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# STATEWIDE REPORT

## SURVEYS AND INVENTORY

**JOB TITLE:** White Tail Deer Surveys and Inventories

**STUDY NAME:** Big Game Population Status, Trends, Use, and Associated Habitat Studies

**PERIOD COVERED:** July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

### 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 2013 through 2015. Hunter harvest has increased from 19,079 in 2010 to 26,180 in 2016 (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.

Table 1. White-tailed Deer management goals and 3 year averages.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2014-2016)
Hunters	35,000	65,798
Hunter-days of recreation	207,000	411,622
Hunter Harvest	ND	28,186
Buck harvest	8,700	18,100
%5+ points in the harvest	15%	19%

### 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.

Table 2. White-tailed deer hunter participation and harvest reports during the 2016 harvest season.

Statewide	Check Stations	Check Station Days	Hunter Harvest Reports	% Change in Total Harvest Reports from Previous Year
2016	6	33	36,134	Not available

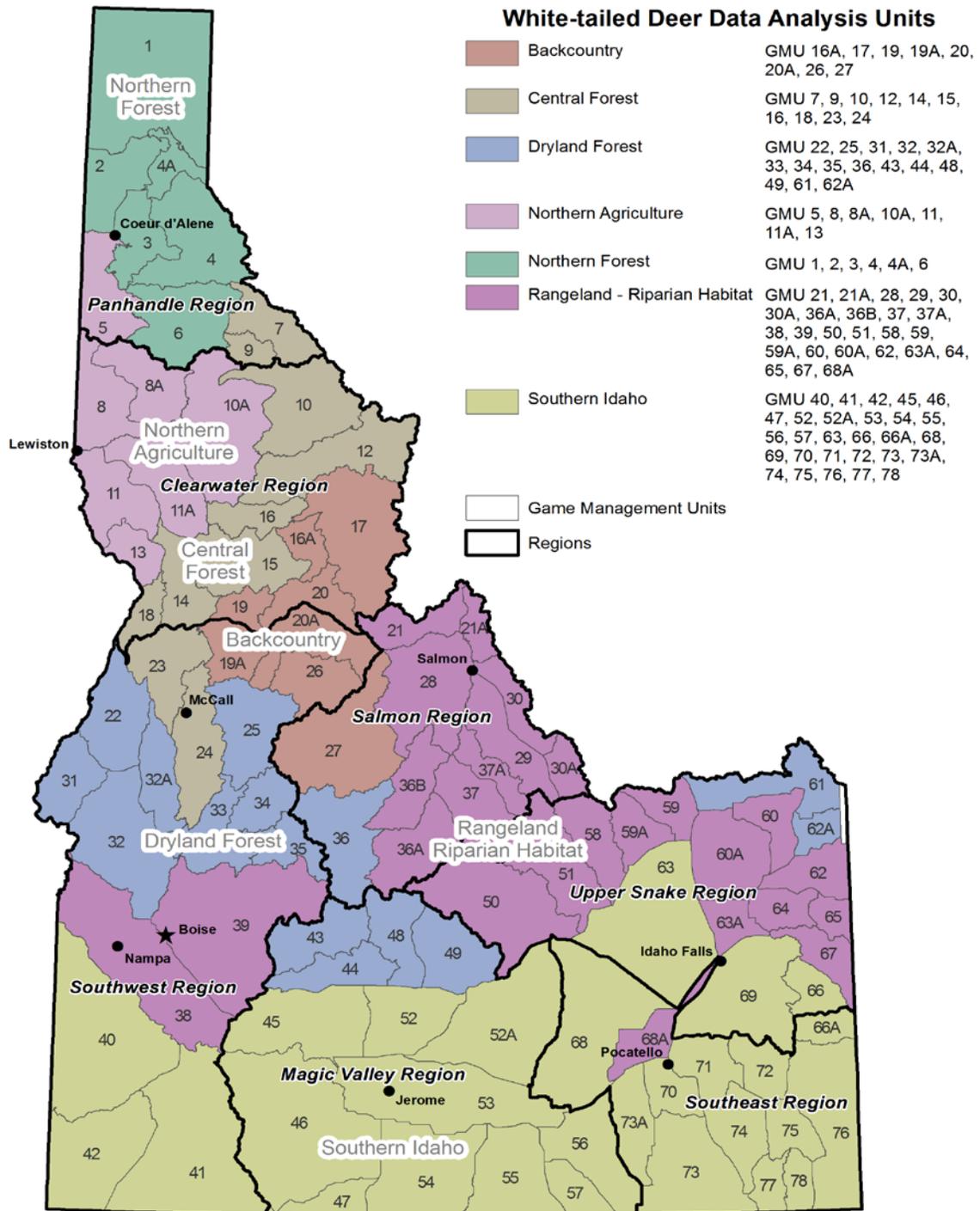
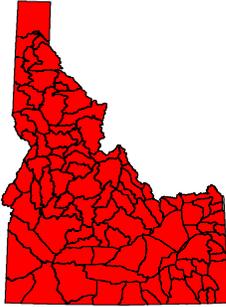


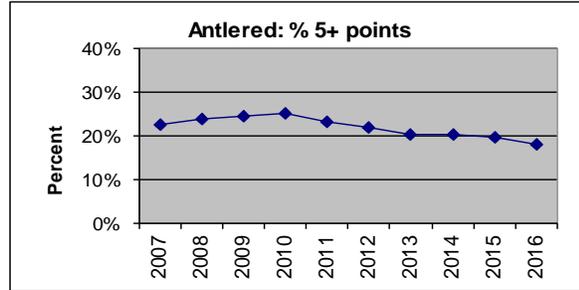
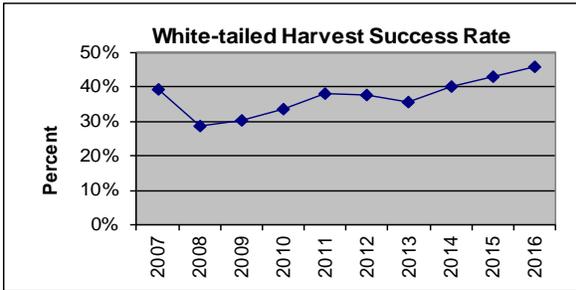
Figure 1. White-tailed deer Data Analysis Units.



# Statewide

All GMUs

3-Year Averages			
Square Miles:	83,471	Hunters per square mile:	0.79
Hunters	65,798	Harvest per square mile:	0.34
Hunter Days	411,622	Success Rate:	43%
		Hunter-days/Harvest	15
		Antlered: % 5+ points	19%



Regular Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		24,189	31,439	26,838	24,679	24,034	29,848	28,103	29,480	29,631	23,745
Hunter Days		109,097	202,202	173,156	152,704	167,028	187,102	174,144	178,635	174,065	175,966
White-tailed Harvest	Total	8,875	7,950	6,644	7,056	8,590	10,335	8,850	11,126	11,939	10,536
	Male	6,204	5,645	5,331	5,746	5,762	6,914	5,931	7,242	7,710	7,502
	Female	2,626	2,241	1,304	1,310	2,817	3,402	2,906	3,884	4,229	3,036
Success Rate		37%	25%	25%	29%	36%	35%	31%	38%	40%	44%
Antlered: % 5+ points		24%	24%	25%	26%	24%	22%	19%	20%	19%	19%
White-tailed Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		29,306	34,264	29,204	28,321	28,139	31,470	32,923	36,063	35,309	28,155
Hunter Days		118,879	201,341	186,820	176,896	183,603	192,365	200,279	214,441	206,417	194,723
Harvest	Total	11,662	10,543	9,943	10,374	10,928	12,428	12,432	14,975	15,459	13,076
	Male	8,548	7,823	7,311	7,902	7,759	8,746	8,973	10,747	10,963	9,613
	Female	3,017	2,635	2,627	2,471	3,154	3,639	3,435	4,228	4,496	3,463
White-tailed Success Rate		40%	31%	34%	37%	39%	39%	38%	42%	44%	46%
Antlered: % 5+ points		22%	25%	25%	26%	24%	22%	23%	22%	21%	18%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		3,112	3,615	3,343	3,722	3,363	3,850	4,071	4,156	5,711	5,145
Hunter Days		13,083	21,236	18,665	22,253	21,920	24,032	24,444	24,438	33,086	33,095
Harvest	Total	1,649	1,410	1,352	1,649	1,537	1,760	1,838	1,936	2,944	2,568
	Male	133	139	338	222	125	153	125	143	193	187
	Female	1,516	1,271	1,058	1,426	1,409	1,617	1,713	1,791	2,751	2,554
Success Rate		53%	39%	40%	44%	46%	46%	45%	47%	52%	50%
Antlered: % 5+ points		11%	15%	18%	24%	26%	35%	21%	25%	23%	19%
All Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		56,607	69,318	59,385	56,722	55,536	65,168	65,097	69,699	70,651	57,045
Hunter Days		241,059	424,779	378,641	351,853	372,551	403,499	398,867	417,514	413,568	403,784
White-tailed Harvest	Total	22,186	19,903	17,939	19,079	21,055	24,523	23,120	28,037	30,342	26,180
	Male	14,885	13,607	12,980	13,870	13,646	15,813	15,029	18,132	18,866	17,302
	Female	7,159	6,147	4,989	5,207	7,380	8,658	8,054	9,903	11,476	9,053
Success Rate		39%	29%	30%	34%	38%	38%	36%	40%	43%	46%
Antlered: % 5+ points		23%	24%	25%	25%	23%	22%	21%	20%	20%	18%

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 2016 general hunting season for antlered deer in the Northern Forest opened 10 October for both the Regular and White-tailed Deer Tag and 10 October for antlerless white-tailed deer. General season length varied from 22 to 53 days for antlered deer, and was 53 days for antlerless deer. Seven hundred extra antlerless tags were offered in portions of GMU 1 and 3 in 2016. Extra antlerless tags were issued to take advantage of high deer densities and address complaints from some agricultural landowners, an increase from the 450 extra tags offered in 2014.

The harvest success rate in 2016 for hunters indicating they were hunting whitetails was 46% higher than the previous three year average of 34%. 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). The winters 2016 was once again mild and resulted in high deer survival throughout the DAU. Therefore traditional antlerless harvest season were maintained.

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

Table 3. White-tailed Deer management goals and 3 year averages.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2014-2016)
Hunters	14,000	24,867
Hunter-days of recreation	85,000	163,816
Hunter Harvest	ND	10,368
Buck harvest	2,700	6,727
%5+ points in the harvest	17%	19%

## **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 in some areas.

## **Weather**

The winter of 2016 was considered milder than average winters 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, however many WMA properties throughout the DAU have implemented habitat actions that promote food and fawning cover for white-tailed deer.

## **Depredation Management**

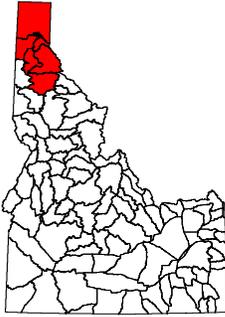
The primary complaint regarding white-tailed deer was too many deer in towns or urban areas. Areas at the periphery of Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, and Hayden Lake produced the most calls. During 2016-2017 the City of Hayden Lake passed a city ordinance to disallow feeding of deer within city limits. After discussions with city officials a pilot deer trapping and relocation and/or removal program was implemented. The trapping program was discontinued due to high costs associated with trapping and low success rates of trapping deer. 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 363 white-tailed deer have been tested for CWD in this DAU. None have had the disease.

## **Emergency Winter Feeding**

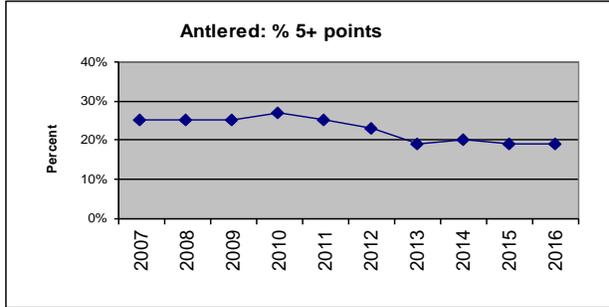
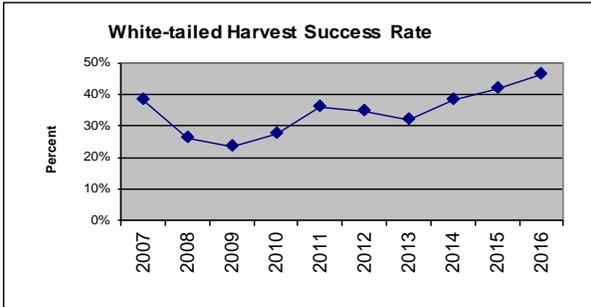
Department sponsored winter feeding was not conducted during this reporting period.



# DAU 1: Northern Forest

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

3-Year Averages		Hunters per square mile:	3.95
Square Miles:	6,299	Harvest per square mile:	1.65
Hunters	24,867	Success Rate:	42%
Hunter Days	163,816	Hunter-days/Harvest	16
		Antlered: % 5+ points	19%



Regular Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		16,711	22,564	20,046	17,980	17,668	22,437	20,535	21,168	21,362	16,516
Hunter Days		79,431	157,657	135,346	114,964	130,375	146,461	132,807	134,262	131,550	134,411
White-tailed Harvest	Total	6,332	5,922	4,665	5,035	6,424	7,663	6,414	7,809	8,789	7,592
	Male	4,443	4,190	3,860	4,249	4,271	5,146	4,366	5,159	5,735	5,526
	Female	1,867	1,704	802	787	2,152	2,504	2,045	2,650	3,054	2,066
White-tailed Success Rate		38%	26%	23%	28%	36%	34%	31%	37%	41%	46%
Antlered: % 5+ points		26%	25%	25%	27%	26%	23%	20%	21%	19%	19%
White-tailed Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		3,803	4,333	3,423	2,857	3,059	3,805	4,026	4,516	4,743	3,833
Hunter Days		15,811	26,699	20,536	16,082	19,037	22,032	22,098	26,210	25,792	23,806
Harvest	Total	1,392	1,112	757	694	965	1,253	1,346	1,838	1,896	1,637
	Male	949	743	620	581	623	770	928	1,212	1,299	1,174
	Female	436	353	137	113	333	476	413	626	597	462
White-tailed Success Rate		37%	26%	22%	24%	32%	33%	33%	41%	40%	43%
Antlered: % 5+ points		21%	24%	24%	31%	20%	21%	15%	17%	18%	19%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		379	99	56	84	156	346	375	478	946	1,038
Hunter Days		2,488	636	550	648	968	2,224	2,299	2,898	5,569	6,949
Harvest	Total	294	48	32	42	108	246	223	323	597	622
	Male	20	11	10	12	19	22	20	27	21	28
	Female	274	36	21	30	87	234	204	296	576	594
Success Rate		78%	48%	57%	50%	69%	71%	59%	68%	63%	60%
Antlered: % 5+ points		15%	44%	50%	73%	26%	41%	31%	50%	42%	25%
All Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		20,893	26,996	23,525	20,921	20,883	26,588	24,936	26,162	27,051	21,387
Hunter Days		97,730	184,992	156,432	131,694	150,380	170,717	157,204	163,370	162,911	165,166
White-tailed Harvest	Total	8,018	7,082	5,454	5,771	7,497	9,162	7,983	9,970	11,282	9,851
	Male	5,412	4,944	4,490	4,842	4,913	5,938	5,314	6,398	7,055	6,728
	Female	2,577	2,093	960	930	2,572	3,214	2,662	3,572	4,227	3,123
Success Rate		38%	26%	23%	28%	36%	34%	32%	38%	42%	46%
Antlered: % 5+ points		25%	25%	25%	27%	25%	23%	19%	20%	19%	19%

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, 14, 15, 16, and 18) or 10-16 October (GMU 23; Appendix A). The antlerless season in GMUs 14 and 18 was lengthened from 7 days to its current level (42 days) in 2015. GMUs 7 and 9 have a 31-day (10 Oct - 9 Nov) season for either-sex 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  $\geq 5$  points in the buck harvest were easily met during this reporting period as illustrated in the table below.

Table 4. White-tailed Deer management goals and 3 year averages.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2014-2016)
Hunters	5,200	8,320
Hunter-days of recreation	25,500	43,480
Hunter harvest	ND	3,625
Buck harvest	1,500	2,468
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	15%

### **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**

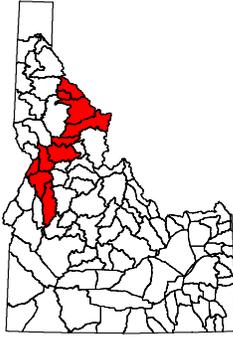
Although some deer were lost to Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in 2003, this DAU was not impacted as heavily as DAU 3. No significant EHD outbreaks have been detected since 2003.

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. *Culicoides spp.* gnats can serve as vectors for a variety of wildlife diseases including EHD and bluetongue virus (BTV). While no major outbreaks have been detected since the study was completed, isolated reports have been documented intermittently throughout the region. An outbreak of BTV (type 17) occurred in 2015 with infected animals seen along the South Fork of the Clearwater River and lower Salmon River. This outbreak drew particular attention from Washington Animal Diagnostic Lab veterinarians because BTV is rarely reported to cause disease in wildlife, generally affecting domestic sheep, cattle, and goats.

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**

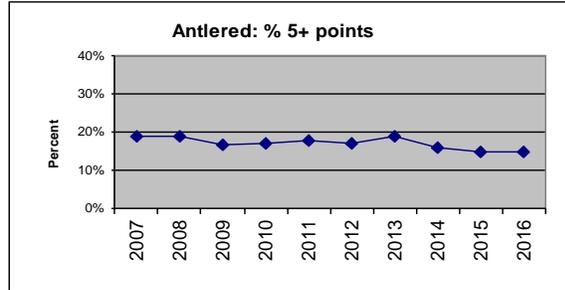
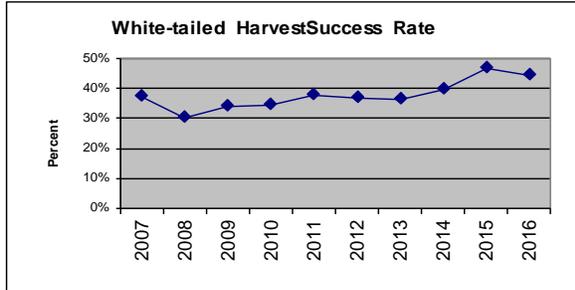
Emergency feeding of white-tailed deer by the Department has not occurred in recent years.



## DAU 2: Central Forest

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

3-Year Averages		Hunters per square mile:	1.21
Square Miles:	6,879	Harvest per square mile:	0.53
Hunters	8,320	Success Rate:	44%
Hunter Days	43,480	Hunter-days/Harvest	12
		Antlered: % 5+ points	15%



Regular Deer Tags	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters	1,555	1,903	1,733	1,421	1,394	1,558	1,508	1,526	1,589	1,576
Hunter Days	6,321	10,302	9,226	7,996	7,257	8,439	7,627	8,067	7,547	9,674
White-tailed Harvest										
Total	508	380	469	378	394	491	441	531	599	588
Male	316	225	284	258	230	276	232	246	275	310
Female	191	143	183	120	156	215	209	285	324	279
White-tailed Success Rate	33%	20%	27%	27%	28%	32%	29%	35%	38%	37%
Antlered: % 5+ points	22%	12%	16%	8%	13%	12%	10%	10%	6%	0%
White-tailed Deer Tags	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters	6,177	6,559	5,671	6,247	5,387	5,943	5,946	6,824	6,913	5,774
Hunter Days	23,090	35,009	31,202	34,022	30,402	31,180	30,220	33,318	34,569	33,739
Harvest										
Total	2,333	2,116	1,967	2,181	2,111	2,232	2,236	2,714	3,324	2,628
Male	1,846	1,635	1,510	1,763	1,619	1,652	1,760	2,005	2,586	1,968
Female	473	462	456	417	487	576	477	709	738	661
White-tailed Success Rate	38%	32%	35%	35%	39%	38%	38%	40%	48%	46%
Antlered: % 5+ points	18%	19%	17%	18%	19%	18%	21%	17%	17%	16%
Controlled Hunt Tags	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters	281	298	280	283	248	207	206	169	309	280
Hunter Days	766	1,420	1,236	1,261	1,260	995	955	860	1,373	1,293
Harvest										
Total	130	142	157	171	147	123	123	115	203	172
Male	7	13	10	17	3	2	4	1	3	11
Female	120	126	147	154	144	121	119	114	200	161
Success Rate	46%	48%	56%	60%	59%	59%	60%	68%	66%	61%
Antlered: % 5+ points	0%	15%	0%	17%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
All Deer Tags	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters	8,013	8,760	7,684	7,951	7,029	7,708	7,660	8,519	8,811	7,630
Hunter Days	30,177	46,731	41,664	43,279	38,919	40,614	38,802	42,245	43,489	44,706
White-tailed Harvest										
Total	2,971	2,638	2,593	2,730	2,652	2,846	2,800	3,360	4,126	3,389
Male	2,169	1,873	1,804	2,038	1,852	1,930	1,996	2,252	2,864	2,288
Female	784	731	786	691	787	912	805	1,108	1,262	1,101
Success Rate	37%	30%	34%	34%	38%	37%	37%	39%	47%	44%
Antlered: % 5+ points	19%	19%	17%	17%	18%	17%	19%	16%	15%	15%

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 5, 8, 8A, 10A, 11, and 11A (10 Oct-1 Dec), down to a 25-day either-sex season (10 Oct-3 Nov) in GMU 13 (Appendix A). The GMU 13 antlerless season was increased by 18 days to its current length in 2015. 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 53-day (10 Oct-1 Dec) antlerless season which was lengthened by 23 days in 2014. 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 an 83-day either-sex youth hunt in 11A and a 66-day either-sex muzzleloader hunt in GMUs 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  $\geq 5$  points in the buck harvest were easily met during this reporting period as illustrated in the table below.

Table 5. White-tailed Deer management goals and 3 year averages.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2014-2016)
Hunters	12,700	25,554
Hunter-days of recreation	81,000	166,506
Hunter harvest	ND	12,074
Buck harvest	4,300	7,617
%5+ points in the harvest	17%	22%

### 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.

In the winter of 2015 a depredation research project was initiated by the Department in collaboration with the University of Idaho. This study will help to develop management tools for

reducing white-tailed deer depredation of agricultural crops. The project will span 2 years and collar approximately 60 white-tailed deer per year. Specific treatments that will be tested include fear-increasing and nutrition-modifying treatments. The goal of the project will be to determine how various management treatments affect deer behavior and subsequent crop damage, with the goal of identifying the most effective actions for reducing deer damage to agriculture.

### **Disease Monitoring**

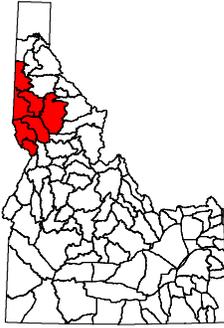
A large-scale Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) outbreak started in the Kamiah area in late July 2003. Previously, EHD had been confirmed only once in the region, when there was a small-scale outbreak near Peck in 2000. The 2003 outbreak ended with a hard frost that interrupted the *Culicoides* spp. gnat life cycle in October. While centered on the Kamiah and Kooskia area, whitetail deaths caused by EHD were observed at 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 EHD 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. *Culicoides* spp. gnats can serve a vector for a variety of wildlife diseases including EHD and bluetongue virus (BTV). While no major hemorrhagic disease outbreaks have been detected since the study was completed, isolated reports have been documented intermittently throughout the region. Most recently, an outbreak of BTV (type 17) occurred in 2015 with infected animals seen at low elevation portions of the Clearwater Region, including the lower Salmon, lower South Fork Clearwater and lower Main Clearwater Rivers, and tributaries. Mortalities were also documented in the vicinity of Moscow and Troy. While exact numbers are not known, it is likely that several hundred to a couple of thousand deer died from BTV during this outbreak. Populations did not appear to be significantly affected as the 2015 white-tailed deer harvest was well above the 3 year average.

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**

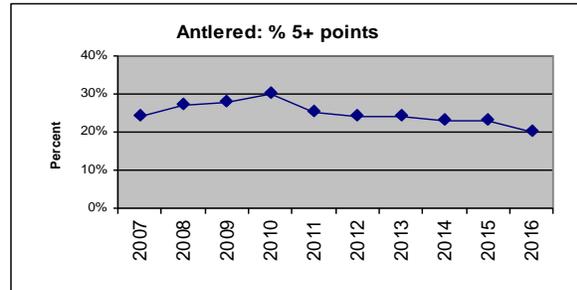
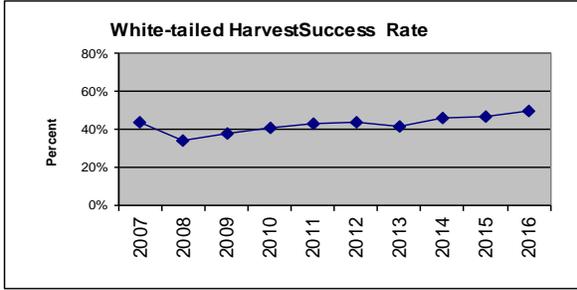
Emergency feeding of white-tailed deer by the Department has not occurred in recent years.



### DAU 3: Northern Agriculture

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

3-Year Averages			
Square Miles:	5,698	Hunters per square mile:	4.48
Hunters	25,554	Harvest per square mile:	2.12
Hunter Days	166,506	Success Rate:	47%
		Hunter-days/Harvest	14
		Antlered: % 5+ points	22%



Regular Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		2,954	3,412	2,939	2,751	2,743	3,716	3,521	3,839	3,861	3,458
Hunter Days		12,659	19,509	18,476	17,506	18,310	22,400	21,585	23,115	23,970	21,474
White-tailed Harvest	Total	1,299	1,108	1,006	981	1,163	1,589	1,359	2,000	1,741	1,549
	Male	877	808	789	763	796	1,046	882	1,275	1,112	1,090
	Female	407	295	216	217	368	542	473	725	629	459
White-tailed Success Rate		44%	32%	34%	36%	42%	43%	39%	52%	45%	45%
Antlered: % 5+ points		23%	24%	27%	32%	23%	25%	19%	23%	23%	22%
White-tailed Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		17,298	20,583	17,641	16,858	17,071	19,081	19,790	21,578	20,569	16,474
Hunter Days		71,261	124,267	118,815	112,677	115,789	122,848	129,643	137,091	131,020	123,181
Harvest	Total	7,311	6,755	6,586	6,806	7,138	8,226	8,078	9,504	9,285	8,034
	Male	5,350	5,061	4,738	5,047	4,996	5,860	5,734	6,884	6,430	5,947
	Female	1,904	1,659	1,844	1,759	2,141	2,341	2,332	2,620	2,855	2,088
White-tailed Success Rate		42%	33%	37%	40%	42%	43%	41%	44%	45%	49%
Antlered: % 5+ points		24%	28%	28%	30%	26%	24%	25%	24%	23%	19%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		1,404	1,337	1,349	1,561	1,426	1,501	1,757	1,802	2,666	2,415
Hunter Days		5,435	9,046	7,224	8,411	8,530	8,205	9,564	9,565	15,289	14,814
Harvest	Total	806	813	753	895	880	890	1,028	1,037	1,609	1,463
	Male	40	52	46	65	21	17	17	12	41	61
	Female	756	757	753	830	859	873	1,010	1,024	1,568	1,403
Success Rate		57%	61%	56%	57%	62%	59%	59%	58%	60%	61%
Antlered: % 5+ points		3%	8%	2%	31%	5%	15%	12%	36%	25%	28%
All Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		21,656	25,332	21,929	21,170	21,240	24,298	25,068	27,219	27,096	22,347
Hunter Days		89,355	152,822	144,515	138,594	142,629	153,453	160,792	169,771	170,279	159,469
White-tailed Harvest	Total	9,416	8,676	8,345	8,682	9,181	10,705	10,465	12,541	12,635	11,047
	Male	6,267	5,921	5,573	5,875	5,813	6,923	6,633	8,171	7,583	7,097
	Female	3,067	2,711	2,813	2,806	3,368	3,756	3,815	4,369	5,052	3,950
Success Rate		43%	34%	38%	41%	43%	44%	42%	46%	47%	49%
Antlered: % 5+ points		24%	27%	28%	30%	25%	24%	24%	23%	23%	20%

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 2016 seasons, 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 2016 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.

Table 6. White-tailed Deer management goals and 3 year averages.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2014-2016)
Hunters	700	479
Hunter-days of recreation	3,500	2,653
Hunter harvest	ND	181
Buck harvest	ND	132
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	27%

### **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**

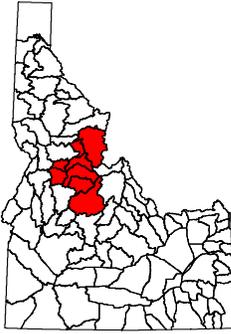
Depredations are not an issue in this wilderness DAU.

### **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**

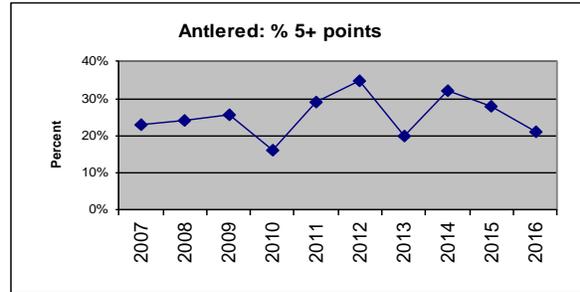
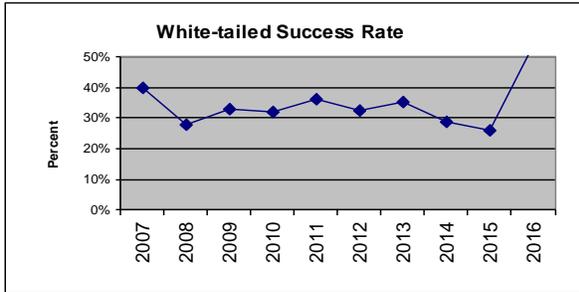
Emergency winter feeding is not a consideration in this wilderness DAU.



## DAU 4: Backcountry

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

3-Year Averages		
Hunters per square mile:		0.08
Harvest per square mile:		0.03
Success Rate:		38%
Hunter-days/Harvest		15
Antlered: % 5+ points		25%
Square Miles:	5,873	
Hunters	479	
Hunter Days	2,653	



Regular Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		352	378	225	301	242	240	246	218	244	346
Hunter Days		1,485	2,258	1,286	1,929	1,387	1,587	1,485	1,226	1,269	2,267
White-tailed Harvest	Total	161	105	95	106	100	91	99	87	60	225
	Male	129	76	66	78	73	77	77	57	34	171
	Female	32	26	29	28	26	14	21	30	26	54
White-tailed Success Rate		46%	28%	42%	35%	41%	38%	40%	40%	25%	65%
Antlered: % 5+ points		16%	36%	37%	23%	32%	41%	19%	29%	27%	16%
White-tailed Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		274	352	226	221	209	193	191	314	104	201
Hunter Days		1,218	1,937	1,348	1,260	1,082	961	974	1,818	394	922
Harvest	Total	91	97	54	61	63	49	54	65	27	71
	Male	65	74	43	56	52	33	34	50	18	58
	Female	24	20	11	5	11	16	21	15	9	13
White-tailed Success Rate		33%	28%	24%	28%	30%	25%	28%	21%	26%	35%
Antlered: % 5+ points		38%	11%	9%	5%	25%	19%	24%	38%	30%	38%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		16	11	8	9	1	1	5	2	4	4
Hunter Days		39	58	56	48	4	4	13	7	16	40
Harvest	Total	5	4	3	2	0	1	2	1	4	3
	Male	5	4	2	2	0	1	2	1	4	3
	Female	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Success Rate		31%	36%	38%	22%	0%	100%	40%	50%	100%	75%
Antlered: % 5+ points		0%	25%	0%	50%	0%	100%	0%	100%	33%	0%
All Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		642	741	459	531	452	434	442	534	352	552
Hunter Days		2,742	4,253	2,690	3,237	2,473	2,552	2,472	3,051	1,679	3,228
White-tailed Harvest	Total	257	206	152	169	163	141	155	153	91	298
	Male	199	154	111	136	125	111	113	108	56	232
	Female	56	46	41	33	37	30	42	45	35	66
Success Rate		40%	28%	33%	32%	36%	32%	35%	29%	26%	54%
Antlered: % 5+ points		23%	24%	26%	16%	29%	35%	20%	32%	28%	21%

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

Table 7. White-tailed Deer management goals and 3 year averages.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2014-2016)
Hunters	900	3,884
Hunter-days of recreation	4,700	22,975
Hunter harvest	ND	1,334
Buck harvest	ND	814
%5+ points in the harvest	10%	22%

### 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 natural 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

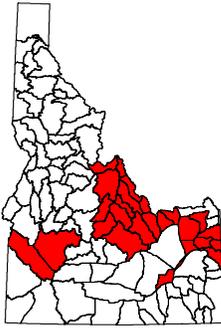
DAU. In the winter months, a common problem in the area is white-tailed deer frequenting haystacks which results in haystack paneling. Below moderate to bad winter of 2015-2016 resulted in an increase in whitetail depredations, particularly to stored forage crops (hay stacks).

### **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 check stations. 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**

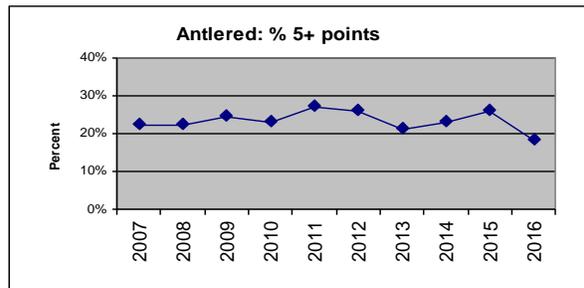
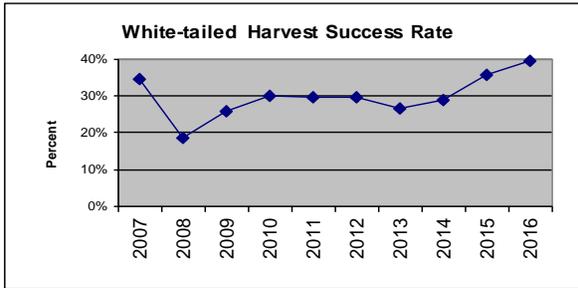
Winter feeding has not been a large issue for white-tailed deer in this DAU. The only place the Department has undertaken emergency winter feeding for white-tailed deer in the area was in the Teton Basin. During winter 2006-2007, white-tailed deer were fed at 3 sites in GMU 62. Winter feeding is discouraged except for when emergency winter feeding criteria are met. No winter feeding occurred during this reporting period



## 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		
Square Miles:	17,859	Hunters per square mile: 0.22
Hunters	3,884	Harvest per square mile: 0.07
Hunter Days	22,975	Success Rate: 34%
		Hunter-days/Harvest: 46
		Antlered: % 5+ points: 23%



Regular Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		1,300	1,893	959	1,078	936	954	1,100	1,344	1,052	791
Hunter Days		4,514	7,178	4,960	5,534	5,278	4,303	6,045	5,618	4,414	3,845
White-tailed Harvest	Total	392	256	249	326	304	282	298	334	433	338
	Male	291	222	209	240	259	230	239	244	358	262
	Female	100	33	39	86	45	47	58	90	75	77
White-tailed Success Rate		30%	14%	26%	30%	32%	30%	27%	25%	41%	43%
Antlered: % 5+ points		19%	20%	29%	21%	25%	19%	20%	21%	19%	18%
White-tailed Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		1,258	1,706	1,647	1,559	1,695	1,812	2,172	1,823	1,887	1,239
Hunter Days		5,601	9,869	12,192	9,972	12,716	12,163	13,327	11,109	9,364	9,540
Harvest	Total	433	381	456	482	535	560	583	622	705	512
	Male	304	252	334	365	396	377	438	477	518	362
	Female	114	119	122	118	140	175	135	145	187	149
White-tailed Success Rate		34%	22%	28%	31%	32%	31%	27%	34%	37%	41%
Antlered: % 5+ points		25%	24%	21%	24%	27%	27%	21%	25%	31%	21%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		760	1,483	1,201	1,289	1,128	1,326	1,298	1,193	1,271	1,052
Hunter Days		3,610	7,943	7,690	9,072	8,702	10,112	9,391	8,638	8,388	8,010
Harvest	Total	323	311	276	370	282	367	337	311	375	372
	Male	47	39	237	71	54	75	58	64	81	74
	Female	271	266	38	298	229	292	279	247	294	298
Success Rate		43%	21%	23%	29%	25%	28%	26%	26%	30%	35%
Antlered: % 5+ points		18%	18%	22%	22%	41%	44%	24%	22%	25%	4%
All Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		3,318	5,082	3,807	3,926	3,759	4,092	4,570	4,360	4,210	3,083
Hunter Days		13,725	24,990	24,842	24,578	26,696	26,578	28,763	25,365	22,166	21,394
White-tailed Harvest	Total	1,148	948	981	1,178	1,121	1,209	1,218	1,267	1,513	1,223
	Male	642	513	780	676	709	682	735	785	957	699
	Female	485	418	199	502	414	514	472	482	556	524
Success Rate		35%	19%	26%	30%	30%	30%	27%	29%	36%	40%
Antlered: % 5+ points		22%	22%	24%	23%	27%	26%	21%	23%	26%	18%

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 hunting opportunity is allowed in GMUs 61 and 62A. 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.

#### 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.

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.

Table 8. White-tailed Deer management goals and 3 year averages.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2014-2016)
Hunters	1,000	1,521
Hunter-days of recreation	2,100	7,101
Hunter harvest	ND	367
Buck harvest	ND	189
%5+ Points in the harvest	10%	11%

#### Population Monitoring

Currently, there is no reliable aerial or ground survey technique for estimating white-tailed deer populations. Field observations and increased harvest indicate white-tailed deer are expanding along some riparian areas such as the South Fork of the Payette.

#### 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 monitored.

### **Depredation Management**

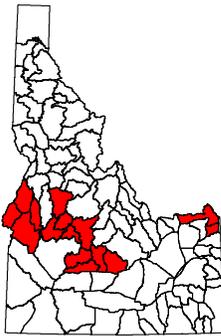
Although white-tailed deer are considered low in numbers in this DAU, they are often found concentrated around agricultural fields. Damage to crops occurs in some cases. Areas with chronic white-tailed deer depredations are often managed with controlled hunts for an extra antlerless deer. No cases of white-tail deer depredation were reported for GMUs 61 and 62A 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**

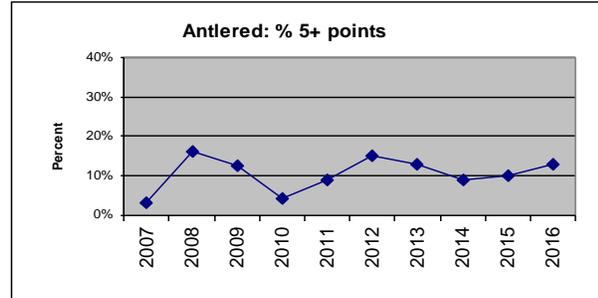
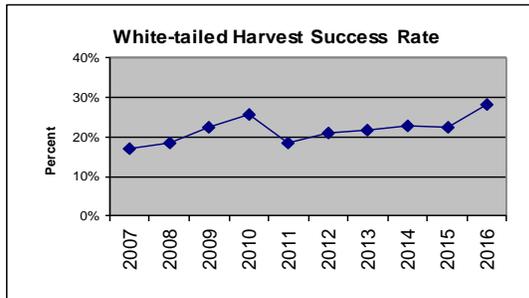
Occasionally, white-tailed deer are fed incidental to feeding implemented in severe winters to prevent catastrophic loss of mule deer.



## 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 per square mile: 0.14
Hunters	1,521	Harvest per square mile: 0.03
Hunter Days	7,101	Success Rate: 24%
		Hunter-days/Harvest: 19
		Antlered: % 5+ points: 11%



Regular Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		596	485	426	550	516	459	567	677	652	541
Hunter Days		2,130	2,453	1,776	2,181	2,128	1,987	2,333	3,306	2,141	1,966
White-tailed Harvest	Total	90	101	84	108	86	103	124	153	158	134
	Male	67	61	72	68	60	58	76	100	93	88
	Female	22	29	12	40	25	45	48	53	65	46
White-tailed Success Rate		15%	21%	20%	20%	12%	13%	13%	15%	14%	16%
Antlered: % 5+ points		2%	7%	3%	3%	12%	3%	12%	10%	6%	6%
White-tailed Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		259	459	415	386	496	452	506	749	832	496
Hunter Days		1,097	2,286	1,982	1,866	2,700	2,214	2,639	3,458	4,072	2,828
Harvest	Total	35	61	91	113	92	81	83	168	167	161
	Male	6	40	41	64	62	40	42	88	84	77
	Female	28	19	50	49	29	41	41	80	83	84
White-tailed Success Rate		14%	13%	22%	29%	19%	18%	16%	22%	20%	32%
Antlered: % 5+ points		8%	28%	30%	5%	6%	24%	10%	8%	17%	15%
Controlled Hunt Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		89	58	201	255	143	200	154	215	237	164
Hunter Days		284	305	902	1,338	1,008	1,123	920	1,224	1,162	1,146
Harvest	Total	35	25	59	86	34	50	59	52	64	43
	Male	6	7	7	20	6	14	6	11	18	8
	Female	28	18	52	66	29	36	53	40	46	35
Success Rate		39%	43%	29%	34%	24%	25%	38%	24%	27%	26%
Antlered: % 5+ points		0%	31%	15%	5%	0%	40%	46%	0%	0%	80%
All Deer Tags		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters		944	1,002	1,042	1,191	1,155	1,111	1,227	1,641	1,721	1,201
Hunter Days		3,511	5,044	4,660	5,385	5,836	5,324	5,892	7,988	7,375	5,941
White-tailed Harvest	Total	160	187	234	307	212	234	266	373	389	338
	Male	79	108	120	152	128	112	124	199	195	172
	Female	78	66	114	155	83	122	142	173	194	166
Success Rate		17%	19%	22%	26%	18%	21%	22%	23%	23%	28%
Antlered: % 5+ points		3%	16%	13%	4%	9%	15%	13%	9%	10%	13%

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 increased 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  $\geq 5$  points.

Table 9. White-tailed Deer management goals and 3 year averages.

Criteria	Minimum	Three-year average (2014-2016)
Hunters	800	1,1749
Hunter-days of recreation	1,600	5,091
Hunter harvest	ND	296
Buck harvest	ND	153
%5+ Points in the harvest	10%	12%

#### 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

hunter harvest information, 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 in DAU 7.

### **Disease Monitoring**

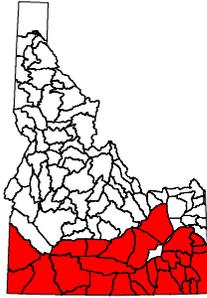
There is currently no disease monitoring program designed specifically for white-tailed deer. White-tailed deer are sampled on occasion at Department check stations incidental to mule deer and elk sampling.

### **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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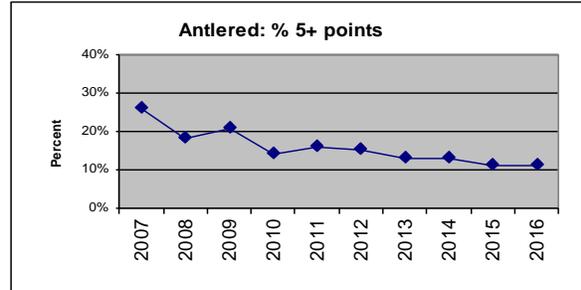
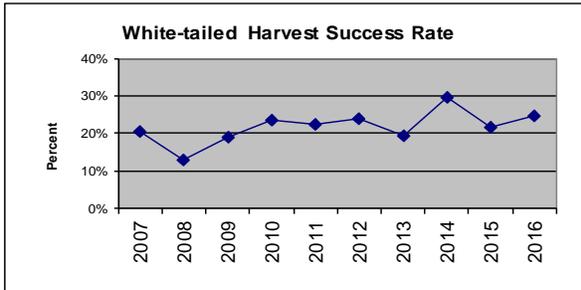
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## DAU 7: Southern Idaho

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

3-Year Averages		Hunters per square mile:	0.04
Square Miles:	30,255	Harvest per square mile:	0.01
Hunters	1,174	Success Rate:	25%
Hunter Days	5,091	Hunter-days/Harvest	17
		Antlered: % 5+ points	12%



Regular Deer Tags	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters	721	804	510	598	535	484	626	708	871	517
Hunter Days	2,557	2,845	2,086	2,594	2,293	1,925	2,262	3,041	3,174	2,329
White-tailed Harvest										
Total	93	78	76	122	119	116	115	212	159	110
Male	81	63	51	90	73	81	59	161	103	55
Female	7	11	23	32	45	35	52	51	56	55
White-tailed Success Rate	13%	10%	15%	20%	22%	24%	18%	30%	18%	21%
Antlered: % 5+ points	25%	23%	25%	16%	8%	11%	7%	11%	6%	0%
White-tailed Deer Tags	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters	237	272	181	193	222	184	292	259	261	138
Hunter Days	801	1,274	745	1,017	1,877	967	1,378	1,437	1,206	707
Harvest										
Total	67	21	32	37	24	27	52	64	55	33
Male	28	18	25	26	11	14	37	31	28	27
Female	38	3	7	10	13	14	16	33	27	6
White-tailed Success Rate	28%	8%	18%	19%	11%	15%	18%	25%	21%	24%
Antlered: % 5+ points	34%	17%	32%	8%	64%	51%	27%	23%	33%	30%
Controlled Hunt Tags	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters	183	329	248	241	261	269	276	297	278	192
Hunter Days	461	1,828	1,007	1,475	1,448	1,369	1,302	1,246	1,289	843
Harvest										
Total	75	83	72	83	86	83	66	97	92	65
Male	8	13	26	35	22	22	18	27	25	2
Female	67	68	46	48	61	61	48	70	67	63
Success Rate	41%	25%	29%	34%	33%	31%	24%	33%	33%	34%
Antlered: % 5+ points	25%	0%	0%	13%	18%	9%	5%	13%	15%	100%
All Deer Tags	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hunters	1,141	1,405	939	1,032	1,018	937	1,194	1,264	1,410	847
Hunter Days	3,819	5,947	3,838	5,086	5,618	4,261	4,942	5,724	5,669	3,879
White-tailed Harvest										
Total	235	182	180	242	229	226	233	373	306	208
Male	117	94	102	151	106	117	114	219	156	84
Female	112	82	76	90	119	110	116	154	150	124
Success Rate	21%	13%	19%	23%	22%	24%	20%	30%	22%	25%
Antlered: % 5+ points	26%	18%	21%	14%	16%	15%	13%	13%	11%	11%

Figure 9. Southern Idaho White-tailed Deer DAU Status and Objectives

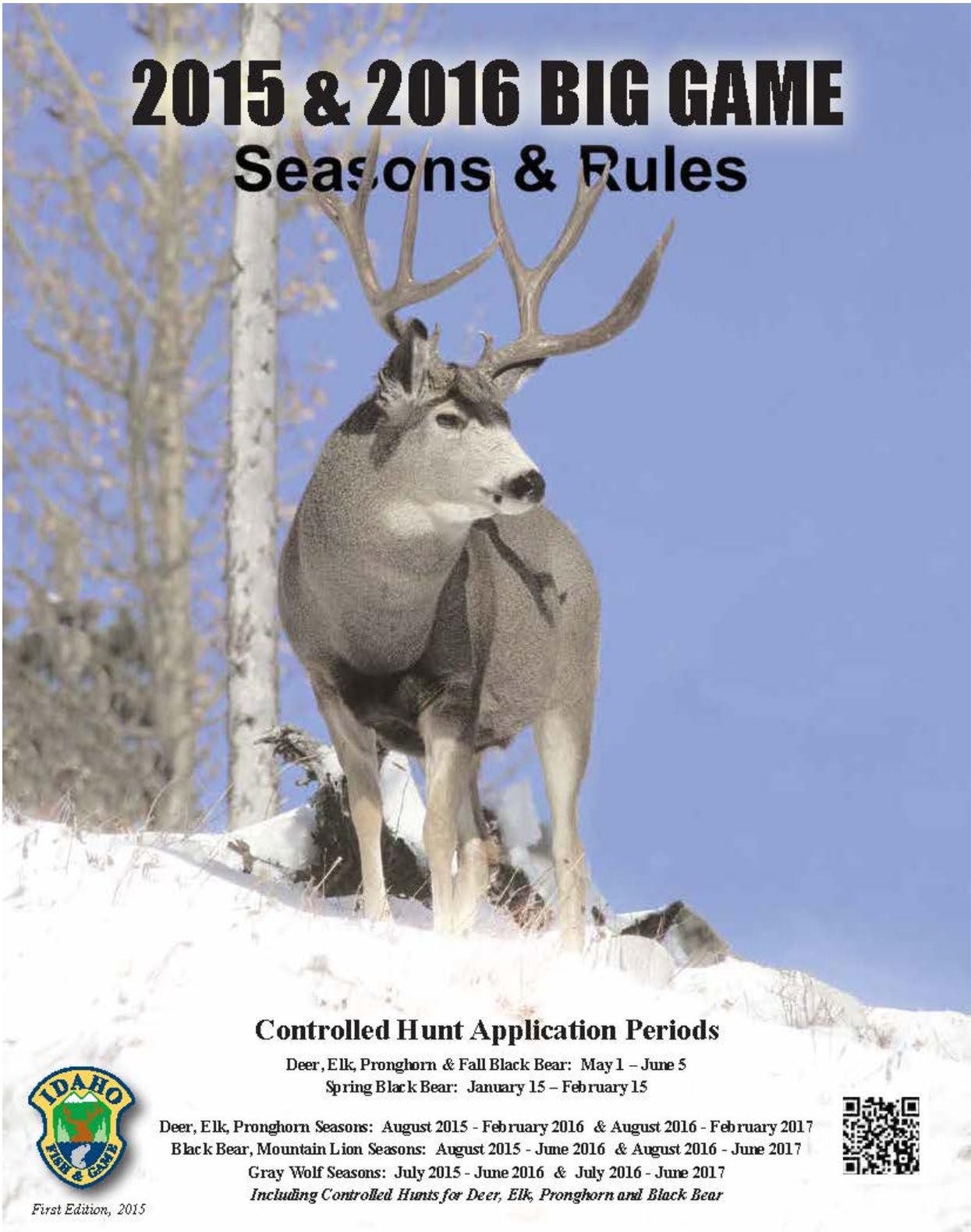
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2016 SEASON

WHITE-TAILED DEER RULES

# 2015 & 2016 BIG GAME Seasons & Rules



## Controlled Hunt Application Periods

Deer, Elk, Pronghorn & Fall Black Bear: May 1 – June 5

Spring Black Bear: January 15 – February 15

Deer, Elk, Pronghorn Seasons: August 2015 - February 2016 & August 2016 - February 2017

Black Bear, Mountain Lion Seasons: August 2015 - June 2016 & August 2016 - June 2017

Gray Wolf Seasons: July 2015 - June 2016 & July 2016 - June 2017

*Including Controlled Hunts for Deer, Elk, Pronghorn and Black Bear*



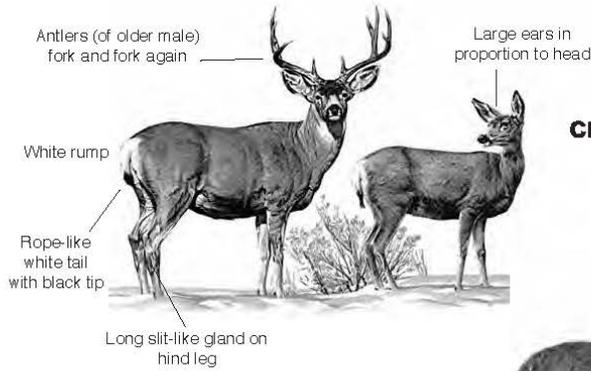
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## DEER

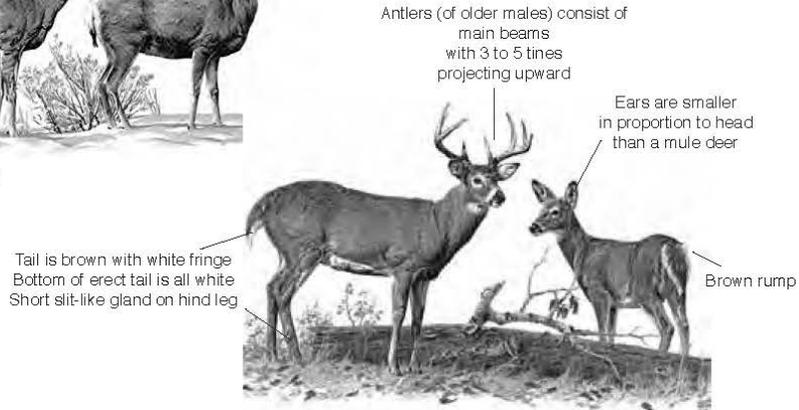
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### Characteristics of a mule deer



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

### Characteristics of a white-tailed deer



### 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.

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<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Regular Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons</b>			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
<b>1</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	Oct 10 - Dec 1 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
	Nov 1 - Dec 1		
<b>2, 3, 4A, 5, 6</b>	Oct 10 - Nov 9	Oct 10 - 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>		
<b>4, 7, 9</b>	Oct 10 - Nov 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
<b>8, 8A, 10, 10A, 12, 15, 16</b>	Oct 10 - Nov 3	Oct 10 - Nov 3	
<b>11, 11A</b>	Oct 10 - Nov 3 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	Oct 10 - Nov 3 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
<b>13, 14, 18</b>	Oct 10 - Nov 3 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	Oct 10 - Nov 3 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	<i>Very limited access, See note 1, Page 11</i>
<b>16A, 17, 19, 20</b>	Sep 15 - Nov 18	Sep 15 - Nov 18	

<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Regular Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons</b>			
<b>Unit(s)</b>	<b>Antlered</b>	<b>Antlerless</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>19A</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	
<b>20A, 26, 27</b>	Sep 15 - Oct 31	None	
<b>21, 21A, 28, 29, 30, 36, 36A, 36B, 37A</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only, Private land only)</i>	<i>See note 2, Page 11, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 29, 30, 36A, &amp; 37A, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>22</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(2-point deer only)</i>	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	
<b>23, 24, 25</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>See note 3, Page 11</i>
<b>30A</b>	None	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only, Private land only)</i>	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>31, 32, 32A</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>See notes 2 &amp; 4, Page 11, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 32 &amp; 32A, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>33, 34, 35</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	
<b>37</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 17	Oct 10 - Oct 17 <i>(Youth hunt only, Private land only)</i>	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>39</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	
<b>40, 41, 42</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(2-point deer only)</i>	None	<i>See note 2, Page 11</i>
<b>43</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	
<b>46</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>See notes 2 &amp; 4, Page 11</i>
<b>48, 49</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 49, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>50, 51, 56, 58, 59, 59A</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>52A</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>60, 61, 62, 62A, 64, 65</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>See note 2, Page 11</i>
<b>60A</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>See note 5, Page 11</i>
<b>66, 69</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>67</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	<i>See note 6, Page 11</i>

2015 & 2016 Regular Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
66A, 68, 71, 72, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66A, 72, 75, 76 & 77, See Pages 101 - 103
70, 78	None	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103
73	None	Oct 10 - Oct 16 (Youth hunt only)	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103

**Notes:**

1. Unit 13 has very limited access because of few roads and private property.
2. Short-range weapons **only** on C.J. Strike, Chester Wetlands, 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 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** 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.
6. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 67 south and west of State Highway 26.



*There is simply no better way to introduce a new hunter to the safe, ethical and responsible aspects of hunting than with the close supervision of an adult mentor.*



Hunting  
Passport

*Photo provided by Jim Boyle*

Idaho's Hunting Passport is a component of Fish and Game's mentored hunting program. The Hunting Passport allows any first-time hunter, resident or nonresident, age 8 and older to try hunting for one year with an adult mentor without first having to complete an Idaho hunter education course.

**Hunting Passport Highlights:**

- Hunting Passports are only available to first time hunters. Those that have previously held a hunting license in any state are not eligible.
- Hunter Education certification is not needed to obtain a Hunting Passport. If an individual has completed a Hunter Education course but has not yet purchased a license, they are eligible for a Hunting Passport.
- The minimum age to hold a Hunting Passport is eight years of age; there is no maximum age.
- The Hunting Passport is a calendar year item just like a hunting license and expires on December 31 of the year in which it was obtained.
- Only one Passport can be purchased in a lifetime. To continue hunting after the Passport expires, completion of a hunter education course and license purchase is required.
- Hunting Passports are available at license vendors, online and Fish and Game regional offices.
- Cost is \$1.75.




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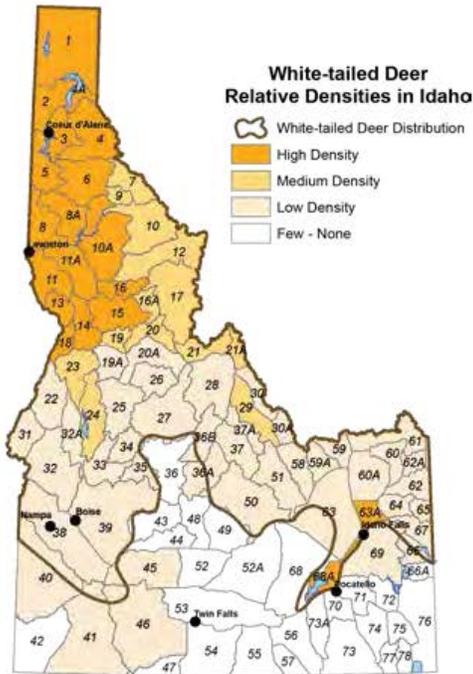
<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Regular Deer Tag General Archery Only Seasons - Archery Permit Required</b>			
<b>Unit(s)</b>	<b>Antlered</b>	<b>Antlerless</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>1, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 9</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
	Dec 10 - Dec 24	Dec 10 - Dec 24 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
<b>2</b>	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>
<b>8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11A, 12, 15, 19A, 21, 21A</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
<b>22</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30 <i>(2-point deer only)</i>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
<b>23, 24, 25, 36, 36B</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
<b>28</b>	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	
<b>29, 30, 30A, 32, 32A, 36A, 37, 37A</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>31, 33, 34, 35</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
<b>38</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>See note 3, Page 13</i>
<b>39</b>	Nov 10 - Nov 30	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>See notes 4 &amp; 5, Page 13, Part of unit closed</i>
<b>40, 41, 42</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30 <i>(2-point deer only)</i>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
<b>43, 46, 52A</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 52A, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 56, 57, 58, 59, 59A</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 47, 49, 50, 51, 56, 58, 59 and 59A, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>55</b>	Nov 25 - Dec 19	Nov 25 - Dec 19	
<b>60, 60A, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66 &amp; 69, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
	Nov 1 - Dec 19 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	Nov 1 - Dec 19 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
<b>61, 62A</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
<b>63</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
	Nov 1 - Dec 19	Nov 1 - Dec 19	
<b>66A, 68, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78</b>	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66A, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77 &amp; 78, See Pages 101 - 103</i>

<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Regular Deer Tag General Muzzleloader Only Seasons - Muzzleloader Permit Required</b>			
<b>Unit(s)</b>	<b>Antlered</b>	<b>Antlerless</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>4, 7, 9</b>	Nov 10 - Dec 1	Nov 10 - Dec 1 <i>(White-tailed deer only)</i>	
<b>39</b>	None	Sep 8 - Sep 30	

<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Regular Deer Tag General Deer Short Range Weapon Seasons</b>			
<b>Unit(s)</b>	<b>Antlered</b>	<b>Antlerless</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>38</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Very limited access, See note 3, Page 13</i>
<b>45</b>	Oct 10 - Nov 6	Oct 10 - Nov 6	<i>See note 6, Page 13, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>53</b>	Oct 10 - Nov 6	Oct 10 - Nov 6	<i>See note 7, Page 13, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
<b>63</b>	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	

**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. **Archers caution:** An "any weapon" antlered elk hunt will be open at the same time in this unit.
5. **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**.
6. That portion of Unit 45 south of Interstate 84. The rest of Unit 45 is **controlled hunt only**.
7. That portion of Unit 53 west of U.S. Highway 93. Due to routing changes made to U.S. Highway 93, the eastern boundary for Unit 53 short range weapons hunt is: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and U.S. Highway 30 (east of Filer), north along Hwy 93 turning east at the junction of Poleline Road, continuing east to Blue Lakes Blvd, then north across the Perrine Bridge following U.S. Highway 93 to U.S. Highway 26 in Shoshone. The rest of Unit 53 is **controlled hunt only**.



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<b>2015 &amp; 2016 White-tailed Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons</b>			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, 6	Oct 10 - Dec 1	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>See note 1, Page 16</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 - Nov 3	<i>Very limited access, See note 2, Page 16</i>
14, 18	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Nov 20	
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 3, Page 16, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
22, 25	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	

2015 & 2016 White-tailed Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
23	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Oct 16	
		Oct 17 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
24	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 4, Page 16
31, 32, 32A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See notes 3 & 5, Page 16, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 32 & 32A, See Pages 101 - 103
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	See note 3, Page 16
46	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See notes 3 & 5, Page 16
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103
	Nov 10 - Dec 9	Nov 10 - Dec 9	
60, 62, 64, 65	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 3, Page 16
60A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 6, Page 16
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	Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103
67	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 7, Page 16

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6. 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.
7. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 67 south and west of State Highway 26.

2015 & 2016 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 17
	Nov 1 - Dec 1	Nov 1 - Dec 1	See note 2, Page 17
	Dec 10 - Dec 24	Dec 10 - Dec 24	See note 1, Page 17
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 101 - 103
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 101 - 103
38	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	See note 3, Page 17
39	Nov 10 - Nov 30	Nov 10 - Nov 30	See notes 4 & 5, Page 17, 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 101 - 103
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 101 - 103
	Nov 1 - Dec 19	Nov 1 - Dec 19	
61, 62A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	

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2015 & 2016 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	<i>See note 1, Page 18</i>
10A	None	Dec 2 - Dec 14	
16	Nov 21 - Dec 9	Nov 21 - Dec 9	

2015 & 2016 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, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37 &amp; 37A, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
24	Nov 1 - Nov 20	None	
38	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>See note 2, Page 18</i>
63	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 <i>(Youth hunt only)</i>	
63A	Oct 21 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 20	

**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**.

## IDAHO'S TRESPASS LAW *Know Before You Go!*

**No person may enter private land to hunt fish or trap without permission if the land is**

- Cultivated
- OR Posted with "No Trespassing" or similar signage every 660 feet (1/2th mile) or at all reasonable access points,
- OR Posted with 100 square inches of high visibility orange paint every 660 feet or all reasonable access points,
- OR Posted with high visibility orange paint on the top 18 inches of a metal fence post every 660 feet or all reasonable access points,
- OR Posted with signs where a public road enters and leaves property through or along which the public has a right-of-way.

Conviction of trespass on posted private property carries a mandatory one-year revocation of hunting/fishing/trapping licenses.

Federal law prohibits unauthorized trespass on Indian-owned reservation lands for hunting, fishing, or trapping purposes.

It is illegal for anyone to post public land that is not held under an exclusive control lease.

**Refer to Idaho Code 36-1603**  
[www.legislature.idaho.gov/ldstat/Title36/T36.htm](http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/ldstat/Title36/T36.htm)




### Deer Controlled Hunts

For details on controlled hunt rules and restrictions please see pages 106 - 109.

**Hunters: Please check Deer Controlled Hunt Area descriptions on pages 28 - 30. Hunt Areas may change.**

<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Controlled Deer Hunts (16,916 Tags Plus Unlimited Tags) Antlered Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1001	1-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	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	50	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only, Very limited access</i>
1005	11A	25	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>Mule deer only, Very limited access</i>
1006	13	200	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only, Very limited access, See note 1, Page 25</i>
1007	14	180	Oct 10 - Nov 20	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1008	18	95	Oct 17 - Nov 9	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1009	18	25	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1010	19A	10	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1011	20A	Unlimited	Nov 1 - Nov 18	
1012	21	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1013	22	60	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1014	23	25	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1015	25	10	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1016	26	Unlimited	Nov 1 - Nov 18	
1017	27	Unlimited 1st choice only	Nov 1 - Nov 18	<i>3-point or larger deer only, 1st choice only Unlimited Controlled Hunt, See Page 109</i>
1018	28	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1019	30	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1020	30A	30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1021	31	30	Oct 10 - Nov 24	
1022	32	40	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>See note 2, Page 25, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1023	32A	30	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1024	36	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1025	36A	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1026	36B	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1027	38-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	5	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 25</i>
1028	39	199	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
1029	40	195	Nov 1 - Nov 24	

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<sup>a</sup> This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

<sup>b</sup> 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 106 - 109.**

<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Controlled Deer Hunts Antlered Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1030	41	100	Nov 1 - Nov 24	<i>See note 2, Page 25</i>
1031	42	74	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1032	44	225	Sep 15 - Oct 31	
1033	45-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	50	Oct 15 - Oct 31	<i>See notes 2 &amp; 4, Page 25, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1034	47	90	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1035	47-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	10	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 47, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1036	48	10	Nov 10 - Nov 24	
1037	49	10	Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1038	50-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Portion of Unit only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1039	52	75	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1040	54	500	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1041	54	20	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
1042	55 (See pg 30)	25	Aug 15 - Sep 24	
1043	55 (See pg 30)	375	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1044	57	109	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1045	57	10	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
1046	58-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	10	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1047	60-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	40	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>See note 2, Page 25</i>
1048	62	15	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1049	66	20	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1050	66A	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1051	67	40	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>See note 5, See Page 25</i>
1052	69	20	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1053	70	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1054	70	170	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1055	73	Unlimited 1st choice only	Oct 10 - Oct 16	<i>1st choice only Unlimited Controlled Hunt, See Page 109, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1056	73	5	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1057	78	200	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>

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2015 & 2016 Controlled Hunts Antlerless Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1058	13	50	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Very limited access</i>
1059	18	50	Oct 17 - Nov 9	
1060	22	50	Oct 10 - Oct 24	
1061	28-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	60	Sep 15 - Oct 31	<i>Portion of unit only</i>
1062	31	50	Oct 10 - Oct 24	
1063	32	150	Oct 10 - Oct 24	<i>See note 2, Page 25, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1064	32A	150	Oct 10 - Oct 24	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1065	43	150	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1066	44	150	Oct 10 - Nov 9	
1067	45	250	Nov 1 - Nov 14	<i>See notes 2 &amp; 4, Page 25, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1068	45-2 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	300	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>See note 4, Page 25, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1069	48	50	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1070	49	50	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1071	52	100	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1072	54	100	Nov 1 - Nov 14	
1073	55 (See pg 30)	100	Nov 1 - Nov 14	
1074	60-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	200	Oct 25 - Nov 15	<i>See note 2, Page 25</i>
1075	66-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	200	Oct 10 - Nov 8	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1076	67	70	Oct 10 - Nov 8	

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2015 & 2016 Controlled Hunts Either Sex Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1077	39	1,000	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
1078	60-2 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	500	Oct 5 - Nov 8	<i>See note 2, Page 25</i>
1079	62	100	Oct 5 - Nov 8	
1080	63A	50	Oct 5 - Nov 15	<i>Mule deer only, Short range weapons only</i>
1081	66	150	Oct 5 - Nov 8	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1082	67	150	Oct 5 - Nov 8	<i>See note 5, Page 25</i>
1083	69	250	Oct 5 - Nov 8	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1084	73	40	Oct 17 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>

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<sup>b</sup> This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

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<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Controlled Hunts Archery Only Deer - Archery Permit Required</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1085	21-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	10	Aug 15 - Aug 29	<i>Antlered only</i>
1086	22	25	Aug 15 - Sep 30	<i>Either sex</i>
1087	39-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	50	Nov 16 - Dec 16	<i>Either sex, See note 6, Page 25, Roads on Boise River WMA closed to Motorized Travel</i>
1088	40	50	Aug 15 - Sep 30	<i>Antlered only</i>
1089	41-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	25	Aug 15 - Sep 30	<i>Antlered only</i>
1090	44	10	Aug 15 - Sep 14	<i>Antlered only</i>
1091	45	10	Aug 15 - Sep 14	<i>Antlered only, See notes 2 &amp; 4, Page 25, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1092	53-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 30)	Unlimited	Aug 30 - Dec 19	<i>Either Sex, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1093	54	Unlimited	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Either Sex</i>
1094	68A	Unlimited	Aug 30 - Dec 19	<i>Either sex</i>
1095	70	Unlimited	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Either sex, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
			Oct 1 - Oct 9	<i>Antlerless only Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1096	72-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	Unlimited	Nov 16 - Dec 5	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>

<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Controlled Hunts Muzzleloader Only Deer - Muzzleloader Permit Required</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1097	8A	25	Oct 10 - Dec 14	<i>Either sex, White-tailed deer only</i>
1098	10A	25	Oct 10 - Dec 14	<i>Either sex, White-tailed deer only</i>
1099	21A	5	Nov 1 - Nov 30	<i>Antlered only</i>
1100	22	15	Oct 1 - Oct 9	<i>Antlered only</i>
1101	29-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	63	Nov 25 - Dec 9	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1102	30A	5	Nov 1 - Nov 30	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1103	33-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	149	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>Antlered only</i>
1104	43	125	Oct 1 - Oct 9	<i>Either sex</i>
1105	45	30	Oct 1 - Oct 14	<i>Antlered only, See notes 2 &amp; 4, Page 25, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1106	45-3 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	65	Oct 15 - Oct 31	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>

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<sup>b</sup> This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

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2015 & 2016 Controlled Hunts Muzzleloader Only Deer - Muzzleloader Permit Required				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1107	51-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	100	Nov 1 - Nov 30	<i>Either sex, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1108	52A (See pg 30)	75	Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>Either sex, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1109	61	Unlimited	Nov 11 - Dec 9	<i>Either sex</i>
1110	64-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	100	Oct 25 - Nov 30	<i>Either sex</i>
1111	68	20	Nov 16 - Nov 30	<i>Either sex</i>

2015 & 2016 Controlled Hunts Youth Only Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1112	11A	25	Oct 10 - Dec 31	<i>Either sex</i>
1113	28-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	15	Sep 15 - Oct 31	<i>Either sex, Portion of Unit only</i>
1114	32-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	25	Oct 1 - Oct 24	<i>Either sex</i>
			Oct 25 - Nov 10	<i>Antlerless only</i>
1115	44	150	Oct 10 - Nov 9	<i>Antlerless only</i>
1116	45-4 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	250	Nov 15 - Nov 30	<i>Antlerless only, See note 4, Page 25, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1117	47	50	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlered only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1118	47	20	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlerless only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1119	54	100	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlered only</i>
1120	54	130	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlerless only</i>
1121	55-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	50	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlered only</i>
1122	55-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	50	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Antlerless only</i>

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2015 & 2016 Controlled Hunts Youth Only - Extra Antlerless Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1123	8-1X <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	200	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>Private land only</i>
1124	21-1X <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	50	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access</i>
1125	36A-1X <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	35	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access</i>
1126	39-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	100	Dec 1 - Dec 22	
1127	40-1X <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	100	Oct 10 - Nov 24	<i>Portion of Units 40 &amp; 41 only, Very limited access</i>

<sup>a</sup> This hunt includes other units or parts of other units. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

<sup>b</sup> This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

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<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Controlled Hunts Extra Antlerless Deer</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1128	1-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	500	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
			Dec 10 - Dec 24	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1129	3-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	200	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
			Dec 10 - Dec 24	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1130	8X	700	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 14	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
1131	8A-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	700	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>
1132	10A-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	800	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>
1133	11-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	100	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>Mule Deer or White-tailed Deer</i>
1134	11AX	800	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only</i>
			Oct 10 - Dec 14	<i>Mule Deer or White-tailed Deer</i>
1135	15-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	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>
1136	16-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	300	Oct 10 - Nov 20	<i>White-tailed deer only</i>
			Nov 21 - Dec 9	<i>Muzzleloader only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1137	21-1X <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	200	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access</i>
1138	32-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	100	Aug 1 - Dec 31	<i>Very limited access, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1139	32-2X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 28)	75	Aug 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Very limited access</i>
1140	36A-1X <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	200	Sep 1 - Dec 31	<i>Short range weapons only, Private land only, Very limited access,</i>
1141	38-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	10	Oct 10 - Oct 29	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 25</i>
1142	38-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	10	Oct 30 - Nov 18	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 25</i>
1143	38-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	10	Nov 19 - Dec 8	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 25</i>

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2015 & 2016 Controlled Hunts Extra Antlerless Deer				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1144	38-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	10	Dec 9 - Dec 28	<i>Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge has specific hunting requirements, Before applying, See note 3, Page 25</i>
1145	50-1X <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	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 &amp; 69, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>White-tailed deer only, See notes 5 &amp; 7, Page 31, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 66 &amp; 69, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
			Nov 1 - Dec 19	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only, Units 60, 60A, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 &amp; 69 only Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66 &amp; 69, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
			Nov 10 - Dec 9	<i>White-tailed deer only, Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 61, &amp; 62A only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 50, 51, 58, 59 &amp; 59A, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1146	63AX	200	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 20	<i>Short range weapons only, White-tailed deer only</i>
			Nov 1 - Dec 19	<i>Archery only, White-tailed deer only</i>
1147	68AX	50	Aug 30 - Oct 31	<i>Archery only, Very limited access</i>
1148	73-1X <sup>b</sup> (See pg 30)	50	Aug 15 - Nov 15	<i>Archery only, Private land 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/refuge/deer\\_flat/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/deer_flat/) 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. 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.

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<sup>b</sup> This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

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<b>2015 &amp; 2016 Controlled Hunts Outfitter Allocation Deer - Antlered Deer Only</b>				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1149	1-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	1	Aug 30 - Dec 1	
1150	11	1	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1151	11A	2	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1152	13	37	Oct 10 - Nov 3	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1153	14	22	Oct 10 - Nov 20	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1154	18	7	Oct 17 - Nov 9	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1155	18	2	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>Mule deer only</i>
1156	21	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1157	21-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	1	Aug 15 - Aug 29	<i>Archery only</i>
1158	21A	1	Nov 1 - Nov 30	<i>Muzzleloader only</i>
1159	22	6	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1160	28	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1161	29-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 28)	2	Nov 25 - Dec 9	<i>Muzzleloader only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1162	33-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 29)	1	Nov 10 - Nov 30	<i>Muzzleloader only</i>
1163	36A	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1164	36B	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	
1165	39	1	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
1166	40	5	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1167	42	1	Nov 1 - Nov 24	
1168	45	1	Aug 15 - Sep 14	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1169	45-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	2	Oct 15 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1170	47	3	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1171	50-1 <sup>b</sup> (See pg 29)	1	Oct 10 - Nov 30	<i>Portion of Unit only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
1172	54	3	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1173	54	1	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
1174	55 (See pg 30)	2	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1175	55-1 <sup>a</sup> (See pg 30)	1	Oct 5 - Oct 31	<i>Youth hunt only, Either sex</i>
1176	57	2	Oct 5 - Oct 31	
1177	70	1	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>

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<sup>b</sup> This hunt includes only a portion of this unit. See controlled hunt area descriptions.

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Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
1178	78	7	Aug 30 - Sep 30	<i>Archery only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</i>
			Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 101 - 103</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 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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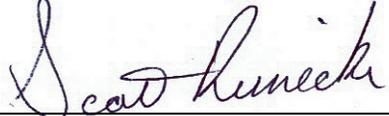
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