21. DEER GENERAL SEASONS AND SPECIAL PERMIT REGULATIONS – RULE ACTION

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"GREEN SHEET"

Meeting: April 3-4, 2009

Agenda Item 21: Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – **Rule Action**

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Background:

Department staff will provide a brief overview to the Commission on proposed rule amendments to the following WACs: 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions; and 232-28-353 2009 Deer special permits. This will include any changes resulting from the March 6-7, 2009 Commission meeting in Ellensburg.

The issues brought before the public this summer and fall included changes to deer seasons in Regions 1, 2, 3, and 5. The public encouraged the Department to make several changes that the Department could accommodate while sustaining the wildlife resource:

- Opening more GMUs to muzzleloader general season opportunity for deer, as well as a longer early general season time period and less overlap with muzzleloader elk season.
- Shifting antlerless white-tailed deer special permits to "2nd deer" opportunities in Region 1.
- Offering more late season deer special permits in Region 2 GMUs.
- Shifting early muzzleloader and late archery opportunity to a late muzzleloader season structure in GMU 381.
- Changing the season structure for GMUs 388, 574, and 578 to improve low buck survival and/or low total deer numbers to ultimately provide a better hunting experience.

As a result of either Agency management objectives or the public support (sometimes strong support), the following are recommended hunting season proposals for 2009-2011 general deer seasons and special permits for the fall of 2009:

- Increase the number of GMUs open for general season muzzleloader opportunity. Increase the general muzzleloader season from 7 to 9 days, and shift the timing to decrease some of the overlap with muzzleloader elk season.
- Shift the antlerless permits in GMUs 101-142 to "2nd deer" permits.
- Increase the number of GMUs open to late season special permit opportunities in Region 2, including allowing all three user groups the opportunity to apply for late permits in GMU 247.
- Shift GMU 250 from late general season archery for 3pt. min and antlerless to a 3 pt. min. only to reduce high hunter pressure and hunter crowding
- Reduce the amount of hunter pressure while deer are on winter range in GMUs 209, 215, 233, 243, and 250.
- Shift early muzzleloader and late archery opportunity to a late muzzleloader season structure in GMU 381.
- Move GMU 574 to "any buck", move GMU 578 to "3 pt. min.", and reduce the late season pressure in GMU 388 from general season to special permit.
- Reduce the early archery general season to accommodate the increased muzzleloader general season.

In addition, the Allocation Sub-Committee and the full Game Management Advisory Council (GMAC) recommended that the Department develop some new special permit hunts for modern firearm hunters during the peak of the rut for deer. These proposed hunts should provide some additional opportunity for modern firearm hunters at times when mature bucks are available. To accommodate this change we are also proposing a reduction of days in the late archery general

season to accommodate the increased premium special permits offered to all three user groups. Additional recommendations in response to overall population concerns:

- Adjust the number of late season special permits for modern firearm hunters.
- Reduce the antlerless white-tailed deer opportunity in Region 1 in general and permit seasons.

Policy Issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

- Provide balanced hunting opportunites for modern firearm, archery, and muzzleloader deer hunters.
- Maintain general deer hunting season opportunities, while meeting population objectives.
- Adjust deer special permits in response to population changes and damage complaints.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop these three-year hunting season cycle recommendations. In June 2008, the Department received nearly 4,000 responses to a scoping survey that was developed to determine the major issues that were important to the public. After the initial scoping phase, the issues were refined and preferred alternatives to address those issues were developed. The alternatives were discussed at more than ten public meetings held throughout the state in August and September. Nearly 5,000 people commented on the Alternatives, which were presented at the public meetings and available online for approximately seven weeks. In early January, an email was sent to over 50,000 hunters announcing that the proposed recommendations were online and would be available for comment until February 20. A postcard was mailed to approximately 800 organizations and individuals informing them of the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulations. Oral public testimony (if any was received) from the March 6-7, 2009 Commission meeting is located at the end of this agenda item. Advisory groups were utilized throughout the process. The Game Management Advisory Council is split on some of the proposed changes. The archery representatives are against the shift of some late general season opportunity to a special permit opportunity. Muzzleloader representatives are in favor of the increased number of GMUs open, adding two days to the early general season, and eliminating some of some overlap with elk season.

Action requested (identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking):

Amend WACs 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions; and 232-28-353 2009 Deer special permits, as presented.

Draft motion language:

I move to amend WACs 232-28-351 and 232-28-353, as proposed.

Justification for Commission action:

Provides recreational opportunity for the citizens of Washington, helps reduce wildlife damage to agricultural crops, and protects deer and elk from overharvest.

Communications plan:

- News Release
- Hunting Pamphlets
- Direct email to approximately 55,000 hunters

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 08-78, filed 4/18/08, effective 5/19/08)

WAC 232-28-351 ((~~2006-2008~~)) 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions.

Bag Limit: One (1) deer per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by Fish and Wildlife Commission rule.

Hunting Method: Hunters must select one of the hunting methods (modern firearm, archery, muzzleloader).

Any Buck Deer Seasons: Open only to the taking of deer with visible antlers (buck fawns illegal).

Antler Point: To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long measured on the longest side.

Antler Restrictions: APPLIES TO ALL HUNTERS DURING ANY GENERAL SEASON AND DESIGNATED SPECIAL PERMIT SEASONS((~~:~~)). Buck deer taken in antler restricted GMUs must meet minimum antler point requirements. Minimum antler point requirements are antler points on one side only. Eye guards are antler points when they are at least one inch long.

2 Point minimum GMUs: 437, ((~~574, 578,~~)) 636, 654, and 681.

3 Point minimum GMUs: All mule deer in 100, 200, and 300 series GMUs; white-tailed deer in GMUs 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 169, 172, 175, 178, 181, ((~~and~~)) 186, and black-tailed deer in GMU 578.

Permit Only Units: The following GMUs require a special permit

to hunt deer: 290 (Desert), 329 (Quilomene), 371 (Alkali), and 485 (Green River).

GMUs Closed to Deer Hunting: 157 (Mill Creek Watershed), 490 (Cedar River), and 522 (Loo-wit).

Black-tailed Deer: Any member of black-tailed/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found west of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary in Yakima County to ((~~Klickitat County; in Klickitat County along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to Summit Creek Rd; southwest on Summit Creek Rd to the Glenwood-Goldendale Highway; northwest on the Glenwood-Goldendale Highway to Lakeside Rd; south on Lakeside Rd to Fisher Hill Rd (P-2000); south on Fisher Hill Rd to Fisher Hill bridge crossing~~)) the Klickitat River; ((~~southwest~~)) south down Klickitat River to the Columbia River.

Mule Deer: Any member of black-tailed/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found east of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary in Yakima County to ((~~Klickitat County; in Klickitat County along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to Summit Creek Rd; southwest on Summit Creek Rd to the Glenwood-Goldendale Highway; northwest on the Glenwood-Goldendale Highway to Lakeside Rd; south on Lakeside Rd to Fisher Hill Rd (P-2000); south on Fisher Hill Rd to Fisher Hill bridge crossing~~)) the Klickitat River; ((~~southwest~~)) south down Klickitat River to the Columbia River.

White-tailed Deer: Means any white-tailed deer (member of the

species *Odocoileus virginianus*) except the Columbian whitetail deer (species *Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*).

MODERN FIREARM DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: Valid modern firearm deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Modern firearm deer tag hunters may use rifle, handgun, shotgun, bow or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Season	((~~2006~~)) 2009 Dates	((~~2007~~)) 2010 Dates	((~~2008~~)) 2011 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
HIGH BUCK HUNTS					
	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness Areas and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
GENERAL SEASON ((~~HUNTS~~))					
Western Washington ((~~Blacktail~~)) Black-tailed Deer	Oct. ((~~14~~)) 17-31	Oct. ((~~13~~)) 16-31	Oct. ((~~11~~)) 15-31	407, 418, 426, 448 through 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 556, 560, 568, 572, 574, 601 through 633, 638 through 653, 658 through 673, 684	Any buck
				GMUs 410, 564, Deer Areas 4013, 4926, ((~~and~~)) 6014, and 6020	Any deer
				578	3 pt. min.
				437, ((~~574, 578,~~)) 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min.
Eastern Washington ((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed Deer	Oct. ((~~14-27~~)) 17-30	Oct. ((~~13-26~~)) 16-29	Oct. ((~~11-24~~)) 15-28	((~~105~~)) 101 through 124	Any ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed buck
	Oct. ((~~14-22~~)) 17-25	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) 16-24	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 15-23	((~~All 200 and 300 series GMUs except permit only in 290, 329, and 371~~)) 203 through 284, 328, 330 through 368, 372	Any ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed buck
	((~~Oct. 14-29~~	~~Oct. 13-28~~	~~Oct. 11-26~~	~~101, 204~~	~~Any whitetail-buck~~))
	Oct. ((~~14-22~~)) 17-25	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) 16-24	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 15-23	127 through 154, 162 through 186	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
				379, 381	Any white-tailed deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Oct. ((~~14-22~~)) 17-25	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) 16-24	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 15-23	((~~All 100, 200, and 300 series GMUs, except permit only in GMUs 290, 329, and 371, and closed in GMU 157~~)) 101 through 154, 162 through 186, 203 through 284, 328, 330 through 368, 372 through 382	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.
				((~~379~~	~~Any mule deer~~))
	Oct. ((~~14-27~~)) 17-30	Oct. ((~~13-26~~)) 16-29	Oct. ((~~11-24~~)) 15-28	373, 382, 388	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.

LATE ((~~BUCK HUNTS~~)) GENERAL SEASON					
Western Washington ((~~Blacktail~~)) Black-tailed Deer	Nov. ((~~16-19~~)) 19-22	Nov. ((~~15-18~~)) 18-21	Nov. ((~~13-16~~)) 17-20	407, 410, 454, 466, ((~~and 500, and 600-series GMUs except closed in GMUs 522, 574, and 578~~)) 501 through 520, ~~524 through 572~~ 524 through 560, 568 through 578, 601 through 633, 638 through 653, 658 through 673, 684 and 699	Any buck ((~~except 2 pt. min. in GMUs 636, 654, and 681~~))
				636, 654, 681	2 pt. min.
	Nov. ((~~16-19~~)) 19-22	Nov. ((~~15-18~~)) 18-21	Nov. ((~~13-16~~)) 17-20	GMUs 410 and 564, Deer Areas 4013, 4926, 6014, 6020	Any deer
Eastern Washington ((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed Deer	Nov. ((~~6~~)) 7-19	Nov. ((~~5~~)) 6-19	Nov. ((~~3~~)) 5-19	105 through 124	Any ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed buck
((~~YOUTH & DISABLED HUNTERS~~					
~~Eastern Washington Whitetail Deer~~	~~Oct. 28 - Nov. 5~~	~~Oct. 27 - Nov. 4~~	~~Oct. 25 - Nov. 2~~	~~105 through 124~~	~~Whitetail, antlerless only~~))
HUNTERS 65 AND OVER, DISABLED, OR YOUTH GENERAL SEASONS					
Eastern Washington ((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed Deer	Oct. ((~~14-27 & Nov. 6-19~~)) 17-30	Oct. ((~~13-26 & Nov. 5-19~~)) 16-29	Oct. ((~~11-24 & Nov. 3-19~~)) 15-28	((~~105~~)) 101 through 124	Any ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed deer
	((~~Oct. 14-29~~	~~Oct. 13-28~~	~~Oct. 11-26~~	~~101~~	~~Any whitetail deer~~))
	Oct. ((~~14-22~~)) 17-25	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) 16-24	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 15-23	127 through 142, 145 ((~~through~~)), 154, Deer Area 1010, and 172 through ((~~181~~)) 178	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
MASTER HUNTER SEASON					
Eastern Washington ((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed Deer	Dec. 9-15	Dec. 9-15	Dec. 9-15	GMUs 130-142	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, antlerless only

ARCHERY DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: Valid archery deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can only hunt during archery seasons with archery equipment (WAC 232-12-054).

Hunt Area	((~~2006~~)) 2009 Dates	((~~2007~~)) 2010 Dates	((~~2008~~)) 2011 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
Early Archery General Deer Seasons					
Western Washington ((~~Blacktail~~)) Black-tailed Deer	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 25	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 24	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 23	407 through 426, 448 ((~~through~~)), 450, 454, 466, 501 ((~~through 520, 524 through 556, 560~~)), 504, 505, 510, 513, 520, 554, 564, 568, 572, 601 ((~~through~~)), 603, 615, 621 through 633, ((~~638~~)) 642 through ((~~653~~)) 652, 658 through ((~~673~~)) 672, 684 and 699	Any deer((~~, except buck only in GMUs 460, 503, 506, 530, 550, 673~~))

				460, 503, 574, 673	Any buck
				437, ((~~574, 578,~~)) ~~636,~~ 654, 681	2 pt. min. or antlerless
				578	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	516, 524, 556, 560, 602, 607, 612, 618, 636, 638, 653	Any deer
				506, 530, 550	Any buck
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 25	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 24	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 23	105 through 127, ((~~162,~~)) 145, 163, ((~~166, 169,~~)) 243, ((~~328,~~)) 334 ((~~through 340, 346 through 368~~))	3 pt. min.
				142 ((~~through~~)), ~~154, and 172~~ 175 through 181, 186, Deer Area 1010, 244 through 247, 249 ~~through 251~~, 250, 260, 372, 373, 379, 381, 388	3 pt. min. or antlerless
				((~~379, 381~~	~~Any mule deer~~))
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	149, 154, 162, 166, 169, 172, 251, 328, 329, 335, 336, 340, 342, 346, 352, 356, 360, 364, 368	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	101, 130 through 139, 204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284, 382	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 16-((~~30~~)) 25	Sept. 16-((~~30~~)) 24	Sept. 16-((~~30~~)) 23	101, 130 through 139, 204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284, 382	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Eastern Washington ((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed Deer	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 25	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 24	Sept. 1-((~~30~~)) 23	101 through 124, 204 through 250, 254 through 284, 373, 379, 381	Any ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed deer
	Sept. 1-25	Sept. 1-24	Sept. 1-23	127 through ((~~154, 162~~)) 145, 163 ~~through 169~~, 175, 178, 181, 186	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	154, 162, 166, 169, 172	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	149	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
Late Archery General Deer Seasons					
Western Washington ((~~Blacktail~~)) Black-tailed Deer	Nov. ((~~22~~)) 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((~~21~~)) 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((~~19~~)) 23 - Dec. 8	437, 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min. or antlerless
	((~~Nov. 22 - Dec. 15~~	~~Nov. 21 - Dec. 15~~	~~Nov. 19 - Dec. 15~~	~~636, 681~~	~~2 pt. min. or antlerless~~))
	Nov. ((~~22~~)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~21~~)) 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~19~~)) 23 - Dec. 15	466, 510 through 520, 524, 556, 601, 607 through 618, 638, 648, and 699	Any deer
	Nov. ((~~22~~)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~21~~)) 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~19~~)) 23 - Dec. 15	460, 506, 530, 560, 572	Any buck ((~~only~~))
	Nov. ((~~22~~)) 25 - Dec. 31	Nov. ((~~21~~)) 24 - Dec. 31	Nov. ((~~19~~)) 23 - Dec. 31	407, 410, 454, 505, 564, 603, 624, 627, 642, 652, 660 through 672	Any deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 21-30	209, 215, 233, 243, 250	3 pt. min.
	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 23 - Dec. 8	((~~209, 215, 233, 243,~~)) 346, 352, 364, 388, Deer Area 3682	3 pt. min.
				145, 163((~~, 178, 250~~)), 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless
				272, 278, 373((~~, 381, 388~~))	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Dec. 2-8	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Dec. 2-8	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Dec. 2-8	133, 136	Antlerless
	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Deer Area 1021	((~~3 pt. min. or~~)) Antlerless only

Eastern Washington ((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed Deer	Nov. ((~~10~~)) ~~20~~ 10- Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~10~~)) ~~20~~ 10- Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~10~~)) ~~20~~ 10- Dec. 15	101	Any ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed deer
	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 23 - Dec. 15	105, 108, 117, 121, 124~~, 127~~	Any ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed deer
				127	3 pt. min or antlerless white-tailed deer
				((~~127~~	~~3 pt. min. or antlerless whitetail~~))
	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 23 - Dec. 8	145, 163((~~, 178~~)), 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed deer
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	204, 209, 215, 233, ((~~243, 250,~~)) 272, 278, 373	Any ((~~whitetail~~)) white-tailed deer
	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Dec. 2-8	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Dec. 2-8	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Dec. 2-8	133, 136	Antlerless

MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: Valid muzzleloader deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader only.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during muzzleloader seasons and must hunt with muzzleloader equipment.

Hunt Area	((~~2006~~)) 2009 Dates	((~~2007~~)) 2010 Dates	((~~2008~~)) 2011 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
High Buck Hunts	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness areas, and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
Early Muzzleloader General Deer Seasons					
Western Washington ((~~Blacktail~~)) Black-tailed Deer	((~~Oct. 7-13~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	((~~Oct. 6-12~~)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	407, 418, 426, 448, 450, 501, 504, 505, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 530, 554, 556, 568, 572, 574, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624, 636, 638, 642, 648, 660, 663, 672, 673, 684	Any buck
				410, 454, 564, 627, 652, 666, Deer Areas 4926 and 6020	Any deer
				437((~~, 578~~))	2 pt. min.
				578	3 pt. min.
Eastern Washington ((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed Deer	((~~Oct. 7-13~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	((~~Oct. 6-12~~)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 260, 278, 284	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, any buck
				((~~133,~~)) 142((~~, 145, 149, 181, 381~~))	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless

				133, 136, 145, 149, 175, 181, 186	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
				101 through 124, 373, 379	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, any deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((~~Oct. 7-13~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	((~~Oct. 6-12~~)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	101 through 124, 133, 136, 142, 145, 149, 175, 181, 186, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 254, 260, 262, 266, 269, 272, 284, 328, 330 through 342, 352 through 360, 368, 373, 382	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.
				278, ((~~381~~)) 379	Mule deer, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
				((~~379~~	~~Any mule deer~~))
Late Muzzleloader General Deer Seasons					
Western Washington ((~~Blacktail~~)) Black-tailed Deer	Nov. ((~~22~~)) 26 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~21~~)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((~~19~~)) 24 - Dec. 15	407, 410, 501, 504, 564, 633, 666, 684, and Deer Areas 4926 and 6020	Any deer
				654	2 pt. min.
				460, 550, 602, 658	Any buck
	Nov. 26 - Dec. 6	Nov. ((~~21~~)) 26 - Dec. 6	Nov. ((~~19~~)) 24 - Dec. 6	651, 667, 673	Any buck
	Dec. 7-15	Dec. 7 - 15	Dec. 7 - 15	651, 673	Any deer
	((~~Dec. 1-15~~	~~Dec. 1-15~~	~~Dec. 1-15~~	~~578~~	~~2 pt. min.~~))
Eastern Washington ((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed Deer	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 26 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 24 - Dec. 8	113((~~, 379~~))	((~~Whitetail,~~)) Any white-tailed deer
				172, 181	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, 3 pt. min. ((~~or antlerless~~))
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	379	Any white-tailed deer
	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 1	((~~Nov. 20-30~~)) Nov. 23 - Dec. 1	130, 133, 136, 139	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	381	Any white-tailed deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	382	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 25-Dec. 1	Nov. 24-Dec. 1	Nov. 23-Dec. 1	130	Antlerless
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	381	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	379	((~~Any mule deer~~)) 3 pt. min.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210. 08-09-090 (Order 08-78), § 232-28-351, filed 4/18/08, effective 5/19/08; 07-11-017 (Order 07-62), § 232-28-

351, filed 5/3/07, effective 6/3/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. 06-11-032 (Order 06-92), § 232-28-351, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/8/06; 05-11-022 (Order 05-89), § 232-28-351, filed 5/10/05, effective 6/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.12.020. 04-11-036 (Order 04-98), § 232-28-351, filed 5/12/04, effective 6/12/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. 03-13-047 (Order 03-129), § 232-28-351, filed 6/12/03, effective 7/13/03.]

WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR-102) filing and are already included in your notebook language.

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Under **GMUs Closed to Deer Hunting**, reinstate 490 (Cedar River). Further discussions are being conducted with the land manager. An open season for deer is being delayed until 2010.

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Under **Modern Firearm, General Season, Black-tailed Deer**, Oct. 17-31, any deer, add Deer Area 6020. This change corrects an omission in the CR 102 filing.

Under **Modern Firearm, Eastern Washington White-Tailed Deer**, GMU 379 appears in both any white-tailed buck as well as any white-tailed deer. Delete GMU 379 from any white-tailed buck. This correction removes a redundancy. The Agency is not managing for white-tailed deer in this GMU and wants to retain a liberal season for any white-tailed deer.

Under **Modern Firearm, Eastern Washington White-Tailed Deer**, delete GMU 381 in any white-tailed buck and insert GMU 381 in any white-tailed deer. The Agency is not managing for white-tailed deer in this GMU and wants to retain a liberal season for any white-tailed deer.

Under **Modern Firearm, Eastern Washington Mule Deer**, GMU 388 appears in the time period Oct. 17-25 and the time period Oct. 17-30. Delete GMU 388 from the time period Oct. 17-25, mule deer 3 pt. min. The last line for this time period should read 372 through 382. This removes a redundancy with GMU 388 appearing in two time periods.

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Under **Modern Firearm, Late General Season, Black-tailed Deer**, Nov. 19-22, any deer, add Deer Area 6020. This change corrects an omission in the CR 102 filing.

Under **Modern Firearm, Late General Season, Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer**, delete GMU 101 from the late modern season. With the change, the line should read 105-124, any white-tailed buck. This change is in response to public input from archery hunters and returns the late general modern firearm season in GMUs 105-124 back to status quo.

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Under **Early Archery, Black-tailed Deer**, delete GMU 560 from the line with season dates Sept. 1-25, Sept. 1-24, Sept. 1-23. This change corrects a redundancy for GMU 560 appearing in two places. GMU 560 should appear in the line with dates Sept. 1-20, Sept. 1-19, and Sept. 1-18, "Any deer".

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Under **Early Archery, White-Tailed Deer,** delete GMU 251. This corrects a past held error from previous years. There are not enough white-tailed deer in 251 to list a white-tailed deer season.

Under **Late Archery, Black-tailed Deer**, the dates for 437, 636, 654, 681 should be Nov. 25-Dec. 8 for 2009, Nov. 24-Dec. 8 for 2010, and Nov. 23-Dec. 8 for 2011. The date change provides dates that were omitted. The legal deer change clarifies and remains consistent with the rest of the WAC.

Under **Late Archery, Black-tailed Deer**, the dates for 460, 506, 530, 560, 572 should be Nov. 25-Dec. 15 for 2009, Nov. 24-Dec. 15 for 2010, and Nov. 23-Dec. 15 for 2011. The legal deer for this line should change from "Buck only" to "Any buck." The date change provides dates that were omitted. The legal deer change clarifies and remains consistent with the rest of the WAC.

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Under **Early Muzzleloader, Black-Tailed Deer**, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, any deer, add Deer Area 6020. This change corrects an omission in the CR 102 filing.

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Under **Late Muzzleloader, Black-tailed Deer**, Nov. 26-Dec. 15, any deer, add Deer Area 6020. This change corrects an omission in the CR 102 filing.

Under **Late Muzzleloader, Eastern Washington White-Tailed Deer**, delete GMU 379 from the Nov. 26-Dec. 8 time period for any white-tailed deer and create a new time period Nov. 20-Dec. 8 for GMU 379, for any white-tailed deer. The Agency is not managing for white-tailed deer in this GMU and wants to retain a liberal season for any white-tailed deer.

Under **Late Muzzleloader, Eastern Washington White-Tailed Deer**, Nov. 20-30 for GMU 381, change the legal deer from 3 pt. min or antlerless to any white-tailed deer. This was revised from the original recommendation from Regional staff. The Agency is not managing for white-tailed deer in this GMU and wants to retain a liberal season for any white-tailed deer.

Under **Late Muzzleloader, Eastern Washington Mule Deer,** for GMU 382, 3 pt. min., change the date from Dec. 1-15 back to Nov. 20-30. This is consistent with the Regional recommendation and corrects a date error.

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Under **Late Muzzleloader, Eastern Washington Mule Deer**, change the date from the Dec. 1-15 time period back to Nov. 20-Dec. 8 time period for GMU 379, 3 pt. min. This is consistent with the Regional recommendation and corrects a date error.

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SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are already included in your notebook language.

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Under **Early Archery General Deer Seasons, Eastern Washington Mule Deer**, reinstate GMU 178 in the 3 pt. min. or antlerless category. This change restores status quo for the general seasons in this GMU based on public response and concerns.

Under **Early Archery General Deer Seasons, Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer**, reinstate GMU 178 in the 3 pt. min. or antlerless category. This change restores status quo for the general seasons in this GMU based on public response and concerns.

Under **Late Archery General Deer Seasons, Eastern Washington Mule Deer**, add the following line to the table:

Nov. 21-30	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 21-30	209, 215, 233, 243	3 pt. min.

This change restores the late archery season in four GMUs that were originally proposed to be closed or changed to special permit only. The reinstated units have a shorter time frame, which will lessen the impact to the deer population when it is vulnerable.

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Under **Early Muzzleloader General Deer Seasons, Eastern Washington Mule Deer**, delete GMU 178. This change restores status quo for the general seasons in this GMU based on public response and concerns.

Under **Early Muzzleloader General Deer Seasons, Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer**, delete GMU 178. This change restores status quo for the general seasons in this GMU based on public response and concerns.

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FINAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR-102) filing and are already included in your notebook language. These adjustments reflect any floor changes and additional supplemental recommended adjustments as a result of public testimony received at the March 6-7, 2009 Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Ellensburg.

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Under modern firearm, Late General Season, Western Washington Black-tailed Deer, Any Buck, the first line should read 524 through 560, 568 through 572. This change eliminates the redundancy of GMU 564 appearing in two categories.

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Under Early Archery Black-tailed Deer, move GMU 636 from Sept. 1-25, Any buck, to Sept. 1-20, Any deer. This change avoids overlap with special permit modern firearm elk hunts.

Under Early Archery, Eastern Washington Mule Deer, delete GMUs 154 and 172 from the time periods Sept. 1-25, 2009, Sept. 1-24, 2010, and Sept. 1-23, 2011. This was a floor change at the March Commission meeting that corrects a clerical error and avoids an overlap with a modern firearm elk special permit season in these two GMUs.

Under Early Archery, Eastern Washington Mule Deer, Sept. 1-25 delete "through 251" and replace with "250". This change corrects a redundancy with GMU 251 appearing in two places. GMU 251 should only be in the Sept. 1-20 time frame to accommodate the rifle rut hunts for elk in the same GMU.

Under Late Archery, Eastern Washington Mule Deer, Nov. 25-Dec. 8, 3 pt. min. or antlerless, reinstate GMU 178. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Late Archery, Eastern Washington Mule Deer, Nov. 21-30, 3 pt. min., add GMU 250. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Early Archery White-tailed Deer, move GMUs 166 and 169 from Sept. 1-25 to Sept. 1-20. This change avoids overlap with elk modern firearm permits.

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Under Late Archery, Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer, GMU 101, Any white-tailed deer, restore the original dates to Nov. 10-Dec. 15. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

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Under late Archery, Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer, move GMU 127 from "Any white-tailed deer" to "3 pt. min or antlerless white-tailed deer." This was a floor change made at the March Commission meeting that corrects a clerical error.

Under Late Archery, Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer, Nov. 25-Dec. 8, 3 pt. min. or antlerless, reinstate GMU 178. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

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Under Late Muzzleloader, Eastern Washington Mule Deer, change the date for GMU 130, antlerless, from Nov. 20-30 to Nov. 25-Dec. 1. This change makes the mule deer and white-tailed deer seasons concurrent.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

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COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Deer – In support of these proposals, especially the following items: Opening of the general season on October 17th Opening 101 to the late whitetail season with modern firearm	Thank you for the support.
Early Archery deer General Season: Lists GMU 560 as Sept. 1 –25th and Sept. 1 – 20th. Which is correct?	Sept. 1-20 is correct.
Late Archery deer General Season: GMU 460, 506, 530, etc. reads (buck only). It should read Any buck.	Thank for the comment. We have corrected the error.
I AGREE completely with the proposed new seasons Deer and Elk seasons.	Thank you for your comment.
I would like to see a change in the 3 point or better restriction on mule deer. I don't believe the rule achieves the goal it was intended to. I have found more than one dead 2 point in the field when hunting, and I believe that what actually happens is that frustrated hunters take a shot at any animal that they see antlers on, and then they run up and check to count points. When the animal does not have a third point, the hunter runs away and leaves the animal. What I think would be a much better alternative, if they goal is to achieve a 'quality' hunt is that for two years the restriction should be spike only. Then on the third year allow any buck. This way a spike that survives his first hunting season will go on to have more points, and be fully developed when any buck is permissible. The more ambitious and proficient hunters will hold out for the "monster buck", which will by then be legal, and the less proficient hunters will be able to harvest their spikes and 2 points, and not waste them.	This was an issue that we brought before the public and our own staff. The public was mildly in support of a change but our staffs were insistent on more outreach with landowners before pursuing this. The three point regulation has improved the number of bucks surviving the hunting season. Although some people would like to reduce the harvest of older bucks as well.

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CHANGES TO ARCHERY DEER SEASONS. Unless otherwise noted, the following Agency Response applies to all comments related to the proposed changes to the archery season.	
As an avid and passionate outdoor sportsman, I am very concerned about the 2009-2011 proposed rule changes regarding archery hunting in Washington State. While I agree with many of the proposed minor adjustments to increase opportunity for muzzleloaders and special permits for modern firearm, The proposed rule changes for archery represent such a dramatic and wide scale reduction in hunting opportunities and quality hunting experiences for archers, I see very little substantiating rational, and no statistical reasoning for such an extreme departure from the current (nearly balanced) harvest statistics. The elimination of late archery mule deer opportunities in North Central Washington will negatively affect the local communities and greatly increase hunter overcrowding into other areas. Also, if there is a biological reason for the change, than it must also be closed to modern firearm and muzzleloaders (rather than lengthening and moving their respective seasons closer to the rut in those same areas as proposed)	The general season deer hunting success rates in District 7 have been highest for archers in recent years. In 2007, 15.4% of archers were successful compared to 14.3% for modern firearm and 7.25% for muzzleloader hunters. The changes to archery seasons in the recommendations are driven by three primary management objectives. The first was to provide late season opportunity by special permit to all three user groups in as much of Chelan and Okanogan counties as possible. In order to do that, five GMUs with late archery general seasons were converted to special permit seasons and one GMU that had an disproportionate number of late season permits was made available to all three user groups which reduced the number of archery special permits. The proposal also provides 5 new GMUs as late archery special permit opportunity that were not open to any late archery season until now. The second aspect of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. The third aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
I fully support the proposed changes to the 2009 hunting season. I am a resident of Chelan County and live in some of the best Mule Deer country in the state. I have seen firsthand the decline in the number of quality bucks in the Entiat unit. I spend a lot of time viewing the deer on their winter range and have hunted them during the special permit seasons. I feel the State has done a disservice to the herd by allowing too many archery hunters a chance to pursue these animals during the peak rut season. When the State first opened the Entiat unit to archery, approximately six or seven years ago, it started the decline of the mature bucks. The archery hunters were then forced to apply for a special permit, but I feel too many permits were still issued. The Entiat unit is vast and open with easy access. I agree with the State that the permits need to be decreased and the season offered later, after the rut.	
Looks like to me the archery are taking all the hard hits on the recommendations. Just because we are out seeing the game doesn't mean are getting shoots off.	
Why do we keep getting more and more complicated on the hunting seasons? This unit is open and that one is not. As a big game Archer it is frustrating that there are many unites in the North Eastern part of the State that are not open to late season for Deer or Elk. If you look at these areas the archery success rate is very low and to severely limit the time one can spend in the field. If you look at most Western States Archery is open for the month of September for Elk and Deer and yet the state of Washington limits' the dates and also as a result puts more people in the field at the same time. The average hunter only has so many days that they can get out and by shortening the days available will put more people in the woods at any one time. As for a rifle hunters complaining that they do not get to hunt the Rut and that is unfair is very poor reasoning and for Washington to give in would be wrong.	The rationale for many of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. Another aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.

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After reviewing the proposed hunting changes, I am amazed to see the direction that we are heading. How can you take opportunities, and hunting days, away from archers and give them to modern weapon hunters, aka muzzleloaders and rifle hunters. You should be going the exact opposite way. Give opportunities to the people that use more primitive weapons, like bows. Limit muzzleloaders to traditional weapons for their general seasons. The inline weapons can still be used during modern firearm seasons, if they so choose. Also, you have taken opportunities away in the Peola/Lick Creek areas for archers. This is wrong. The herds are healthy, and archers do not account for a large harvest.	
Do not shorten the archery season in Stevens County. If you give muzzleloaders that week of the 19th of November it will drastically affect bowhunters success. Less deer will be breed as well. If you must give them a week at the end of the season when the rut is over.	
I noticed on the proposed changes for archery hunters as far as allowing more hunting days for the muzzle loader and cutting into the Archery days. Why don't you add onto the other end of the season for the Muzzleloaders and shift all seasons a little later as we archery hunters have to deal with a lot of days in the 80's and 90's as is. If we harvest an animal, we have a good chance of it souring before retrieval can be accomplished.	
First of all the only winners in the proposed changes are the rifle hunters. This pretty much confirms that money gets the prize since they are the majority of the hunters. This same proposal goes for rifle deer hunts in Northeast Washington for special rifle deer hunts during the previous archery season. These dates are the peak of the rut for both species.	
If anything, archery hunting opportunities should be expanded in Eastern Washington. I am constantly hearing people complain about high whitetail deer numbers (especially doe populations) in Eastern Washington, especially near the urban areas surrounding Spokane County. Frankly, there is no better or cost effective method for controlling urban deer populations than allowing increased archery opportunities within Eastern Washington. As a result, I find it ludicrous that the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife would decide that it's a "good idea" to shorten both the early and late archery whitetail deer seasons in Eastern Washington. Like clockwork, whitetail bucks in Eastern Washington usually exhibit peak rutting activity between November 10th – November 24th. By eliminating the first 5 days of late archery whitetail deer season in Eastern Washington, the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife is essentially removing the peak rutting period from the late archery whitetail deer season.	The rationale for many of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. Another aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
Hello, in regards to your 2009-20011 hunting season proposals, I have few concerns. My first concern is with the cut back in nearly all Western Washington black-tail opportunities for both archery and special permits. It concerns me greatly that in an age of continued increase in modern firearm restricted areas that archery opportunities are also being cut back.	

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I am a concerned license holder in Washington. Rifle Deer: Moving the season back in October is a risky move. The deer are starting to migrate, and they are starting to rut. If a snowstorm comes early, you have the possibility of killing more deer than you had planned for. Why do the late permit mule deer hunters need 24 days to hunt, when 10 days would be plenty. I would be happy to hunt any 10 days in November with a rifle. I would have my opportunity, and the deer would have a better chance at survival. ARCHERY DEER; Actually, I'm glad you are going to permit only for late archery mule deer tags. There were too many people out there, and it lessened the hunting experience. But there needs to be more tags given out. You say archery hunters are killing too many deer, but if you take out the does, archers are going to have a success rate of under 10%, so you can give more tags.	The general season deer hunting success rates in District 7 have been highest for archers in recent years. In 2007, 15.4% of archers were successful compared to 14.3% for modern firearm and 7.25% for muzzleloader hunters. The changes to archery seasons in the recommendations are driven by three primary management objectives. The first was to provide late season opportunity by special permit to all three user groups in as much of Chelan and Okanogan counties as possible. In order to do that, five GMUs with late archery general seasons were converted to special permit seasons and one GMU that had an disproportionate number of late season permits was made available to all three user groups which reduced the number of archery special permits. The proposal also provides 5 new GMUs as late archery special permit opportunity that were not open to any late archery season until now. The second aspect of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. The third aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
I can understand leaning out the permits for the late archery in the Entiat and I don't think it should be any buck. I think that should be treated as a trophy tag at three point or better. I don't like the number of tags still being 50 or so for rifle and only 17 for archery? How can you justify the number of rifle tags not decreasing if you are taking away the archery tags? If this was truly a matter of declining numbers the amount of rifle tags has to decrease! The late archery tag in the Swakane is a mistake too. I hope if this is the final decision it is only for one year at most, otherwise you have just made the state a rifle tag fiasco. Every archery hunter I know will more than likely become a rifle hunter this year. I hope you have enough people to patrol that increase in hunters!	The general season deer hunting success rates in District 7 have been highest for archers in recent years. In 2007, 15.4% of archers were successful compared to 14.3% for modern firearm and 7.25% for muzzleloader hunters. The changes to archery seasons in the recommendations are driven by three primary management objectives. The first was to provide late season opportunity by special permit to all three user groups in as much of Chelan and Okanogan counties as possible. In order to do that, five GMUs with late archery general seasons were converted to special permit seasons and one GMU that had an disproportionate number of late season permits was made available to all three user groups which reduced the

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I have been an avid hunter for most of my life and have enjoyed some success as such. I have been Bow hunting for over half of that time, and the reason I chose to do so was because it was more challenging and less crowded. Your proposal to take away 10 days of our season is ob surd, how can you justify taking our season away when Modern season hunters harvest 80% of the animals? The harvesting that bow hunters account for is roughly 10% of the statewide harvest. You and I both know that the Modern season hunters enjoy the best hunting time as they are hunting when the Bucks are in the most active period of the year. I agree the Muzzle Loaders get slighted on their seasons, but why take away from the Bow hunters who already play second fiddle to the Modern hunters already. I can tell you this, it appears any more that the WA F&G is out to make great opportunities for the wealthy non residents, while I and other residents are left to get lousy seasons already, shortened or taken away. I am very disappointed at this recommendation, although the Modern hunters are probably pleased as punch. In closing, if you don't want people to hunt with a bow, why not just say so, instead of eroding our already lousy season.	number of archery special permits. The proposal also provides 5 new GMUs as late archery special permit opportunity that were not open to any late archery season until now. The second aspect of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. The third aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
I have reviewed your proposed changes and have several misgivings, however the proposed "Any Buck" hunts (Modern Firearm) in November in the Sinlahekin, Pogue and Wannacut Units that I am familiar with because I live in Okanogan County on the North end of the Wannacut Unit along the Similameen River, would be a disaster if that many permits are issued. I agree that the archery hunt for Mule Deer Bucks in those units needed to be scaled back a little bit when the actual rut is on, but don't wipe out the mature bucks in the local herds by allowing so many rifle permits. Many years, last year as an example, the migrants don't show up until the 2nd week of December. The areas around Fish Lake in the Pogue Unit, the Toats Coulee, mainly Quartz, Rattlesnake and Juniper Mtns in the Sinlahekin Unit and the lands north of the Loomis Oroville Road in the Wannacut Unit will see an unnecessary slaughter of what few local bucks are left. Outfitters have leased up so much private land including access to public land in the north portion of this county that people that can't afford the big prices all concentrate on these public land areas. In Unit 209 (Wannacut) vast amounts of public land are available to rich clients only because of these leases. The Sinlahekin and Pogue Units aren't getting any better.	The general season deer hunting success rates in District 7 have been highest for archers in recent years. In 2007, 15.4% of archers were successful compared to 14.3% for modern firearm and 7.25% for muzzleloader hunters. The changes to archery seasons in the recommendations are driven by three primary management objectives. The first was to provide late season opportunity by special permit to all three user groups in as much of Chelan and Okanogan counties as possible. In order to do that, five GMUs with late archery general seasons were converted to special permit seasons and one GMU that had an disproportionate number of late season permits was made available to all three user groups which reduced the number of archery special permits. The proposal also provides 5 new GMUs as late archery special permit opportunity that were not open to any late archery season until now. The second aspect of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. The third aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season

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I have spent some time going through the recommended changes and thought things looked pretty good. The only thing that seems very drastic is the late Mule deer hunts for archery. I have always agreed that there were too many late Entiat archery tags, but cutting from 240 to 17 is enough to have archers give up. In my opinion, 50 tags for the B and C hunts was a better number and in a good year, maybe 40 or 50 bucks would be taken. This gives the archers a reason to put in for the draw. With over 1000 applying, it is nice to have a chance. I can't see the science behind the shutting down of the Swakane completely. I realize having it open was entirely too much pressure on those deer, but 15 permits is also a shot in the face to most archers. Most hunters that draw those tags will not be successful where as the rifle hunters in both Entiat and Swakane will kill nearly 100%. Thank you for listening and working to keep our deer herds in good shape.	opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
I have thought this through for many days before responding. I believe I can now do this without having a fit. Obviously you are getting an ear full. So, I am going to make this as straightforward as I can. 1. The three User groups are PARTNERS in Resource Allocation and should not be at each other's throat. 2. Resource Allocation has worked and is FAIR! IF figures used are TRUE numbers and the rifle group is behind in mature animal take, a small adjustment with special permits makes sense. However the wholesale reduction of Archery and the opening of General rifle tags later in the 100 units doesn't fit the TRUE harvest figures 3. The WAC as it is should stay evenly divided. The user groups get their rightful representation through Resource Allocation. If 75% of hunters are Modern Firearm, they take 75% of the animals, while the WAC recommends changes to keep success rate equal among the 3 user groups. If Modern Firearms had 75% representation on the WAC, the chance of equal success being kept in line would be in much doubt. 4. The proposal of dropping all 4 units in northern Okanagan in the late Mule deer season for archers is an absolute travesty. Here is why. Currently these units host 2000-3000 archers in the late season. Your proposal is to close them down to general and then give archers about 100 permits in their place. Closing the Swakane Unit and giving a few deer permits puts several hundred more archers on the sidelines. Much lower archery success rates and many businesses in Loomis, Tonasket, Oroville and Conconully will lose thousands and thousands of hunter dollars that are being spent there now. If passed as it stands now, in 3 years the figures will show that Archery is way behind Modern and Muzzy and another BIG change will be needed to correct it. Imagine taking away huge areas and shortening Modern season to make up for the shortfall. Then all the Modern hunters will be up in arms and hammering on you about the proposals. No need to 'rock the boat' wildly. Let's just lean a little. Make the wise, small changes needed to balance the groups according to the CORRECT numbers.	The general season deer hunting success rates in District 7 have been highest for archers in recent years. In 2007, 15.4% of archers were successful compared to 14.3% for modern firearm and 7.25% for muzzleloader hunters. The changes to archery seasons in the recommendations are driven by three primary management objectives. The first was to provide late season opportunity by special permit to all three user groups in as much of Chelan and Okanogan counties as possible. In order to do that, five GMUs with late archery general seasons were converted to special permit seasons and one GMU that had an disproportionate number of late season permits was made available to all three user groups which reduced the number of archery special permits. The proposal also provides 5 new GMUs as late archery special permit opportunity that were not open to any late archery season until now. The second aspect of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. The third aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
Please leave the archery deer season in unit 154 as it was. As a senior hunter it provides me an area of easy access and sometimes success.	

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Thank you for making the proposed changes available for comment. I generally support your recommendations. Although I do not support shortening the deer archery season in September to accommodate the deer muzzleloader season. It would be more equitable just to shorten the anterless tags for white-tailed deer in NE Washington muzzleloader season. I do support using second antlerless permits.	
With regard to the upcoming changes to the seasons and permits I recommend that the WDFG concentrate more on quality of hunting experience with regard to "trophy" potential. While we do not have the deer populations of Colorado, I recommend that we use their management practices as a guide to achieving more "quality" animals. They set the bar for all you game managers in my opinion! While I'm not an archery hunter I have some "qualms" with the number of archery tags that have been reduced in the mule deer areas of our state. I would rather hunt every few years in a quality area where someone can have a "reasonable" chance at taking a nice 4 pt. buck than hunt every year for "dink" buck with way too many people in the field. Since I mostly mule deer hunt that is what I'm most interested in and all I can say is that your changes are going to result in a slaughter of our herd's further reducing quality and experience. It may be great for 1-2 yrs, but after that I see a big reduction in the older age class bucks.	The general season deer hunting success rates in District 7 have been highest for archers in recent years. In 2007, 15.4% of archers were successful compared to 14.3% for modern firearm and 7.25% for muzzleloader hunters. The changes to archery seasons in the recommendations are driven by three primary management objectives. The first was to provide late season opportunity by special permit to all three user groups in as much of Chelan and Okanogan counties as possible. In order to do that, five GMUs with late archery general seasons were converted to special permit seasons and one GMU that had an disproportionate number of late season permits was made available to all three user groups which reduced the number of archery special permits. The proposal also provides 5 new GMUs as late archery special permit opportunity that were not open to any late archery season until now. The second aspect of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. The third aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
There should be the same opportunities for archery hunters as there are for rifle hunters in the Blue Mountains. There should be a few mule deer doe permits for unit 117, for archery and other. Archers should be able to carry a side are for defense.	Thank you for your comments. We do try to balance opportunities for all three users; however, not in every GMU.
I am writing in regards to the proposed hunting seasons beginning in 2009. I do have a few areas of concern, or opposition. These areas are as follows: There is no archery deer season in GMU 178 (Peola). It should be noted that there are general modern firearm and muzzleloader seasons in this unit, as well as modern firearm doe permits. I suggest allowing early season archery deer hunts in this unit. There is no archery deer season late in GMU 175 (Lick Creek) I love hunting this unit late, although I have been somewhat unsuccessful, the opportunity and experience is always welcome.	
The archery hunters take some major hits in opportunity with severely limited replacement opportunities. The muzzleloader user group faired quite well in this proposal. Essentially shutting down the Entiat, Swakane, Manson, and Pogue units to general late archery was completely unfair. The rifle and muzzleloader hunters were allowed more numbers in these units. The Alta unit cannot sustain the number of late season tags recommended Unit 101 with unlimited rut hunts will be a slaughter that cannot be sustained	We have proposed to make the GMU 101 opportunity a special permit opportunity rather than a general season. The other answers to your concerns are provided above.

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Just wanted to applaud the proposal to provide limited late season archery hunt to GMU 250 (Swakane) and to greatly reduce the archery hunt in GMU 247 (Entiat). Both units were receiving so much pressure from hunters that the quality of the hunt was not what it will now be. Archery hunting is a solitary sport; hunter vs. game. It did not work well having a crowd of other hunters in the area. More importantly, the deer were being disturbed at a time when they should be breeding and preparing for winter. I am somewhat concerned about the proposal to move the General Season (modern firearms) toward the end of October. Having the season end on October 25th pretty well assures that the high mountain migratory bucks will be showing up in areas with road access. If we get an early snow in the mountains, harvest rates on those big bucks could be way above the harvest goal.	The general season deer hunting success rates in District 7 have been highest for archers in recent years. In 2007, 15.4% of archers were successful compared to 14.3% for modern firearm and 7.25% for muzzleloader hunters. The changes to archery seasons in the recommendations are driven by three primary management objectives. The first was to provide late season opportunity by special permit to all three user groups in as much of Chelan and Okanogan counties as possible. In order to do that, five GMUs with late archery general seasons were converted to special permit seasons and one GMU that had an disproportionate number of late season permits was made available to all three user groups which reduced the number of archery special permits. The proposal also provides 5 new GMUs as late archery special permit opportunity that were not open to any late archery season until now. The second aspect of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. The third aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
Then to take all those late season Eniat tags away and the Swakane I can't believe it. How to solve the problem I don't know but for starters how about making archers choose trad. or modern and starting trad. deer say Aug. 15 this would have no impact on the deer herd then maybe 1 additional week in Jan for elk. so the trad. tag holders would hunt during general archery + the additional 2 weeks in Aug. and the one week in Jan for let's say most west side units and a couple of low impact areas east This would do a few things some folks would switch to trad. bows for more time in the field which would lower success rates for archery overall Also many archers are two bow hunters using maybe a recurve for elk and a compound for mule deer most of these fellas would by a trad. tag as well I think it would work well it not like a different season for a different weapon just a extension of a season that already exist to reward those that put the hunt before the kill	
I was disturbed to see a proposed reduction in the late archery season for mule deer and elk in many eastern Washington units. It looks like the Sinlehekin and surrounding units are possibly going to have their late bow season completely eliminated. I hunt primarily in the Nile unit 352, where we are potentially losing 5 days next year, including one weekend. With the closure of the Sinlehekin areas, those hunters are going to migrate somewhere and my fear is that we will have horrendous hunter concentrations in a shorter season in unit 352. I don't understand what is causing these reductions in opportunities for bowhunting. With the information that I have so far, it is impossible for me to support the changes. In fact, I strongly disagree that any change to the season structure was necessary at all.	

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In review of the proposed hunting season recommendations for 2009-2011, and I have a concern about the number of hunting users for the GMU's that encompass the states finest mule deer herd; GMU 247, 245 & 250. If I calculated correctly there are one hundred and twenty days of hunting in these GMU's. This does not take in the harassing effect buy antler hunters in late winter. My concern is, can this herd stand this much pressure? When do we reach the point of possibly stressing out this fine mule deer population? I would prefer to see this herd managed for quality rather than quantity for all user groups. I would also like to see a restriction on antler gathering similar to the Oak Creek Wildlife area.	The general season deer hunting success rates in District 7 have been highest for archers in recent years. In 2007, 15.4% of archers were successful compared to 14.3% for modern firearm and 7.25% for muzzleloader hunters. The changes to archery seasons in the recommendations are driven by three primary management objectives. The first was to provide late season opportunity by special permit to all three user groups in as much of Chelan and Okanogan counties as possible. In order to do that, five GMUs with late archery general seasons were converted to special permit seasons and one GMU that had an disproportionate number of late season permits was made available to all three user groups which reduced the number of archery special permits. The proposal also provides 5 new GMUs as late archery special permit opportunity that were not open to any late archery season until now. The second aspect of the changes involves providing more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. The third aspect of the changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
I've never felt the need to write you on setting seasons always thought they made a pretty fair judgment, since we started 3 year plans (resource allocation).I see very little in proposals that address our resources, mostly what I see and read here is to increase opportunity for some user group, when will the wdfw start managing game and stop managing people! If the resource can't handle pressure or numbers are down, cut it, don't just reshuffle and increase pressure (SWAKANE 250)! Totally disagree with these proposals; please do not pass these for the sake of our resources.	
I would like comment on the proposed closure of the late archery season for unit 250. I am strongly against this closure and have not witnessed the reported crowding reported of in the explanatory statements.	From 2005 to 2007, archery hunter numbers increased in this unit from 425 up to 728 and hunter-days increased from 2,276 to 3,883.
GMUs 101-124, including 3 pt. for white-tailed deer, Region 1 Unless otherwise noted, the following Agency Response applies to all comments in this section	
Thanks for your time. Please do not change the season in unit 101 as archers we feel it is one of our last really bright trophy spots and it will never be the same with a rifle rut hunt.	The recommendations provide more general deer season opportunity for muzzleloaders and separating the deer muzzleloader season from the elk muzzleloader season. They also include changes to the archery seasons results from trying to provide more, late season opportunity for modern firearm special permits, including GMUs like 101 where modern firearm opportunity has not been offered in the late time period for a long time.
After reviewing the proposed changes to the 2009 deer seasons I want to voice my approval for the proposed late white-tail buck hunt proposed in GMU 101. As I understand the proposal it would be open for modern rifle hunting from November 7-19. A general late season white-tail buck hunt for modern rifles is long overdue. For many years archers and muzzleloaders have been given preference for these hunts during the rut when the opportunity to bag a mature buck is much higher than in October. I applaud the proposed change and urge the Commission to adopt the proposal. Thank you for listening to our concerns and suggestions for change.	Thank you for your comment, but we are no longer proposing a late general season for modern firearm but rather some special permits.

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I have perused the proposed hunting seasons for deer and elk. I urge the Wildlife Commission to reject these proposals and provide a mule deer general buck season lasting no fewer than 15 days in Okanogan, Ferry, Chelan and Kittitas counties, and abolish the 3-point antler restriction in all but a few units. I encourage the Wildlife Commission to reject proposed whitetail deer hunting dates and instead set a general whitetail buck season in Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille and Spokane counties to run from Oct. 17 through Nov. 22, all dates included. The restriction on harvesting branch-antler bulls must be abolished except in select units. I also recommend that the Wildlife Commission abolish immediately "Resource Allocation" and in its place establish a system under which any hunter who does not fill his/her tag during a general season can replace that tag with either a muzzleloader or archery tag, or both, upon presentation of the unused tag to a license vendor. For an additional fee of $10, they can obtain a muzzleloader or archery tag to extend their time afield and opportunity to actually harvest an animal, PROVIDED that no hunter may harvest more than (1) one deer or (1) one elk during a hunting season/calendar year.	Thanks for your comments. The long seasons you suggest would likely result in excessive harvest. The other suggestions and/or similar ideas have been discussed, but we aren't ready to pursue them until hunter numbers decline further.
I understand the decrease of the number of Anterless deer permits because of last year's winter kill but, you do not have to decrease the number of days seniors, youths, and disabled hunters would have to hunt. We need to be especially careful limiting the youth hunters to any more restrictions. In fact, WDFW should be looking at any possible way to increase the youth hunting experience. Extending seasons, adding permits, adding damage hunts etc. They are the future of hunting.	We agree that antlerless opportunities for young hunters are very important. We are only recommending reducing the timeframe. The early season antlerless opportunity will be retained.
There are just too many people in Washington that hunt, to support a general season in all GMU's. I hunted in Units 121-111 with a disabled hunter this last year (2008) and the year before (2007) for White-Tail Deer. My proposal would be to go to a four point minimum on bucks. If you feel there are too many Doe's than increase the doe tags to meet objectives. We need to stop killing all the one and a half, and two and half year old Buck's. Of the five farmers that we had had permission from to hunt in 2007 only one would allow us to hunt in 2008. The reason for not allowing us to hunt from the other four farmers was that the winter of 2007 had killed fifty percent Going to a two deer tag limit in that area for the next three years will destroy that herd. I strongly urge you not to do this to our game in Northeast Washington.	The total antlerless opportunities for northeast Washington have been dramatically reduced. The concept of the 2nd antlerless tag received strong support, and we are recommending a conservative number of those permits. The idea of a 4 point restriction was not well supported, and the biologists don't believe it is necessary.
OUR Deer herd is having a very hard winter I am a logger I'm out there every day and I see them struggling this toughing and freezing make a very hard crust on top so getting to food is nearly imposable and it make it very easy for all predators to kill them if you think last year's winter kill of 60% was bad this one will be much worse I am a avid hunter and I love it but we need to close the season or make some drastic changes for a couple of years> I also herd you were thinking of opening up GMU#101 for late gun hunt please tell me this is some kind of a sick joke and not a way to just build $ it needs to be about the deer please make their best interest your # 1 concern THEY need our help and you can make a difference and only you can let's do what is rite please for our deer.	The Department is proposing a variety of reductions in antlerless opportunity to respond to your concerns. Regarding the archery season proposed changes, see the previous answer.

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My concern is why are we limiting the number of Archery days in the late season in Unit 124 when there isn't even a muzzleloader season that corresponds? We need those days (Nov. 20th – 25th) at the end of the rut to be able to hunt trophy/older deer that typically are not out during daylight past those dates. Why is our only chance at a true trophy being taken away from us??? Please do not take away the most important days of our season.	The Department is proposing a variety of reductions in antlerless opportunity to respond to your concerns. Regarding the archery season proposed changes, see the previous answer.
First off, the white-tailed deer season in GMU 101. I am an avid archery hunter and this is one of the only units that was open in the late season during the rut, for pretty much archery only opportunities as it was currently opening on November 10th. One of the benefits of this, it limited rifle hunters from slaying the herds, and allowed us archery hunters a better opportunity at taking a nice buck as they weren't spooked and scattered across the country and forced on to private grounds! It was also a chance to get out in the late season 10 days earlier than surrounding units. For the public land archery hunter, if the rifle hunters get in there and hunt until the 19th, there will be a very limited opportunity for archery hunters to harvest animals as the rifle hunters will have taken a good portion of them and spooked the rest... From what I, and several others have found, the peak of the rut is around the 20th of November, therefore giving rifle hunters the opportunity to hunt "over the counter" for whitetails during the pre rut and rut, and a far better opportunity at taking a respectable animal. I am not saying I want to be the only one with the opportunity at a respectable animal, but I feel us archery hunters are already at a disadvantage as we are limited to how far we can shoot, and effectively kill etc. Furthermore, representing several archery companies myself, they depend on the photographs and materials presented by my success. So, being able to have an extra 10 days, i.e. opening November 10th, allows us more time to hunt and an ability to hunt animals that are not spooked to death by gun hunters. I can see the next state record buck coming from GMU 101 next year if rifle season is open until the 19th. After that, GMU 101 will be worthless and the gene pool will be shot therefore creating yet another poor animal quality unit in our state!	We have modified our recommendation to a permit season rather than a general season for modern firearm hunters. In 2009, we are recommending 50 permits for 3 point or better bucks. The archery season in the other northeast Washington GMUs comes after the modern firearm season and archers do fairly well.
Timing of Seasons	
As a new bow hunter and one that has been invited to hunt with a longtime hunter in GMU388 Grayback, I would like to suggest that hunting antlerless mule deer be allowed in a shorter time period. One suggestion would be to open the season from 12/1 to 12/8 rather than for a longer period as planned of 11/25 to 12/8. Hearing that there are very few three point bucks in this area at that time, it would allow hunters to still have a chance to hunt for antlerless in the area by reducing the allowable time by half.	We agree with you; however the Department has proposed a more aggressive approach and is only proposing to allow 3 pt. min. buck hunting in the late season.
I hunt modern firearm deer in the 101 unit. It was disappointing last year to go up a week early to set up camp and see all the muzzleloaders running around in the woods which had just opened. Even worse was to find out that their season went right up to Friday the day before our season opened. I just think it there should be some space between seasons, at least a week if not more. I believe and so do a lot of people this should apply to all big game hunting seasons.	It would be nice to provide that "space" between seasons, however all user groups want more and more time and it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide any more time buffers between seasons.

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I am very disappointed to see the muzzleloading season get moved to these early dates in September, this is such an early date and butts right up to the Archery dates. There will be no rest in between for the wildlife to settle down. I realize that the Archers don't disturb the deer as much as modern firearm hunters do but it is not like they go unnoticed either. I also think that the landowners will have no rest from the continual influx of hunters, and it may cause some landowners to decline hunter requests for permission to hunt	
I would encourage a longer modern firearm Deer season for Youth Hunters in Eastern Washington. Specifically around GMU 142. Or, give youth hunters in the area an extra antlerless season later on in November similar to Spokane County and North. Give them time to actually go out and hunt, rather than having to do it in such a hurry.	We have provided longer time periods in the past but parents have complained that youth can only hunt on the weekends and we need to reduce antlerless harvest for a while.
Looking at the changes in deer hunting, I see that you have removed or severely reduced the number of special tags, the number of hunting days. I can't believe you are doing this based on hunter comments, instead it looks like you are well on your way to eliminating hunting in Washington. First you mismanage the herds, then you restrict hunting, and reduce opportunities wherever possible. I have decided to spend my hunting dollars in Oregon, and, I hope you cause enough hunters to quit hunting in this state, as this will put your jobs, and funds to zero. Extremely poor management!! I hope you suffer, lose your jobs, and move to new York city where your kind should be!	Special permit numbers are adjusted in response to deer population numbers
I would like to express my strong opposition to the removal of the "Over 65 and Youth" hunt for white-tailed deer in unit 181. I am very familiar with unit 181 and have a substantial landholding there. I KNOW the white-tailed population to be very strong. Please revise your recommendation to continue to allow this unique and valuable hunt opportunity for our elderly and youth hunters in this unit. Thanks for your consideration.	Most of the WT antlerless harvest occurs during this season. Declining white-tailed deer populations and EHD die-offs observed by our District Biologist justify closing some units and hunts to antlerless take, and reducing season length in other units.
I am liking the new outlook, however I would like to see Dayton Unit 162 An Early Muzzle Loader season. Also Washington state should let us hunt all three seasons or till we tag out.	An early general season for 162 was considered but a new permit hunt was proposed instead. Allowing hunters to participate in all three seasons would result in overcrowding especially during the modern firearm season. That is why the restriction was put in place.
If the state feels that the early season must be shortened, then the attempt should be made to open the season later. This would allow there to be less interface of the non-hunting public (often out camping on labor day) and the actual hunters. It just seems much safer. Also a major incentive to hunting archery the possibility of harvesting a female deer (mainly mule deer), with this incentive gone many hunters may switch to modern firearm, which will then cause a major decrease in the levels of mature mule deer. It may also cause many other hunters (including myself) to hunt in other states with more hunter friendly atmospheres. This may cause a large decrease in state income from Hunting sales, which may further increase the state's economic crisis and hiring freeze.	The proposal to shorten the early archery deer season is to accommodate the longer early season being provided to muzzleloaders which would open on the last Saturday of September and runs for 9 days. This still gives early archery deer hunters 25 days to hunt in 2009, counting any additional days available during the late seasons.

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You are proposing to REDUCE the number of days that you can hunt white tailed deer in the late season. This is not a good idea. A lot of us like to hunt for two weeks, 14 days in this area if possible. The reason for this is because the game department is closing the season earlier, and the deer are not in the rut as good. I suggest keeping it 14 days long, and instead of closing on the 19th, please close the season on the 30th. I would propose a season of November 16th until the 30th of November. If you are wanting to lower deer harvest, please limit the amount of ANTLERLESS tags, 2nd deer, and deer for disabled, over 65's any deer, etc. Give the average Joe a chance at getting a white tailed buck! You might want to consider this year's record snow-falls in NE Washington (where I live), and look at the winter kill rates. It just might be a good idea to shut down doe tags for the year if necessary. Maybe keep bucks open, but if needed, shut down all of the other "perks" for does in this area. You cannot reproduce without does. One buck can take care of a lot of does. Please think about this.	This topic was discussed as we went through the process but the time period you have suggested would likely result in an overharvest of bucks. The Department has responded to the winter conditions seen last year and this year and you will note that the number of antlerless permits as well as antlerless general season opportunity has been greatly reduced.
I write to you seeking support to change the modern firearm deer-hunting season in the Methow Valley. I am certain it is common knowledge the main mule deer migration occurs during the last week of October and the first week of November prior to the rut. The migration is dependent on freezing weather and/or snow in the Saw Tooth Range and the Pasyaten Wilderness. The modern firearm deer-hunting season used to start the second Saturday of October and ran through the first week of November and spikes were legal.	This topic was discussed as we went through the process but the time period you have suggested would likely result in an overharvest of bucks.
In regards to date set for eastern WA. deer hunting especially mule deer during modern fire arms, with only one week of open season the dates for Oct. 17- 25 is too early. It would be better for the 24-31 of Oct. this is the beginning of mule deer migration. GMU 250, 251, 328,329 have not migrated from Stuart Mt. and the Icicle ridge on the earlier dates. Other than the few 50 locals There are no signs of deer activity.	
Klickitat county hunting is hard enough to hunt anymore because of private property and the gating of hunting land, which discriminates against disabled hunters. Now you want to eliminate white tail hunting and put 3 point minimum on black tail. I've been hunting down there for 40 years and have had to put up with shrinking hunting areas because of private ownership and greedy logging companies.	Thank you for your comment.
I believe that some of your ideas like limiting weapon choice to the season that is open are a good, but it should be that if you have an archery tag, or a muzzleloader tag you can also have a rifle for these animals only if you have a tag that coincides with the season.	In general, Washington requires that you pick one weapon type, except for multi-season permits. We have no plans to change that structure.
In reviewing the season dates and GMU looks like rifle guys' won out again. To make things more fair you need to open up more GMU for Muzzle and Archery. Very poor distribution in opportunities for all 3 systems. I am sorry to hear that you are proposing to do away with hunters over 65 taking any deer during the late season hunt in November.	Archery hunters have 90% of the GMUs open. Muzzleloaders had 58% of the GMUs open to some general season opportunity but the proposed changes should bring them up to between 80 to 90% open GMUs. Senior hunters and hunters with disabilities do harvest a fair amount of antlerless deer. The proposed closing of the late season was done to provide the biggest reduction in antlerless harvest.

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There are a few things that bother me with the new proposals, but nothing as bad as the starting of late archery on Nov 25th! It's all ready pushing the boundary of even getting to hunt all of the rut, this pretty much eliminates all of the archery hunters to hunt the post rut now, the tail end. The rifle hunters already get almost all of November, and from what I see, we are going to have to start the season 5 days later than normal for 5 guys with guns in a unit	The later start date was put in place to accommodate newly proposed modern firearm special permits.
In particular, the proposed change to the Late Archery Seasons for Whitetails in Eastern Washington. Based on your proposal, you are delaying the late season archery opener by 5 days. These 5 days you wish to remove from our season are 5 of the most productive days for an archery hunter in Eastern Washington. With limited shooting ranges, late November normally provides archery hunters with an opportunity to get close to mature bucks in the peak of the rut. Keep in mind, in areas like Spokane County archery hunters are allowed to hunt within city limits so the lowered success rate will only lead to higher suburban deer populations. On that same note, delaying the late archery season in order to give the deer a break between seasons will have no effect in these areas since "firearms" are not permitted. It is my opinion that Units 124 & 127 have very strong whitetail populations so at a minimum I recommend "not" delaying the opener for these (2) Eastern Washington units. I thank you for your time and only ask that you seriously consider my aforementioned concerns.	
Why take away the late season White Tail hunt for persons over 65 and the disabled? Do not believe closing the late season to this group would affect the harvest greatly, but it cuts in half the opportunity to fill their tag. Speaking for myself, I only take a doe if I haven't been able to see a buck. This rule change severely reduces my opportunity to take a buck.	Senior hunters and hunters with disabilities do harvest a fair amount of antlerless deer. The proposed closing of the late season was done to provide the biggest reduction in antlerless harvest.
I recommend that all legal bucks west-side (black-tailed) are 2-point or better, unless the hunter is 13-years and under or 67-years and older. If this plan were implemented it should increase the average size and number of mature bucks.	Thank you for your comment.
I look forward every year to archery hunting due to the November 19th late hunt in this GMU (437). Now you are proposing not only to cut our early hunt by 1 week which make no sense at all but also take away any opportunity for harvesting a decent buck in the late season which is the tail end of the rut after most does have already been bred! Isn't archery hunting in the brush choked western Washington terrain difficult enough without you taking away this only opportunity we have to harvest a buck? I totally disagree with both proposals especially the late hunt change. This GMU is a huge and rugged area with large inaccessible areas for bucks to hide and escape in. You are not allowing late modern firearm or muzzle loader at all in this GMU.	We have corrected that error. Thank you.

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The rifle rut hunts for deer may be a tad bit too long it would allow far too much time to get on some of the very few true monster deer we have in this state. Besides if you cannot find an acceptable deer in 10-15 days in those units, with a rifle, then you have no business being in the woods. The opening of 101 to general season rifle also is not a good alternative. If the population is too great simply increase the tag numbers to accommodate. I have witnessed firsthand the decimation that can happen when an area is open to general season and remains open. The Umtanum unit was great the first year it opened, but now it is hard to even find a legal buck. The genetics aren't the greatest out there but I have seen some big bucks prior to it opening as a general hunt. Last but not least. The further restriction on archery. The archers from what I can see are at their objective for harvest statistics so why the shortening of seasons.	If the rifle rut hunts are too long we will have to adjust the length in the future. We have adjusted the proposal for GMU 101 to special permit for modern rather than a general season as you have suggested. The answers to your archery season comments appear at the beginning of this document.
At the very least allow archery hunting more hunting time on the westside. I know that modern weapons are an issue due to the larger populations of people and the safety hazard they pose. The archery season doesn't pose as much of a safety issue like modern weapons and thus would be the better season of the three to give an extension and second tag opportunities. I think you could easily even add second tags in areas like 407. You probably wouldn't even put a dent in the number of black-tail harvested.	We are still considering additional permits in Whatcom and Skagit counties, but likely wouldn't be proposed until later based on upcoming survey work and/or research.
I just hope we don't have a large movement to muzzleloading and then run into an issue of overharvesting in areas which can't support such a high success ratio with that type of weapon. I don't think you have to be as concerned with archery due to the percentage of successful archers is much lower.	That is something we will have to monitor, but if we spread the hunters over a larger landscape it will be less likely to happen. If we do observe higher than desired harvest we will have to adjust seasons accordingly.
The Game Dept. is allowing way too many late hunt permits for all weapons, be it rifle, bow, or muzzleloader. You have got to stop giving out this many permits for late season hunts when the deer are the most vulnerable. I believe it was 52 for the Entiat late rifle hunt that is way too many permits. Five permits is plenty for all types of weapons. Hunting is not about Revenue it's about preserving this tradition for all to enjoy. Sure not as many hunters would buy permits, but the herds would increase as would the buck to doe ratio. I do put in for those and still would if it were only five as I and my son and friends use that hunt as a Trophy hunt, not kill a deer hunt. When the rifle hunt is done in comes hundreds of bowhunters. That is all wrong the animals are trying to breed to continue on, but the Game dept doesn't seem to see it that way. You can't harass these animals until late November or later that is just wrong.	These are issues that we are trying to address through the proposed changes, but we don't feel they need to be quite so drastic.

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I like the idea of Black Powder deer season opening up Sept. 26 It would give me a chance of hunting an area other than my elk hunting area for deer. I don't like the idea of changing the dates for late Black Powder deer in unit 382 from Nov.20-30 to Dec. 1-15th. My problem with that date is it's too late and most of the area is Hunting Club anyway what little land there is to hunt the deer will already have passed through. Nov.20-30th was late enough now you have made it even later. The clubs will be happy because they are much lower and that's where deer will end up eventually. Please leave it (late season) where it is. I know you have probably had pressure from clubs to change it but you shouldn't cater to the "Fee Hunters" but listen more to the "Free Hunters".	These dates were moved to accommodate late special permit hunts for modern firearm.
Moving the General Modern Firearms season to late October raises a concern about extremely high harvest rates on years when we get an early migration out of the roadless back country. Our concern is mitigated somewhat by the modest reduction in late season "Special Permits" for both modern rifle and archery.	You may be confusing the elk opener. The "tradition" has always been the first Saturday after the 10th. This year the opener will be the 17th.
Traditionally, deer season opens on the second Saturday of October, but occasionally, you guys change it to the 3rd weekend; I do not understand why? I can tell you this: When you change from the "traditional" date to another date, it screws up hunters who must set their vacation the first week of January! It has happened to me when I was working! Why can't you set the proposed hunting season date earlier, say, November of 2009, for hunting season in October of 2010?	The "tradition" has always been the first Saturday after the 10th. This year the opener will be the 17th.
Grayback and the Gorge Unless otherwise noted, the following Agency Response applies to all comments related to the proposed changes to the archery season.	
I have been bow hunting deer in the Grayback section for years. I am very disappointed that you are considering drastically reducing the area open to bow hunters in Grayback. Area and time for bow hunters are being restricted more and more. You are encouraging the use of guns more and more by weighting the time and area this way. Considering rifles and muzzle loaders different is artificial. The modification that has been made to modern muzzle loaders make them so similar to rifles the distinction is no longer relevant.	The intent of the proposed changes is to improve deer survival by reducing or eliminating the seasons in the most vulnerable periods where a bulk of the harvest is taking place.
Previously Grayback unit 388 late archery season was three point buck and antlerless. The proposal is to make this a permit only hunt for antlerless. I am 71 years old, have hunted with a bow and arrow for 45 years and probably only have a few years left to hunt. My two friends and myself have hunted continuously for the last 35 plus years in the GMU 388 late archery season, to the extent that I wrote and published a book, Hunter's Camp, on our escapades and hunts in that GMU. It would be a devastating loss to us to not be able to hunt our few remaining years in this area ... almost hallowed hunting ground to us. Chances of winning a special permit for antlerless are usually 1 in 10, thus if we're lucky we might have one remaining chance to hunt there for antlerless! Yes three point buck season is still allowed in the SHORTENED late season. Please allow antlerless deer to be legal in GMU 388 for the late archery season.	The intent of the proposed changes is to improve deer survival by reducing or eliminating the seasons in the most vulnerable periods where a bulk of the harvest is taking place.

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I respectfully request that you do something that would allow archery hunters to continue to hunt for deer in that section of the proposed unit change to unit 388 between the fisher hill road and the Klickitat River. Even if the area is only open from the start of the late archery season for 388 and closes November 30. I purchased property in the proposed area that will be changing as that area has been open to late archery deer hunting for over 40 years. To make a change at this time eliminating the late archery season is just not right. Giving the rifle hunters an additional week to hunt deer in this area will only serve to exacerbate the problem of low buck to doe ratios. Please reconsider your stance on this issue. I am not asking to allow the harvesting of does by the late archery hunt. I am only asking to be allowed to hunt bucks during the week or week and a half from the opener of the late archery season to November 30. This would still allow for late muzzleloader hunting without competition from the archers if that special permit is drawn.	We are still proposing a late archery buck season in this GMU.
Please leave the Grayback 388 area as is. It seems that Archery hunters are always the ones giving up time of hunting or area	The intent of the proposed changes is to improve deer survival by reducing or eliminating the seasons in the most vulnerable periods where a bulk of the harvest is taking place.
Miscellaneous	
As an avid Washington rifle hunter for Deer and Elk; and a RMEF committee chair and MDF member, I totally agree with the new proposals being made to the 2009, 2010, 2011 regulations. Thank you for moving the dates back a week.	Thanks for your comment.
I would like to see unit's open for late muzzleloader in the Stevens county area. Let the resident hunter buy an A and B tag over the counter per year for whitetail deer. This state and especially Stevens County hold enough deer to allow us to do so, in my opinion. Lower the prices of our resident license and tags. This state is one of the highest and I'm tired of being gouged. Thank you for your time.	Our fees are competitive with other states. We try to balance the general season over-the-counter opportunity with deer populations and hunter demand. At this time we couldn't meet your request.
I would like you to consider allowing the disabled hunter to harvest any deer without a special drawing, or at least be able to harvest any antlered deer. It isn't always easy to make that 3 point identity before the buck passes beyond the capability of the hunter.	Thank you for your comment
Thank you for making some changes that will benefit the muzzle loader hunters and benefit the wild game. The problem I am still seeing is that you are still over loading the early season, even worse you took one of our areas away. I am local to the 530 area and I really see a overcrowding problem.	The proposal does not remove GMU 530 from either the deer or elk muzzleloader season.
You should seriously consider limiting/curtailing deer seasons and special permits in Eastern Lewis County! Having lived here my entire life (62 years) I can attest to the obvious decline in deer numbers and sightings. This past winter has been especially stressful and decimating to those that remain. If present trends continue you will find yourself without a resource to manage.	Our District Biologists do not agree that this drastic of an approach is necessary.

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Management should use their judgment to encourage archery rather than slowly squeeze it out of existence. Archers harvest way less game for the same amount of hunting time. The amount of "hunting time" the industry gets from archery for every animal harvested is way better. All hunting forms can exist together with everyone winning. I sometimes hunt with rifles and sometimes with bows. The choice often depends on how the rules are pushing me. It is my observation that the rules are pushing people strongly toward firearms, and I don't think that is right or fair or the best way to manage the stocks.	Thanks for your comment.
Please do not schedule modern season back to back with muzzle. The modern hunters are in the woods up to a week early cutting wood and shooting up the woods making muzzle season much less enjoyable.	It would be nice to provide that "space" between seasons, however all user groups want more and more time and it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide any more time buffers between seasons.
Specifically, open a late Archery season in GMU 130 Cheney consistent with other Eastern Washington GMU's. There is an over abundance of both does and bucks in this rural urban interface area. This is evident as the volume of road kill collisions are up tremendously and over-browsing is becoming an issue.	Our Regional staff will consider this for the future although it is not part of the proposal at this time.
I REALLY don't like the way your proposed rules were listed on the e-mail/website! I am an educated man and even I had a difficult time filtering through the "legalese" in your rule-making documents to simply find the actual rule being proposed. Very disappointing! Should have been a simple bullet-point list of the actual changes versus the entire consultant-documents modeling crap.	Once you get used to reading Washington Administrative Code (WAC) it becomes second nature. Be patient and keep trying.
More open units for Muzzleloaders, More open units for Muzzleloaders, More open units for Muzzleloaders, More open units for Muzzleloaders, More open units for Muzzleloaders, More open units for Muzzleloaders, More open units for Muzzleloaders. I hope that is a hint. There are too few units open for muzzleloader season as compared to general firearm.	We are proposing more open units for muzzleloader deer and elk.
Due to the last two harsh winters, I feel that the hunting seasons of white tail deer need to be severely restricted. As it is now, there is constant hunting pressure of some form on them from 1 September thru 1 December. I feel that being a Senior Citizen myself, the seasons for Youth and Sr Citizens are way too excessive and too many permits are issued for antlerless deer. All seasons need to be shortened and clarified and easily understood. There are too many special hunts and exceptions to the general deer season.	If you look through the proposed rules you will see that we are recommending just such restrictions.
The disparity between the deer and elk rifle (very short) season and the archery and Muzzle loading season needs to be corrected. Rifle tags account for nearly 80% of the tags sold but their days in the field is 12% of the days allotted where the Archery hunters have 53% and the Muzzle hunters have 34%.	Yes, but modern firearm always leads in total harvest and number of participants.

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Now the Muzzleloaders get crap to hunt in Southeastern Washington, yea you extended the season but only give us unit 142 to hunt for antlerless deer and then make it whitetail only!! Have any of you ever been to that unit? It is all sagebrush and wide open and has more Mule deer and maybe two or three whitetail, now you do know that a muzzleloader is a primitive weapon and not capable of more than a 100 yard shot right? Man, talk about a tough hunt plus a needle in the haystack!!. One only needs to read the local papers and see how many deer vehicle collisions take place in a given week in units 154,162,163,149 these areas have a healthy population of deer for that many collisions to take place !. Is the game biologist in Southeastern Washington skewing the numbers on the population counts to justify not allowing muzzleloaders to hunt these units or is he just biased to the user group?	You are mistaken. The proposed seasons include general season opportunities for both mule deer and white-tailed deer 3 pt. min. bucks in GMUs 145, 149, 175, 178, 181, and 186. Special permits are offered in 162, 166, 169 and 172 for bucks as well. Special permits for white-tailed deer bucks are offered in 154 during muzzleloader season.
I'm writing this letter as a third class citizen, (yes I am a Southeast Washington muzzleloader hunter), to try and find answers to obvious inequities in the muzzle loading seasons and lack of GMUs available to muzzleloaders in Southeast Washington. All I ask is that muzzleloader hunters in Southeast Washington be allowed to hunt at least the same Game Management Units the rifle and archery hunters have. Is that too much to ask? I have tried conveying this through WDFW polls and input requests, most recently for the 2009-2011 seasons. I have just received the 2009 - 2011 hunting season recommendations. As I expected, muzzleloader hunters still are not allowed to hunt GMUs 154 and 162. Why?	The proposed seasons include general season opportunities for both mule deer and white-tailed deer 3 pt. min. bucks in GMUs 145, 149, 175, 178, 181, and 186. Special permits are offered in 162, 166, 169 and 172 for bucks as well. Special permits for white-tailed deer bucks are offered in 154 during muzzleloader season.
I understand you may be changing back the western late muzzle loader season to Nov. 25- Dec 8th. I am 100% for this change. The season has been terrible since they started closing it at the end of November. This is my one and only request.	Thank you for your comment.
We would like to see the modern rifle permits in GMU 247 (Entiat) reduced. It is also disappointing that the Commission has proposed "any buck" for, Special Permit holders, rather and "any deer." We prefer what some hunters were beginning to do; "Harvest a Trophy or take home a doe." Thanks you for reducing the pressure that the Chelan herd has felt from constant hunting pressure during the breeding season and early part of the winter.	There were very few hunters taking antlerless deer under the any deer designation.
I would like to see more areas for muzzleloader or keep the modern and archery out of the muzzleloader areas and a little more outdoor ethics in the hunting and fishing pamphlets like leave no trace.	We are proposing opening more GMUs for muzzleloaders.
In general I believe your changes are good. I wish you would restrict the muzzle loaders to buck only or doe by permit in the late season especially in the more mountainous areas where the deer herd up when it snows early. I own property in the Mill Creek/Middle Creek area of Pend Oreille Co. between the muzzleloaders, cougars, wolves, the deer are getting hit real hard the last few years.	Thanks for your comment.
Please consider implementing a muzzleloader season in GMU 272. There currently is not a season.	We have already proposed that. It is in the draft rules that were provided to you.

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Given the falling numbers of hunters (especially youth hunters) each year, are there considerations to allow youth to shoot either sex deer again?	There are still some opportunities for youth hunters to take either sex in both general season and special permit hunts depending on where you hunt in the state.
I live in Unit 111. Last winter's deer kill was very bad as you know. It appears this winter's kill is going to be a big one again. I would suggest that no doe permits be issued and that nobody is allowed to kill a doe, i.e., seniors, youth or special permits, archers, muzzleloaders. The surrounding units are in the same shape in my opinion and should be looked at.	Although we have cut back dramatically on the antlerless opportunity, we are still proposing some antlerless take be allowed.
I think we need more opportunities for muzzleloaders.	Okay. Check the proposed deer seasons. We have lengthened the time period and added more open GMUs.
Our overall guaranteed deer hunting opportunity is being greatly reduced by these proposals, this is unacceptable! Some GMU's will lose over 40 previously guaranteed General Seasons hunt days with these proposals. Traditional hunting areas, private land owners, leasers and local business can't just pick and move to another GMU. GMU 178 : EARLY HUNT: Return some Early GENERAL Seasons for Archery. LATE HUNT (DURING RUT): Return a short GENERAL Archery season first, then a shorter GENERAL Muzzleloader and then Modern Firearm (by permit) last. GMU 215 : LATE HUNT (DURING RUT): Return a short GENERAL Archery season first, then a shorter GENERAL Muzzleloader and then Modern Firearm (by permit) last.	WDFW does not, nor have they ever, guaranteed any specific hunting seasons. As hunter desires change we do our best to respond to those changes without over-harvesting the resource. Private landowners and the hunters they lease their lands to can still take advantage of the special permit and general season opportunities that remain in the GMUs listed.
Master hunt deer season (Dec 9 – 15, GMU 130-142) does not specify what weapon type(s) can be used and is any master hunter, regardless of weapon choice, able to participate if they have not filled their tag.	This hunt is listed in the Modern firearm season and therefore would require a modern firearm tag.

WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions

SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

Supplemental public comments were not captured in the original summary of written comments. Each comment may be representative of multiple like comments.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
I would like to have a unit that is only open for traditional archery equipment. You could charge more and only allow real bows.	We think there are enough different seasons and timeframes now. Adding more user groups would only create more complexity and animosity among hunters.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 08-227, filed 9/8/08, effective 10/9/08)

WAC 232-28-353 ((~~2008~~)) 2009 Deer special permits.

SPECIAL DEER PERMIT HUNTING SEASONS

(Open to Permit Holders Only)

Hunters must purchase a deer hunting license prior to purchase of a permit application. Hunters may only apply for permits consistent with the tag required for the hunt choice; however, Multiple Season Permit holders may apply for archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions and dates listed for the hunt.

Hunt Name	Permit Season Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description	Permits
Modern Firearm Deer Permit Hunts (Only modern firearm deer tag holders may apply.)				
~~Sherman~~	((~~Oct. 11-26~~)) ~~Nov. 7-19~~	((~~Whitetail, antlerless~~)) ~~White-tailed 3 pt. min.~~	~~GMU 101~~	~~50~~
Kelly Hill A	((~~Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 3-19~~)) Nov. 20-~~25~~ 24	((~~Whitetail, antlerless~~)) White-tailed 3 pt. min.	GMU 105	((~~50~~)) 5
Douglas A	((~~Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 3-19~~)) Nov. 20-~~25~~ 24	((~~Whitetail, antlerless~~)) White-tailed 3 pt. min.	GMU 108	((~~100~~)) 5
Aladdin B	Nov. ((~~26-30~~)) 20-~~25~~ 24	((~~Whitetail, any buck~~)) White-tailed 3 pt. min.	GMU 111	((~~50~~)) 25
49 Degrees North A	((~~Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 3-19~~)) Nov. 20-~~25~~ 24	((~~Whitetail, antlerless~~)) White-tailed 3 pt. min.	GMU 117	((~~175~~)) 5
Huckleberry A	((~~Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 3-19~~)) Nov. 20-~~25~~ 24	((~~Whitetail, antlerless~~)) White-tailed 3 pt. min.	GMU 121	((~~300~~)) 5
Mt. Spokane A	((~~Oct. 11-24 & Nov. 3-19~~)) Nov. 20-~~25~~ 24	((~~Whitetail, antlerless~~)) White-tailed 3 pt. min.	GMU 124	((~~350~~)) 5
((~~Mica Peak A~~	~~Oct. 11-19~~	~~Whitetail, antlerless~~	~~GMU 127~~	~~150~~
~~Cheney A~~	~~Oct. 11-19~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 130~~	~~200~~
~~Roosevelt~~	~~Oct. 11-19~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 133~~	~~200~~
~~Harrington~~	~~Oct. 11-19~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 136~~	~~125~~
~~Steptoe~~	~~Oct. 11-19 & Nov. 3-19~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 139~~	~~300~~
~~Almota A~~	~~Oct. 11-19 & Nov. 3-19~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 142~~	~~100~~))
Palouse	Nov. ((~~3-19~~)) ~~3-25~~ 7-24	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 127-142	((~~625~~)) ~~750~~ 625
Mayview A	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 145	50
((~~Prescott A~~	~~Nov. 1-12~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 149~~	~~50~~))

Blue Creek	Nov. ((~~3-16~~)) 9-19	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 154	((~~80~~)) 50
Dayton A	Nov. ((~~3-16~~)) 9-19	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 162	80
Dayton B	Nov. ((~~3-16~~)) 9-19	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	((~~75~~)) 60
Marengo	Nov. 1-12	Whitetail, antlerless	GMU 163	50
Peola	Nov. 1-12	Whitetail, antlerless	GMU 178	50
Blue Mtns. Foothills A	Nov. ((~~3~~)) 9-19	Whitetail, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 162-166	100
Blue Mtns. Foothills B	Nov. ((~~3~~)) 9-19	Whitetail, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMUs 145, 172-181	50
East Okanogan A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any whitetail	GMU 204	50
East Okanogan B	Oct. ((~~11-26~~)) 17-25	Whitetail, antlerless	GMU 204	100
West Okanogan A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any whitetail	GMUs 218-242	100
West Okanogan B	Oct. ~~11-19~~ 17-25	Whitetail, antlerless	GMUs 218-242	((~~100~~)) 50
Sinlahekin A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any whitetail	GMU 215	50
Sinlahekin B	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Whitetail, antlerless	GMU 215	50
Sinlahekin C	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 215	5
Chewuch A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 218	15
Pearrygin A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 224	15
Gardner A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 231	10
Pogue A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 233	((~~10~~)) 15
((~~Chiliwist A~~	~~Nov. 1-18~~	~~Any deer~~	~~GMU 239~~	~~10~~))
Alta A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 242	((~~10~~)) 20
Manson A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 243	((~~5~~)) 10
Chiwawa A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 245	((~~30~~)) 28
Slide Ridge A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 246	((~~16~~)) 12
Entiat A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 247	~~52~~ 30
Big Bend A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Antlerless	GMU 248	((~~150~~)) 40
Swakane A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 250	((~~32~~)) ~~38~~ 20
Mission A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 20	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 251	((~~28~~)) ~~22~~ 10
Mission B	Oct. ((~~13-28~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 251	((~~168~~)) 40
St. Andrews	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 254	((~~115~~)) 35
Foster Creek A	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 260	((~~75~~)) 25
Foster Creek B	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	GMU 260	((~~75~~)) 25
Withrow ((~~A~~))	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 262	((~~50~~)) 20
Badger	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	GMU 266	15

Ritzville A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 24	((~~3 pt. min. or antlerless~~)) Any deer	GMU 284	((~~5~~)) 10
Desert A	((~~Nov. 1-12~~)) Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Any deer	GMU 290	15
Desert B	Nov. 21-29	Any deer	GMU 290	4
Desert ((~~B~~)) C	((~~Nov. 26-30~~)) Dec. 14-27	Antlerless	GMU 290	((~~75~~)) 50
Naneum A	Nov. ((~~10-16~~)) ~~9-15~~ 16-22	Any buck	GMU 328	16
Quilomene A	Nov. ((~~3-16~~)) ~~2-15~~ 9-22	((~~3 pt. min.~~)) Any buck	GMU 329	14
Teanaway A	Nov. ((~~10-16~~)) ~~9-15~~ 16-22	Any buck	GMU 335	16
L.T. Murray A	Nov. ((~~10-16~~)) ~~9-15~~ 16-22	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	((~~17~~)) 16
Bethel ((~~A~~))	Nov. ((~~3-16~~)) ~~2-15~~ 9-22	Any buck	GMU 360	5
Cowiche ((~~A~~))	Nov. ((~~3-16~~)) ~~2-15~~ 9-22	Any buck	GMU 368	10
Alkali A	Nov. 7-22	Any buck	GMU 371	52
Alkali B	Nov. 7-22	Antlerless	GMU 371	35
Kahlotus A	Dec. ((~~9-15~~)) 5-11	Antlerless	GMU 381	50
East Klickitat A	Oct. ((~~11-24~~)) 17-25	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 382	30
Grayback A	Oct. ((~~11-24~~)) 17-25	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 388	25
Grayback B	Nov. 11-18	3 pt. min.	GMU 388	50
Sauk	Nov. ((~~13-16~~)) 19-24	2 pt. min.	GMU 437	25
Stillaguamish	Nov. ((~~13-16~~)) 19-24	Any buck	GMU 448	10
Snoqualmie	Nov. ((~~13-16~~)) 19-24	Any buck	GMU 460	25
Green River A	((~~Nov. 1-7~~)) Oct. 17-23	Any buck	GMU 485	10
Lincoln A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 501	40
Stella A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 504	35
Mossyrock A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 505	85
Stormking A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 510	30
South Rainier A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 513	((~~30~~)) 20
Packwood A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 516	50
Winston A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 520	50
Yale A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 554	15
Coweeman A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 550	20
Toutle A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 556	((~~25~~)) 15
Lewis River A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 560	20
Washougal A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 568	10
Siouxon A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 572	20

Wind River A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	((~~2 pt. min. or antlerless~~)) Any deer	GMU 574	10
Wind River B	Nov. 11-((~~18~~)) ~~24~~ 20	((~~2 pt. min.~~)) Any buck	GMU 574	40
West Klickitat A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	((~~2~~)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 578	15
West Klickitat B	Nov. 11-((~~18~~)) ~~24~~ 20	((~~2~~)) 3 pt. min	GMU 578	40
Pysht	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 603	15
Olympic A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 621	35
Kitsap	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 627	20
Skokomish ((~~A~~))	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 636	20
Wynoochee A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 648	110
Wynoochee B	Nov. 1-((~~11~~)) 24	Any buck	GMU 648	10
Satsop A	Nov. 1-((~~11~~)) 24	Any buck	GMU 651	10
Mashel ((~~A~~))	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	2 pt. min or antlerless	GMU 654	40
North River A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 658	70
Minot Peak	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 660	20
Capitol Peak A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 663	15
Capitol Peak B	Nov. 1-((~~11~~)) 24	Any buck	GMU 663	10
Deschutes	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 666	80
Skookumchuck A	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 667	20
Skookumchuck B	Nov. 1-((~~11~~)) 24	Any buck	GMU 667	10
Muzzleloader Only Deer Permit Hunts (Only muzzleloader tag holders may apply.)				
Roosevelt A	Sept. 26 - Oct. 16	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. Mule Deer Bucks	GMU 133	20
Harrington A	Sept. 26 - Oct. 16	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. Mule Deer Bucks	GMU 136	20
Steptoe A	Sept. 26 - Oct. 16	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. Mule Deer Bucks	GMU 139	20
((~~Green Bluff~~	~~Dec. 9-31~~	~~Whitetail, antlerless~~	~~That portion of GMU 124 east of Hwy 2~~	~~90~~))
Mayview B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 145	25
((~~Prescott B~~	~~Oct. 4-10~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 149~~	~~25~~))
Dayton C	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	3 pt. min.	GMU 162	25
Tucannon	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	3 pt. min.	GMU 166	10
Wenaha	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	3 pt. min.	GMU 169	25
Mountain view	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	3 pt. min.	GMU 172	15
Blue Mtns. Foothills C	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Whitetail, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 162, 166	60
((~~Wannacut A~~	~~Oct. 4-10~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 209~~	~~25~~))
Chiliwist A	Nov. 25-30	Any deer	GMU 239	2

Alta B	Nov. 25-30	Any deer	GMU 242	20
Chiwawa B	Nov. ((~~19~~)) 25-30	Any deer	GMU 245	3
Chiwawa C	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 245	((~~56~~)) 10
Slide Ridge B	Nov. 25-30	Any deer	GMU 246	1
~~Entiat B~~	~~Nov. 25-30~~	~~Any deer~~	~~GMU 247~~	~~5~~
Swakane B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 250	((~~28~~)) 8
~~Swakane C~~	~~Nov. 25-30~~	~~Any deer~~	~~GMU 250~~	4
Mission C	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 251	((~~36~~)) 8
Mission D	Nov. ~~25-30~~ 21-30	Any deer	GMU 251	~~2~~ 20
Foster Creek C	Dec. 1-31	Antlerless	GMU 260	((~~100~~)) 20
Moses Coulee A	Nov. 1-((~~18~~)) 25	Any deer	GMU 269	((~~20~~)) 5
Moses Coulee B	Dec. 1-31	Antlerless	GMU 269	((~~100~~)) 20
Ritzville B	Nov. ((~~19-30~~)) 25-30	((~~Mule deer, 3 pt. min. or antlerless; any white-tailed~~)) Any deer	GMU 284	((~~5~~)) 1
((~~Benge A~~	~~Dec. 1-15~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~Deer Area 2010~~	~~20~~))
Lakeview A	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	10
Desert ((~~C~~)) D	((~~Oct. 25-31~~)) Oct. 17-25	Any deer	GMU 290	2
Naneum B	Nov. ((~~3-9~~)) ~~2-8~~ 9-15	Any buck	GMU 328	2
Quilomene B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	~~3 pt. min.~~ Any buck	GMU 329	2
Teanaway ((~~C~~)) B	Nov. ((~~3-9~~)) ~~2-8~~ 9-15	Any buck	GMU 335	2
L.T. Murray B	Nov. ((~~3-9~~)) ~~2-8~~ 9-15	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	4
Bald Mountain	Nov. ~~2-26~~ 9-22	Any buck	GMUs 342, 346	10
Alkali C	Sept. 27 - Oct. 16	Any buck	GMU 371	8
Alkali D	Sept. 27 - Oct. 16	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
Whitcomb A	Sept. ((~~8-13~~)) 1-12	((~~Antlerless~~)) Any deer	Deer Area 3071	7
Whitcomb B	Sept. ((~~14~~)) 13-19	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	7
Whitcomb C	Sept. ((~~22 - Oct. 3~~)) 21-25	((~~Any deer~~)) Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	7
Whitcomb D	Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	7
Paterson A	Sept. ((~~8-13~~)) 1-12	((~~Antlerless~~)) Any deer	Deer Area 3072	10
Paterson B	Sept. ((~~14-19~~)) 13-19	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Paterson C	((~~Sept. 22 - Oct. 3~~)) Sept. 21-25	((~~Any deer~~)) Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Paterson D	Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Kahlotus B	((~~Nov. 20 - Dec. 8~~)) Oct. 3-9	((~~Any deer~~)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 381	50

East Klickitat B	Nov. ((~~21~~)) 25-30	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 382	15
((~~Grayback C~~	~~Oct. 4-10~~	~~3 pt. min. or antlerless~~	~~GMU 388~~	~~5~~
~~West Klickitat C~~	~~Dec. 1-15~~	~~2 pt. min. or antlerless~~	~~GMU 578~~	~~15~~))
Mossyrock B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 505	10
Stormking B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 510	5
South Rainier B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 513	5
Packwood B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 516	5
Winston B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 520	5
Coweeman B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 550	30
Yale B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 554	2
Toutle B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 556	3
((~~Lewis River B~~	~~Oct. 4-10~~	~~Any deer~~	~~GMU 560~~	~~5~~))
Washougal B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 568	10
((~~Siouxon B~~	~~Oct. 4-10~~	~~Any deer~~	~~GMU 572~~	~~5~~
~~Wind River C~~	~~Oct. 4-10~~	~~2 pt. min. or antlerless~~	~~GMU 574~~	~~1~~))
West Klickitat C	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 578	15
West Klickitat D	Dec. 1-8	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	100
Olympic B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 621	20
North River B	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 658	5
Archery Only Deer Permit Hunts (Only archery deer tag holders may apply.)				
Chiliwist B	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 239	10
Chiwawa D	Dec. 1-((~~12~~)) 8	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 245	((~~16~~)) 17
Slide Ridge C	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 246	5
((~~Entiat B~~	~~Nov. 20-29~~	~~Any deer~~	~~GMU 247~~	~~128~~))
Entiat C	((~~Nov. 30 - Dec. 8~~)) ~~Dec. 1-8~~ Nov. 21-30	Any ((~~deer~~)) buck	GMU 247	((~~120~~)) ~~17~~ 55
Entiat D	~~Dec. 1-8~~ Nov. 21-30	Antlerless	GMU 247	60
Big Bend B	((~~Nov. 30 - Dec. 8~~)) Dec. 1-8	Any deer	GMU 248	10
~~Swakane D~~	~~Dec. 1-8~~	~~Any buck~~	~~GMU 250~~	~~15~~
Swakane E	~~Dec. 1-8~~ Nov. 21-30	Antlerless	GMU 250	75
~~Mission E~~	~~Dec. 1-8~~	~~Any buck~~	~~GMU 251~~	~~6~~
Ritzville C	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 284	4
Desert ((~~D~~)) E	((~~Nov. 13-25~~)) Nov. 30 - Dec.13	Any deer	GMU 290	((~~16~~)) 24
Naneum C	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 25 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 328	((~~8~~)) 9

Quilomene C	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 25 - Dec. 8	((~~3 pt. min.~~)) Any buck	GMU 329	((~~11~~)) 13
Teanaway ((~~D~~)) C	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 25 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 335	((~~13~~)) 14
L.T. Murray C	Nov. ((~~20~~)) 25 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	((~~7~~)) 8
Alkali E	Sept.1-26	Any deer	GMU 371	52
Grayback C	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 388	100
West Klickitat C	Nov. 21-30	3 pt. min	GMU 578	100
Miller	Jan. 1-20, 2010	Any deer	Deer Area 6020	30
Special Modern Firearm Deer Permit Hunts for Hunters 65 or older				
Ferry A	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 101	20
Blue Mtns. Foothills D	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMUs 145, ((~~149~~)) 154, Deer Area 1010	30
East Okanogan C	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 204	((~~10~~)) 5
Wannacut ((~~B~~)) D	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 209	((~~10~~)) 5
Sinlahekin ((~~C~~)) F	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 215	((~~10~~)) 5
Chewuch B	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 218	((~~15~~)) 5
Pearrygin B	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 224	((~~20~~)) 10
Gardner B	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 231	((~~15~~)) 10
Pogue ((~~B~~)) C	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 233	((~~10~~)) 5
Chiliwist ((~~B~~)) C	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 239	((~~10~~)) 5
Alta ((~~B~~)) D	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 242	((~~15~~)) 5
Chiwawa E	Oct. ((~~13-28~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 245	((~~12~~)) 8
Entiat ((~~E~~)) D	Oct. ((~~13-28~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 247	((~~12~~)) 8
Swakane ((~~C~~)) E	Oct. ((~~13-28~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 250	((~~12~~)) 8
Mission ((~~D~~)) F	Oct. ((~~13-28~~)) 17-25	Any deer	GMU 251	((~~12~~)) 8
Bridgeport A	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	((~~20~~)) 15
Palisades A	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	10
Sunnyside A	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 372	((~~15~~)) 10
Horse Heaven Hills A	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) ~~17-25~~ 17-30	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus C	Oct. ((~~13-21~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
East Klickitat C	Oct. ((~~11-24~~)) 17-25	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 382	15
Grayback D	Oct. ((~~11-24~~)) 17-25	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 388	5
Lincoln B	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 501	5
Stella B	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 504	5
Mossyrock C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 505	15

Stormking C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 510	5
South Rainier C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 513	5
Packwood C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 516	5
Winston C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 520	5
Yale C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 554	5
Toutle C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 556	10
Lewis River ((~~C~~)) B	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 560	5
Washougal C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 568	10
Siouxon ((~~C~~)) B	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 572	5
Wind River ((~~D~~)) C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	((~~2 pt. min. or antlerless~~)) Any deer	GMU 574	2
West Klickitat ((~~D~~)) E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	((~~2~~)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 578	5
Copalis	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 642	20
North River C	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 658	10
Williams Creek	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 673	20
Disabled Hunter Deer Permits (Hunters must use method/weapon listed on their tag. All weapon types may apply unless otherwise noted.)				
Ferry B	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless, modern firearm only	GMU 101	20
East Okanogan D	((~~Restricted to general early season by tag choice~~)) Archery tag holders can hunt Sept. 1-25	Antlerless	GMU 204	10
Wannacut ((~~C~~)) E		Antlerless	GMU 209	((~~10~~)) 5
Sinlahekin ((~~D~~)) G		Antlerless	GMU 215	((~~15~~)) 10
Chewuch C		Antlerless	GMU 218	((~~20~~)) 10
Pearrygin C		Antlerless	GMU 224	((~~15~~)) 5
Gardner C		Antlerless	GMU 231	((~~10~~)) 5
Pogue ((~~C~~)) D	Muzzleloader tag holders can hunt Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 233	((~~10~~)) 5
Chiliwist ((~~C~~)) D		Antlerless	GMU 239	((~~15~~)) 10
Alta ((~~C~~)) E		Antlerless	GMU 242	((~~10~~)) 5
Saint Andrews	Modern firearm tag holders can hunt Oct. 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 254	10
Chiwawa F	Oct. ((~~13-28~~)) 17-25	Antlerless, modern firearm only	GMU 245	((~~12~~)) 10
Entiat F	Oct. ((~~13-28~~)) 17-25	Antlerless, modern firearm only	GMU 247	((~~20~~)) 15
Mission ((~~E~~)) G	Oct. ((~~13-28~~)) 17-25	Any deer, modern firearm only	GMU 251	((~~20~~)) 15

Bridge Port B	((~~Restricted to general early season by tag choice~~)) Archery tag holders can hunt Sept. 1-25 Muzzleloader tag holders can hunt Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Modern firearm tag holders can hunt Oct. 17-25	Any deer	GMUs 248, 260	15
Palisades B		Any deer	GMUs 266, 269	5
((~~Sunnyside B~~	~~Restricted to general early season by tag choice~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 372~~	~~10~~))
Horse Heaven Hills B	Oct. ~~17-25~~ 17-30	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus D	Nov. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
East Klickitat D	Archery tag holders can hunt Sept. 1-25 Muzzleloader tag holders can hunt Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Modern firearm tag holders can hunt Oct. 17-25	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 382	15
Grayback E		3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 388	5
Green River B	((~~Nov. 1-7~~)) Oct. 17-23	Antlerless, modern firearm only	GMU 485	5
Lincoln C	((~~Restricted to general early season by tag choice~~))	Any deer	GMU 501	3
Stella C		Any deer	GMU 504	3
Mossyrock D		Any deer	GMU 505	5
Stormking D		Any deer	GMU 510	3
South Rainier D		Any deer	GMU 513	3
Packwood D		Any deer	GMU 516	3
Winston D		Any deer	GMU 520	3
Yale D		Any deer	GMU 554	3
Toutle D		Any deer	GMU 556	5
Lewis River ((~~D~~)) C		Any deer	GMU 560	2
Washougal D		Any deer	GMU 568	10
Siouxon ((~~D~~)) C	Archery tag holders can hunt Sept. 1-25	Any deer	GMU 572	3
Wind River ((~~E~~)) D		((~~2 pt. min. or antlerless~~)) Any deer	GMU 574	1
West Klickitat ((~~E~~)) F	Muzzleloader tag holders can hunt Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	((~~2~~)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 578	3
Capitol Peak C		Any deer	GMU 663	30
Skookumchuck C		Any deer	GMU 667	30

North River D	Modern firearm tag holders can hunt Oct. 17-31	Any deer	GMU 658	5
Youth Special Deer Permit Hunts (Must be eligible for the youth hunting license and accompanied by an adult during the hunt.)				
Modern Firearm Only				
Ferry C	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 101	30
Blue Mtns. Foothills E	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMUs ((~~149,~~)) 154, 163, Deer Area 1010	((~~40~~)) 30
Blue Mtns. Foothills F	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 172-181	((~~40~~)) 30
East Okanogan E	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 204	35
Wannacut ((~~D~~)) F	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 209	((~~20~~)) 10
Sinlahekin ((~~E~~)) H	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 215	((~~40~~)) 20
Chewuch D	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 218	((~~65~~)) 30
Pearrygin D	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 224	((~~70~~)) 35
Gardner D	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 231	((~~25~~)) 15
Pogue ((~~D~~)) E	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 233	((~~20~~)) 10
Chiliwist ((~~D~~)) E	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 239	((~~40~~)) 20
Alta ((~~D~~)) F	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 242	((~~45~~)) 25
Chiwawa G	Oct. ((~~11-26~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 245	((~~68~~)) 20
Entiat G	Oct. ((~~11-26~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 247	((~~44~~)) 20
Swakane ((~~D~~)) G	Oct. ((~~11-26~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 250	((~~24~~)) 10
Mission ((~~F~~)) H	Oct. ((~~11-26~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMU 251	((~~168~~)) 40
Bridge Port C	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	((~~175~~)) 40
Palisades C	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) 17-25	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	((~~50~~)) 35
((~~Lakeview G~~	~~Oct. 11-19~~	~~Any deer~~	~~Deer Area 2011~~	~~10~~))
Benge ((~~B~~)) A	Oct. 23-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	20
Desert ((~~E~~)) F	Sept. ((~~22-23~~)) 26-27	Any deer	GMU 290	2
Horse Heaven Hills ((~~B~~)) C	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) ~~10-18~~ 17-30	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus E	Oct. ((~~11-19~~)) ~~10-18~~ 17-30	Antlerless	GMU 381	15
Grayback F	Oct. ((~~11-24~~)) 17-25	Any deer	GMU 388	15
East Klickitat E	Oct. ((~~11-24~~)) 17-25	Any deer	GMU 382	25
Green River C	((~~Nov. 1-7~~)) Oct. 17-23	Any deer	GMU 485	5
Lincoln D	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 501	10
Stella D	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 504	10
Mossyrock E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 505	10

Stormking E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 510	10
South Rainier E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 513	10
Packwood E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 516	10
Winston E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 520	10
Yale E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 554	10
Toutle E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 556	((~~60~~)) 50
Lewis River ((~~E~~)) D	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 560	10
Washougal E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 568	10
Siouxon ((~~E~~)) D	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 572	10
Wind River ((~~F~~)) E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 574	10
West Klickitat ((~~F~~)) G	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 578	10
Satsop B	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 651	10
Skookumchuck D	Oct. ((~~4-31~~)) 10-31	Any deer	GMU 667	60
North River E	Oct. ((~~11-31~~)) 17-31	Any deer	GMU 658	10
Youth Special Deer Permit Hunts (Must be eligible for the youth hunting license and accompanied by an adult during the hunt.)				
Muzzleloader Only				
Ferry D	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 101	10
East Okanogan F	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut ((~~E~~)) G	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Pogue ((~~E~~)) F	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist ((~~E~~)) F	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta ((~~E~~)) G	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Mission ((~~G~~)) I	((~~Oct. 4-10~~)) Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any deer	GMU 251	((~~16~~)) 10
((~~Ritzville G~~	~~Oct. 4-10~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 284~~	~~50~~))
Desert ((~~F~~)) G	Sept. ((~~8-9~~)) 12-13	Any deer	GMU 290	2
((~~Whitcomb D~~	~~Aug. 30 - Sept. 5~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~Deer Area 3071~~	~~7~~
~~Paterson D~~	~~Aug. 30 - Sept. 5~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~Deer Area 3072~~	~~10~~))
Youth Special Deer Permit Hunts (Must be eligible for the youth hunting license and be accompanied by an adult during the hunt.)				
Archery Only				
Desert ((~~G~~)) H	Sept. ((~~15-16~~)) 19-20	Any deer	GMU 290	2
~~Special Deer Permits - Second Deer Tag~~ **These permits are only valid when a second license and tag is purchased. Hunters must use the method/weapon listed on their tag. The second deer license and tag type must be the same tag type as the first one. These 2nd deer special permit hunts will affect hunters' accumulated points. Hunters' points will be used if drawn for this special permit.**				
Hunt Name	**Second Tag Season**	**Special Restrictions**	**Boundary Description**	**Permits**

Sherman	Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 20 - Dec. 15 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Or Modern Firearm Oct. 17-30 depending on tag choice	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 101	10
Kelly Hill B	Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. ~~25~~ 26- Dec. 15 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Or Modern Firearm Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19 depending on tag choice	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 105	10
Douglas B	Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. ~~25~~ 26- Dec. 15 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Or Modern Firearm Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19 depending on tag choice	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 108	10
Aladdin A	Archery Sept. 1-25 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Or Modern Firearm Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19 depending on tag choice	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 111	10
49 Degrees North B	Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. ~~25~~ 26 - Dec. 15 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Or Modern Firearm Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19 depending on tag choice	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 117	10
Colville River	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 Hunter orange required for all hunters.	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1035	25
Huckleberry B	((~~Restricted to general seasons by tag choice~~)) Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. ~~25~~ 26 - Dec. 15 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Or	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 121	((~~150~~)) 20

	Modern Firearm Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19 depending on tag choice			
Green Bluff	Dec. 9-31. Muzzleloader tag required. Must use muzzleloader equipment.	White-tailed, antlerless	That portion of GMU 124 east of Hwy 2	75
Mt. Spokane B	((~~Restricted to general seasons by tag choice~~)) Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. ~~25~~ 26 - Dec. 15 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Or Modern Firearm Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19 depending on tag choice	((~~Whitetail~~)) White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 124	((~~450~~)) ~~200~~ 150
((~~Almota B~~	~~Restricted to general seasons by tag choice~~	~~Antlerless~~	~~GMU 142~~	~~100~~))
Mica Peak ((~~B~~)) A	((~~Modern firearm and archery general season only,~~)) Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. ~~25~~ 26 - Dec. 15 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-25 depending on tag choice	Whitetail, antlerless	GMU 127	((~~150~~)) 50
Cheney[9]	Archery Sept. 1-25 Or Muzzleloader Nov. 26 - Dec. 8 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-25 depending on tag choice	Antlerless	GMU 130	50
Spokane North [9u]	Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. ~~25~~ 26 - Dec. 15 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26-Oct. 4 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-25 and Nov. 7-19 depending on tag choice	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1050	~~550~~ 450
Spokane South [9u]	Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. ~~25~~ 26 - Dec. 15 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-~~30~~ 25 depending on tag choice	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1060	~~150~~ 125
Spokane West [9u]	Archery Sept. 1-25 Or Muzzleloader Nov. 26 - Dec. 8 Or	Antlerless	Deer Area 1070	100

	Modern firearm Oct. 17-25 depending on tag choice			
Roosevelt B	Muzzleloader Sept. 26-Oct. 4 and Nov. 26 - Dec. 8 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-25 depending on tag choice	Antlerless	GMU 133	~~325~~ 250
Harrington B	Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 26 - Dec. 8 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-25 depending on tag choice	Antlerless	GMU 136	200
Colfax	Archery Sept. 1-25 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26-Oct. 4 and Nov. 26 - Dec. 8 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-25 depending on tag choice	Antlerless	Deer Area 1080	100
Steptoe B	Modern firearm only Oct. 17-25 & Nov. 7-19	Antlerless	GMU 139	200
Almota A	Modern firearm only Oct. 17-25 & Nov. 7-19	Antlerless	GMU 142	150
((~~Northeast~~	~~Archery tag required. Any open archery hunt. Must use archery equipment.~~	~~Whitetail, antlerless~~	~~GMUs 105, 108, 121, 124~~	~~400~~))
Clarkston	((~~Dec. 9-31.~~)) Nov. 20 - Dec. 31. Archery tag required. Must use archery equipment.	Antlerless	Deer Area 1021	30
Benge ((~~C~~)) B	Dec. ((~~16-31~~)) 9-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	20
Lakeview ((~~C~~)) B	Jan. 1-30	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	20
Methow	Sept. ((4)) 8 - Oct. ((~~12~~)) 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2012	100
North Okanogan	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2013	50
Central Okanogan	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2014	25
Omak	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2015	25
Conconully	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2016	25
High Prairie	((~~Restricted to general early season by tag choice~~)) Archery Sept. 1-25 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-25 depending on tag choice	Antlerless	Deer Area 3088	20

Shaw	((~~Restricted to general seasons by tag choice~~)) Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 26 - Dec. 15 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-31 and Nov. 19-22 depending on tag choice	Any deer	Deer Area 4004	20
Lopez		Any deer	Deer Area 4005	50
Orcas		Any deer	Deer Area 4006	50
Decatur		Any deer	Deer Area 4007	50
Blakely		Any deer	Deer Area 4008	50
Cypress		Any deer	Deer Area 4009	50
San Juan		Any deer	Deer Area 4010	50
Camano		Antlerless	Deer Area 4011	50
Whidbey		Antlerless	Deer Area 4012	125
Vashon-Maury		Antlerless	Deer Area 4013	125
Guemes		Antlerless	Deer Area 4926	50
Cottonwood A	Archery only Sept. 1-25	Any black-tailed deer	Deer Area 5064	7
Cottonwood B	Muzzleloader only Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Any black-tailed deer	Deer Area 5064	7
Cottonwood C	Modern firearm only Oct. 17-31	Any black-tailed deer	Deer Area 5064	7
Cottonwood D	Modern firearm only Nov. 19-22	Any black-tailed deer	Deer Area 5064	7
Cottonwood E	Archery only Nov. 25 - Dec. 31	Any black-tailed deer	Deer Area 5064	7
Cottonwood F	Modern firearm only Jan. 1-30, 2010	Any black-tailed deer	Deer Area 5064	7
Anderson	Archery Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31 Or Muzzleloader Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 26 - Dec. 15 Or Modern firearm Oct. 17-31 and Nov. 19-22 depending on tag choice	Antlerless	Deer Area 6014	50
Master Hunter Special Deer Permit Hunts: Only master hunters may apply; antlerless only hunts will not affect accumulated points; any weapon may be used.				
Lakeview D	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	20
Miller	Jan. 1-20, 2010	Any deer, archery only	That part of Deer Area 6020 east of Sequim Bay	30

Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits

- Special deer permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors that qualify.
- Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons.
- Qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing.
- Instructors who are drawn, accept a permit, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be eligible for these incentive permits for a period of ten years thereafter.
- Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only.

Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 1	All general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit	Any white-tailed deer	Any 100 series GMU except GMU 157	2
Region 2		Any white-tailed deer	GMUs 204-215	2
Region 2		Any deer	GMUs 215-251	1
Region 2		Any deer	GMU 290	1
Region 3		Any deer	GMUs 335-368, 382, 388	1
Region 4		Any deer	Any 400 series GMU except GMUs 485 and 490	2
Region 5		Legal buck for 500 series GMU of choice or antlerless	Any 500 series GMU open for a general deer hunting season or a special deer permit hunting season	6
Region 6		Legal buck for GMU of choice	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1

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RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR-102) filing and are already included in your notebook language.

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Under **Modern Firearm** add a new hunt: Sherman, Nov. 7-19, White-tailed 3 pt. min., GMU 101, 50 permits. This is a new hunt for modern firearm late season. This change is an alternative approach to allowing a late general season modern firearm hunt in GMU 101.

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Under **Modern Firearm**, change the end date on East Okanogan A to Nov. 24. This change corrects a date shift and makes this hunt consistent with the other late Region 2 special permit hunts.

Under **Modern Firearm**, change the end date on Wannacut A to Nov. 24. This change corrects a date shift and makes this hunt consistent with the other late Region 2 special permit hunts.

Under **Modern Firearm**, change the end date on West Okanogan A to Nov. 24. This change corrects a date shift and makes this hunt consistent with the other late Region 2 special permit hunts.

Under **Modern Firearm**, change the end date on Sinlahekin A to Nov. 24. This change corrects a date shift and makes this hunt consistent with the other late Region 2 special permit hunts.

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Under **Modern Firearm**, change Desert A from Nov. 15-24 to Oct. 31-Nov. 8 and change the permits from 19 to 15. After further discussions with Regional staff, this time frame better matches management objectives and provides two weekends of opportunity. The change in permit levels allows the establishment of a second time period to be allowed for modern firearm hunters.

Under **Modern Firearm**, add a new hunt Desert B, Nov. 21-29, any deer, GMU 290, 4 permits. This proposed change spreads some of the modern firearm pressuring the Desert unit, provides two weekends of opportunity, and avoids hunting in a critical time period per the Regional staff's desires.

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Under **Modern Firearm**, change Desert B to "C" and change the dates from Oct. 17-31 to Dec. 14-27. This date change better meets the management objectives of Regional staff to effect some antlerless harvest.

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Under **Muzzleloader** change Pouge B to Pogue B. This change corrects a spelling error.

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Under **Muzzleloader**, change Desert C to "D" and change the dates from Nov. 1-8 to Oct. 17-25. After further discussions with Regional staff, this time frame better matches management objectives and provides two weekends of opportunity. The proposed change also allows fitting all of the Desert hunts into the calendar.

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Under **Archery** add the following two special permit hunts:

Entiat D	Dec. 1-8	Antlerless	GMU 247	60
Swakane E	Dec. 1-8	Antlerless	GMU 250	75

This change is in response to the public input received by archery hunters dissatisfied with losing opportunity in the Entiat and Swakane units.

Under **Archery** end the following hunts on Dec. 8 instead of Dec. 15: Manson C, Chiwawa D, Slide Ridge C, Entiat C, Big Bend B, Swakane D, Mission E, and Ritzville C. After further discussions with Regional staff, this time frame better matches management objectives without hunting deer too late in the year on winter range.

Under **Archery**, change Desert D to "E" and change the dates from Nov. 25-Dec. 8 to Nov. 30-Dec. 13. After further discussions with Regional staff, this time frame better matches management objectives and provides two weekends of opportunity. The proposed change also allows fitting all of the Desert hunts into the calendar.

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Under **Archery**, add a hunt, Miller, Jan. 1-20, 2010, any deer, Deer Area 6020, 30 permits. This change corrects an omission in the filing of the CR 102.

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Under **Disabled Hunter** change Entiat E to "F". This change corrects ordering after adding an additional hunt.

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Under **Youth Modern** change Entiat F to "G". This change corrects ordering after adding an additional hunt.

Under **Youth Modern** change Swakane F to "G". This change corrects ordering after adding an additional hunt.

Under **Youth Modern Firearm**, change Desert E to "F". This change corrects ordering after adding an additional hunt.

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Under **Youth Muzzleloader** change Desert F to "G". This change corrects ordering after adding an additional hunt.

Under **Youth Archery**, change Desert G to "H". This change corrects ordering after adding an additional hunt.

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Under **Master Hunter** Special Deer Permits, add the following hunt:

Miller	Jan. 1-20, 2010	Any deer, archery only	That part of Deer Area 6020 east of Sequim Bay	30 permits

This change corrects an omission in the filing of the CR 102.

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SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are already included in your notebook language.

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Under **Modern Firearm Deer Permit Hunts:**

Change the ending date from Nov. 24 to Nov. 20 for the following hunts:

- East Okanogan A
- West Okanogan A
- Sinlahekin A
- Chewuch A
- Pearrygin A
- Gardner A

This change still gives modern firearm hunters more days than last year, keeps the timing consistent with adjacent 200 series units, and accommodates the late archery season.

Delete Wannacut A. This change accommodates reinstating the late archery general season in this GMU.

Change the number of permits for Sinlahekin C from 30 to 5 and change the ending date from Nov. 24 to Nov. 20. This change still gives modern firearm hunters more days than last year, keeps the timing consistent with adjacent 200 series units, and accommodates the late archery season.

Change the number of permits for Pogue A from 30 to 15 and change the ending date from Nov. 24 to Nov. 20. This change still gives modern firearm hunters more days than last year, keeps the timing consistent with adjacent 200 series units, and accommodates the late archery season.

Delete Chiliwist A. This change accommodates late season permits for archery and muzzleloader in this GMU.

Change the number of permits for Alta A from 39 to 20 and change the ending date from Nov. 24 to Nov. 20. This change still gives modern firearm hunters more days than last year, keeps the timing consistent with adjacent GMUs, and accommodates the late muzzleloader season.

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Under **Modern Firearm Deer Permit Hunts:**

Change the ending date from Nov. 24 to Nov. 20 for the following hunts:

- Manson A
- Chiwawa A
- Slide Ridge A
- Entiat A
- Big Bend A
- Swakane A
- Mission A

This change still gives modern firearm hunters more days than last year, keeps the timing consistent with adjacent GMUs, and accommodates the late muzzleloader season.

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Under **Muzzleloader Only Deer Permit Hunts:**

Delete the following permit hunts:

- Wannacut B
- Sinlahekin D
- Pogue B
- Manson B

This change helps allocate opportunity among the users. The permit hunt for muzzleloaders was shifted to the Alta unit.

Change "Chiliwirs B" to "Chiliwist A". This change corrects a clerical error and resets the alphabetical sequence of hunts in this GMU.

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Under **Muzzleloader Only Deer Permit Hunts:**

Change the number of permits for Alta B from 5 to 20. This change helps allocate opportunity among the users. The permit hunt for muzzleloaders was shifted to the Alta unit.

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Under **Archery Deer Only Deer Permit Hunts:**

Delete the following permit hunts:

- Wannacut C
- Sinlahekin E
- Pogue B
- Manson C

This change accommodates reinstating a late general archery season in this GMU.
Delete Alta C. This change accommodates a late, special permit muzzleloader season in this GMU.

Change the date for Desert E to Nov. 30-Dec. 13. This change corrects a clerical error.

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Under **Special Deer Permits – Second Deer Tag:**

Change the boundary description for Colville River from Deer Area 1030 to Deer Area 1035. This change corrects a clerical error.

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FINAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR-102) filing and are already included in your notebook language. These adjustments reflect any floor changes and additional supplemental recommended adjustments as a result of public testimony received at the March 6-7, 2009 Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Ellensburg.

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Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the end date for Kelly Hill A, Douglas A, Aladdin B, 49 Degrees North A, Huckleberry A, and Mount Spokane A from Nov. 20-25 to Nov. 20-24. This change avoids overlap with archery seasons.

Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, delete the Sherman hunt. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the date on the Palouse hunt from Nov. 3-25 to Nov. 7-24 and change the number of permits from 750 down to 625. This corrects a floor change mistake made at the March Commission Meeting which corrects a clerical error filed on the CR 102.

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Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the date for West Okanogan B to Oct. 17-25. This change corrects a date shift error that was filed in the CR 102.

Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the number of permits in Entiat A from 52 to 30. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the number of permits in Swakane A from 38 to 20. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the number of permits in Mission A from 22 to 10. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

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Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the dates for Naneum A, Teanaway A, and L. T. Murray A to Nov. 16-22. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting to correct an error in the calendar date adjustments.

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Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the dates for Quilomene A, Bethel A, and Cowiche A to Nov. 9-22. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting to correct an error in the calendar date adjustments.

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Under Modern Firearm Deer Permits, change the end date for Wind River B and West Klickitat B to Nov. 20. This change corrects a date change error in the CR 102 and also accommodates new late archery permits incorporated in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Muzzleloader Only Deer Permits, foe Roosevelt A, Harrington A, and Steptoe A add to the special restrictions mule deer. This clarifies the intent of the new proposed hunts, which is to specifically target mule deer bucks with the stated antler characteristics.

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Under Muzzleloader Only Deer Permits, delete the Entiat B hunt. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Muzzleloader Only Deer Permits, delete the Swakane C hunt. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Muzzleloader Only Deer Permits, change the date for Mission D to Nov. 21-30, and change the number of permits from 2 to 20. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Muzzleloader Only Deer Permits, change the dates for Naneum B, Teanaway B, and L. T. Murray B to Nov. 9-15. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting to correct an error in the calendar date adjustments.

Under Muzzleloader Only Deer Permits, change Quilomene B to "Any buck". This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting to correct an error in the calendar date adjustments.

Under Muzzleloader Only Deer Permits, change the dates for Bald Mountain to Nov. 9-22. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting to correct an error in the calendar date adjustments.

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Under Archery Only Deer Permits, change the date on Entiat C to Nov. 21-30 and change the number of permits from 17 to 55. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

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Under Archery Only Deer Permits, change the date on Entiat D to Nov. 21-30. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting and also keeps the date consistent with Entiat C.

Under Archery Only Deer Permits change delete the Swakane D hunt. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Archery Only Deer Permits, change Swakane "E" to Swakane D and change the date to Nov. 21-30. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Archery Only Deer Permits, delete the Mission E hunt. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

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Under Archery Only Deer Permits, add West Klickitat C, Nov. 21-30, 3pt. min., GMU 578, 100 permits. This change is in response to the public input provided at the March Commission Meeting.

Under Special Modern Firearm Deer permits for Hunters 65 and Older, change the date for Horse heaven Hills A to Oct. 17-30. This change corrects a date change error in the filing of the CR 102 and makes the special permit hunt coincide with the general season dates.

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Under Disabled Hunter Deer Permits, change the date for Horse Heaven Hills B to Oct. 17-30. This change corrects a date change error in the filing of the CR 102 and makes the special permit hunt coincide with the general season dates.

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Under Youth Special Deer Permits, Modern Firearm Only, change the date for Horse Heaven Hills C to Oct. 17-30. This change corrects a date change error in the filing of the CR 102 and makes the special permit hunt coincide with the general season dates.

Under Youth Special Deer Permits, Modern Firearm Only, change the date for Kahlotus E to Oct. 17-25. This change corrects a date change error in the filing of the CR 102 and makes the special permit hunt coincide with the general season dates.

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Under Special Deer Permits Second Deer Tag change the late archery start date for Kelly Hill B, Douglas B, 49 Degrees North B, Huckleberry B, Mt. Spokane B, Mica Peak A, Spokane North, and Spokane South to November 26. This change avoids an overlap with the new modern firearm special permit hunts in these GMUs and makes them consistent with the general season dates.

Under Special Deer Permits Second Deer Tag change delete the superscripts on Cheney, Spokane North, Spokane South, and Spokane West. These are not necessary for the WAC and only necessary in the Pamphlet.

Under Special Deer Permits Second Deer Tag change the number of permits for Spokane North from 550 to 450. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting in response to deer population numbers and winter conditions.

Under Special Deer Permits Second Deer Tag change the number of permits for Mt. Spokane B from 200 to 150. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting in response to deer population numbers and winter conditions.

Under Special Deer Permits Second Deer Tag change the number of permits for Spokane South from 150 to 125. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting in response to deer population numbers and winter conditions.

Under Special Deer Permits Second Deer Tag change the end date for Spokane South for modern firearm to Oct. 25. This change corrects a clerical error filed in the CR 102.

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Under Special Deer Permits Second Deer Tag change the number of permits for Roosevelt B from 325 to 250. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting in response to deer population numbers and winter conditions.

Under Special Deer Permits Second Deer Tag add "Modern firearm only" to the dates for Steptoe B and Almota A. This was a floor change made at the March Commission Meeting that corrects a clerical error in the filing of the CR 102.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

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COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
I just got done reviewing some of your deer special permit draft numbers. You plan to take 93% of the archery permits away from the Entiat! While actually give 5 more to rifle .You joking right? Not only are the original 52 tags for rifle to many you added 5 more! The Entiat was a premium deer unit when it first reopened after the fire. You then proceeded to ruin it by giving out to many tags for rifle and yes unleashing a general archery season in the unit. The rifle guys would still purchase special permit application even if there were only 10 permits not 57!! I agree that 248 permits for archery is too many 20 per season would be plenty.17 for archery 57 for rifle seems a little unequal to me.	Most special permits are issued based on an allocation formula that takes the proportion of the hunter base and the success rate of those hunters. For example if archers make up 15% of the deer hunters then they should harvest 15% of the deer available in the Entiat. So if the objective is to harvest 100 deer, archers would be allocated 15. The number of permits issued would be based on average success rates for archers in this hunt. So if 10% of archers kill a deer in this unit and timeframe, then you would issue 150 permits to harvest 15 deer. In the past this unit was a special situation where archers received a disproportionate amount of the harvest. However, there were other units in the Chelan and Okanogan units that were only allocated to modern firearm hunters. The recommendation now provides permits to all three groups in these units.
My 2nd concern is why would we reduce the number of "second deer" permits available in Unit 124 when we are over run with deer and need to control the populations? Please allow us to take at least more antlerless deer to control our herds and manage our Doe to Buck ratio. Thank you for all your hard work and willingness to listen to your constituents.	We have had a couple of bad winters back to back and deer numbers have declined. White-tailed deer populations do come back quickly, so expect permit levels to increase in the next couple of years.
I recently reviewed the proposed regulation changes for the 2009-2011 hunting seasons and things are looking great. I enjoyed reading about some of the changes taking place and I greatly appreciate the process that allows the hunter to see the changes before they appear in the hunting pamphlets. Modern firearm hunting regulations for deer have also seen quite a number of changes. Most noticeably (for my hunting habits), the changing of antler less permit to "2nd deer" permits. Clarification on "2nd deer" would benefit new hunters and eliminate any confusion as to the number and type of deer that are legal. I've listened to many questions adhering to this topic and I fear there are many more hunters out there not asking the question. Overall I am very pleased with the changes to the 2009-2011 hunting seasons and I will look forward to reading the finalized documents.	Thank you for your comments, we will try to make it very clear in the hunting pamphlet what the 2nd deer tag allows a hunter to do.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Regarding the newly created Special Deer Permit - Second Deer Tag area titled "Colville River" (*Deer Area #1035?), it seems this new area is open for any type weapon. If so, I find this unfair to the archery hunter who will be run out of the area due to foot traffic and noise made by the modern and muzzleloader hunters in the same area at the same time. What is the rationale for doing this? It can't be safety because hunter orange isn't required in the Huckleberry B permit area which I believe the Colville River area falls within. I wonder if this is just an error. If it's not an error, I suggest you do away with the Colville River area and move the 25 available permits to the Huckleberry B permit where the permit numbers have been reduced from 150 to just 45 -- counting the 25 Colville River permits.	This is a damage hunt to reduce deer numbers around small farms. The types of weapons used and hunters allowed on some of these farms will depend on the landowner. We wanted to start this new hunt with a modest number of permits and maximize the flexibility for hunters and landowners. It will likely be modified over time.
Why are there no Youth hunts in Western Washington?	There are youth permit hunts because the antlerless harvest must be controlled with black-tailed deer.
I noticed that the Northeast unit GMU 105, 108, 121, 124 was taken away and the 121 unit went from 150 tags to 20. Archery hunters went from having 550 available tags in the 121 unit to 20. The 124 unit was changed to 400 tags. 581 people put in for that Northeast unit and a large majority of them hunt in 121. Please consider adding 121 to the 124 unit or keep the Northeast unit but just decrease the number from last years 400 to maybe 200. The 121 unit gives people like me (a meat hunter) the opportunity to put another white tail in the freezer for my family. Drive thru Chewelah at night sometime and you will see there is no shortage of white tail does in the area.	We have had a couple of bad winters back to back and deer numbers have declined. White-tailed deer populations do come back quickly, so expect permit levels to increase in the next couple of years.
Commission members, I am writing in response to the proposed late season permit quotas for the 200 series units. I am a firm believer of allowing late permit hunts but feel the quotas proposed are too high. The Entiat unit has seen a drastic reduction in mature bucks being killed. The unit was once a highly sought after tag, with a reputation of harvesting quality mature bucks, but do to high permit levels, the quality has gone downhill. The Alta unit also used to yield mature bucks, with a proposal to allow 39 permits is way out of proportion. Having hunted the Sinlahekin unit for the last 27 years, I was excited to see it open up to a late permit opportunity, but I am concerned with allowing 30 permits. I have applied the last 12 years for a late season permit and am looking forward to having a once in a lifetime hunt during the rut but feel with the new proposals, it will only be a matter of time before these units and all of the Okanogan units will in the end suffer in quality of bucks. A reduction of 50 percent in proposed permits will ensure quality animals in the future. Thank you for your consideration.	Thank you for your comment, we will carefully monitor harvest success and impact on the deer. These are fairly conservative permit levels that can be adjusted in the future.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
I am writing to comment on the proposed regulations. I am in favor of the special deer permits in the NE Washington units that allow deer hunting during late November. In GMU 117 I see that the proposed dates are November 20-25. I would prefer the dates to be November 21-28 so the entire Thanksgiving week would be open for the hunt. Also it seems that 5 permits is a very small number of permits. Please increase it to 10. I am also in favor of the new regulations for multiple season permits. If possible, please reduce the application fee to allow more hunters to apply.	We are starting out with conservative permit levels to monitor impacts on buck ratios. The dates provided already result in a loss of a few days for the late archery season, so we are not recommending any more days for the modern firearm permits. The Commission does not have the authority to change the permit application fee.
In order to lessen the pressure on the winter feed areas along the Columbia (where there is now competition with the mountain sheep) and to reduce the number of auto-killed animals during the winter along highway 97A I would like to see more of a late hunt for modern firearms in GMU 250 and adjoining areas of the Entiat valley.	We have cut back on our harvest objectives in these units for 2009. We are also not convinced that harvesting a few more deer would result in fewer vehicle collisions. Hopefully the fence being constructed will help with a reduction of collisions.
Reducing the number of day's seniors, youth and disabled hunters have to hunter Antlerless deer – I strongly urge the WDFW to avoid this, and I will speak specifically to the youth hunter portion of this. I have two sons, 14 years old and 12 years old. I took both boys out hunting for antlerless deer several times (GMU 142) during the 9 day general deer season in October 2008. We all three had a great time together and it was a positive experience for both boys. The youngest son got an antlerless White-tailed deer and he was ecstatic! At this time in their lives they are excited about the opportunity to hunt deer. With the current antlerless White-tailed deer regulation for youth hunters, they have a good chance to at least get a shot at a deer or two. As you are well aware, the number of hunters continues to decline each year, I believe primarily due to the lack of recruiting new, young hunters into the ranks. Reducing hunting opportunities for youth will serve to add to this decline. I strongly recommend that you look at other options before considering reducing antlerless deer hunting opportunities for the youth.	We are strong proponents of the youth, senior, and hunters with disabilities opportunities. As always, we try to balance the allocation of harvest and this year is no different, especially when we are cutting back the antlerless harvest for a year or two.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
While I'm not sure what the game dept agenda is with cutting out the Swakane season, To take pressure off the deer while in their winter range is a poor excuse. While David Volsen (Wenatchee office) saw many bucks during his fly-over of the Burch Mt area, this was done well after the season closed. The deer herd from the Stevens Pass area was still in the Chumstick valley in mid December. Having hunted Burch for as long as we have had the season, I would say the full migration has been in the area two times in the past ten years. Buck escapement is surely not a consideration, after all, the rifle permits that were given out in the Swakane and Chiwawa units were for ANY DEER, while us archery hunters had 3 pt or anterless. The same was true for the muzzleloaders (any deer). While I realize the permit drawing is a money maker, I think doing away with Swakane will cost the Dept money in a long run. Our season in September most years are usually far too hot to hunt for mules, and I have always optioned for a late hunt. Myself along with many other archers may now be forced to opt for the gun season, or just plan an out of state hunt. The one thing the Dept will accomplish by doing away with the Swakane hunt, will be the increase of deer/car accidents along the US 2 corridor between Monitor and Cashmere. This recommendation is a poor decision.	We are trying to reduce buck harvest to improve our buck ratios. At the same time, the number of archery hunters in the Swakane unit has nearly doubled (400 to 800) in the last four years. We needed to make a change in the harvest and permit levels are now allocated by the formula described previously. The deer regulation for the permits is now consistent for all users.
I think it is ridiculous that you are taking out the antlerless deer hunts in the Mica Peak (GMU127). There is an over abundance of does and very few mature bucks in this area. By leaving this open to 3 point or better and not allowing any does to be taking is not going to help the buck to doe ratio, and then by adding a second deer tag, also for 3-point or better buck is really going to deplete and hopes of having mature bucks in this area. I hope you read this and think about the decision the game dept. is making.	The antlerless harvest issue was addressed earlier. The harvest success rate for late buck permits should be less than 20%. So the five permits allocated should result in two bucks being harvested. We generally harvest over 400 bucks each year during the hunting season. These permits are not expected to have any impact.
What about opening to two doe/cow per tag in GMU 284? It is an overpopulated unit with pockets of intense herds. For more details, we'd be happy to discuss the changes we've seen in 30 years of hunting this specific unit. Additionally, we ranch and farm the land and can graph the impacts of weather trends. Particularly we can describe in migration of deer/elk to these ranges with creeks and lakes. During the past 8 years of severe drought, the game migrates and concentrates in these ranges, causing drastic decline in range plant population. The animal units per acre are greater than the range can support. The stewardship, left then to the rancher alone, requires a decrease in cattle. For the past five years, the annual decrease we've made in cattle numbers has not kept pace as the increase in deer/elk populations have outstripped.	We have tried to liberalize harvest in this are especially for elk. This year we are adding even more days for taking any elk. If that isn't enough, we can add more for next year.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Retain GMU 388 late deer archery rules the same as 2008 (without special doe permits), except shorten the season from 19 days to 11 days (preferably Nov. 28 through Dec. 8). This will lower the doe pressure and kills, without eliminating the hunting opportunity for some of us. I am now 70 years old and have hunted GMU 388 late deer hunting area for 30 years. Our group of three archery hunters normally hunt 4 to 6 days and have only taken an average of 5/8 ths of a deer per year between us all. We rarely see a 3 pt buck and then more likely ever get a shot. We enjoy the outdoor experience of the area even though we are not very successful. We always hope. Going the doe permit route would probably be the end of our late archery deer hunts. There are but a few viable Eastern Washington late season archery hunts.	We are trying to reduce antlerless harvest to rebuild the deer population in this GMU. We encourage you and your hunting party to put in for a group permit. Most antlerless permits are drawn every two to three years.
Please expand the youth hunting opportunities. There are really no options for youth to obtain trophy hunts thru the special permit process, or in my opinion not nearly enough. If we can't give the youth those experiences, we will see a large decline their participation. I personally get more satisfaction watching kids hunt, and be successful.	We appreciate your support for youth opportunities and we will continue to pursue additional permits.
I have 2 Recommendations: I think that doe permits and cow permits should only be available to youth hunters, If you save all of those doe and cow's every year, over time you should produce a lot more animals. I also think that every few years you guys should do a two or three year span of 2 point or better just to let some bucks grow, just because there are not very many big bucks in this area and the Does and Spikes get slaughtered every year!	When we are below our population objectives, we reduce antlerless permit levels. Two point restrictions do not have much impact on recruiting older age class bucks. We have had several such units for many years and the numbers of older bucks harvested are not different from units that allow the harvest of any buck.
I would like to see a late mule deer hunt in the Blue Mountains. Similar to what the Late white tail tag is, and some more areas open late for archery.	The mule deer buck escapement in the Blue Mountains is not good enough at this point to allow a late hunt.
Rifle Deer season: Make all western Washington permit only, let's get some quality. ww late buck needs to be permit only or point res.	This option has not been popular with deer hunters.
Okanogan deer - A little over 10 years ago you had a late archery hunt (I believe it was called the Mallot Unit) that was intended for this purpose. It was taken away after the big storm in 1995 or 1996, because of high kill off. It ran the second half of December to the middle of January. I understood and agreed with this decision. If it is being a problem again maybe this hunt could help out or something like it.	This hunt is no longer needed as a management tool for controlling deer damage in the Mallot area.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Reduce archery permits in central Washington by fifty percent or more for mule deer. High mortality due to poor ethics (robin hood syndrome 120+ yard shots) results in poor shot placement and eventual mortality.	Archery hunting opportunity has been reduced for 2009. In most studies, wounding mortality is similar for archery equipment and modern firearms. It doesn't seem to matter whether you shoot 100 yards with a bow or 500 yards with a rifle, both shots probably exceed most hunters' capabilities.
I am writing to voice my concern for the proposed changes in the 2009-2011 seasons. My most concern is in the Alta unit. I believe that the number of permits should be considerably reduced instead of increased. The past 2 seasons have been very tough on them. I have hunted this area is I was a young kid (35+ years). I put in for points only for special permits last year in the Alta unit due to the high population decrease. After the regular season I like to photograph the deer in the breeding and migration range. It was very depressing to see the lack of bucks this year. On a normal year I would be able to get some excellent pictures of deer in their range. However this year I got one picture of a 3 point where I normally would see 30 + deer. Please take serious consideration in reducing the number of permits. I would hate to see the Alta herd decimated. If someone like me (Master Hunter also) is willing to sacrifice my hunting for benefit of the population then this should be looked at. Thank you for your time and hard effort on trying to pacify all groups of hunters.	We plan to monitor the results of our permit hunts closely to determine appropriate levels for the future. Thank you for your support.
After looking over the new proposals, I do have some concerns. I live and do the most of my hunting in unit 504 Stella. First, I would like to tell you what I have seen happen to our deer in my area. In the 35 years I have lived here I've been fortunate to have great hunting right in my own backyard. Good genetics, good habitat and locked gates have provided me with a quality hunting experience year after year. But since the hair loss problem the deer have dwindled down to so few that I rarely see any in my daily commute, in the past I was dodging deer every night, and in the fall there was never an apple left on the ground. Now I see only a few all year long, and all the homes with apple trees where the deer use to gather have nothing but rotten apples and no deer. Currently Does are fare game in archery and muzzle loader seasons and there are 75 antlerless tags for modern firearm. Please give the deer a break and stop killing DOES so they have a chance to make a healthy recovery.	This area is relatively urban and deer tend to cause problems if allowed to build up too high. These minimal permit levels help keep the population in check.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
The Vashon Island Second Deer Permit is once again "Antlerless Only". Why can't it be as most of the other island hunt are…"Any Deer"? We should be looking at methods of cropping the already burgeoning island deer population on Vashon Island as well as others.	We are trying to encourage hunters to take antlerless deer. A buck can be taken with the hunter's primary tag.
Deer – In support of these proposals, especially the following items: Permit levels for mule deer modern firearm New whitetail rut hunts Nov. 21-25 Additional week for the November permit hunts Opening 101 to the late whitetail season with modern firearm Would like to see a 101 late mule deer rut hunt with 5 tags given Would like to see some any buck tags for the modern firearm general seasons to help thin out those big 2x2 bucks. Perhaps give out 20 per unit or something like that.	Thank you for your support.
Thank You for the work on the 395 Corridor Hunt. I am not sure that it will help the situation with the cars, but at least it effort. I would hope that we can get the area widened to make the area similar to what we had on the map and extend it south to where Highway 231 and 395 intersect south of Chewelah.	Thanks for your support.

WAC 232-28-353 2009 Deer special permits

SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

Supplemental public comments were not captured in the original summary of written comments. Each comment may be representative of multiple like comments.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Why does modern firearm get 24 days for their late permits and the archers get nine. The additional GMUs open for archery permits in the north central part of the state in no way makes up for all of the general season closures.	The original intent was to provide some modern firearm opportunity closer to the peak of the rut. However, we are recommending some changes that back off some of the time frame and have the modern firearm permit hunts ending November 20, 2009 in the north central part of the state. Archers would start the 21st of November through the 30th. We have also changed our recommendation regarding some of the GMUs that were open for late archery general seasons. Our long term intent is still to manage these late seasons using permits to better control harvest. But we agree that we were making many changes and they were coming a little too quickly. We now plan to phase into the permit season and permit levels for archers over the next few years.
There are too many permits in the Pogue unit for late modern firearm. It would be nice to have more trophy aged bucks in the populations.	We are comfortable with current permit levels for the late seasons. We plan to start collecting additional age data from harvested bucks if funding allows.
We need additional doe permits in Adams county; there are too many deer.	We will continue to monitor the deer population level and increase antlerless harvest when it is warranted.

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED AT THE MARCH 6-7, 2009 MEETING IN ELLENSBURG, WA

Agenda 21

WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions

WAC 232-28-353 2009 Deer special permits

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Keep Sherman 101 the same. It is the only rut hunt. Don't lose archery opportunity.	We have made that change. Thank you for your comment.
In GMU 388 don't take away late season doe hunt. At the very least provide youth opportunity.	Our Biologists have determined that the restriction on antlerless harvest is necessary to maintain the deer population. Antlerless harvest is strictly regulated for deer and elk and is only allowed when the resource can support it or when we are trying to implement population control through hunter harvest.
Chelan mule deer population is fine. Don't go to a permit system. Changes are only being recommended for revenue purposes.	The changes proposed were recommended to insure the sustainability of the deer population. The Agency has changed its recommendation as a result of the public input at the March commission meeting which may impact the deer population especially the post-hunt buck population.
Leave archery status quo.	The Agency has changed its recommendation as a result of the public input at the March Commission Meeting. Although not status quo, some of the more contentious restrictions on archery hunting proposed in Regions 1 and 2 have been removed.
Don't close Swakane to archery.	The Agency never proposed closing the early archery season, which in 2009 will last 25 days and will allow both 3 pt. buck harvest as well as antlerless harvest. We have reinstated the late general season for 3 pt. min, only. Thank you for your comment.
Don't eliminate late archery in the Swakane.	The Agency has proposed reinstating the late general archery season for 3 pt. min. only for the last ten days of November in GMU 250.
Eliminate antlerless opportunity in Swakane. This will relieve the pressure.	We have made that change in the late general archery season. Thank you for your comment.
There is no user group equity in this proposal. Displacing 700 archers is not maximizing recreational opportunity. More reasonable plan is needed.	The Agency has proposed reinstating the late general archery season for 3 pt. min. only for the last ten days of November in GMU 250.
Use the branch antlered bull formula for deer allocation.	For those special permit opportunities that are offered to all three user groups, we already use the permit allocation formula and have done so since its inception.
Wants 4 pt. antler restriction in GMUs 117 and 121 as a pilot program. Population is in decline. Older bucks needed to breed does earlier to produce larger fawns in spring. Youth, seniors, and disabled should be exempt. (petition supporting this comment: 100 signatures received).	There is no biological reason to implement a more restrictive hunting season in these GMUs; the current buck ratios are adequate for breeding. Most hunters do not support the restriction.
The GMU 101 late firearm season makes no sense. The population is in trouble.	The late firearm season was proposed to be for 50 permits. Although we do not think the deer population in GMU 101 is in trouble, we have returned the season structure to status quo.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Don't eliminate the late archery season in the Manson Unit.	As mentioned in the presentation made on Saturday, our recommendation will reinstate the late archery season in Manson.
Don't turn NE corner of the state into 3 pt. or better. GMU 117 has a good gene pool. Do 3 pt. there if need be.	There is no biological reason to implement a more restrictive hunting season in the NE Washington GMUs.
Does not support antler restriction 3 pt. or better in NE Washington. Will result in waste from people not properly identifying antler points.	The testimony is consistent with the Department's final recommendation.
Remove all general deer hunts in Kittitas County. Population is down at least 50%.	The Commission has already reduced the deer seasons accordingly through a reduction in special permits. A complete removal of general seasons is not warranted at this time.
Make GMU 329, 3pt. or better at the very least.	GMU 329 is already a special permit only GMU. Adding an antler restriction is more restrictive than it needs to be.
LT Murray still has a lot of deer. Return GMU 342 back to permit only. Too many does in the area.	This more restrictive approach was not deemed necessary by the Regional staff and not presented as a proposal for this 3-year package.
Don't let rifle hunters hunt during the rut. It will decimate the herds.	Rifle hunters as well as archery hunters have always hunted some portion of the rut either through general seasons or special permits. We monitor the seasons and the harvest to ensure sustainable population levels.
Opposes unit boundary changes to 578 and 388. Recommend creating new unit 588.	The proposal to create a new GMU was critically evaluated by the Region 5 staff. Creating a new unit will not resolve the concern regarding deer management and the need to reduce harvest.
Supports the Department's deer hunting proposal, specifically as it provides additional opportunity for muzzleloader.	The testimony is consistent with the Department's final recommendation.
Archery proposals will impact small business operators, so keep status quo archery seasons.	Several of the archery late general seasons were restored. In addition, the recommended archery changes are to accommodate added opportunity for muzzleloaders and modern firearm hunters. Therefore this should not impact small business operators.
Concerned that the Department's deer season proposals don't focus enough on conservation.	There are biological and social issues within the Department's proposals. The Department's proposals place conservation as the highest priority. Hunting seasons and harvest management are designed to ensure conservation. After considering conservation needs, social preferences are incorporated into hunting season structures.

PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR** 08-10-108 & 08-24-103 **; or**
☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR** _____**; or**
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Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)
Hunting Rules – See Attachment A

Hearing location(s):
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Ellensburg, WA 98926
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By: Friday, February 20, 2009

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Date of intended adoption: April 2-3-4, 2009
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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
See Attachment A

Reasons supporting proposal:
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Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	☐ Yes	☒ No
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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:
Name:
Address:

phone ( ) _____
fax ( ) _____
e-mail _____

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared.
These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

☐ Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:
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☒ No: Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

ATTACHMENT A

WAC 232-12-047 Unlawful methods for hunting

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
Amendments to this rule help clarify the title of the WAC which deals with more than firearms. The proposal clarifies language related to using handguns for hunting and also removes a conflict with the muzzleloading equipment WAC that proposes to allow muzzleloading handguns for hunting. The proposal would also allow crossbows to be used in firearm restriction areas as designated by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Currently only hunters with disabilities that meet certain criteria are allowed to use crossbows.

Reasons supporting proposal:
To provide more flexibility in designing hunting seasons that address urban and suburban big game issues by allowing crossbows in some situations. The proposal also removes a conflict with a proposed change in the muzzleloading equipment WAC.

WAC 232-12-051 Muzzleloading firearms

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the proposal is to clarify language related to lawful ignition systems for muzzleloading firearms. The proposal also no longer restricts projectiles to lead only. The proposal would allow muzzleloading handguns to be used for hunting big game and clarifies muzzleloading handgun use for small game. Also the proposal would allow modern handguns to be carried for personal protection during a muzzleloader season.

Reasons supporting proposal:
To help clarify what types of muzzleloader equipment is lawful for hunting; allow hunters more flexibility in the types of projectiles they are allowed to use; removes an unnecessary restriction related to using muzzleloading handguns for big game and clarifies other allowed uses for muzzleloading handguns; and allows muzzleloader hunters to carry handguns for personal safety as long as they are not in conflict with existing big game hunting season restrictions.

WAC 232-12-054 Archery requirements – Archery special use permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the proposal is to allow modern handguns to be carried for personal protection during an archery season and allow the use of crossbows in firearm restriction areas as designated by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The proposal would provide more flexibility in designing hunting seasons that address urban and suburban big game issues by allowing crossbows in some situations. The proposal would also allow archery hunters to carry handguns for personal safety as long as they are not in conflict with existing big game hunting season restrictions.

WAC 232-12-055 Hunting – Hunter orange clothing requirements

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposed amendments help clarify which hunters are required to wear hunter orange clothing. The clarification is for hunting during modern firearm seasons and for modern firearm deer and elk permit holders.

Reasons supporting proposal:
In the past, it has not been very clear whether archery and muzzleloader deer and elk hunters were required to wear hunter orange clothing outside of general seasons for modern firearm hunters.

WAC 232-12-062 Party hunting

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
To develop a definition of party hunting and clarify that it is illegal to hunt for another person's big game animal or turkey.

Reasons supporting proposal:
To clarify that party hunting for big game and turkeys is illegal.

WAC 232-12-068 Nontoxic shot requirements

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The rule will provide additional nontoxic shot selections for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunters.

Reasons supporting proposal:
To improve recreational opportunity and protect waterfowl resources.

WAC 232-12-227 Hunter education training program requirements

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose behind the proposal is to minimize confusion and avoid possible mistakes by license vendors.

Currently subsection (4) authorizes an individual who has a Washington hunting license from a preceding year to show that license and purchase a subsequent hunting license even if the initial license was not issued in compliance with the hunter education training requirement. The proposal will allow individuals to purchase a Washington hunting license only if they have a hunter education certificate *or* are identified as previous Washington hunters in the current license data system.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The proposal ensures that only hunter education graduates or individuals currently identified as hunting-license buyers within the WDFW license data system are eligible to purchase.

WAC 232-12-828 Hunting of game birds and animals by persons with a disability

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposed amendment to this rule would authorize the Director to administer and issue special use permits to hunters with disabilities.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Accommodations that allow persons with disabilities to participate in Department programs are required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Special use permits allow the Director to evaluate applications and provide accommodations where appropriate.

WAC 232-12-840 Hunting and fishing opportunities for terminally ill persons

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
This proposal is to implement recently passed legislation authorizing the Commission to establish rules for providing special hunting and fishing opportunities for terminally ill persons. In the proposal, the Director is authorized to provide opportunities in a variety of ways at no cost.

Reasons supporting proposal:
To implement the legislation, which provides special hunting and fishing opportunities for terminally ill persons.

WAC 232-28-248 Special closures and firearm restriction areas

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposed rule amendments add more weapon options in firearm restriction areas. The effect will maintain some limited hunting opportunity in these areas and also provide an effective level of harvest to help control deer and elk populations causing damage and nuisance problems especially in more developed areas.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The proposed language retains some limited level of hunting that is compatible with urban expansion. Also helps deal with deer and elk damage and nuisance problems.

WAC 232-28-266 Damage prevention permit hunts

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The amendment to the rule adds 200 turkey permits in northeastern Washington. These permits will provide landowners and WDFW enforcement with additional tools to address property damage issues.

Reasons supporting proposal:
An increasing number of landowners are requesting the use of these permits to address damage. They have proven to be very effective in dealing with damage problems and reducing landowner complaints with deer. WDFW enforcement officers have requested they be available for turkeys as well.

WAC 232-28-272 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 Black bear and cougar hunting seasons and regulations

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The rule establishes hunting seasons for black bear and cougar from 2009 to 2012. The purpose of the recommended changes is to maximize recreational hunting opportunities for bear and cougar while maintaining sustainable populations.

The Department is recommending status quo bear seasons, with two exceptions: (1) For management units that open Aug 1, the Aug 1-31 period is limited to hunting on private lands only; (2) For management units that open in early September, change the opener from the day after Labor Day to September 1.

The Department's cougar season recommendations are: Statewide Sept. 1-25 archery only and Sept. 26-Oct. 16 muzzleloader only seasons; Oct. 17-Mar. 31 general season (any weapon) for zones where trends in female harvest are within our guideline; Oct. 17-Dec. 31 general season for zones where female harvest slightly exceeds our guideline; Oct. 31-Nov. 30 season for zones where female harvested is limited by a quota system and the management need is to adequately evaluate the pilot hunt with the aid of dogs; Change the statewide bag limit from 2 cougars to 1 cougar.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Maximize recreational opportunities for bear and cougar hunting, while maintaining sustainable populations.

The justification for the August black bear season on private lands only is to reduce conflict with other recreational users on public lands during the summer while still allowing bears to be harvest for damage reasons (e.g., orchard damage). The justification for the September 1 start date is consistency with the opening day of deer archery seasons.

The justification for the cougar season changes is consistency with concurrent deer/elk seasons and to limit female harvest in those areas where harvest levels exceed our guidelines.

WAC 232-28-273 2009-2011 Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons and permit quotas

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposed rule amendments include a status quo moose permit level of 130; creating a Master Hunter damage hunt in the Mount Spokane unit; adding ewe-only hunts in three herds; increasing bighorn sheep permit levels from 36 to 46; and reducing mountain goat permit levels consistent with the findings of our recent research.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Recommended adjustments in permit quotas are based on meeting population objectives for each species as indicated in the Game Management Plan.

WAC 232-28-282 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposed rule amendments include removing dated language; clarifying areas open for specific deer auction and raffle seasons; and changing the areas open to the Rocky Mountain bighorn raffle permit hunt to reflect the status of mature rams in various populations.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Provide a variety of different hunting opportunities and maximize revenue for auction/raffle program, all within biological sustainable limits.

WAC 232-28-286 2010, 2011, and 2012 Spring black bear seasons and regulations

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposed rule amendments add a spring bear hunt in a portion of GMU 501 with 50 permits and close the spring bear damage hunt in Capitol Forest.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Spring black bear seasons are used to minimize damage to trees by reducing bear populations to a lower but sustainable level, reduce nuisance activity in northeastern Washington, and better distribute the harvest geographically in southeastern Washington.

WAC 232-28-287 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 Cougar permit seasons and regulations

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
Establish fall permit hunts for 9 cougar zones around the state. Cougar permit hunts are designed to provide late season hunting opportunity for hunters without the use of dogs (i.e., spot and stalking in snow and/or calling). The anticipated effect is additional varieties of hunting opportunity with sustainable cougar populations.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Provide late season hunting opportunity for hunters without the use of dogs (i.e., spot and stalking in snow and/or calling).

WAC 232-28-291 Special hunting season permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The amendments proposed are largely housekeeping in nature. Changes are recommended for multi-season permit application and group sizes. Changes are also recommended for deer and elk permit application group sizes and the late fall turkey permit application rules are eliminated. Fall turkey permit applications are consolidated into one set of rules.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The proposal would allow multi-season applicants to submit group applications; clean up turkey permit application language; and limit the number of deer and elk group applicants to better distribute permits.

WAC 232-28-294 Multiple season big game permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
This proposal would shorten the amount of time successful applicants for a multi-season permit would have to purchase their permit to allow for the sale of all permits prior to the first general seasons starting in September. It would also provide 50 multi-season deer and 25 multi-season elk permits to qualifying hunter education instructors.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Shortening the purchase time for successful applicants would make sure that more hunters would be able to purchase permits. Providing hunter education instructors with multiple season permits would be an incentive to recruit and retain instructors.

WAC 232-28-295 Landowner hunting permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposal identifies permit levels and season dates for Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) program participants for the 2009 hunting seasons. Amendments to this rule include removal of the 4-O Cattle Company who requested not to participate and addition of the Pine Mountain LHP in Yakima County. The permits will result in general public hunter access on private property and will help mitigate deer and elk foraging on private agricultural lands.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Increase public hunting access to private lands and help landowners address game damage issues.

WAC 232-28-333 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region three

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
GMU boundary rules define legal hunting areas. The GMUs need readily discernable boundaries to direct hunters to appropriate hunting areas. Season dates, bag limits, antler restrictions, and other hunting season regulations are typically specified at the GMU scale.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Clarifies boundaries and facilitates hunting seasons for big game.

WAC 232-28-335 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region five

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
GMU boundary rules define legal hunting areas. The GMUs need readily discernable boundaries to direct hunters to appropriate hunting areas. Season dates, bag limits, antler restrictions, and other hunting season regulations are typically specified at the GMU scale.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Clarifies boundaries and facilitates hunting seasons for big game.

WAC 232-28-336 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region six

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
GMU boundary rules define legal hunting areas. The GMUs need readily discernable boundaries to direct hunters to appropriate hunting areas. Season dates, bag limits, antler restrictions, and other hunting season regulations are typically specified at the GMU scale.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Clarifies boundaries and facilitates hunting seasons for big game.

WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
Boundary adjustments are being proposed to better address current deer and elk damage issues.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The proposed rule amendment provides the means to reduce wildlife damage issues and direct deer and elk damage hunts by adjusting elk area boundaries.

WAC 232-28-342 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 Small game seasons

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the new rule is to establish hunting season timing, hunting requirements, and applicable permit levels for the following species: bobcat, raccoon, fox, coyote, forest grouse, pheasant, chukar, gray partridge, mountain quail, California quail, bobwhite, wild turkey, Canada goose, band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, and crow. It also describes falconry and dog training seasons.

Amendments to this rule include: 1) Liberalize fall turkey hunting by establishing more general season opportunity, 2) Eliminate the use of dogs to hunt coyotes, 3) Eliminate the two-day September Canada Goose Season, shifting those dates to the regular goose season, 4) Increase the daily bag limit for forest grouse to four per day.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Proposals are consistent with conservation of wildlife populations and public sentiment.

WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunity, balance the hunting opportunity between the three primary user groups, increase opportunity when deer populations allow, and reduce opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant such a change.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Provides recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal maintains sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2009-2011. Helps reduce agricultural damage and provides for population control of deer where needed.

WAC 232-28-352 2009-2011 Elk general seasons and definitions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the proposal is to retain general season elk hunting opportunity, balance the hunting opportunity between the three primary user groups, increase opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduce opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant such a change.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Provides recreational elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal maintains sustainable general elk hunting season opportunities for 2009-2011. Helps reduce agricultural damage and provides for elk population control where needed.

WAC 232-28-353 2009 Deer special permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the proposal is to retain special permit season deer hunting opportunity, balance the hunting opportunity between the three primary user groups, increase opportunity when deer populations allow, and reduce opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant such a change.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Provides recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal maintains sustainable special permit deer hunting season opportunities for 2009. Helps reduce agricultural damage and provides for population control of deer where needed.

WAC 232-28-354 2009 Elk special permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the proposal is to retain special permit season elk hunting opportunity, balance the hunting opportunity between the three primary user groups, increase opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduce opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant such a change.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Provides recreational elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal maintains sustainable special permit elk hunting season opportunities for 2009. Helps reduce agricultural damage and provides for elk population control where needed.

WAC 232-28-516 Trapping seasons and regulations

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The new WAC removes all superfluous regulations (e.g., area restrictions) that are no longer warranted given current trapping practices and low harvest levels. It recommends a standard trapping season for all furbearers from November 1 to March 31 and an increased annual bag limit for river otter from 6 to 12. WAC 232-28-516 replaces WAC 232-28-515.

Reasons supporting proposal:
To maximize trapping opportunity consistent with population objectives.