

Southeast Idaho Mule Deer Advisory Committee



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- Management Plans
- Access Programs
- Elk History
- Genetics
- Historical harvest management
 - Weapon types, success rates
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MULE DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

2008-2017



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Mule Deer Management Plans

- 2006 Public Opinion Survey
- Focus on providing a diversity of opportunities
- Short (seasons) & Long-term (habitat) goals
- Increased monitoring/research emphasis

Characteristic	Type of Hunting Opportunity		
	General	Quality	High-Quality
Hunter Success	~25%	~50%	~75%
Percent Mature Bucks (4 points)	>25%	>40%	>60%
Hunter Crowding	0.3 – 3.5 hunters per square mile	<0.5 hunters per square mile	<0.1 hunter per square mile
Opportunity to Hunt Every Year	100%	~ 30%	<10%
Buck:Doe Ratio	~15 per 100 does	~25 per 100 does	~35 per 100 does



- 2017 Public Opinion Survey
- Shifts to Data Analysis Units
- Focus on hunter congestion
- Use of Integrated Population Model
- High Productivity Ranges

Statewide Management Direction

Statewide mule deer management direction (Table 6) is tiered down from the IDFG Strategic Plan and provides higher resolution for management objectives, taking into account stakeholder desires, agency resources, and resource opportunities and challenges that exist in Idaho.

Table 6. Strategic Plan objectives and corresponding mule deer management direction.

Strategic Plan objective	Mule deer management direction
Maintain or improve game populations to meet demand for hunting, fishing, and trapping	<p>When DAUs are meeting objectives, manage populations to maximize hunting opportunity, reproductive performance, and overall herd health commensurate with habitat capabilities</p> <p>When DAUs are below objectives, implement management strategies to promote maximum population growth</p> <p>Continue to refine and implement the mule deer monitoring program; provide annual estimates of population abundance</p> <p>Continue to implement biological investigations to improve population and habitat management capabilities</p> <p>Implement proactive measures to minimize mule deer depredations</p>

Idaho Mule Deer Management Plan 2020-2025

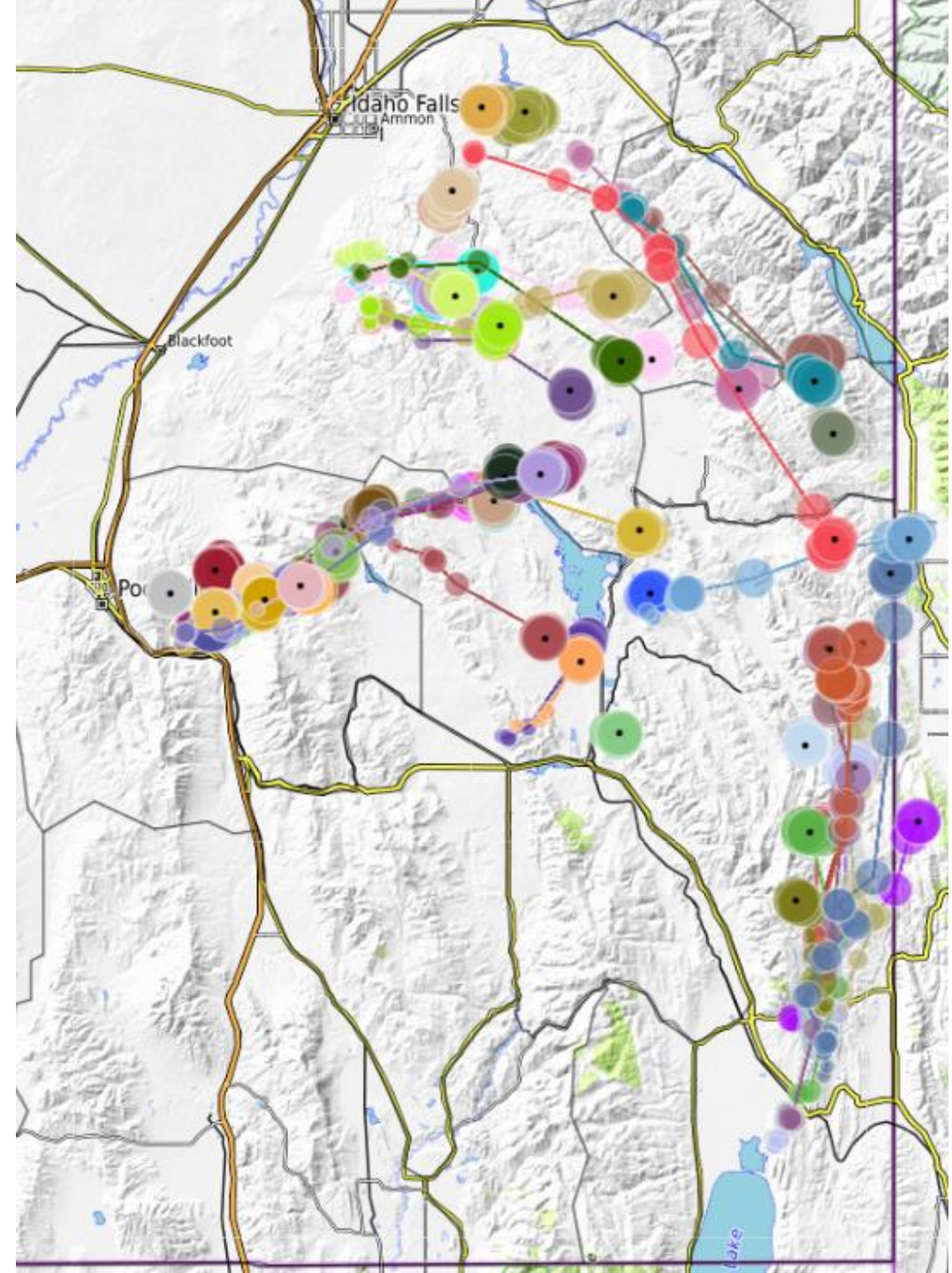
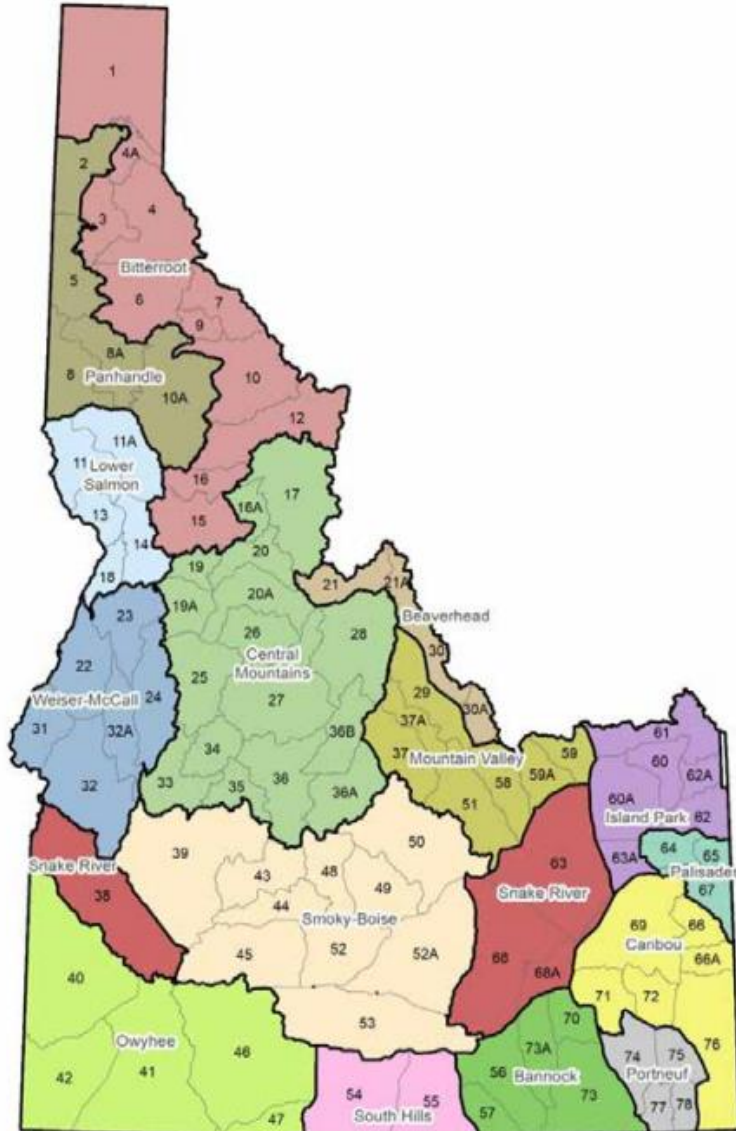


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Mule Deer Data Analysis Units

IDFG monitors and manages mule deer populations in 16 distinct Data Analysis Units (DAU). Each DAU, comprised of multiple GMUs, represents the seasonal range for an interbreeding mule deer population. For more details on DAU description and development, refer to the Population Monitoring and Management section. Each DAU is presented in the following pages, with pertinent information regarding population status and management strategies.



Access Programs

- **Access Yes!** - program designed to improve access to private land or through private land to public land by compensating willing landowners who provide access.
- **Endowment Partnership** – partnership ensuring access to 2.3 million acres of endowment lands in Idaho
- **Large Tracts Program** – agreements to ensure hunting and fishing access – 900,000 acres corporate timberlands
- **Managed Hunt Program** - partnership between willing landowners, responsible hunters, and Idaho Fish and Game to manage hunting access on private lands for mutual benefit.



Access - Regional Partnerships

Idaho Fish and Game partners for hunting and fishing access



Panhandle Regional Access Programs

The Panhandle region has local partnerships for wildlife access.



Clearwater Regional Access Programs - Managed Hunts

This program represents a partnership between willing landowners, responsible hunters, and Idaho Fish and Game to manage hunting access on private lands for mutual benefit.



Southeast Regional Access Programs - Managed Hunts

This trial program represents a partnership between willing landowners, responsible hunters, and Idaho Fish and Game to manage hunting access on private lands for mutual benefit.

