

## **Southeast Region**

### **Deer:**

Hunters will see harvestable deer this fall. The overall numbers should be about equal to last year, with a slightly higher number of mature bucks.

There should be a fair amount of 3- and 4-year-old deer.

The bad news is that the region again had low fawn production - between 32 and 38 percent - despite a relatively mild winter. Fewer fawns born last year means fewer two-point bucks this fall. The number of 2-year-old bucks (small four-points and three-points) will be low from the low fawn production during the 2007-08 winter.

There are a few bucks wearing radio collars in the region. It is legal to take those deer, but Fish and Game wants the collars back so it can reuse them.

### **Elk:**

Hunting should be the same as last year. There's been some growth in the Bannock Zone herd.

The herd in the Diamond Creek Zone decreased by almost one-third since 2005, so Fish and Game cut cow tags by 33 percent, bull tags by 25 percent and reduced the extra-tag hunt permit numbers.

Since the Diamond Creek elk herd is productive at 33 calves per 100 cows, there should be positive changes in the next couple of years.