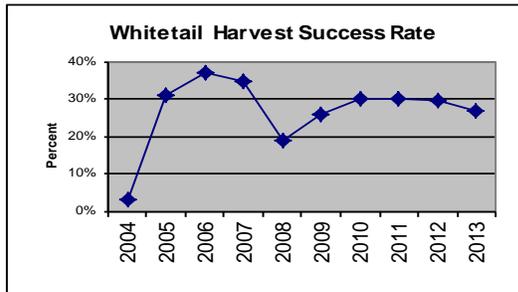
Winter feeding has not been a large issue for white-tailed deer in this DAU. The only place the Department has undertaken emergency winter feeding for white-tailed deer in the area was in the Teton Basin. During winter 2006-2007, white-tailed deer were fed at 3 sites in GMU 62. Winter feeding is discouraged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

3-Year Averages		Hunters per square mile:	0.23
Square Miles: 17,859		Harvest per square mile:	0.07
Hunters	4,140	Success Rate:	29%
Hunter Days	27,346	Hunter-days/Harvest	23
		Antlered: % 5+ points	25%



Regular Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		25,854	1,523	1,424	1,300	1,893	959	1,078	936	954	1,100
Hunter Days		119,198	8,573	10,281	4,514	7,178	4,960	5,534	5,278	4,303	6,045
Whitetail Harvest	Total	455	463	476	392	256	249	326	304	282	298
	Male	377	313	402	291	222	209	240	259	230	239
	Female	78	150	65	100	33	39	86	45	47	58
Whitetail Success Rate		2%	30%	33%	30%	14%	26%	30%	32%	30%	27%
Antlered: % 5+ points			21%	27%	19%	20%	29%	21%	25%	19%	20%
Whitetail Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters			722	755	1,258	1,706	1,647	1,559	1,695	1,812	2,172
Hunter Days			3,855	4,491	5,601	9,869	12,192	9,972	12,716	12,163	13,327
Harvest	Total		223	298	433	381	456	482	535	560	583
	Male		142	221	304	252	334	365	396	377	438
	Female		81	72	114	119	122	118	140	175	135
Whitetail Success Rate			31%	39%	34%	22%	28%	31%	32%	31%	27%
Antlered: % 5+ points			24%	18%	25%	24%	21%	24%	27%	27%	21%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Permits Issued			845	582	760	1,483	1,201	1,289	1,128	1,326	1,298
Hunter Days			5,444	4,502	3,610	7,943	7,690	9,072	8,702	10,112	9,391
Harvest	Total		354	268	243	323	311	276	370	282	367
	Male		89	56	45	47	39	237	71	54	75
	Female		265	212	192	271	266	38	298	229	292
Success Rate			32%	42%	43%	21%	23%	29%	25%	28%	26%
Antlered: % 5+ points			18%	11%	18%	18%	22%	22%	41%	44%	24%
All Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		25,854	3,090	2,761	3,318	5,082	3,807	3,926	3,759	4,092	4,570
Hunter Days		119,198	17,872	19,274	13,725	24,990	24,842	24,578	26,696	26,578	28,763
Whitetail Harvest	Total	809	954	1,017	1,148	948	981	1,178	1,121	1,208	1,218
	Male	466	511	668	642	513	780	676	709	682	736
	Female	343	443	329	485	418	199	501	414	515	472
Success Rate		3%	31%	37%	35%	19%	26%	30%	30%	30%	27%
Antlered: % 5+ points			22%	18%	22%	22%	24%	23%	27%	26%	21%

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. Rangeland-Riparian Habitat White-tailed Deer DAU Status and Objectives

Dryland Forest

DAU 6 (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 Dryland Forest (DAU 6, Figure 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

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.

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.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2011-2013)
Hunters	1,000	1,164
Hunter-days of recreation	2,100	5,684
Hunter harvest	ND	238
Buck harvest	ND	121
%5+ Points in the harvest	10%	12%

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.

Depredation Management

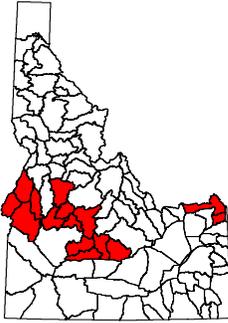
Although white-tailed deer are considered low in numbers in this DAU, they are often found concentrated around agricultural fields. Damage to crops occurs in some cases. Areas with chronic white-tailed deer depredations are often managed with controlled hunts for an extra antlerless deer. No cases of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

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

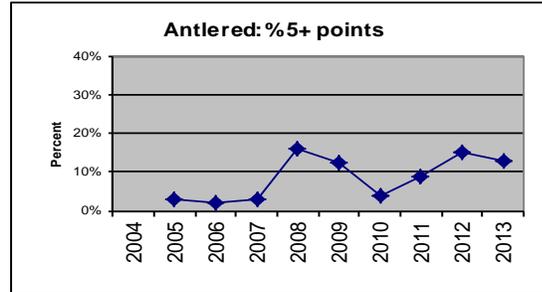
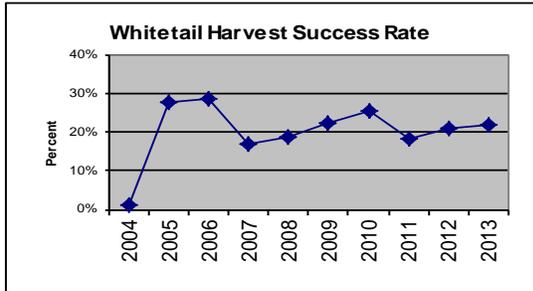
Occasionally, white-tailed deer are fed incidental to feeding implemented in severe winters to prevent catastrophic loss of mule deer.



DAU 6: Dryland Forest

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

3-Year Averages		
Square Miles:	10,609	
Hunters	1,164	
Hunter Days	5,684	
Hunters per square mile:		0.11
Harvest per square mile:		0.02
Success Rate:		20%
Hunter-days/Harvest		24
Antlered: % 5+ points		12%



Regular Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		23,844	620	625	596	485	426	550	516	459	567
Hunter Days		104,676	2,884	3,707	2,130	2,453	1,776	2,181	2,128	1,987	2,333
Whitetail Harvest	Total	230	159	153	90	101	84	108	86	103	124
	Male	123	92	82	67	61	72	68	60	58	76
	Female	107	67	66	22	29	12	40	25	45	48
Whitetail Success Rate		1%	26%	24%	15%	21%	20%	20%	12%	13%	13%
Antlered: % 5+ points			3%	3%	2%	7%	3%	3%	12%	3%	12%
Whitetail Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters			231	194	259	459	415	386	496	452	506
Hunter Days			983	848	1,097	2,286	1,982	1,866	2,700	2,214	2,639
Harvest	Total		50	56	35	61	91	113	92	81	83
	Male		26	37	6	40	41	64	62	40	42
	Female		24	17	28	19	50	49	29	41	41
Whitetail Success Rate			22%	29%	14%	13%	22%	29%	19%	18%	16%
Antlered: % 5+ points			0%	4%	8%	28%	30%	5%	6%	24%	10%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Permits Issued			111	84	89	58	201	255	143	200	154
Hunter Days			431	300	284	305	902	1,338	1,008	1,123	920
Harvest	Total		82	57	49	35	25	59	86	34	59
	Male		11	16	3	6	7	20	6	14	6
	Female		71	41	45	28	18	52	66	29	36
Success Rate			51%	58%	39%	43%	29%	34%	24%	25%	38%
Antlered: % 5+ points			7%	0%	0%	31%	15%	5%	0%	40%	46%
All Deer Tags		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		23,844	962	903	944	1,002	1,042	1,192	1,155	1,111	1,227
Hunter Days		104,676	4,298	4,855	3,511	5,044	4,660	5,386	5,836	5,324	5,892
Whitetail Harvest	Total	312	266	258	160	187	234	306	212	234	266
	Male	134	134	122	79	108	120	151	128	111	123
	Female	178	132	128	78	66	114	91	83	122	142
Success Rate		1%	28%	29%	17%	19%	22%	26%	18%	21%	22%
Antlered: % 5+ points			3%	2%	3%	16%	13%	4%	9%	15%	13%

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. Dryland Forest White-tailed Deer DAU Status and Objectives

Southern Idaho

DAU 7 (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

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.

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 ≥ 5 points.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2011-2013)
Hunters	800	1,050
Hunter-days of recreation	1,600	4,941
Hunter harvest	ND	230
Buck harvest	ND	112
%5+ Points in the harvest	10%	15%

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 unpractical 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.

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 has a few deer depredation complaints during winter. However the complaints are not restricted to white-tailed deer; there are also mule deer in the GMU. Hazing and depredation panels have been provided and are generally successful. No depredation hunts have been necessary.

Disease Monitoring

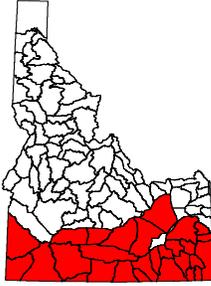
There is currently no disease monitoring program designed specifically for white-tailed deer. White-tailed deer are sampled on occasion at Department check stations incidental to mule deer and elk sampling.

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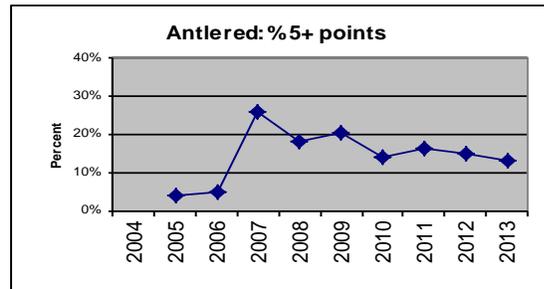
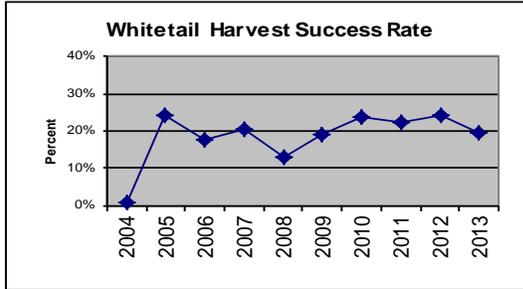
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GMUs: 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 66, 66A, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78

3-Year Averages		
Hunters	1,050	Hunters per square mile: 0.03
Hunter Days	4,941	Harvest per square mile: 0.01
		Success Rate: 22%
		Hunter-days/Harvest: 22
		Antlered: % 5+ points: 15%
Square Miles:	30,255	



Regular Deer Tags	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters	26,102	699	644	721	804	510	598	535	484	626
Hunter Days	107,090	3,302	3,115	2,557	2,845	2,086	2,594	2,293	1,925	2,262
Whitetail Harvest										
Total	113	162	103	93	78	76	122	119	116	115
Male	81	150	65	81	63	51	90	73	81	59
Female	32	12	27	7	11	23	32	45	35	52
Whitetail Success Rate	0%	23%	16%	13%	10%	15%	20%	22%	24%	18%
Antlered: % 5+ points		3%	6%	25%	23%	25%	16%	8%	11%	7%
Whitetail Deer Tags	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters		94	131	237	272	181	193	222	184	292
Hunter Days		493	1,089	801	1,274	745	1,017	1,877	967	1,378
Harvest										
Total		16	19	67	21	32	37	24	27	52
Male		10	7	28	18	25	26	11	14	37
Female		6	10	38	3	7	10	13	14	16
Whitetail Success Rate		17%	15%	28%	8%	18%	19%	11%	15%	18%
Antlered: % 5+ points		0%	11%	34%	17%	32%	8%	64%	51%	27%
Controlled Hunt Tags	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Permits Issued		201	209	183	329	248	241	261	269	276
Hunter Days		1,041	1,053	461	1,828	1,007	1,475	1,448	1,369	1,302
Harvest										
Total		59	60	49	75	83	72	83	83	66
Male		23	16	9	8	13	26	35	22	18
Female		36	44	38	67	68	46	48	61	48
Success Rate		30%	23%	41%	25%	29%	34%	33%	31%	24%
Antlered: % 5+ points		17%	0%	25%	0%	0%	13%	18%	9%	5%
All Deer Tags	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hunters	26,102	994	984	1,141	1,405	939	1,032	1,018	937	1,194
Hunter Days	107,090	4,836	5,257	3,819	5,947	3,838	5,086	5,618	4,261	4,943
Whitetail Harvest										
Total	172	238	171	235	182	180	242	229	226	234
Male	104	176	81	117	94	102	151	106	116	113
Female	68	62	75	112	82	76	91	119	110	116
Success Rate	1%	24%	17%	21%	13%	19%	23%	22%	24%	20%
Antlered: % 5+ points		4%	5%	26%	18%	21%	14%	16%	15%	13%

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. Southern Idaho White-tailed Deer DAU Status and Objectives

Appendix A

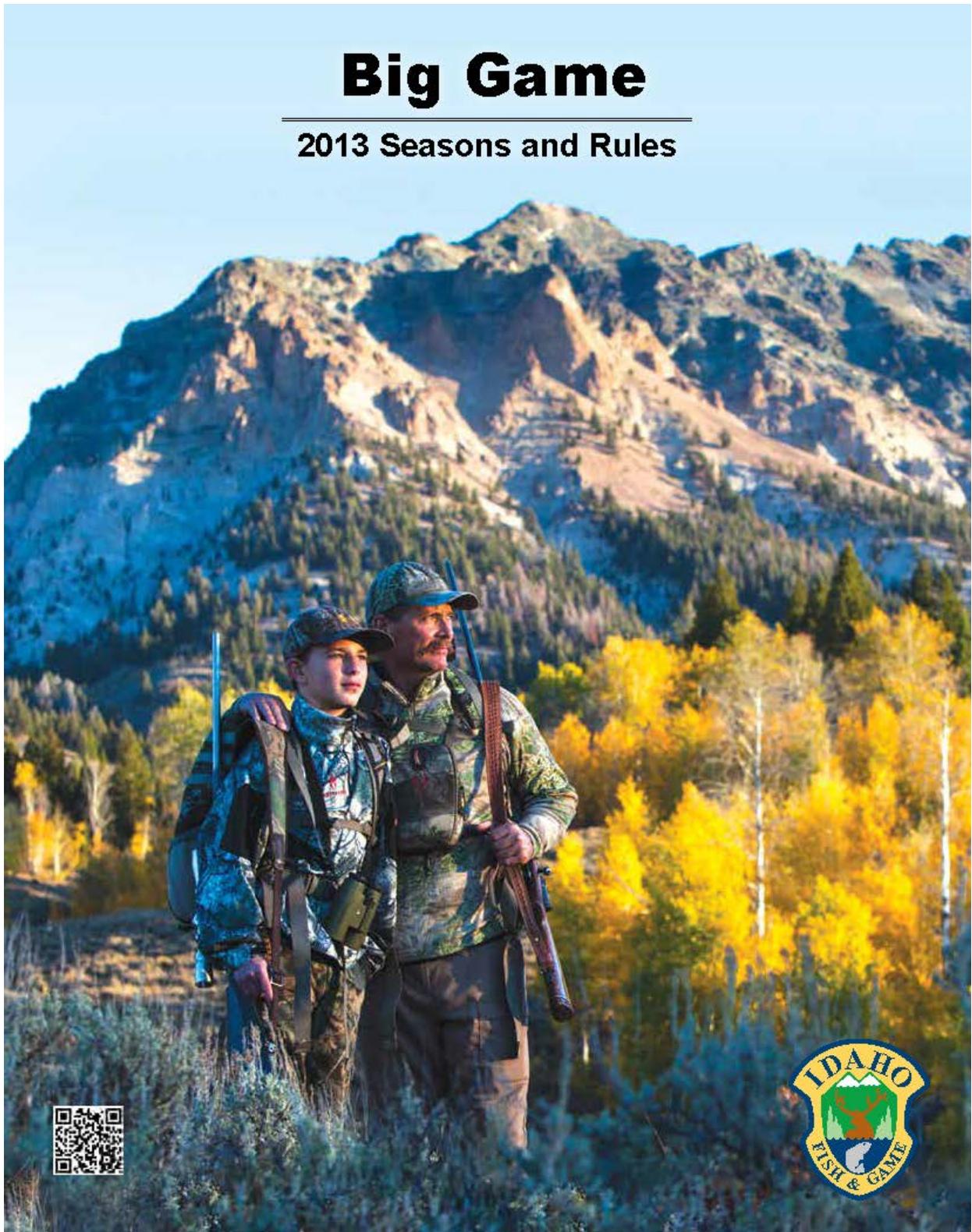
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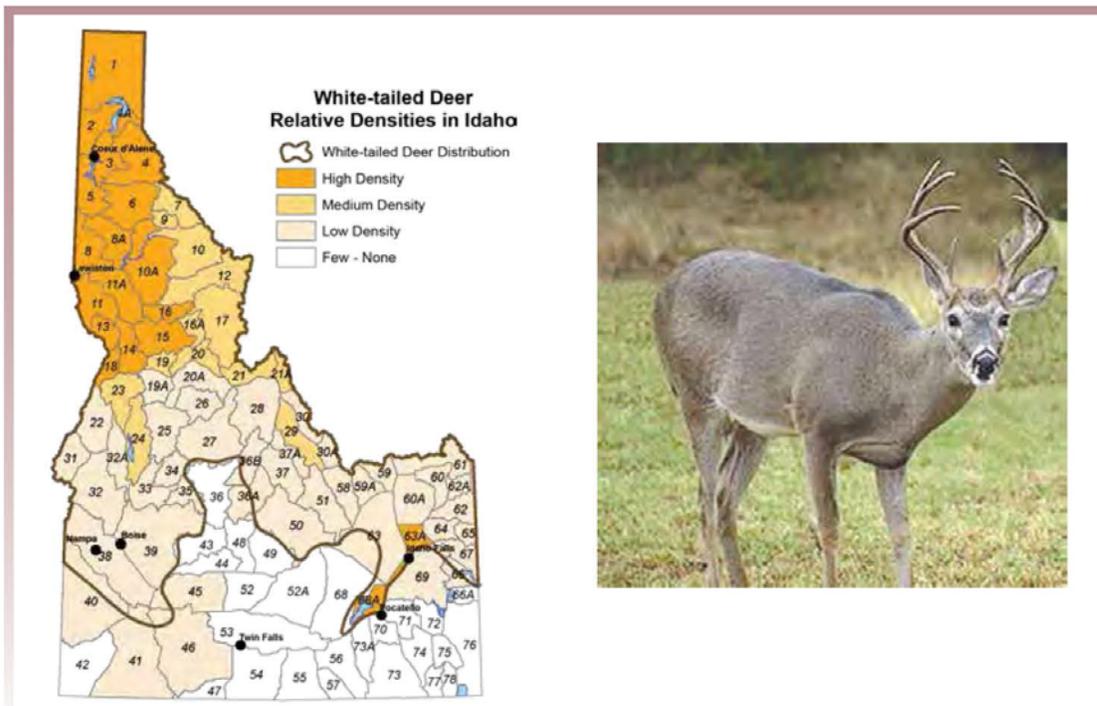
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WHITE-TAILED DEER

2013 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	<i>See note 1, Page 22</i>
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	<i>Very limited access</i>
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 <i>(Youth hunt only, Private land only)</i>	<i>Very limited access</i>
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only, Private land only)</i>	<i>Very limited access, See note 2, Page 22, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
22, 25	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
23	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Oct 16	
		Oct 17 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	
24	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>See note 3, Page 22</i>

2013 White-tailed Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
31, 32, 32A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>See notes 2 & 4, Page 22, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 32 & 32A, See Pages 91-92</i>
33, 34, 35	Oct 10 - Nov 8	Oct 10 - Nov 8	
39, 43	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
40, 41	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (2-point deer only)	None	<i>See note 2, Page 22</i>
46	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>See notes 2 & 4, Page 22</i>
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
	Nov 10 - Dec 9	Nov 10 - Dec 9	
60, 62, 64, 65	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>See note 2, Page 22</i>
60A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>See note 5, Page 22</i>
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	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
67	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>See note 6, Page 22</i>

Notes:

1. Farragut State Park and Farragut Wildlife Management Area are **closed**.
2. Short-range weapons **only** on C.J. Strike, Chester Wetlands, and Montour Wildlife Management Areas, and Pahsimeroi Access Area.
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 Boydstun Street, then south on Boydstun 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** 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.
6. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 67 south and west of State Highway 26.



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2013 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	See note 1, Page 23
	Nov 1 - Dec 1	Nov 1 - Dec 1	See note 2, Page 23
	Dec 10 - Dec 24	Dec 10 - Dec 24	See note 1, Page 23
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	Very limited access, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37 & 37A, See Pages 91-92
28	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Very limited access
31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 32 & 32A, See Pages 91-92
38	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	See note 3, Page 23
39	Nov 10 - Nov 30	Nov 10 - Nov 30	See note 4, Page 23, Part of unit closed
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	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92
60, 60A, 62, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66 & 69, See Pages 91-92
	Nov 1 - Dec 19	Nov 1 - Dec 19	
61, 62A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	

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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 **controlled hunt only**.
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**.

2013 White-tailed Deer Tag General Muzzleloader Only Seasons - Muzzleloader Permit Required			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
4, 7, 9	Nov 10 - Dec 1	Nov 10 - Dec 1	
8A	None	Dec 2 - Dec 14	See note 1, Page 24
10A	None	Dec 2 - Dec 14	
16	Nov 21 - Dec 9	Nov 21 - Dec 9	

2013 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	Very limited access, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37 & 37A, See Pages 91-92
24	Nov 1 - Nov 20	None	
38	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Nov 24	See note 2, Page 24
63	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
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.
- Short-range weapons **only**. **Except** that portion of Unit 38 within the Lake Lowell Sector of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge is **controlled hunt only**.



Deer Controlled Hunts

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions please See pages 94-97.

Hunters: Please check Deer Controlled Hunt Area descriptions on pages 33-35. Hunt Areas may change annually.

2013 Controlled Deer Hunts (13,276 Tags Plus Unlimited Tags) Antlered Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1001	1 ^a (see pg 33)	60	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 31</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	21	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1011	22	60	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1012	23	25	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1013	25	10	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1014	26	Unlimited	Nov 1 - Nov 18	
1015	27	Unlimited	Nov 1 - Nov 18	<i>3-point or larger deer only</i>
1016	28-1	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1017	30	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1018	30A	30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1019	31	30	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1020	32	40	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>See note 2, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1021	32A	30	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1022	36A	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1023	36B	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1024	38 ^b (see pg 34)	5	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 31</i>
1025	39-1	199	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
1026	40	195	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1027	41-1	100	Nov 1 - Nov 24	<i>See note 2, Page 31</i>
1028	42	74	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1029	44	225	Sep 15 - Oct 31	
1030	45-1	75	Oct 15 - Oct 31	<i>See notes 2 & 4, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1031	47-1	90	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1032	47-2 ^a (see pg 34)	10	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 47, See Pages 91-92</i>
1033	48	10	Nov 10 - Nov 24	
1034	49	10	Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>

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^a This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

^b This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 94-97.

 2013 Controlled Hunts Antlered Deer - continued				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1035	50 ^b (see pg 34)	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Portion of Unit only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1036	52-1 ^b (see pg 34)	50	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1037	54	500	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1038	54	20	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
1039	55-1	25	Aug 15 - Sep 24	
1040	55-1	375	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1041	57	109	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1042	57	10	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
1043	58 ^a (see pg 35)	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1044	60-1 ^a (see pg 35)	25	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>See note 2, Page 31</i>
1045	62	15	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1046	66	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1047	67	20	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>See note 5, Page 31</i>
1048	69	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1049	70	175	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1050	73	Unlimited	Oct 10 - Oct 16	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1051	78	200	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>

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 2013 Controlled Hunts Antlerless Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1052	22	50	Oct 10 - Oct 24	
1053	28-2 ^b (see pg 33)	30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	<i>Portion of unit only</i>
1054	31	50	Oct 10 - Oct 24	
1055	32	150	Oct 10 - Oct 24	<i>See note 2, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1056	32A	150	Oct 10 - Oct 24	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1057	39-1	800	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1058	43	150	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1059	44	150	Oct 10 - Nov 9	
1060	45-1	250	Nov 1 - Nov 14	<i>See notes 2 & 4, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1061	45-2 ^b (see pg 34)	350	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>See note 4, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1062	45-3 ^b (see pg 34)	50	Dec 1 - Dec 15	<i>See note 4, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>

^a This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

^b This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

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 2013 Controlled Hunts Antlerless Deer - continued				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1063	48	50	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1064	49	50	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1065	52-2	100	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1066	54	100	Nov 1 - Nov 14	
1067	55-1	100	Nov 1 - Nov 14	
1068	56	100	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>

 2013 Controlled Hunts Either Sex Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1069	60-2 ^a (see pg 35)	200	Oct 5 - Nov 8	<i>See note 2, Page 31</i>
1070	62	100	Oct 5 - Nov 8	
1071	63A	50	Oct 5 - Nov 15	<i>Mule deer only, Short range weapons only</i>
1072	66	25	Oct 5 - Nov 8	
1073	67	75	Oct 5 - Nov 8	<i>See note 5, Page 31</i>

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 2013 Controlled Hunts Youth Only Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1074	11A	25	Oct 10 - Dec 31	<i>Either sex</i>
1075	28-2 ^b (see pg 33)	15	Sep 15 - Oct 31	<i>Either sex, Portion of Unit only</i>
1076	44	150	Oct 10 - Nov 9	<i>Antlerless only</i>
1077	45-3 ^b (see pg 34)	50	Dec 1 - Dec 15	<i>Antlerless only, See note 4, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1078	45-4 ^a (see pg 34)	200	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Antlerless only, See note 4, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1079	47-1	50	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1080	47-1	20	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlerless only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1081	54	100	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlered only</i>
1082	54	130	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlerless only</i>
1083	55-2 ^a (see pg 35)	50	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlered only</i>
1084	55-2 ^a (see pg 35)	50	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlerless only</i>

^a This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

^b This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 94-97.

 2013 Controlled Hunts Archery Only Deer - Archery Permit Required				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1085	22	25	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Either sex</i>
1086	39-2 ^b (see pg 34)	50	Nov 16 - Dec 16	<i>Either sex, See note 6, Page 31, Roads on Boise River WMA closed to Motorized Travel</i>
1087	40	25	Aug 15 - Sep 30	<i>Antlered only</i>
1088	41-2 ^a (see pg 34)	25	Aug 15 - Sep 30	<i>Antlered only</i>
1089	45-1	10	Aug 15 - Sep 15	<i>Antlered only, See notes 2 & 4, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1090	53 ^b (see pg 34)	Unlimited	Aug 30 - Dec 19	<i>Either Sex, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1091	68A	Unlimited	Aug 30 - Dec 19	<i>Either sex</i>
1092	72 ^a (see pg 35)	Unlimited	Nov 16 - Dec 5	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>

 2013 Controlled Hunts Muzzleloader Only Deer - Muzzleloader Permit Required				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1093	8A	25	Oct 10 - Dec 14	<i>Either sex, White-tailed deer only</i>
1094	10A	25	Oct 10 - Dec 14	<i>Either sex, White-tailed deer only</i>
1095	33 ^a (see pg 33)	149	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>Antlered only</i>
1096	37 ^a (see pg 34)	73	Nov 25 - Dec 9	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1097	43	125	Oct 1 - Oct 9	<i>Either sex</i>
1098	45-1	30	Oct 1 - Oct 14	<i>Antlered only, See notes 2 & 4, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1099	51 ^a (see pg 34)	100	Nov 1 - Nov 30	<i>Either sex, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1100	52-3 ^b (see pg 34)	65	Oct 15 - Nov 14	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1101	52A	75	Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>Either sex, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1102	61	Unlimited	Nov 11 - Dec 9	<i>Either sex</i>
1103	64 ^a (see pg 35)	50	Oct 25 - Nov 30	<i>Either sex</i>

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^b This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 94-97.

 2013 Controlled Hunts Youth Only - Extra Antlerless Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1104	8-2X ^a (see pg 33)	200	Aug 30 - Dec 20	<i>Private land only, See note 7, Page 31</i>
1105	21X ^a (see pg 33)	50	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access</i>
1106	36AX ^a (see pg 34)	35	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access</i>
1107	40X ^a (see pg 34)	100	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Portion of Units 40 & 41 only, Very limited access</i>

 2013 Controlled Hunts Extra Antlerless Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1108	1X ^b (see pg 33)	300	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 24	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1109	3X ^b (see pg 33)	50	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>Private land only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1110	8-1X	350	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 14	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1111	8AX ^b (see pg 33)	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>
1112	10AX ^b (see pg 33)	400	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>
1113	11X ^b (see pg 33)	100	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>Mule Deer or White-tailed Deer</i>
1114	11AX	650	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Unit 11A only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 14	<i>Mule Deer or White-tailed Deer</i>
1115	15X ^b (see pg 33)	100	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Nov 20	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
			Dec 5 - Dec 20	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1116	16X ^b (see pg 33)	100	Oct 10 - Nov 20	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
			Nov 21 - Dec 9	<i>Muzzleloader only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1117	21X ^a (see pg 33)	160	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access</i>
1118	32X ^b (see pg 33)	100	Aug 1 - Dec 31	<i>Very limited access, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1119	36AX ^a (see pg 34)	105	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access,</i>
1120	38X ^b (see pg 34)	10	Oct 10 - Oct 29	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 31</i>

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^a This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

^b This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 94-97.

2013 Controlled Hunts Extra Antlerless Deer - continued				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1121	38X ^b (see pg 34)	10	Oct 30 - Nov 18	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 31</i>
1122	38X ^b (see pg 34)	10	Nov 19 - Dec 8	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 31</i>
1123	38X ^b (see pg 34)	10	Dec 9 - Dec 28	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 31</i>
1124	50X ^a (see pg 34)	1,200	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 66 & 69, See Pages 91-92</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>White-tailed deer only, See notes 5 & 8, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 66 & 69, See Pages 91-92</i>
			Nov 1 - Dec 19	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only, Units 60, 60A, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 & 69 only Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66 & 69, See Pages 91-92</i>
			Nov 10 - Dec 9	<i>White-tailed deer only, Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 61, & 62A only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 50, 51, 58, 59 & 59A, See Pages 91-92</i>
1125	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>
1126	68AX	100	Aug 30 - Oct 31	<i>Archery only, Very limited access</i>

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Notes:

1. This hunt has very limited access because of few roads and private property.
2. Short-range weapons **only** on CJ Strike, Chester Wetlands, and Montour Wildlife Management Areas, and all of Units 63 and 63A.
3. Short-range weapons **only**. Portion of Unit 38 within the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge (DFNWR) **only**. **Before applying** for this hunt please review the special regulations at <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat/recreation/hunting.html> or contact DFNWR at (208) 467-9278, 13751 Upper Embankment Rd, Nampa, ID 83686.
4. Short-range weapons **only** on the islands in the Snake River.
5. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 67 south and west of State Highway 26.
6. Mandatory class required - Anyone drawing a deer controlled archery only hunt tag 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.
7. All holders of this tag may only hunt during dates that the individual unit is open to General Tag holders. Hunters are also limited to weapon type that the General Season Tag holder must use for the given dates. Private land **only**.
8. 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.

^a This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

^b This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 94-97.

 2013 Controlled Hunts Outfitter Allocation Deer - Antlered Deer Only				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1127	1 ^a (see pg 33)	1	Aug 30 - Dec 1	
1128	11	1	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1129	11A	2	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1130	13	37	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1131	14	22	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1132	18	9	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1133	21	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1134	22	6	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1135	28-1	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1136	33 ^a (see pg 33)	1	Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>Muzzleloader only</i>
1137	36A	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1138	36B	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1139	37 ^a (see pg 34)	2	Nov 25 - Dec 9	<i>Muzzleloader only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1140	39-1	1	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
1141	40	5	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1142	42	1	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1143	45-1	1	Aug 15 - Sep 15	<i>Antlered only, Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1144	45-1	2	Oct 15 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1145	47-1	3	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1146	50 ^b (see pg 34)	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Portion of Unit only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1147	54	2	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1148	54	1	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
1149	55-1	2	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1150	55-2 ^a (see pg 35)	1	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Youth hunt only, Either sex</i>
1151	57	2	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1152	70	1	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
1153	78	7	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 91-92</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 or by calling 208-327-7380.

^a This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

^b This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions, please see pages 94-97.

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