

2018 - JCR Evaluation Form

SPECIES: Moose

PERIOD: 6/1/2018 - 5/31/2019

HERD: MO201 - ABSAROKA

HUNT AREAS: 8-9, 11

PREPARED BY: BART KROGER

	<u>2013 - 2017 Average</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019 Proposed</u>
Population:	0	N/A	N/A
Harvest:	9	9	10
Hunters:	10	10	10
Hunter Success:	90%	90%	100%
Active Licenses:	10	10	10
Active License Success:	90%	90%	100%
Recreation Days:	76	110	85
Days Per Animal:	8.4	12.2	8.5

Limited Opportunity Objective:

5-year median age of ≥ 4.5 years for harvested moose

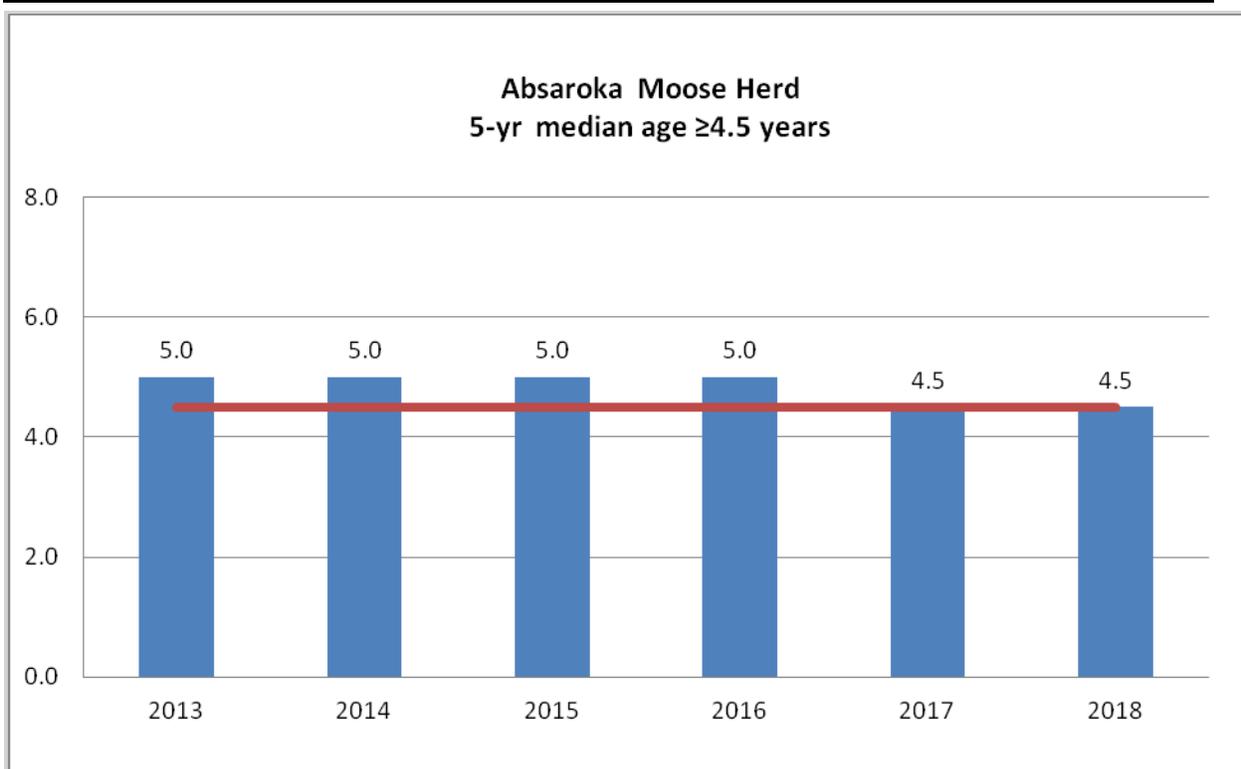
5-year average of ≤ 12 days/animal to harvest

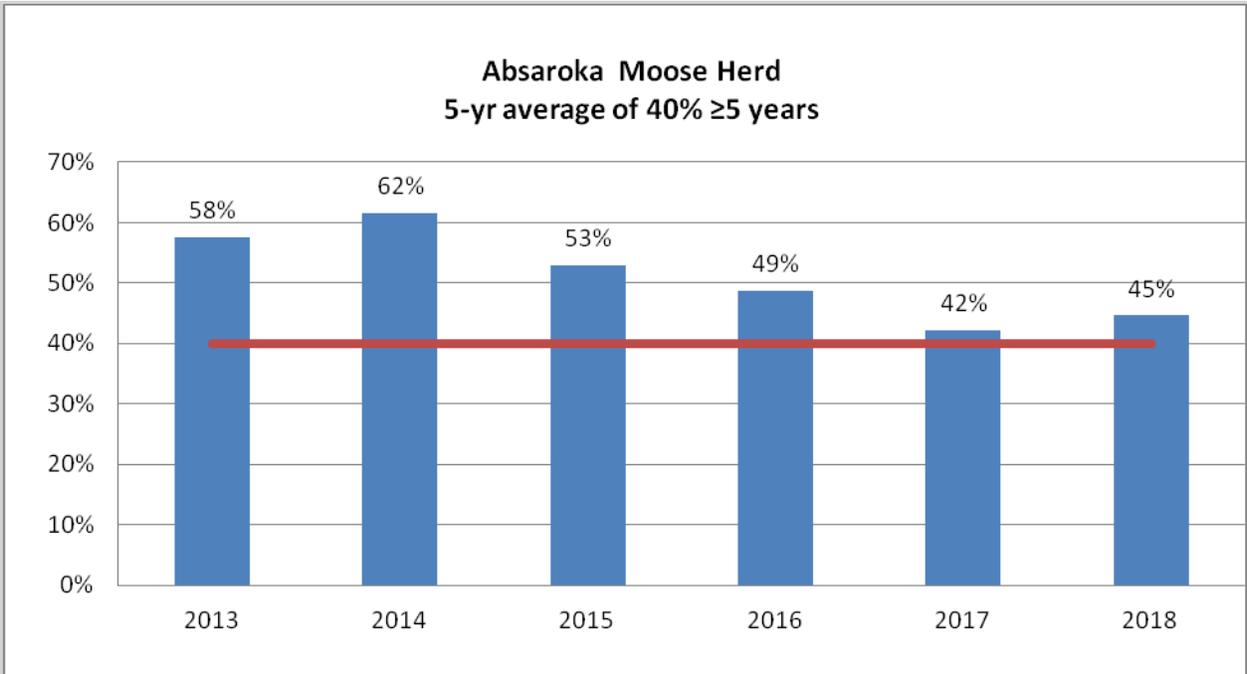
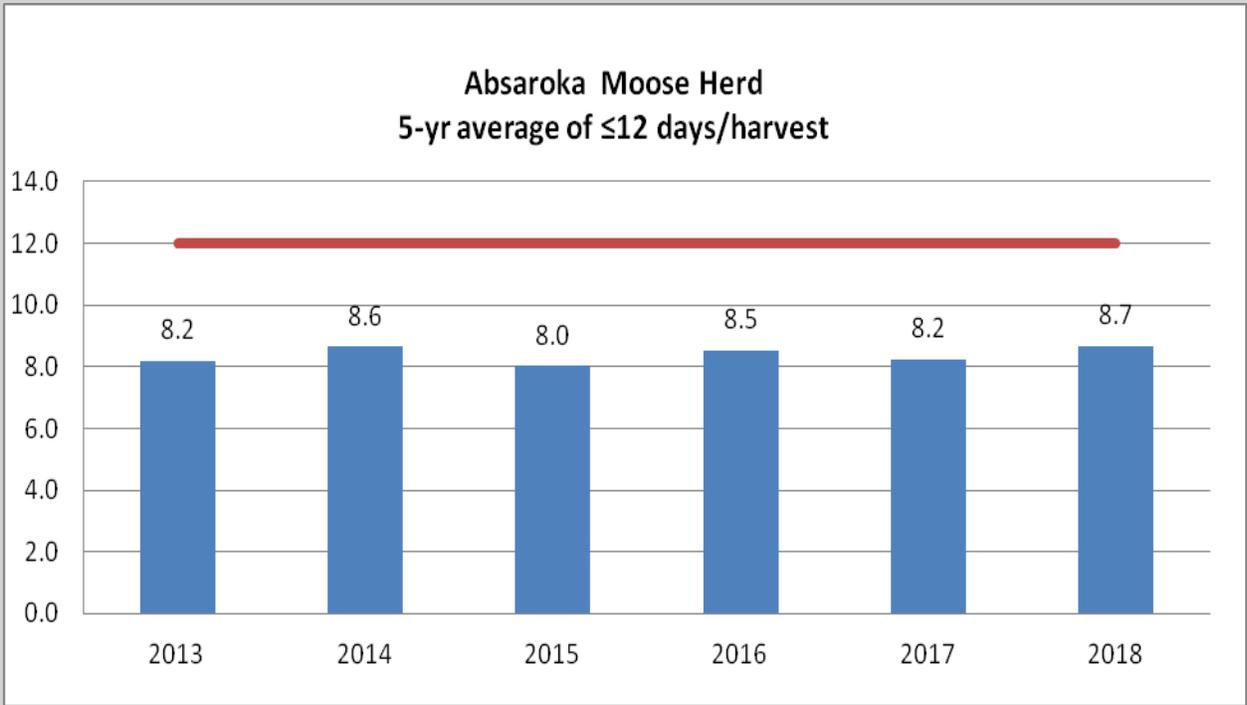
Secondary Objective:

5-year average of 40% of harvested moose are ≥ 5 years of age

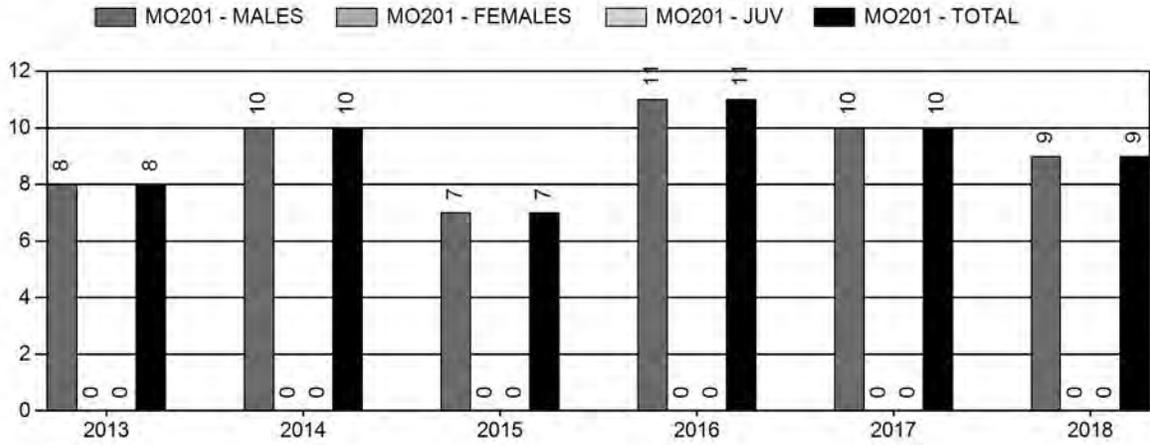
Management Strategy:

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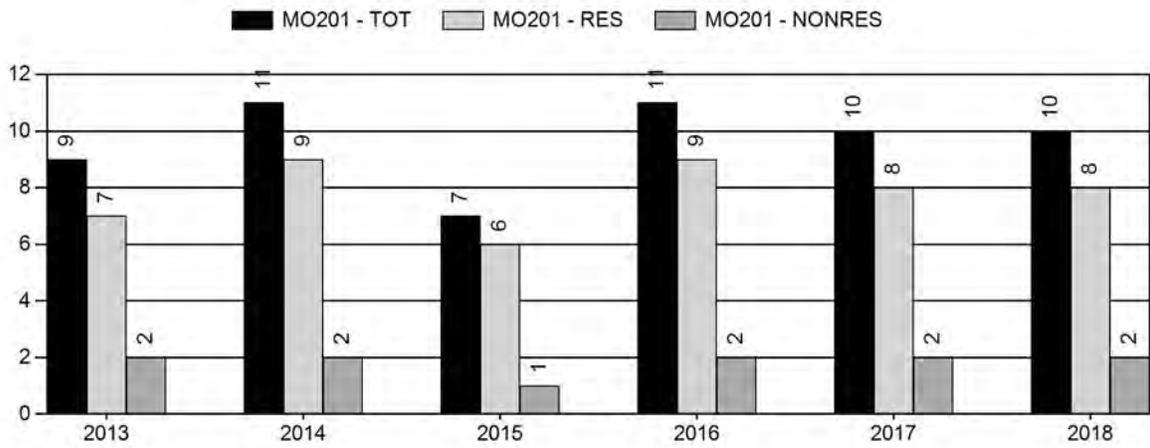




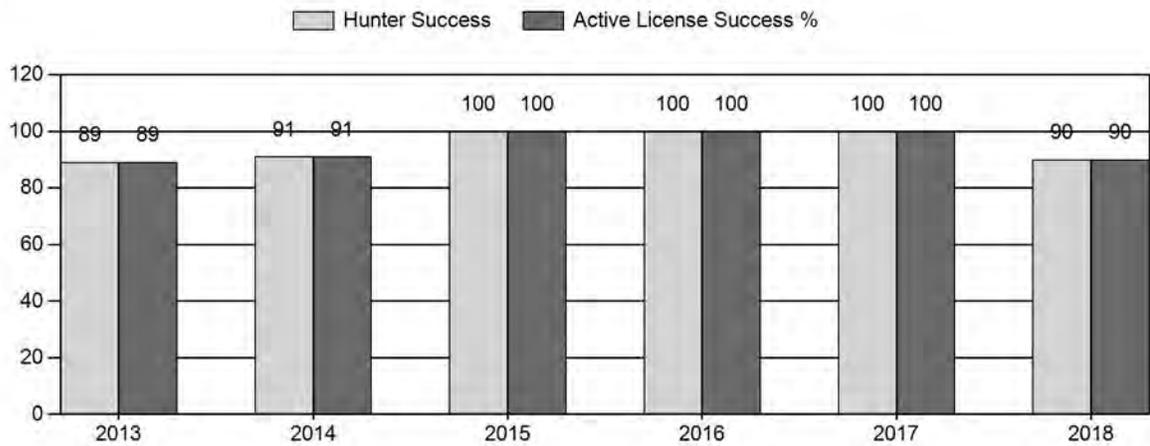
Harvest



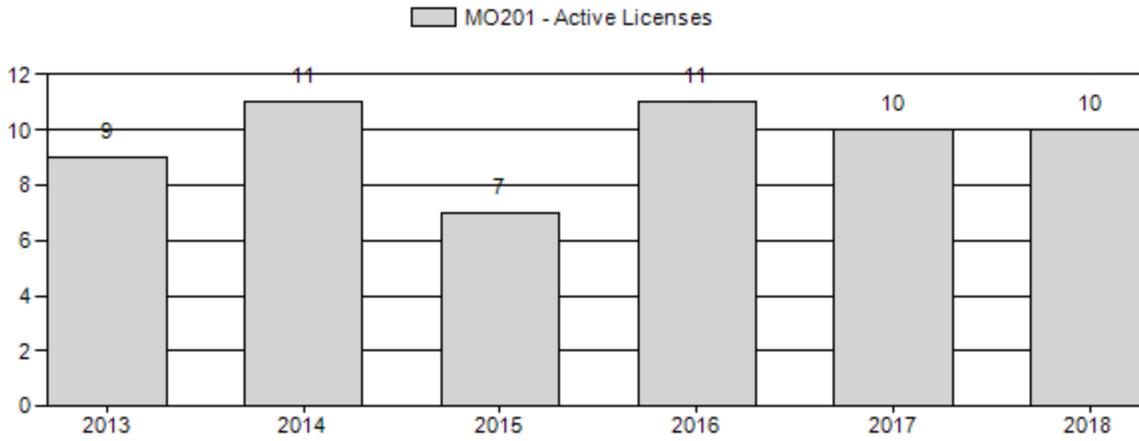
Number of Active Licenses



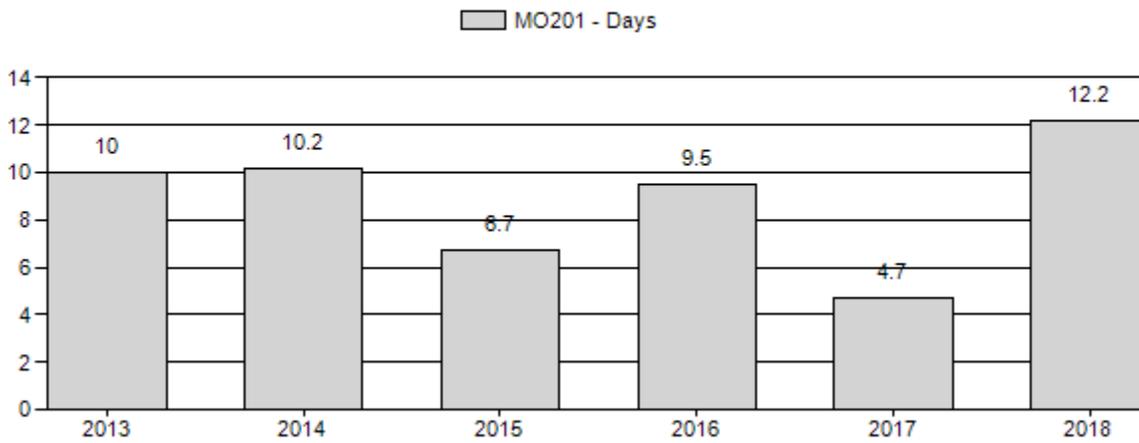
Harvest Success



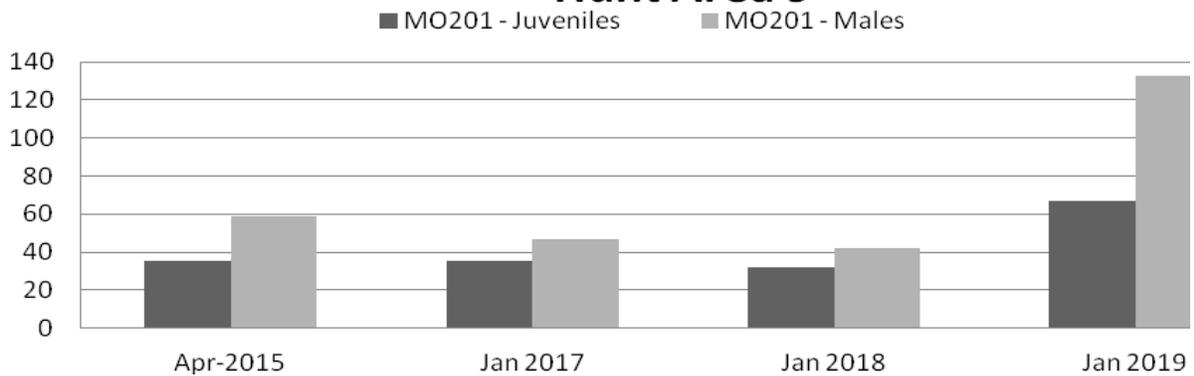
Active Licenses



Days per Animal Harvested



Postseason Animals per 100 Females Hunt Area 9



**2019 HUNTING SEASONS
ABSAROKA MOOSE HERD (MO201)**

Hunt Area	Type	Season Dates		Quota	License	Limitations
		Opens	Closes			
8						CLOSED
9	1	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	3	Limited quota	Antlered moose (2 resident; 1 nonresident)
11	1	Sep. 10	Nov. 10	5	Limited quota	Antlered moose

Special Archery Season Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Limitations
9	Sep. 1	Sep. 30	Refer to Section 2 of this Chapter
11	Sep. 1	Sep. 9	Refer to Section 2 of this Chapter

Hunt Area	Type	Quota change from 2018
8,9,11	1	No Changes
Total	1	No Changes

Management Evaluation

Current Median Age Objective: ≥ 4.5 years

Current Hunter Effort Objective: ≤ 12 days

Current Secondary Median Age Objective: 40% of bull harvest ≥ 5 years of age

Management Strategy: Special

Most Recent 5-Year Running Median Age: 4.5 years

Most Recent 5-Year Running Average Hunter Effort: 8.7 days

Most Recent 5-Year Running Average % of bull harvest ≥ 5 years of age: 45%

Herd Unit Issues

Managing the Absaroka moose herd is challenging due to the lack of population data, low densities of individuals, and the vastness of occupied habitat in the herd unit. Past attempts at aerial surveys in hunt area 11 have not provided useful data for the effort and cost, but attempts may be made in the future to start trend surveys in localized drainages. Aerial trend surveys have been conducted in Hunt Area 9 in past years, which have provided long term trend data for certain drainages. Trail cameras have also been utilized in Hunt Area 9 the past two years to document the presence of mature bulls, estimate calf ratios, and to help identify the overall distribution and relative abundance of moose. In the future we will expand our camera work into Hunt Area 11. Our future efforts to determine population demographics and hopefully estimate a minimum population size, is a priority. We will continue using hunter harvest statistics and age data from harvested moose as our primary objectives. An objective review and change for this moose herd will be conducted in 2019.

Weather

The influence of weather on moose in this herd is not well understood. Percent of normal precipitation and departure from normal temperatures during February 2018 – January 2019 are graphed below (Figures 1 and 2). Precipitation levels during this time period were mostly normal to above normal in the northern portions of the herd unit, while normal to below normal precipitation levels occurred in the southern portion of the herd unit. Departures from normal temperatures were mostly above normal during this time period.

Figure 1. Percent of normal precipitation for the herd unit from Feb. 2018 – Jan. 2019.

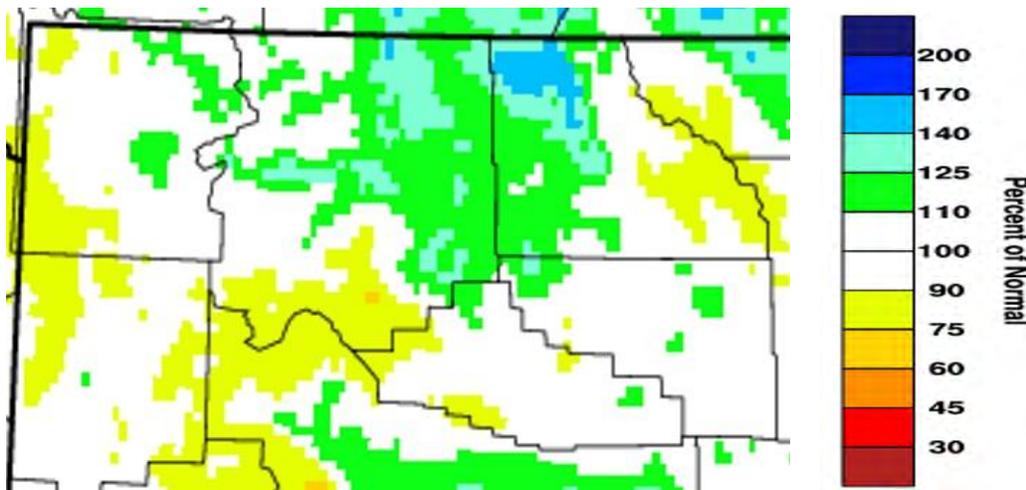
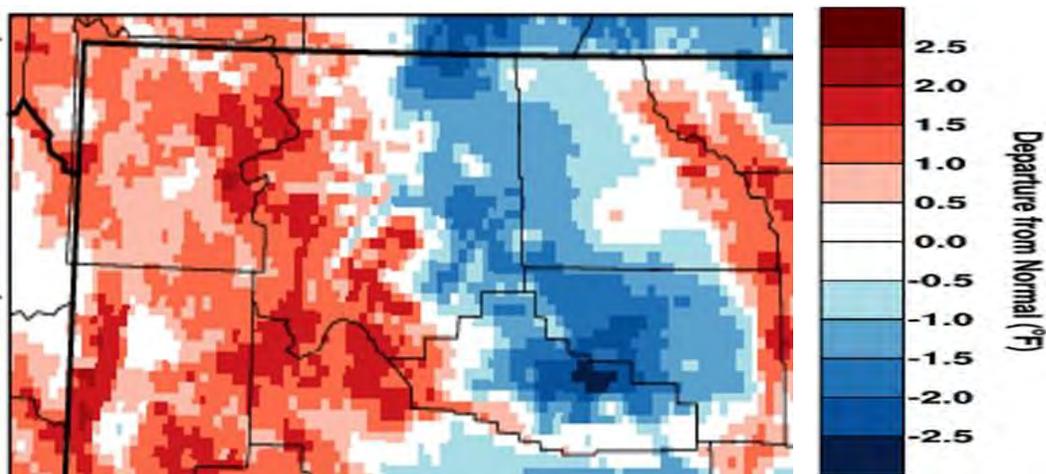


Figure 2. Departure from normal temperature for the herd unit from Feb. 2018 – Jan. 2019.



Habitat

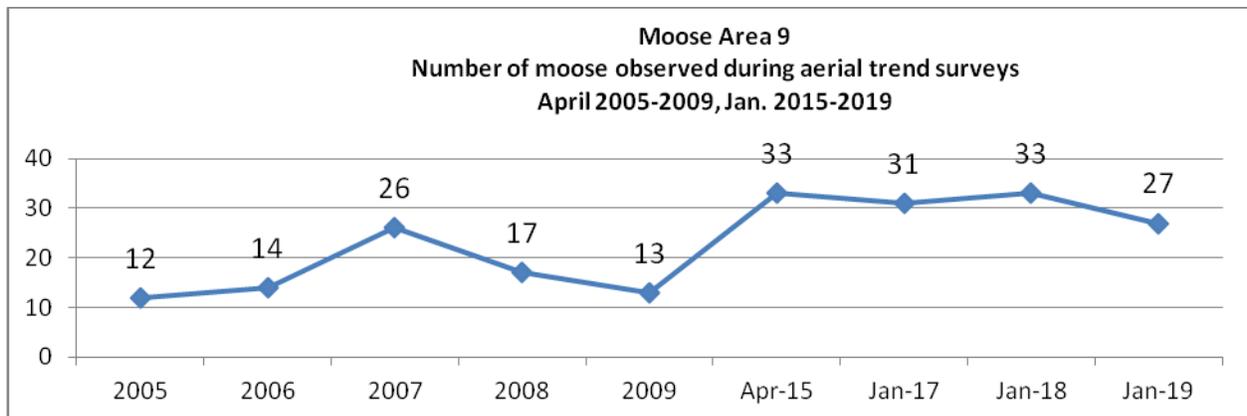
Moose habitats throughout the Absaroka Mountains vary widely from expansive willow-covered flood plains in the remote wilderness setting of the Thorofare, to rather narrow ribbons of riparian habitats along the Absaroka Front. Lack of expansive willow-riparian habitats in most of this herd unit has made increased use of spruce-fir forest types a necessity for moose

compared to other areas of the state. Major portions of this herd unit burned in 1988 and 2006, which significantly changed habitat availability and use by moose. Willow monitoring in the upper Greybull River drainage of Hunt Area 9 has been conducted since the fires of 2006. Simple photo points have been used to monitor the return of deciduous riparian species along the Greybull River. Other habitat surveys and monitoring data have been collected in this herd unit during the past few years. These data collection efforts have focused on aspen and riparian communities in mainly Grass and Gooseberry Creek in order to assess current conditions, and to further explore needs for habitat treatments. Since 2017, several aspen projects have been implemented in the Grass Creek drainage to help restore healthy aspen communities. Additional habitat monitoring and project work will continue into the future in Gooseberry Creek and hopefully the Wood River drainage.

Field Data

Collection of field data for this moose herd mostly consists of field observations by personnel. In Hunt Area 9, aerial trend counts have been used periodically to monitor moose numbers along major drainages (Figure 3). In January 2019, 27 moose were counted during this trend count, including 9 cows, 6 calves and 12 bulls, which yielded a calf ratio of 67:100 and a bull ratio of 133:100. Trail cameras have also been utilized in Hunt Area 9 during 2017-2018 to document moose numbers and the presence of mature bulls and movements in several drainages. In 2017 and 2018, a total of 47 and 32 different moose respectively, were detected on camera between September-December of each year. Because moose exist at such low densities in this herd unit, collection of classification and trend information is very difficult. A greater effort to use the Wildlife Observation System as a means of distribution, population demographics, and availability of mature bulls is underway and hopefully will result in better moose data throughout the herd unit.

Figure 3. Number of moose observed during aerial trend counts, Hunt Area 9, 2005-2019



Harvest Data

Management of moose in the Absaroka Moose Herd Unit since its creation in 2003 has remained similar. Since 2009, 10 licenses have been issued annually for antlered moose, with 5 issued in Area 9 and 5 issued in Area 11. Currently Hunt Area 8 is closed. On average 9-10 bulls have been harvested annually, with a hunter success of 95% and a hunter effort of 8.7 days. Average

age of harvested bulls since 2009 is 4.8 years, with a range between 2-11 years. The percent of bulls in the harvest that are ≥ 5 years of age has averaged 51%. Current management goals are centered on 5-year running harvest statistics (median age, days/harvest, % ≥ 5 years) and all are within acceptable levels at this time (Table 1).

Table 1. MO201, Absaroka moose harvest and management objective data 2009 to 2018.

Objective 1, 5-year median age of harvested bull moose ≥ 4.5 years of age

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
median age of harvested bulls	4.0	6.0	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.5	5.5
5-yr median age of harvested bulls					5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.5

Objective 2, 5-year average of ≤ 12 days/harvested bull moose

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Hunter effort	7.9	9.8	6.9	6.3	10	10.2	6.7	9.5	4.7	12.2
5-yr average days/harvest					8.2	8.6	8.0	8.5	8.2	8.7

Objective 3 – 5-year average of 40% of bull moose harvested are ≥ 5 years of age

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
tooth samples	5	7	7	6	2	5	7	11	8	8
Number of bulls ≥ 5 years old	2	4	4	5	1	3	1	4	4	5
% of bulls ≥ 5 years old	40%	57%	57%	83%	50%	60%	14%	36%	50%	63%
5-yr avg. of 40% of harvest ≥ 5 yrs.					58%	62%	53%	49%	42%	45%

Population

Although population models have been constructed, the lack of data has rendered them not practical and unreliable for this large herd unit. Past attempts to estimate population sizes based on extrapolations of the harvest rate of adult males from other moose populations have produced estimates with little to no reliability, as well. Future work will revolve around determining how best to estimate a minimum population size either through trail camera work or trend surveys.

Management Summary

Currently all objectives for this moose herd are being met (Table 1). Despite discussions with hunters and field personnel suggesting an increase in overall moose numbers, there is not enough empirical data to support a change to increase license quotas. In fact, we are currently managing this moose herd very conservatively with only 10 licenses, along with only harvesting bulls. However, due to specific public comment regarding concerns for moose numbers on the Wood River in Hunt Area 9, despite data that says otherwise, a decrease in license quota from 5 to 3 licenses will occur for the 2019 hunting season. This decrease of 2 licenses will have no biological significance on this herd unit nor will it help improve moose numbers within the Wood River drainage. Changes to herd unit objectives will occur in 2019 to reflect standardized limited opportunity objectives for moose, along with improving the documentation of available mature bulls in the population. See following report.

**ABSAROKA MOOSE HERD UNIT MO201
OBJECTIVE REVIEW AND CHANGE
FINAL REPORT**

Bart Kroger, Worland Wildlife Biologist
May 2, 2019

Herd Unit Overview

The Absaroka Moose Herd Unit (MO201) contains moose Hunt Areas 8, 9, and 11, which are all located in the northwest portion of Wyoming within the Cody Region (Figure 1). Since 2006, 10 antlered moose licenses have been offered annually; five in Hunt Area 9 and five in Hunt Area 11, with Hunt Area 8 closed to hunting. Annually, 9-10 bulls are harvested from the herd, with a hunter success of around 95%. Moose teeth from harvested bulls are collected and submitted annually to calculate age structure, which are ultimately used for monitoring the objectives for this moose herd. Managing the Absaroka moose herd is challenging due to the lack of population data, low densities of individuals, and the vastness of occupied habitat in the herd unit. Past aerial surveys in Hunt Area 11 have not provided useful data for the effort and cost, but attempts may be made in the future to start trend surveys in localized drainages. Aerial trend surveys have been conducted in Hunt Area 9 in past years, which have provided long term trend data for certain drainages. Trail cameras have been also utilized in Hunt Area 9 during the past two years to document the presence of mature bulls, estimate calf ratios, and to help identify the overall distribution and relative abundance of moose. In the future we will expand our camera work into Hunt Area 11. Efforts to determine population demographics and hopefully estimate a minimum population size in the future, is a priority. We will continue using hunter harvest statistics and age data from harvested moose as our primary objectives.

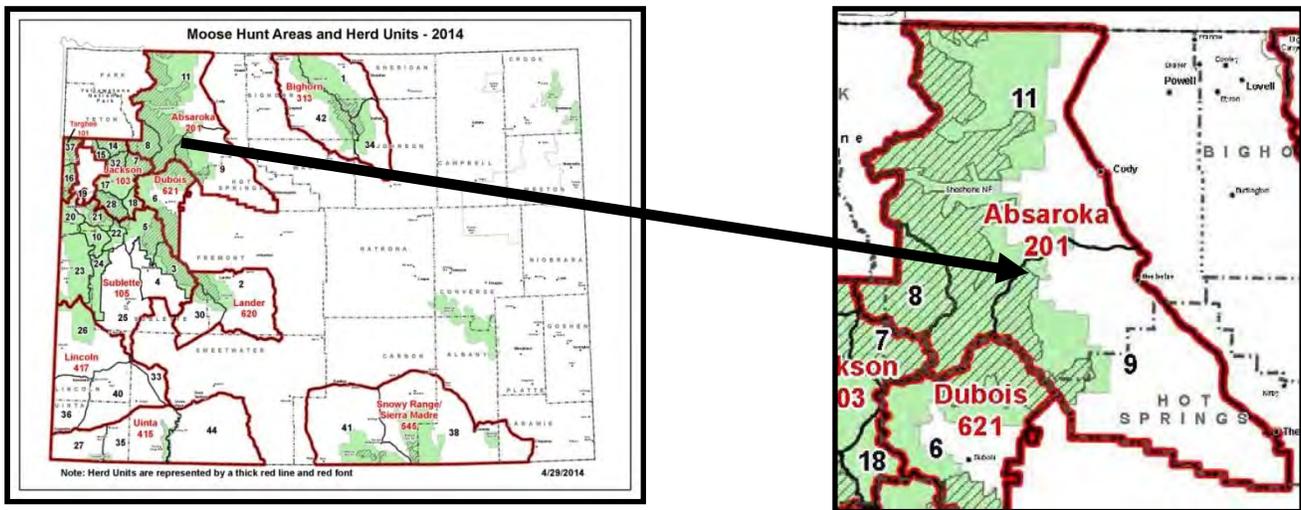


Figure 1. Moose hunt areas and herd units in Wyoming with Absaroka Moose Herd Unit highlighted.

Management Objective Review

In July 2014, the current management objectives (5-year median age of ≥ 4.5 years of age for harvested males, 5-year average of ≤ 12 days per Type 1 harvest) were approved through the Department’s herd unit review process. Since that time, all current objectives for this moose herd unit have and are being met. In October 2014, the Department adopted new moose objectives; referred to as Moose Limited Opportunity Objectives (Deputy Wildlife Chief Scott Smith’s memo 10/18/14) and we propose to align

this herd with the Department’s current moose Limited Opportunity objectives. By adopting the Limited Opportunity objective, no change to the current management or hunting seasons of the Absaroka moose herd will need to occur since all new Limited Opportunity objectives are currently being met.

Recommended Herd Unit Objectives:

We propose to adopt the following Primary and Secondary Objectives following the current Department’s approved Moose Limited Opportunity Objective:

A. Primary Objectives:

- 5-year median age of ≥ 4 years of age for males (current objective is ≥ 4.5 years)
- 5-year average of ≤ 10 days per Type 1 harvest (current objective is ≤ 12 days)
- Documented occurrence of adult bulls (3 times license numbers) in the population (new objective)

B. Secondary Objective:

- 5-year running average of 40% of male harvest ≥ 5 years of age (no change)

Success in meeting moose age objectives will be monitored using cementum annuli from harvested moose teeth submitted by hunters. Days per Type 1 harvest will be determined using hunter surveys results, and the occurrence of adult bulls in the population will be determine using WOS data submitted by field personnel and trail camera pictures. Application of these criteria over the most recent 5-year period (2014-2018) yields a median age of 4.0 for harvested males, a days per harvest of 8.7, and a 43.6% of ≥ 5 year old bulls in the harvest (Tables 1-3). All new management objectives are being met for 2018.

Tables 1. MO201, Absaroka moose harvest and management objective data, median age 2014 to 2018.

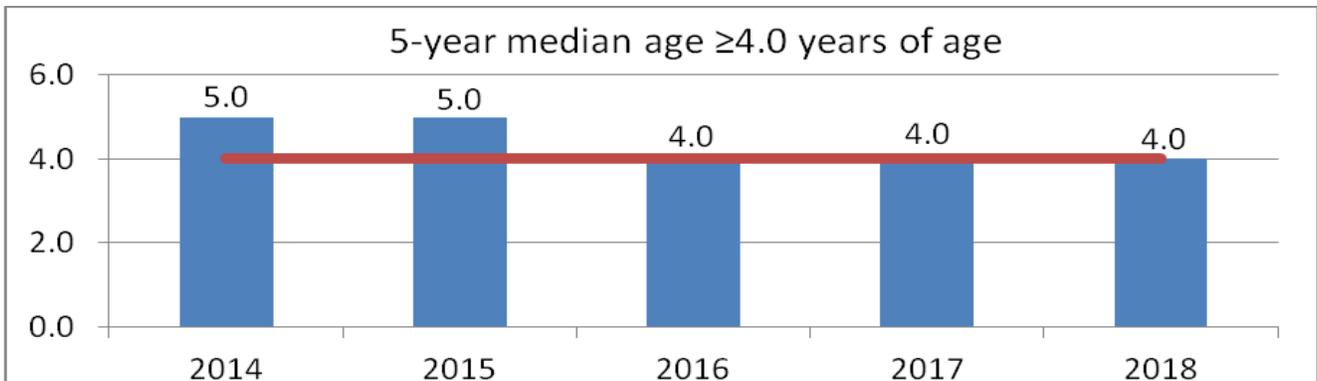


Table 2. MO201, Absaroka moose harvest and management objective data, days/harvest bull 2014 to 2018.

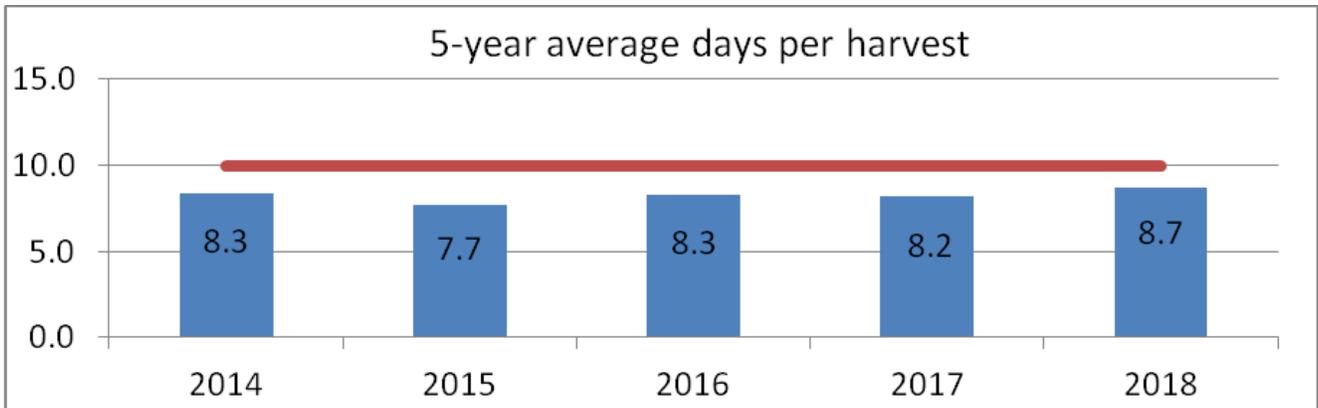
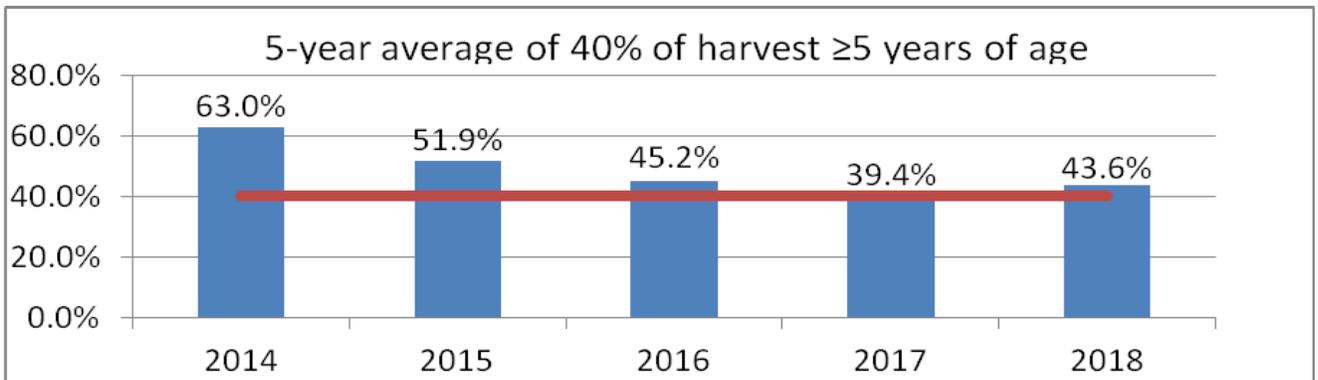


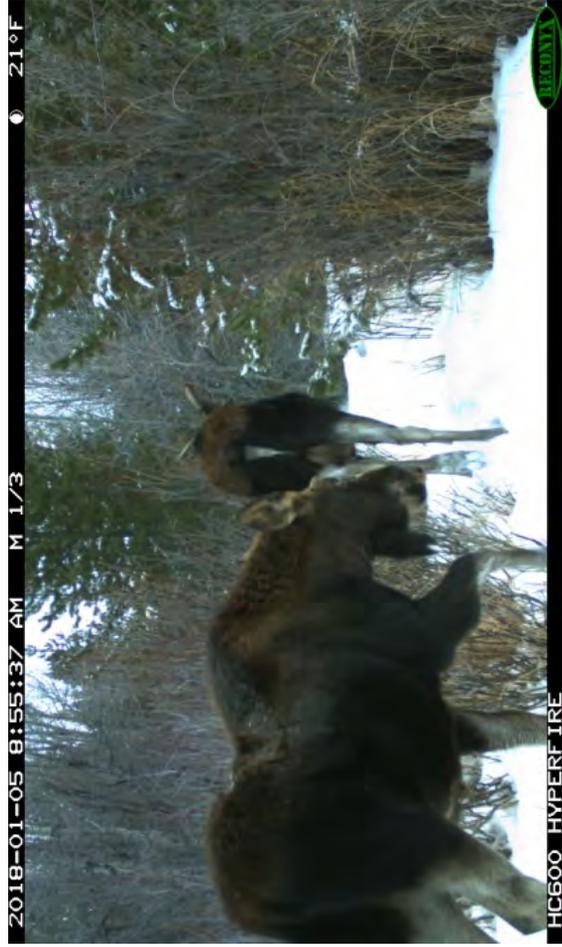
Table 3. MO201, Absaroka moose harvest and management objective data, percentage of bulls ≥ 5 years 2014 to 2018.



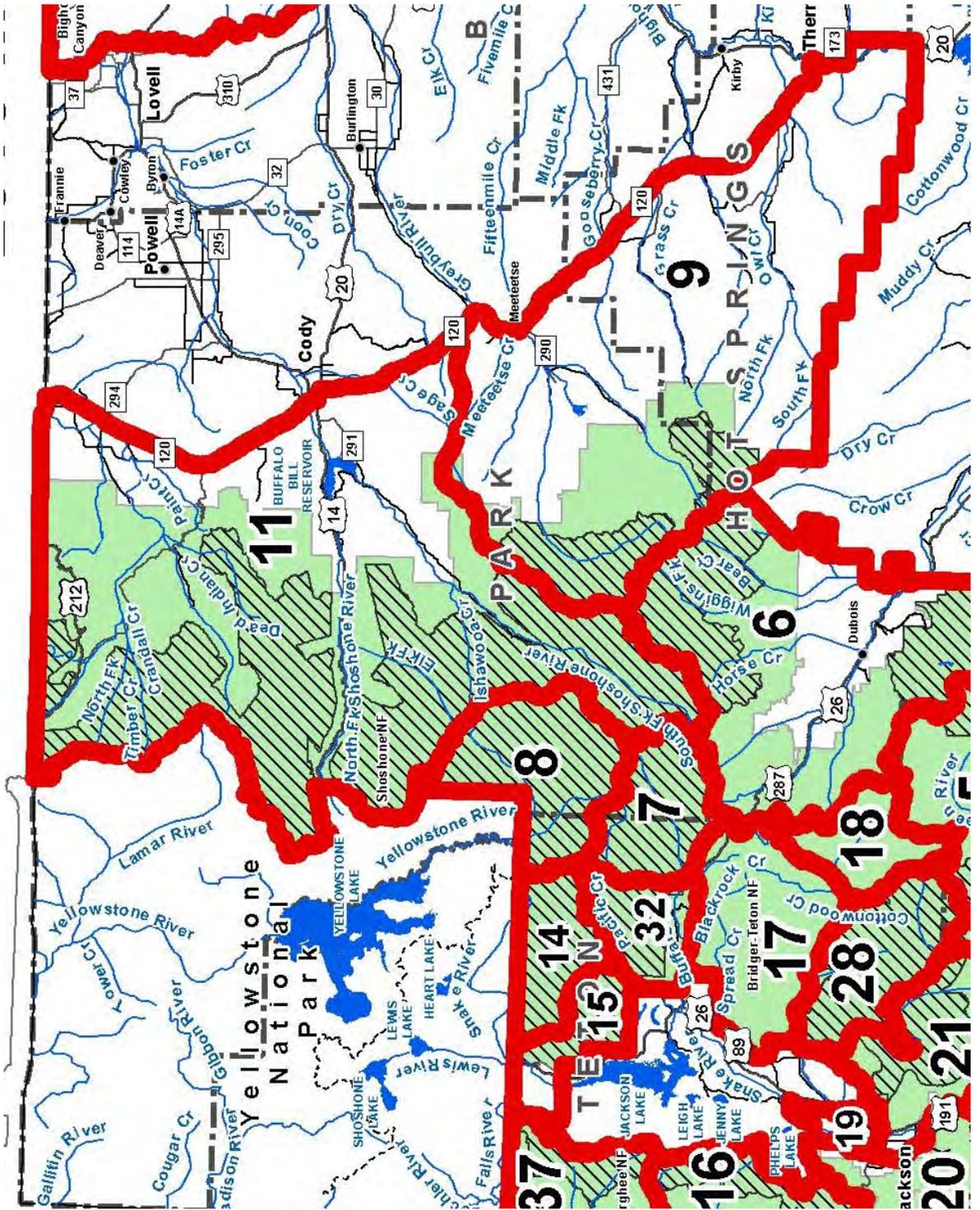
Landowner, Agency, and Public Involvement

Due to the insignificant nature of this herd unit objective change, the Cody Region presented these objective changes via a power point presentation at the 2019 Meeteetse and Thermopolis season setting public information gathering meetings (PIGM) and then again at the Cody formal season setting PIGM in March 2019. Of the nearly 100 publics present at these three meetings, no comments were received regarding this herd unit objective change. Therefore, the Cody Region recommends adopting the new moose Limited Opportunity Objectives for the Absaroka Moose Herd Unit.

Absaroka Moose Herd Unit 5 Year Objective Revision Process



Absaroka Moose Herd, Hunt Areas 8, 9 and 11



Absaroka Moose Herd Management Objective Changes

Current Objective 1 - Manage for a 5-year median age of ≥ 4.5 years of age for harvested bulls

New Objective 1 - Manage for a 5-year median age of ≥ 4.0 years of age for harvested bulls

Also change how this is calculated

Bull Moose Ages

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2	2	2	4	4	3	2	2	3	4
2	2	4	5	6	4	2	3	3	4
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5	6	5	6		6	4	3	4	5
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4	6	5	5.5	5	5	4	3	4.5	5.5
				5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.5
				5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

Annual median age of harvested bull moose

Current calculation 5 year median age of the annual median ages

New Calculation 5 year median age of all individual bull moose ages



Current Objective 2 – Manage for a 5 year average of ≤ 12 days/bull harvested
New Objective 2 – Manage for a 5 year average of ≤ 10 days/bull harvested
No change to how this is calculated

Days/bull moose harvested calculation

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
7.9	9.8	6.9	4.8	10.0	10.2	6.7	9.6	4.7	12.2
				7.9	8.3	7.7	8.3	8.2	8.7

Days/bull moose harvested

5-year average of the annual days/bull moose harvested



Current Objective 3 – Manage for a 5 year average of $\geq 40\%$ of the harvested bulls are ≥ 5 years of age
Change to how this is calculated

Bull moose tooth ages

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2	2	2	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	4
2	2	4	5	6	6	4	2	3	3	4
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5	7	7	6	6	2	5	7	11	8	8
2	4	4	5	5	1	3	1	4	4	5

Number of bulls aged
 Number of bulls ≥ 5 years of age

40%	57%	57%	83%	50%	60%	14%	36%	50%	63%
			58%	62%	53%	49%	42%	45%	

% of bull moose ≥ 5 years of age

Current Calculation 5-year average of the annual percent of bulls ≥ 5 years of age

27	27	27	31	33	39
16	17	14	14	13	17
59%	63%	52%	45%	39%	44%

5-year total number of bulls aged

5-year total number of bulls ≥ 5 years of age

New Calculation 5-year percent of all harvested bull moose ≥ 5 years of age



Add New Objective 4 - Document the occurrence of adult bull moose in the population



Landowner/Outfitter contacts made regarding Objective change for Absaroka Moose Herd

Dustin Bowman – manager for Antler Ranch, Meeteetse
Abby Herman – manager for Larson Ranch, Meeteetse
Dan Manderfeld – Landowner, Meeteetse
Jeff Duncan –manager for Hoodo Ranch, Meeteetse
Steve and Mindy Griffin – managers for LU Ranch, Meeteetse
Mary Rumsey – landowner, Meeteetse
Lenox Baker – Owner Pitchfork Ranch, Meeteetse
Marty Heggie – manager for Pitchfork Ranch, Meeteetse
Rori Renner – Owner/manager for PAR Ranch, Meeteetse
Bill Alldredge – landowner, Thermopolis
Rod Graves – landowner, Grass Creek
Dee Hillberry – Owner Prospect Land and Livestock, Thermopolis
Josh Martoglio – Outfitter Greybull River
Andy Pils – Shoshone Forest Biologist
Meade Dominick – 7D Outfitters, Sunlight Basin
John Porter – Morning Creek Outfitters, Cody

MEETING DATE(S)	3/28/19
REGION	Cody
MEETING LOCATION(S)	Cody
NAMES OF WGF EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE	Grant Gerharter, Travis Crane, Jordan Winters, Jim Olson, Chris Queen, Corey Class, Tony Mong, Dan Smith, Sam Stephens, Bart Kroger, Scott Werbelow, Karen Herburger
NAMES OF AGENCIES/ ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE	NA No comment forms received during the meeting.
NUMBER OF PUBLICS IN ATTENDANCE	41

CHAPTER 2, GENERAL HUNTING REGULATION

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 5, ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 6, DEER HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Staff spent additional time explaining proposed changes for the Upper Shoshone and Clarks Fork Deer herds. People asked several questions regarding the status of the herd, a few comments were provided verbally in support of the proposals, no written comments received during the meeting.

CHAPTER 7, ELK HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 8, MOOSE HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Staff reviewed proposed moose herd objective review for the Absaroka herd, no questions or comments received.

CHAPTER 9, BIGHORN SHEEP AND MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 11, UPLAND GAME BIRD AND SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

**CHAPTER 14, MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS AND LIGHT GOOSE
CONSERVATION ORDER**

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 15, WILD BISON RECREATIONAL HUNTING SEASON

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 20, 2017 FALL AND 2018 SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Meeting Attendance Form



Date: MARCH 28, 2019

Meeting Location: CODY, PC LIBRARY GRIZZLY ROOM

	NAME	CITY/TOWN
1.	LONDON SELBY	WAPITI
2.	Steve Black	Wapiti
3.	Rick Adair	Wapiti
4.	Scott Polley	Cody WY
5.	Eugene Brumbaugh	Wapiti
6.	Dan Hinz	Cody
7.	Diane DiJENNO	Cody
8.	Dean DiJENNO	Cody
9.	W ^m Kamy J	Cody
10.	GURTIS KERSTROM	CODY
11.	Joe English	Clark
12.	Jim English	Clark
13.	Jim Boles	Cody
14.	John PALMEN	WAPITI
15.	Joe HARPER	Cody
16.	Marshal Thomasson	Cody
17.	Jett Capron	Cody
18.	Cody Martin	Cody
19.	Rebekkah Schultz	Cody
20.	JAKE SKEEN	Cody
21.	Jason Stafford	Cody
22.	Steve Herburger	Cody
23.	Larry White	Cody
24.	Isaac Angardell	Cody
25.	MARTIN HURBORN	Cody

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1.	Charles Polley	Cody
2.	Shannon Yearwood	Cody
3.	Steve [unclear]	Cody
4.	Nate Whalen	Cody
5.	Brayden Polley	Cody
6.	Riggs Harrison	Cody
7.	Ki Christian	
8.	Jim Werner	Cody
9.	Josh Martoglio	"
10.	Blake Smith	Cody
11.	Tim O'Leary	Cody
12.	AL LIST	WAPITI
13.	JOAQUIN FICKLER	CODY
14.	Hunter [unclear]	Cody
15.	Bill Brewer	Cody
16.	Brian Beauvais	Cody
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Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Meeting Attendance Form



Date: MARCH 19, 2019

Meeting Location: MEETEETSE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

	NAME	CITY/TOWN
1.	Dustin A Bowman	Meeteetse - Wood River
2.	Abby Henn	Meeteetse
3.	Tom Layton	Meeteetse
4.	DAN MANDELSD	Meeteetse
5.	Jeff Duncan	"
6.	Marvin Blakesley	Cody
7.	Jake Blakesley	Cody
8.	Bline Griffin	Meeteetse
9.	Mindy Griffin	Meeteetse
10.	Mary Rumsey	Meeteetse
11.	Wendy Kake	Pitchfork
12.	Marty B. Ziegler	PITCHFORK
13.	Jim Ziegler	CODY
14.	RORI KENNEDY	MEETEETSE
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Wyoming Game and Fish Department
2019 Season Setting



The Department welcomes comment regarding proposed changes to regulations. Questions about these proposed regulation changes should be directed to Department Regional Offices for clarification. No individual Department response will be generated from questions submitted through this comment form. Written comments shall be accepted at all public meetings, by standard mail at the address below, or on the WGFD website at <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Get-Involved/Public-Meetings>. Comments will not be accepted via email, fax or telephone. All written comments must be received at the below address no later than 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2019.

Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Wildlife Division
ATTN: Regulations
3030 Energy Lane
Casper WY 82604

Please use a separate form for each of the categories below:

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Comments: Type 7 116

We Feel on antler's Ranch the white tail herd has decreased greatly - maybe its increased hunting pressure pushing deer out - The 2019 Season we will only be allowing young hunters through the mentor program and the women's hunt like we had last year, unless we see increased population. If there is no increase in population we would like to see type 7 in 116 decrease or stop all together in 2020

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Dustin A Bowman
Printed Name
Antler's Ranch

3-19-2019
Date

2/2019

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Comments:

More resources need to be focused on surveying the State's Moose population. While Bart Kroger has been very diligent in his surveying of the Moose in Hunt area 9 the overall Absaroka Mts survey done by the Cody officials are 15 years old.

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Mary J. Rumsey 3/19/19
Printed Name Date 2/2019

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Comments:

I got MURS info from Stacy than all
Bio & GW combined

ALSO KEEP AREA 64-2 HUNTERS OUT OF 03!

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

DAVID
Printed Name

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Comments:

Wood River Moose represent approximately 5% of the Absaroka but yet have more than 20% of the herd 'harvested'. The Quota for hunt Area 9 should be reduced from 5 to 3 in order to maintain balance for our Moose.

Moose populations are rapidly declining. This decline is due to many factors: predators, parasites, disease, loss of habitat, food sources, climate issues, vehicle incidents & hunting to name a few. Our Moose are on the Margin & it's not make a mistake.

Since Harvest Age determines 75% of Moose management decisions, Submission of tooth samples by hunters should be mandatory. How can you properly manage if you don't have the data to make the decision.

A Univ. of Wyo study shows that almost 50% of the billion dollars that the State's wildlife contributes to the State's economy comes from wildlife that value with the balance comes from hunting & fishing. The way to insure our Moose are around for future generations is to allow to hunt.

Thank you for your consideration.

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Mary F. Ramsey 03/19/19
Printed Name Date 2/2019

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Comments:

SAVE THE MOOSE!

MOOSE POPULATIONS ARE STEADILY DECLINING.

CUT BACK ON MOOSE HUNTING.

IT IS MORE PROFITABLE FOR WYOMING TO HAVE MOOSE FOR PEOPLE TO SEE THAN TO HAVE MOOSE FOR PEOPLE TO HUNT. ACCORDING TO A STUDY DATED NOVEMBER 2018 CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING AT THE REQUEST OF THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT, IN 2017 MORE MONEY WAS SPENT IN WYOMING ON WILDLIFE VIEWING (MORE THAN \$500,000,000) THAN ON WILDLIFE HUNTING (LESS THAN 300,000,000).

TOURISTS AND RESIDENTS LIKE TO SEE MOOSE, AND ~~WILL PAY FOR~~ LETS REDUCE HUNTING IN ORDER THAT THERE WILL BE MORE MOOSE FOR PEOPLE TO SEE. THEY WILL PAY TO DO IT!

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Charles C. Rumsey Jr
Printed Name PO Box 304

3/17/19
Date 2/2019

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Comments:

ELIMINATE LATE BULL SEASON 12/1 63-69

Multiple horizontal lines for writing additional comments.

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

RORI RENNER
Printed Name

3-18-19
Date 2/2019

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Comments:

Stop Late Bull season in area 63

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Mindy Griffin
Printed Name

3-19-19
Date

2/2019

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Comments:

Need to stop late season Bull in area 63

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Steve Griffin
Printed Name

3-19-19
Date

2/2019

MEETING DATE(S)	3/28/19
REGION	Cody
MEETING LOCATION(S)	Cody
NAMES OF WGF EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE	Grant Gerharter, Travis Crane, Jordan Winters, Jim Olson, Chris Queen, Corey Class, Tony Mong, Dan Smith, Sam Stephens, Bart Kroger, Scott Werbelow, Karen Herburger
NAMES OF AGENCIES/ ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE	NA No comment forms received during the meeting.
NUMBER OF PUBLICS IN ATTENDANCE	41

CHAPTER 2, GENERAL HUNTING REGULATION

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 5, ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 6, DEER HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Staff spent additional time explaining proposed changes for the Upper Shoshone and Clarks Fork Deer herds. People asked several questions regarding the status of the herd, a few comments were provided verbally in support of the proposals, no written comments received during the meeting.

CHAPTER 7, ELK HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 8, MOOSE HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Staff reviewed proposed moose herd objective review for the Absaroka herd, no questions or comments received.

CHAPTER 9, BIGHORN SHEEP AND MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 11, UPLAND GAME BIRD AND SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

**CHAPTER 14, MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS AND LIGHT GOOSE
CONSERVATION ORDER**

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 15, WILD BISON RECREATIONAL HUNTING SEASON

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

CHAPTER 20, 2017 FALL AND 2018 SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

No comments.

**Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Meeting Attendance Form**



Date: MARCH 25, 2019

Meeting Location: THERMOPOLIS BIGHORN FEDERAL

	NAME	CITY/TOWN
1.	Lawrence & Patricia Handberg	Thermopolis
2.	Michael J. Hering	Thermopolis
3.	BILL ALDREDGE	THERMOPOLIS
4.	Jim Crandall	Thermopolis
5.	Nike Munn	Thermopolis
6.	Jim Lash	Thermopolis
7.	TOM ANDERSON	"
8.	Jim Collins	"
9.	Ramsey Allen	Thermopolis
10.	Dan Morris	Thermopolis
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Comments:

*stop the late Dec and Jan Bird Hunting Cause wintering
Deer get Run By all the dogs.*

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Comments:

Do away with 1/2 mile from fields trap. on Antelope Hunt Areas.
 Cut Doe Ant Tags in area #83
~~Get rid of late Dec. and Jan. Bird season. Reason Deer on
 winter Ranges getting run by dogs so much.~~

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Comments:

83 Don't Raise Lic #s in current
time at least Not 150.

I would keep Lic #s steady till herd
trend is for sure going up.

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Jim Collins
Printed Name

3/25
Date

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Comments:

AREA 47 TYPE 1&6 - SHORTEN THE SEASON

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Comments:

Run Pheasant Season thru Jan 31

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Jim Collins
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Comments:

Please remove the Area 63/64 type 2 elk season that's valid in wilderness only. This area can be extremely busy in the high country on forest without the additional 25 licenses. The type 1 tag is very difficult to draw, and can be extremely disappointing to go to the effort of packing into the high country to get away from people only to find camps and people everywhere. Quality of hunt is more than just drawing a tag, it's nice to be able to get away from people. Eventually, with enough hunting pressure, it's possible elk will be pushed on to private in upper owl creek and cottonwood further reducing hunting opportunity.

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Ramsey Allen
Printed Name

2/25/19
Date

2/2019

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Comments:

Area 83 antelope does not need more licenses. I live in, work, and travel area 83 extensively and keep an eye out for antelope always. It certainly seems, from my perspective, that antelope numbers are down. Would like to see the numbers above objective before increasing license numbers.

(Please use reverse for additional comments.)

Ramsey Allen
Printed Name

2/23/19
Date

2/2019