



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

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Agenda Item No. 10

Agenda Item: Deer and Elk Status Update

Bureau Chief Approval: SR

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Position/Title: Statewide Deer and Elk Coordinator

Background:

Staff use a variety of data sources to monitor Idaho's deer and elk populations. These data sources are also used, along with public input, to develop recommended hunting season changes, which will be presented to the Commission in March. During this presentation, staff will overview the current status of deer and elk populations, mortality monitoring results, fall 2024 check station results, and December 2024 aerial composition survey data.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Statute 36-104 authorizes the Commission to establish rules for the taking of wildlife consistent with state policy.

Public Involvement Process:

Public will have the opportunity to comment on this agenda item at the public meeting and will have the opportunity to comment on upcoming deer and elk seasons as part of the 2025 big game season setting process.

Justification:

Information will aid Commissioners as they respond to requests, recommendations, or other input from the public.

Staff Recommendation:

N/A. This agenda item is for Commission information only.