ELK CONFLICT MANAGEMENT



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



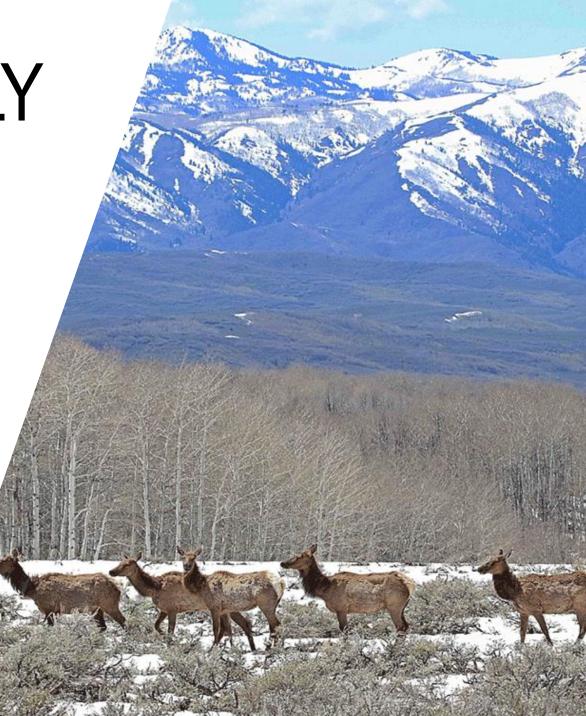
PRIVATE-LANDS-ONLY PERMITS

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

Туре	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.



THANK YOU



TOP PAYMENT AREAS FOR ELK

Unit	Payment	Permits	Vouchers	Harvest
South Slope, Yellowstone	\$55 <i>,</i> 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