

ELK CONFLICT MANAGEMENT



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ELK DYNAMICS ON PRIVATE LANDS

- Elk can create conflict with private landowners.
- At times, they stay **only** on private lands.
- We need the ability to push them off of private lands.
- Some private landowners will tolerate the elk, if there is a benefit to doing so.
- Some elk live within multiple jurisdictions.



DWR PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS ELK CONFLICTS

- Private-lands-only permits
- Depredation program
- Cooperative Wildlife Management Units
- Landowner Association



PRIVATE-LANDS-ONLY PERMITS

Currently, there are:

- 9,160 private-lands-only permits (valid from Aug. 1 – Jan. 31)

Potential ideas for this program:

- Create shorter hunt seasons to target elk at specific times
- Don't lose preference points on antlerless permits
- Offer private-lands-only permits for general-season bull elk



DEPREDATION

We use a variety of tools:

- Removals
- Herding
- Fencing
- Mitigation permits
- Depredation hunter pool
- Payments (\$165,000)



MITIGATION PERMITS AND VOUCHERS

| Type | Amount issued |
|--------------|---------------|
| Permit | 827 |
| Voucher | 1,653 |
| TOTAL | 2,480 |

These have been issued to 408 landowners.

CWMU PROGRAM

- 68 CWMUs are enrolled in the program.
- 1,550,000 private acres are enrolled in elk CWMUs.
- The program has helped us raise objectives on units.
- It has also helped build tolerance with landowners.



CWMU PROGRAM

| Permit Type | Antlerless | Antlered | Total |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Private | 120 | 957 | 1,077 |
| Public | 1064 | 139 | 1,203 |
| Total | 1,184 | 1,096 | 2,280 |

LANDOWNER ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

- 11 LOAs are enrolled in the program.
- 74 elk vouchers have been issued for this year.
- The program helps landowners on these units feel more favorable about the presence of elk.



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TOP PAYMENT AREAS FOR ELK

| Unit | Payment | Permits | Vouchers | Harvest |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| South Slope, Yellowstone | \$55,437 | 269 | 48 | 45 |
| Boulder | \$23,346 | 110 | 233 | 64 |
| Beaver | \$22,763 | 83 | 151 | 15 |
| Manti | \$20,117 | 208 | 379 | 148 |

6,803 hours spent on 4,562 responses

STATEWIDE HARVEST

| Region | Deer | Elk | Pronghorn | Total |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Central | 351 | 242 | 12 | 605 |
| Northern | 368 | 454 | 59 | 881 |
| Northeastern | 276 | 105 | 96 | 477 |
| Southeastern | 123 | 36 | 75 | 234 |
| Southern | 341 | 281 | 91 | 713 |
| Total | 1,459 | 1,118 | 333 | 2,910 |