

Clearwater Region

Deer:

Whitetails are plentiful across the region. The highest densities occur in Units 8, 8A, 10A, 11 and 11A. These units have excellent hunting because of a mixture of public and private land that provides almost ideal habitat.

Hunter success rates, buck harvest rates and the opportunity to harvest a mature buck are among the highest in the state in these units. Success rates typically run from 35 to 40 percent with two-thirds of the harvest being bucks, the majority of which are mature.

Elk:

Surveys last winter showed populations in the Hells Canyon and Palouse zones increased so more hunting opportunities were added. The Hells Canyon Zone is managed with controlled hunts. The Palouse Zone hunt was expanded last year, mostly to keep the population in check and to address depredation concerns.

Fish and Game continues to have concerns about declining herds in the Lolo and Selway zones. Populations in the Elk City and Dworshak zones are stable.