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Agenda Item: Mule Deer and White-tailed Deer
Management Plans Update

Bureau Chief Approval:



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Background:

Following completion of surveys of mule deer and white-tailed deer hunter opinions during the previous year, staff initiated work to revise the Department's White-tailed Deer Management plan and Mule Deer management plan. The Department's current white-tailed deer plan was implemented in 2005 and the current mule deer management plan was implemented in 2008.

Teams were assembled in October, and using results of the hunter surveys as a guide for revisions in management direction and objectives, key issues were identified. Staff will present an overview on our progress on development of these plans, as well as a timeline for completion and implementation.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

N/A

Public Involvement Process:

Separate surveys were conducted during the last year to help us better understand the opinions and preferences of our mule deer and white-tailed deer hunters. The survey results will serve as the guide for revisions to management plans for each deer species.

Justification:

Information from this agenda item will aid Commissioners as they respond to requests, recommendations, or other input from the public related to deer management.

Staff Recommendation:

None. This agenda item is for Commission information.

Action Requested:

None.

