

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

*Mule deer - stable/downward - dependant upon yearly weather variations. Goal: to maintain or allow increase.*

*White-tailed deer - stable/upward - dependant upon yearly weather variations. Goal: to maintain or increase.*

2. 1992 Hunting season statistics:

Type/length of season:	# of hunters afield:	# of hunter days:	Harvest		Total:
			Antler:	Antlerless:	
General	See attachment "A"		18,728	25,862	44,590
Controlled			3,884	3,731	7,651
Archery			1,628	1,387	3,015
Muzzleloader			<u>3,198</u>	<u>2,836</u>	<u>6,034</u>
	107,300	866,000	27,438	33,816	61,254

3. Method used to estimate harvest:

*Random telephone survey.*

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

*No.*

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

*Mule deer - No except for controlled hunts and to November 18 in seven backcountry units.*

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

# Antlered:	# Antlerless:	Total:
		1

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?

*Yes - Forked-horned only in 4 mule deer units with low security to increase buck escapement within general season framework. Any buck controlled hunts are offered during rut.*

*No - Measurement of illegal kill.*

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

*Offer 65 controlled hunts with nearly 11,000 permits. Regulations are meeting management objectives.*

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.?

*Indirectly, most access management is directed towards elk. Public reaction improves in time after closures are in place. Federal agencies primary enforcement with cooperation from state through interagency agreement.*

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?

*No.*

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?

*Uncertain if compensatory/additive. Population size and buck:doe ratios directly impacted by hunting mortality.*

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

*Habitat*

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

*No.*

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

*Through input to federal agencies, land management planning and implementation.*

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

*Mule deer sightability development, deer mortality and habitat use. Contact Jim Unsworth (208) 887-6729.*

*White tailed deer mortality. Contact Pete Zager (208) 743-6502.*

ATTACHMENT A

Type/Length of Season:

	<u>Mule Deer</u>	
Season	Season Dates	Season Length
Early archery	8/30-9/24	26 days
Controlled any legal weapon	9/24-10/22	30 days
General any legal weapon	9/15-11/18	65 days
General and controlled	10/5-18/19 or 29	15 or 25 days
General any legal weapon	10/15-11/3	20 days
General and controlled muzzleloader	11/10-11/24	15 days
Controlled any legal weapon	10/11-11/24	15 days
Late archery	11/10-11/24	15 days
	11/25-12/19	25 days

	<u>White-tailed Deer</u>	
Early archery	8/30-9/24	26 days
General any legal weapon	10/10-12/1	54 days
	11/1-12/1	31 days
	10/10-11/20	42 days
Muzzleloader	11/10-11/29	20 days
	11/25-12/9	15 days
Late archery	11/25-12/9	15 days