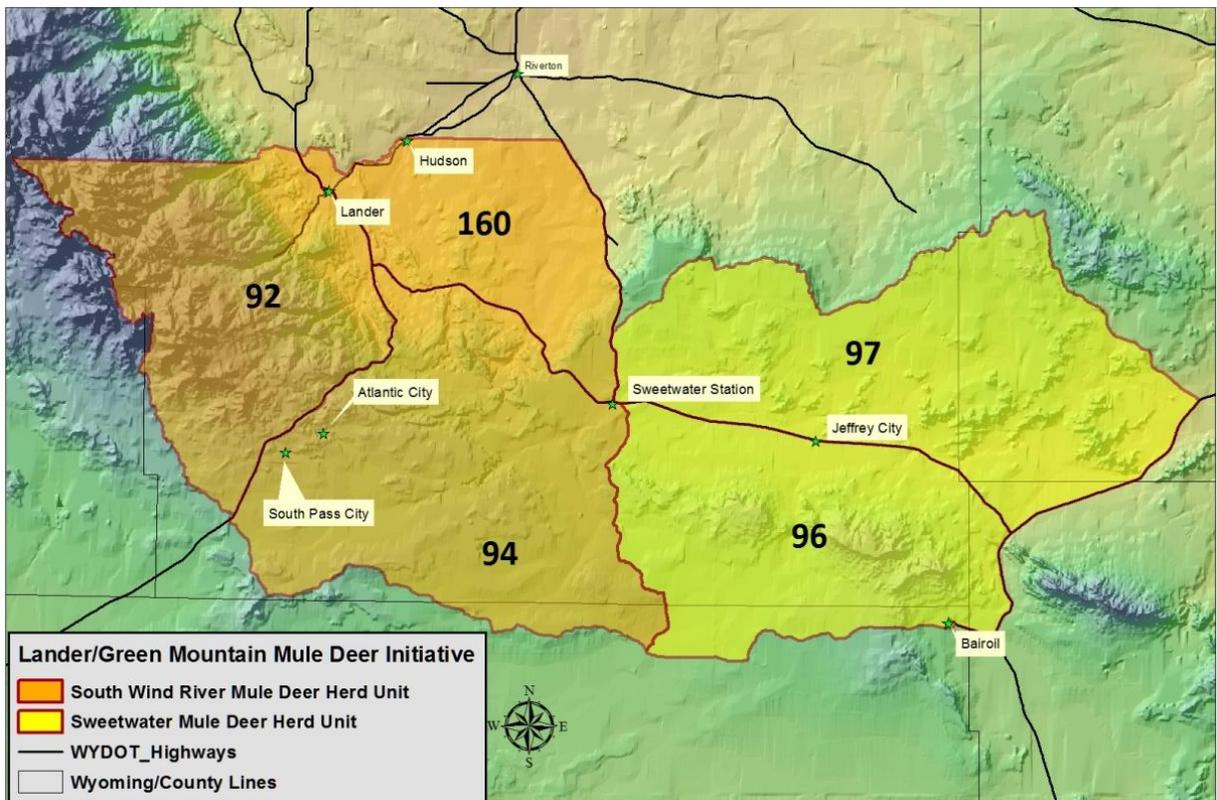


Lander/Green Mountain Mule Deer Working Group

Recommended Deer Hunting Seasons

The Lander/Green Mountain Mule Deer Working Group was convened in 2014 and was charged with developing recommendations that address the future management of the South Wind River and Sweetwater mule deer herds. During the process, the Working Group learned that while season structure will not bring mule deer back, an alternate structure may alleviate hunter crowding, a common complaint heard in these hunt areas. To address mule deer decline and other issues they developed other recommendations on research, habitat, education, predators, and more.

The Working Group has asked the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to gather your thoughts and comments on their recommended hunting season structure changes to areas 92, 94, and 160, and 96 and 97 (see map below). We would appreciate your input **prior to November 30, 2015**. This will help facilitate discussions during the public input meetings listed at the bottom of the page.



Hunt Areas/Herd Units being considered for hunting season changes.

Public input will be gathered throughout fall 2015 hunting seasons and recommendations will be presented at the following public meetings for further discussion and **your** input. Please plan to attend one of the following meetings:

- Lander**- November 30, The Inn at Lander from 6-9PM
- Riverton**- December 1, Fremont County Library from 6-9PM
- Rawlins**- December 2, Jeffrey Center from 6-9PM

Objective: Future hunting seasons should “Balance Hunting Opportunity with Reduced Hunter Crowding.”

The following strategies have been recommended by the Working Group to address this objective.

- Implement a split limited quota season in both the South Wind River and Sweetwater herd units, specifically:
 - South Wind River herd unit, hunt areas 92, 94, and 160, would have a Type 1 license valid Oct. 1- Oct. 14, and a Type 2 license valid Oct. 15 – Oct. 25, and Type 3 and 8 licenses (white-tailed deer) valid Oct. 1 – Nov. 30.
 - Sweetwater herd unit, hunt areas 96 and 97, would have a Type 1 license valid Oct. 15- Oct. 22, and a Type 2 license valid Oct. 23 – Oct. 31, and Type 3 and 8 licenses (white-tailed deer) valid Oct. 15 – Nov. 30.
- Quotas would be set annually for these hunt areas, with an attempt to provide license numbers similar to average general license mule deer hunter numbers in these herd units from 2012 – 2014.
- Offer a Type 9 archery only license valid for all 5 hunt areas.
- Continue General License Youth any deer seasons in each herd unit.
- These recommended season dates minimize conflict with elk hunting opportunity in these areas.

Feedback:

Please tell us if you do or do not support the recommended changes above, and why?

(Circle one or reply online at: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/lander-mule-deer-survey>)

Yes. I support the recommendations as listed above.

Why? _____

No

Why not? _____

Please let us know if there are any aspects of the recommended changes that you particularly like or that cause you concern?

See all of Lander/Green Mountain working group’s recommendations at: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/lander-mule-deer-survey>

If you have any questions, please contact the Lander Regional Office at 307-332-2688

Please provide comments by November 30, 2015 at <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/lander-mule-deer-survey> or mail to:

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