

1. Current population trend or estimate - and proximity to management objectives:

<i>Mule deer</i>	<i>130,000</i>	<i>Steady - below objective</i>
<i>White Tail</i>	<i>95,000</i>	<i>Steady - below objective</i>

2. 1992 Hunting season statistics:

Type/length of season:	# of hunters afield:	# of hunter days:	% success:	Harvest	
				Antler:	Antlerless:
<i>General/4-14 days</i>	<i>64,479</i>	<i>257,798</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>17,785</i>	<i>75</i>
<i>Muzzleloader/10-17 days</i>	<i>1,189</i>	<i>5,808</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>237</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Archery/&lt;=73</i>	<i>16,623</i>	<i>114,081</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>758</i>	<i>0</i>

3. Method used to estimate harvest:

*Mail questionnaire*

4. Do you limit hunters to one season (rifle, archery or muzzleloader)?

*Rifle or muzzleloader and/or archery.*

5. Do your deer seasons extend into the breeding season? If so, how far?

*Limited firearms seasons extend 4 weeks into breeding season. Archery seasons extend 8 weeks into breeding season.*

6. How many deer can a hunter legally take per year?

<i># Antlered:</i>	<i># Antlerless:</i>	<i>Total:</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

7. Do you use antler-point restriction regulations? If so, what is the purpose of this regulation and is the objective being met? How do you assess hunter compliance - illegal kill?

*No*

8. Do you have regulations to limit or distribute hunters? What type of regulations and are they working?

*Yes, permits are limited in number and valid only for specific management units.*

9. Do you use access (road) management to regulate hunter distribution? What is the hunting public's reaction? Who is responsible for enforcement of closures etc.?

*Not for deer. This is used in some areas for elk. The public frequently feels that they are being denied access. The land management agency establishes the closure, the Game and Fish agency enforces it.*

10. Do you use a system such as "preference points" to distribute the opportunity to draw big game permits? If yes, what has been your experience with such a system?

*Yes, for bighorn, elk, buffalo, and antelope. Successful in satisfying demand for such a system and in increasing draw odds for those with bonus points.*

11. In what ways do you believe hunting impacts your deer populations (ie. compensatory/additive mortality, total population size, genetics, behaviour, etc.)? What data do you have to support this?

*Compensatory mortality*

12. What do you feel are the major factor(s) limiting the deer populations, and what evidence is this based on?

*Precipitation patterns. Drought cycles result in decreased deer populations and wet cycles result in increased deer populations.*

13. Do you make any attempts to model deer populations? If so, please describe the model. Identify any problems.

*Yes. Year to year accounting system using an initial population estimate, surveyed recruitment, harvest estimates from questionnaires, and estimates of natural mortality.*

14. What is your state or province's approach to manipulating habitat to benefit deer?

*We attempt to manipulate habitat through cooperative projects with the Land Management Agency. Projects include prescribed burns; waste developments; juniper eradication; etc.*

15. Primary deer research efforts underway at this time (please list):

*Little deer research is presently being conducted by our agency.*