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Title 163 - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Chapter 4 - Wildlife Regulations

003 Antelope, Deer, Elk

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-308, 37-308.01, 37-314, 37-315, 37-317, 37-404, 37-406, 37-409, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-452, 37-453, 37-455, 37-455.01, 37-456, 37-529, 37-701, 37-706, 37-708. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 202 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

003.01 Application Periods

003.01A Deer and Antelope

003.01A1 Permit Applications:

Period 1: Third Monday in May beginning at 1 p.m. CST through the first Friday in June. Mail applications must be received in the Lincoln office of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission by 5 p.m. CST. Internet applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. CST. Residents and nonresidents may apply for one deer permit in the following draw units: DeSoto December Muzzleloader, Republican Mule Deer, Platte, Platte Mule Deer, Frenchman, and Frenchman Mule Deer. Residents and eligible resident and nonresident landowners may apply for one antelope permit in the following draw units: Banner North, Banner South, Box Butte East, Box Butte West, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dismal, Eastern Sandhills, Garden and North Sioux.

Applicants that were not issued a permit for any unit designated as draw units in the previous year will be given preference.

Period 2: Beginning the second Monday in July at 1 p.m. CST. Residents, nonresidents and eligible resident and nonresident landowners may purchase any remaining deer and antelope permits in any unit subject to availability and within permit limits described in 001.01B1.

003.01B Elk

003.01B1 Permit Applications for Residents (Other than Limited Landowner Permits):

Third Monday in May beginning at 1 p.m. CST through the first Friday in June. Mail applications must be received in the Lincoln office of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission by 5 p.m. CST. Internet applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. CST. Residents may apply for one permit.

Period 2: Beginning the second Monday in July at 1 p.m., residents may purchase any remaining permits in any unit subject to availability and within permit limits described in 001.01B1.

An applicant shall not be issued an antlerless elk permit more than once every five (5) years.

003.01B2 Limited Landowner Permit Applications for Residents and Nonresidents

Landowner elk applications must be received by the local Nebraska Game and Parks Commission District Office as specified for each elk unit by 5 p.m. local time at the close of the application period.

<u>NGPC District Office</u>	<u>Elk Units</u>
Alliance	Ash Creek, Bordeaux Creek, Hat Creek, North Platte River
Bassett	Niobrara River
Norfolk	Boyd
North Platte	Box Elder

Period 1: Third Monday in May beginning at 1 p.m. CST through the first Friday in June. Eligible resident and nonresident landowners may apply for one elk permit.

Period 2: Beginning the second Monday in July at 1 p.m. CST. Remaining elk permits are available to eligible resident and nonresident landowners.

003.02 Antelope Rifle

003.02A Open Season:

003.02A1 October Season: Sixteen (16) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in October in all units not specified in 003.02A2 or 003.02A3, and within unit boundaries described in 003.02F.

003.02A2 October Late Season: Beginning the second Saturday in October through ~~the Friday before November Firearm deer season (003.05A)~~ January 31 in Cherry Late and ~~Dismal~~ Cheyenne Late units as described in 003.02F.

003.02A3 November Late Season: Beginning November 1 through January 31 in Box Butte East Late, Box Butte West Late, Box Butte West River Late and North Sioux Late units as described in 003.02F.

003.02B Area and Permits: Management Unit boundaries are described in 003.02F.

003.02B1 Firearm Seasons:

Management Unit	Buck Only	Either Sex	Doe/Fawn
Banner North	0	76	0
Banner South	0	44	0
Box Butte East	0	22 30	0
Box Butte East Late	0	0	26
Box Butte West	0	44 50	0
Box Butte West Late	0	0	20
Box Butte West River Late	0	0	10
Cherry	0	90 100	0
Cherry Late	0	0	26
Cheyenne	0	26 30	0
Cheyenne Late	0	0	10
Dismal	0	16	0
Dismal Late	0	0	20 0
Eastern Sandhills	20 14	0	0
Garden	0	36 30	0
North Sioux	0	110	0
North Sioux Late	0	0	60

003.02B2 Landowner Permits:

Landowner permits shall be either sex permits except that permits issued for units with a doe/fawn allocation shall be doe/fawn permits.

003.02B3 Permit Bag Limit: One antelope with horns longer than ears on permits designated as Buck Only; one antelope of either sex on permits so designated Either Sex; one antelope with no horns or with horns shorter than the ears on permits designated Doe/Fawn Only.

003.02C Shooting hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.02D Weapons Allowed: Firearms and archery equipment as specified in 001.01B2 and 001.01B3.

003.02E Area Open: Entire State except Federal or State sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

003.02F Management Unit Boundaries

003.02F1 Banner North

Banner County and those parts of Cheyenne, Kimball, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff counties west of NE Hwy. 19 and U.S. Hwy. 385, south of the North Platte River, and north of I-80.

003.02F2 Banner South

Those parts of Cheyenne and Kimball counties south of I-80 and west of NE Hwy. 19.

003.02F3 Box Butte East

Those parts of Box Butte, Dawes and Sheridan counties enclosed by a line commencing at the junction of the Pine Ridge escarpments and U.S. Hwy. 20 (10 miles SE of Chadron), then west along the Pine Ridge escarpment to U.S. Hwy. 385, then south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to State Conn. Link L-7E, then east on State Conn. Link L-7E to NE Hwy. 87, then south on NE Hwy. 87 to NE Hwy. 2, then east on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 250, then north on NE Hwy. 250 to U.S. Hwy. 20, then west on U.S. Hwy. 20 to the junction of the Pine Ridge escarpment and U.S. Hwy. 20 (10 miles SE of Chadron).

003.02F4 Box Butte East Late

Those parts of Box Butte and Sheridan counties enclosed by a line beginning at the junction of Dodge Road and NE Hwy. 87 (16 mile corner), then north to the Dawes county line, then due east on the Dawes/Box Butte county line to approximately 22 miles to NE Hwy. 250 at a trail junction 3.5 miles north of Smith Lake Wildlife Management Area, then south 11 miles on NE Hwy. 250 to a trail junction 7.5 miles south of Smith Lake Wildlife Management Area, then due west on a line to the junction of Dodge Road and NE Hwy. 87.

003.02F5 Box Butte West and Box Butte West Late

Those parts of Box Butte, Dawes, Morrill, Scotts Bluff and Sioux counties included within the following boundaries: from the junction of U.S. Hwy. 20 with the Nebraska-Wyoming state line, then east on U.S. Hwy. 20 to U.S. Hwy. 385, then south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to State Conn. Link L-7E, then east on State Conn. Link L-7E to NE Hwy. 87, then south on NE Hwy. 87 to NE Hwy. 2, then west on NE Hwy. 2 to U.S. Hwy. 385, then south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to the North Platte River, then west along the North Platte River to the Nebraska-Wyoming state line, except that part of Dawes County south of U.S. Hwy. 20, east of NE Hwy. 2, west of U.S. Hwy. 385, and north of the Pine Ridge escarpment.

003.02F6 Box Butte West River Late

Those parts of the Box Butte West (003.02F5) within five (5) miles of the banks of the Niobrara River from NE Hwy. 29 west to the Nebraska-Wyoming border.

003.02F6 003.02F7 Cherry

Those parts of Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, and Sheridan counties included within a line from the South Dakota border at NE Hwy. 87, thence south on NE Hwy. 87 to U.S. Hwy. 20, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 20 to NE Hwy. 250, thence south on NE Hwy. 250 and its connecting road to NE Hwy. 2, thence east on NE Hwy. 2 to U.S. Hwy. 83, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 83 to the South Dakota border.

003.02F7 003.02F8 Cherry Late

Those parts of Cherry and Sheridan Counties east of NE Hwy. 87, west of U.S. Hwy. 83 and north of the Niobrara River.

003.02F8 003.02F9 Cheyenne and Cheyenne Late

Those parts of Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, Morrill, and Keith counties east of U.S. Hwy. 385 and NE Hwy. 19, south of the North Platte River, and west of a line commencing at the junction of NE Hwy. 61 with the North Platte River, thence south

on NE Hwy. 61 to U.S. Hwy. 30, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 30 to U.S. Hwy. 138, thence southwest on U.S Hwy. 138 to the Nebraska-Colorado state line.

003.02F9 003.02F10 Dismal and Dismal Late

McPherson County and those parts of Arthur, Custer, Dawson, Grant, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, and Thomas counties enclosed within the following boundaries: from the junction of NE Hwy. 2 and NE Hwy. 61, thence south on NE Hwy. 61 to the North Platte River, thence east along the North Platte River and Platte River to NE Hwy. 47, thence north along NE Hwy. 47 and NE Hwy. 40 to NE Hwy. 92, thence west on NE Hwy. 92 to U.S. Hwy. 83, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 83 to NE Hwy. 2, thence west on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 61.

003.02F10 003.02F11 Garden

Those parts of Arthur, Box Butte, Garden, Grant, Keith, Morrill, and Sheridan counties south of NE Hwy. 2, west of NE Hwy. 61, north of Lake McConaughy and the North Platte River, and east of U.S. Hwy. 385.

003.02F11 003.02F12 North Sioux

Those parts of Dawes, Sioux, and Sheridan counties north and west of a line beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 20 and the Nebraska/Wyoming state line, then east on U.S. Hwy. 20 to NE Hwy. 2, then south on NE Hwy. 2 to the Pine Ridge escarpment, then east along the Pine Ridge escarpment to U.S. Hwy. 20 (10 miles SE of Chadron), then east on U.S. Hwy. 20 to NE Hwy. 87, then north to the Nebraska/South Dakota border. Fort Robinson State Park and Fort Robinson Wildlife Management Area are excluded from this unit.

003.02F12 003.02F13 North Sioux Late

That portion of the North Sioux Unit within five (5) miles north and five (5) miles south of U.S. Hwy. 20, between the Dawes-Sioux county line on the west and the Davenport County Road on the east. Fort Robinson State Park, Fort Robinson Wildlife Management Area, and Bordeaux Creek Wildlife Management Area are excluded from this unit.

~~003.02F13~~ 003.002F14 Eastern Sandhills

Blaine, Brown, Keya Paha and Rock counties and those parts of Cherry, Thomas, Custer, Logan, Loup, Garfield and Holt counties enclosed within the following boundary: from the South Dakota border at NE Hwy. 83, thence south on NE Hwy. 83 to NE Hwy. 92, thence east on NE Hwy. 92 to U.S. Hwy 2, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 70, thence east on NE Hwy. 70 to U.S. Hwy. 183, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 183 to NE Hwy. 91, thence east on NE Hwy. 91 to NE Hwy. 11, thence north on NE Hwy. 11 to the South Dakota border. The Bessey Division of the Nebraska National Forest in Blaine and Thomas counties shall be closed to hunting.

003.03 Antelope Archery

003.03A Open Season: August 20 through December 31.

003.03B Area Open: Entire State except Fort Robinson State Park, Fort Robinson Wildlife Management Area, Federal or State sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

003.03C Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: Unlimited. Personal limits apply, see 001.01B1.

003.03D Permit Bag Limit: One antelope of either sex, except, on the Bessey Division of the Nebraska National Forest, the limit shall be one antelope with horns longer than ears.

003.03E Shooting hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.03F Weapons allowed: Archery equipment as specified in 001.01B2 and 001.01B3.

003.03G Youth Archery Permits

003.03G1 Eligibility: Resident and nonresident youth aged 12 through 15. Youth age 16 may hunt on youth antelope permits provided they are age 15 when they apply and provided they are age 15 on August 20 of the calendar year.

003.03G2 Regulations as specified for Antelope Archery (003.03) are in effect.

003.04 Antelope Muzzleloader

003.04A Open Season: Sixteen (16) consecutive days beginning the third Saturday in September.

003.04B Area Open:

003.04B1 North Sioux Muzzleloader

003.04B1a Management Unit as described in 003.02F11 for the North Sioux Unit except Fort Robinson State Park, Fort Robinson Wildlife Management Area, Federal or State sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

003.04B1b Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: 28 Either Sex. Personal limits apply, see 001.01B1.

003.04B2 Prairie Muzzleloader

003.04B2a Entire State excluding area as described in 003.04B1a except Federal or State sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized. The Bessey Division of the Nebraska National Forest in Blaine and Thomas counties shall be closed to hunting.

003.04B2b Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: 94 Either Sex. Personal limits apply, see 001.01B1.

003.04C Permit Bag Limit: One antelope with horns longer than ears, except that one antelope of either sex may be taken on permits so designated. Land Owner permits shall be either sex.

003.04D Shooting hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.04E Permit Application: For application purposes, muzzleloader permits shall be classed as firearm permits, and provisions for application for these permits shall be the same as prescribed in 001.01A. Unsold North Sioux muzzleloader Land Owner permits may be made available as North Sioux Firearm Land Owner permits beginning in Period 2 (003.01B).

003.04F Weapons Allowed: Muzzleloading equipment as specified in 001.01B2 and 001.01B3.

003.05 Deer November Firearm

003.05A Open Season: Nine (9) consecutive days beginning the Saturday closest to November 13.

003.05B Areas and Permits: Management Unit and Season Choice Area boundaries are described in 003.05F. Statewide permits are valid for the entire state except Federal and State sanctuaries unless otherwise authorized. The abbreviations used in the permit table are defined as follows:

Abbreviation	Abbreviation Defined
Any Deer	Any mule deer or whitetail deer
Any Deer ²	Any deer except antlerless mule deer
AO	Antlerless Only
WT	Whitetail
MD	Mule Deer
Buck	See <u>003.05D</u> for specific definition
SCA	Season Choice Area
ALESS	Antlerless

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SW	Statewide

Permits for Management Units:

Management Unit	Number	Bag Limit
Blue Northwest	2700	Any deer + 1 AO
	2450	
Blue Southeast	3900	Any deer + 1 AO
	3500	
Buffalo Whitetail	1750	1 WT + 1 AOWT
	1550	
Calamus East	1300	Any deer ² + 1 AOWT
	1150	
Calamus West	1800	Any deer ² + 1 AOWT
	1450	
Elkhorn	3600	Any deer ² + 1 ALESS
	3250	
Frenchman Whitetail	1600	1 WT + 1 AOWT
Keya Paha	2300	Any deer ² + 1 AOWT
	2050	
Loup East	2400	Any deer ² + 1 AOWT
	2150	
Loup West	1700	Any deer ² + 1 AOWT
	1350	
Missouri	3200	Any deer ² + 1 AOWT
	2900	
Pine Ridge	2800	Any deer
	2600	
Plains	1500	Any deer
Platte Whitetail	1600	1 WT + 1 AOWT
	1450	
Republican Whitetail	3000	1 WT + 1 AOWT
Sandhills	2400	Any deer + 1 AOWT
	2150	
Upper Platte	1200	Any deer
Wahoo	4500	Any deer + 1 ALESS
	4050	
Restricted SW Buck	Unlimited	1 Buck (003.05E)
NR Statewide Buck	Unlimited	1 MD or WT Buck

003.05C Season Choice Areas: These permits are for Antlerless Only deer. Persons with permits for the following areas may hunt with weapons legally prescribed for archery hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in 003.06A, and with weapons legally prescribed for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in 003.07A, and with weapons legally prescribed for archery and firearm hunting season (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the November firearm deer season (003.05A) and for twenty-four (24) consecutive days beginning December 26. Shooting hours and application procedures are the same as those prescribed for the regular firearm season. An antlerless deer is one which has no antlers or with antlers less than six (6) inches in length. Federal or state sanctuaries and refuges are closed unless otherwise authorized. The abbreviations used in the permit table below are defined as follows:

Abbreviation	Abbreviation Defined
Any Deer	Any mule deer or whitetail deer
Any Deer ²	Any deer except antlerless mule deer
AO	Antlerless Only
WT	Whitetail
MD	Mule Deer
Buck	See <u>003.05D</u> for specific definition
SCA	Season Choice Area
ALESS	Antlerless
NR	Nonresident
SW	Statewide

Permits for Season Choice Areas:

Season Choice Area	Number	Bag Limit
AO SCA Blue Northwest	2000	2 AOWT 1 AOWT
AO SCA Blue Southeast	2400	2 AOWT 1 AOWT
AO SCA Buffalo	250	2 AOWT
AO SCA Calamus East	200	2 AOWT
AO SCA Calamus West	150	2 AOWT
AO SCA Elkhorn	1800	2 AOWT
AO SCA Frenchman	1000 1400	2 AOWT
AO SCA Keya Paha	250	2 AOWT
AO SCA Loup East	750	2 AOWT

AO SCA Loup West	250	1 AO + 1 AOWT
AO SCA Missouri	750	2 AOWT
AO SCA Pine Ridge	640 100	1 AO + 1 AOWT
AO SCA WT Pine Ridge	640	2 AOWT
AO SCA Plains	480	2 AO
AO SCA Platte	800	2 AOWT
AO SCA Republican	2000	2 AOWT
AO SCA Sandhills	350 100	1 AO + 1 AOWT
AO SCA WT Sandhills	350	2 AOWT
AO SCA Upper Platte	240	1 AO
AO SCA Wahoo	2100	2 AOWT

003.05D Permit Bag Limit: Any reference to "buck" is defined as a deer having at least one antler six (6) inches or more in length. Any reference to antlerless is defined as a deer having no antlers or antlers no more than six (6) inches in length.

003.05E Restricted Statewide Buck

Persons who receive a Restricted Statewide Buck permit may take a buck statewide provided that a mule deer buck may not be taken in the Mule Deer Conservation Area (003.11I).

003.05F Nonresident Statewide Buck

Persons who receive a Nonresident Statewide Buck permit must be a nonresident of the state of Nebraska and may take a mule deer buck or whitetail buck statewide. **No person may obtain more than one Nonresident Statewide Buck permit.**

003.05G Shooting hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.05H Weapons Allowed: Firearms and archery equipment as specified in 001.01B2 and 001.01B3.

003.05I Management Unit Boundaries. Federal and state sanctuaries and refuges are closed, unless otherwise authorized. The abbreviations used in the Management Unit Boundaries are defined as follows:

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Any Deer ²	Any deer except antlerless mule deer
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WT	Whitetail
MD	Mule Deer
Buck	See 003.05D for specific definition
SCA	Season Choice Area
ALESS	Antlerless
NR	Nonresident
SW	Statewide

003.05I1 Blue Northwest and AO SCA Blue Northwest Saline County and those portions of Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Otoe, Seward, Thayer and York counties which are enclosed by a line commencing at the junction of NE Hwy. 4 with U.S. Hwy. 81, thence eastward on NE Hwy. 4 to U.S. Hwy. 136, thence eastward on U.S. Hwy. 136 to NE Hwy. 50, thence north on NE Hwy. 50 to U.S. Hwy. 34, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 34 to U.S. Hwy. 81, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 81 to NE Hwy. 4.

003.05I2 Blue Southeast and AO SCA Blue Southeast Nemaha, Pawnee, and Richardson counties and those parts of Cass, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Otoe, and Thayer counties which are south and east of a line commencing at U.S. Hwy. 81 at the Kansas-Nebraska state line, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 81 to NE Hwy. 4, thence eastward on NE Hwy. 4 to U.S. Hwy. 136, thence eastward on U.S. Hwy. 136 to NE Hwy. 50, thence north on NE Hwy. 50 to U.S. Hwy. 34, thence easterly on U.S. Hwy. 34 to the Nebraska-Iowa state line.

003.05I3 Buffalo and AO SCA Buffalo Those parts of Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Custer, Dawson, Frontier, Gosper, Hall, Hamilton, Kearney, Merrick, Phelps, and Sherman counties enclosed by the following boundaries: from the junction of NE Hwy. 40 with NE Hwy. 92, thence south on NE Hwy. 40 to NE Hwy. 47, thence south on NE Hwy. 47 to NE Hwy.23, thence east on NE

Hwy. 23 to U.S. Hwy. 6, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 6 to NE Hwy. 14, thence north on NE Hwy. 14 to U.S. Hwy. 30, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 30 to NE Hwy. 2, thence west on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 92, thence west on NE Hwy. 92 to NE Hwy. 40.

003.05I4 Calamus East and AO SCA Calamus East

Those parts of Antelope, Boone, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, and Wheeler counties south of U.S. Hwy. 20, east of NE Hwy. 11, north of NE Hwy. 91, and west of NE Hwy. 14.

003.05I5 Calamus West and AO SCA Calamus West

Those parts of Blaine, Brown, Cherry, Garfield, Holt, Loup, Rock, and Thomas counties enclosed by the following boundaries: from the junction of U.S. Hwy. 83 with U.S. Hwy. 20, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 83 to the Dismal River, thence east along the north side of the Dismal River to NE Hwy. 2, thence north on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 91, thence east on NE Hwy. 91 to NE Hwy. 11, thence north on NE Hwy. 11 to U.S. Hwy. 20, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 20 to U.S. Hwy. 83, except that Valentine National Wildlife Refuge and Bessey Division of the Nebraska National Forest shall be closed to the use of bonus antlerless tags or bonus antlerless whitetail tags and Season Choice antlerless only permits.

003.05I6 Elkhorn and AO SCA Elkhorn

Burt, Cuming, Madison, Stanton, Thurston, and Wayne counties and those parts of Antelope, Boone, Cedar, Colfax, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Pierce, Platte, and Washington counties included within the following boundaries: from the junction of NE Hwy. 14 with U.S. Hwy. 20, thence south on NE Hwy. 14 to NE Hwy. 91, thence east on NE Hwy. 91 to U.S. Hwy. 81, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 81 to U.S. Hwy. 30, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 30 to the Nebraska-Iowa state line, thence north along said state line to U.S. Hwy. 20, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 20 to NE Hwy. 14.

003.05I7 Frenchman and AO SCA Frenchman

Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow counties and those parts of Dawson, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Lincoln, and Perkins counties south of NE Hwy. 23 and west of U.S. Hwy. 283, provided that Medicine Creek SRA/WMA, Red Willow SRA/WMA, Enders SRA/WMA and Swanson SRA/WMA shall be closed to the use of Season Choice Antlerless permits.

003.05I8 Keya Paha and AO SCA Keya Paha

Keya Paha County and those parts of Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, and Rock counties east of U.S. Hwy. 83, north of U.S. Hwy. 20, and west of U.S. Hwy. 281.

003.05I9 Loup East and AO SCA Loup East

Howard and Nance counties and those parts of Boone, Buffalo, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Merrick, Platte, Sherman, Valley, and Wheeler counties included within the following boundaries: from the junction of NE Hwy. 70 with NE Hwy. 91 west of Ericson, thence south on NE Hwy. 70 to NE Hwy. 58, thence south on NE Hwy. 58 to NE Hwy. 10, thence south and west on NE Hwy. 10 to NE Hwy. 2, thence east on NE Hwy. 2 to U.S. Hwy. 30, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 30 to U.S. Hwy. 81, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 81 to NE Hwy. 91, thence west on NE Hwy. 91 to its junction with NE Hwy. 70 west of Ericson.

003.05I10 Loup West and AO SCA Loup West

Those parts of Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Logan, Loup, Sherman, Thomas, and Valley counties enclosed by the following boundaries: from the junction of U.S. Hwy. 83 with the Dismal River, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 83 to NE Hwy. 92, thence east on NE Hwy. 92 to NE Hwy. 2, thence east on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 10, thence east and north on NE Hwy. 10 to NE Hwy. 58, thence north on NE Hwy. 58 to NE Hwy. 70, thence north on NE Hwy. 70 to NE Hwy. 91, thence west on NE Hwy. 91 to NE Hwy. 2, thence south on NE Hwy. 2 to the Dismal River, thence west along the south side of the Dismal River to U.S. Hwy. 83.

003.05I11 Missouri and AO SCA Missouri

Knox County and those parts of Antelope, Boyd, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Holt, and Pierce counties north of U.S. Hwy. 20 and east of U.S. Hwy. 281.

003.05I12 Pine Ridge and AO SCA Pine Ridge

Those parts of Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan, and Sioux counties north of the Niobrara River and west of NE Hwy. 27.

003.05I13 Plains and AO SCA Plains

Those parts of Arthur, Box Butte, Dawes, Garden, Grant, Keith, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux counties included within the following boundaries: from the junction of U.S. Hwy. 26 with Nebraska-Wyoming state line, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 26 to State Link 62A, thence east on State Link 62A to U.S. Hwy. 385, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to U.S. Hwy. 26, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 26 to NE Hwy. 92, thence east on NE Hwy. 92 to NE Hwy. 61, thence north on NE Hwy. 61 to NE Hwy. 2, thence west on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 27, thence north on NE Hwy. 27 to the Niobrara River, thence west along the south side of the Niobrara River to the Nebraska-Wyoming state line.

003.05I14 Platte and AO SCA Platte

Those parts of Arthur, Custer, Dawson, Deuel, Frontier, Garden, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, and Perkins counties south of NE Hwy. 92, west of NE Hwys. 40 and 47, north of NE Hwy. 23, and east of a line commencing at the junction of NE Hwy. 27 and NE Hwy. 92, thence south on NE Hwy. 27 to U.S. Hwy. 30, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 30 to U.S. Hwy. 385, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to the Nebraska- Colorado state line.

003.05I15 Republican and AO SCA Republican

Franklin, Harlan, Nuckolls, and Webster counties and those parts of Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Furnas, Gosper, Hamilton, Kearney, Phelps, Thayer, and

York counties east of U.S. Hwy. 283, west of U.S. Hwy. 81, and south of a line commencing at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 81 with U.S. Hwy. 34, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 34 to NE Hwy. 14, thence south on NE Hwy. 14 to U.S. Hwy. 6, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 6 to NE Hwy. 23, thence west on NE Hwy. 23 to U.S. Hwy. 283, provided that Harlan County Reservoir Corps of Engineers lands shall be closed to the use of Season Choice antlerless permits.

003.05I16 Sandhills and AO SCA Sandhills

Hooker County and those parts of Arthur, Cherry, Grant, Logan, McPherson, Sheridan, and Thomas counties included within the following boundaries: from the junction of NE Hwy. 27 with the Nebraska-South Dakota state line, thence south on NE Hwy. 27 to NE Hwy. 2, thence east on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 61, thence south on NE Hwy. 61 to NE Hwy. 92, thence east on NE Hwy. 92 to U.S. Hwy. 83, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 83 to the Nebraska-South Dakota state line, except that Valentine National Wildlife Refuge and Samuel McKelvie National Forest shall be closed to the use of bonus antlerless tags or bonus antlerless whitetail tags and Season Choice antlerless only permits.

003.05I17 Upper Platte and AO SCA Upper Platte

Banner, Cheyenne, and Kimball counties and those parts of Deuel, Garden, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff counties south and west of a line commencing at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 26 with the Nebraska-Wyoming state line, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 26 to State Link 62A, thence east on State Link 62A to U.S. Hwy. 385, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to U.S. Hwy. 26, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 26 to NE Hwy. 27, thence south on NE Hwy. 27 to U.S. Hwy. 30, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 30 to U.S. Hwy. 385, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to the Nebraska-Colorado state line.

003.05I18 Wahoo and AO SCA Wahoo

Butler, Douglas, Polk, Sarpy, and Saunders counties and those parts of Cass, Colfax, Dodge, Hamilton, Lancaster, Merrick, Platte, Seward, Washington, and York counties south of U.S. Hwy. 30, east of NE Hwy. 14, and north of U.S. Hwy. 34 except for the Gifford tract which includes all land owned by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Educational Service Unit Number Three on Sec. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 in T14N R14E of the 6th P.M.

003.05I19 AO SCA Frenchman West: That portion of the Frenchman Unit (003.05I7) ~~north of US Highway 34 and~~ west of U.S. Hwy. 83. Three hundred (300) permits for one (1) antlerless deer, but not valid on the Red Willow SRA/WMA, Swanson SRA/WMA or the Enders SRA/WMA.

003.05I20 AO SCA Platte North: That portion of the Platte Unit (003.05I14) ~~north of the Platte River and North Platte River~~ north of U.S. Hwy. 30, south of NE Hwy. 92, east of NE Hwy. 27 and west of NE Hwy. 40/47. Three hundred (300) permits for two (2) antlerless deer.

003.05I21 AO SCA Buffalo North: That portion of the Buffalo Unit (003.05I3) which is north of U.S. Hwy. 30 and west of NE Hwy. 21. One hundred fifty (150) permits for one (1) antlerless deer.

003.06 Deer - Archery

003.06A Open Season: September 15 through December 31, 2013, and September 1 through December 31, 2014 and thereafter, provided that special season dates apply to the Gifford Wildlife Management Area (003.11D1) and the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge (003.11C1).

003.06B Area Open: Entire state except Federal or State sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized. Bonus antlerless permits are not valid on Bessey National Forest, McKelvie National Forest, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge.

003.06C Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: Unlimited. Personal limits apply, see 001.01B1.

003.06D Permit Bag Limit: One deer of either sex ~~and one antlerless whitetail deer~~, provided that a buck may not be taken in January. Any reference to antlerless is defined as a deer having no antlers or antlers no more than six (6) inches in length, ~~provided that a mule deer may not be taken in the Mule Deer Conservation Area (003.11I)~~.

003.06E Shooting hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.06F Weapons Allowed: Archery equipment as specified in 001.01B2 and 001.01B3.

003.06G Hunter orange shall not be required of archers hunting deer with weapons described for archery hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the ~~October 1-10 River~~ Antlerless ~~Only~~ Season (~~003.11H1~~ 003.11G1).

003.07 Deer Muzzleloading Season

003.07A Open Season: December 1 through December 31, inclusive.

003.07A1 Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: Unlimited. Personal limits apply, see 001.01B1.

003.07A2 Permit Bag Limit: One deer of either sex ~~provided that a mule deer may not be taken in the Mule Deer Conservation Area (003.11H) and one antlerless whitetail deer~~. Any reference to antlerless is defined as a deer having no antlers or antlers no more than six (6) inches in length, ~~provided that a mule deer may not be taken in the Mule Deer Conservation Area (003.11I)~~.

003.07B Area Open: Entire State except Federal or State sanctuaries and refuges unless otherwise authorized. Bonus antlerless permits are not valid on Bessey National Forest, McKelvie National Forest, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge.

003.07C Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.07D Weapons Allowed: Muzzleloading equipment as specified in 001.01B2 and 001.01B3.

003.08 Youth Deer Season

003.08A Eligibility: Youth aged 10 through 15. Youth age 16 may hunt on youth deer permits provided they are age 15 when they apply and provided they are age 15 on September 15 of the calendar year.

003.08B Open Season: Persons with youth deer permits may hunt with weapons legally prescribed for archery hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in 003.06A, and with weapons legally prescribed for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in 003.07A, and with weapons legally prescribed for archery and firearm hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the November firearm deer season (003.05A) and for twenty-four (24) consecutive days beginning December 26.

003.08B1 Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: Unlimited. Personal limits apply, see 001.01B1. No person may obtain more than one Youth permit that allows the take of a mule deer buck.

003.08B1a Youth Whitetail Permit Bag Limit: One whitetail deer ~~and one antlerless whitetail deer~~ provided that a buck may not be taken in January and provided that bucks taken December 26-31 may be taken only by archery or muzzleloader. Any reference to antlerless is defined as a deer having no antlers or antlers no more than six (6) inches in length.

003.08B1b Resident Youth Deer Permit Bag Limit: One deer of either sex ~~and one antlerless whitetail deer~~ provided that a

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buck may not be taken in January and provided that bucks taken December 26-31 may be taken only by archery or muzzleloader. Any reference to antlerless is defined as a deer having no antlers or antlers no more than six (6) inches in length.

003.08B1c Nonresident Restricted Youth Deer Permit Bag Limit: One deer of either sex ~~and one antlerless whitetail deer~~ provided that a buck may not be taken in January and provided that bucks taken December 26-31 may be taken only by archery or muzzleloader. Any reference to antlerless is defined as a deer having no antlers or antlers no more than six (6) inches in length.

003.08C Area Open: Entire state except Federal or State sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized. Bonus antlerless permits are not valid on Bessey National Forest, McKelvie National Forest, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. Nonresident Restricted Youth Deer permits are not valid in Draw Units listed in 003.01A1.

003.08D Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.09 Landowner Deer Season: No person may apply for or obtain more than one limited landowner permit per year for deer.

003.09A Open Season: Persons with landowner deer permits may hunt with weapons legally prescribed for archery hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in 003.06A, and with weapons legally prescribed for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in 003.07A, and with weapons legally prescribed for archery and firearm hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the November firearm deer season (003.05A) and for twenty-four (24) consecutive days beginning December 26.

003.09B Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: Unlimited. Personal limits apply, see 001.01B1.

003.09C Permit Bag Limit: One deer of either sex and one antlerless deer, provided that a buck may not be taken in January and provided that bucks taken December 26-31 may be taken only by archery or muzzleloader.

003.09D Area Open: Entire state. Persons who obtain a limited landowner permit may hunt on lands described on their application.

003.09E Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.10 Statewide Whitetail Buck

003.10A Open Season: Persons with Statewide Whitetail Buck deer permits may hunt with weapons legally prescribed for archery hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in (003.06A), and with weapons legally prescribed for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in (003.07A), and with weapons legally prescribed for archery and firearm hunting season (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the November firearm deer season (003.05A).

003.10B Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: Unlimited. Personal limits apply, see 001.01B1.

003.10C Permit Bag Limit: One whitetail buck ~~and one antlerless whitetail deer~~. Any reference to antlerless is defined as a deer having no antlers or antlers no more than six (6) inches in length.

003.10D Area Open: Entire state except Federal or State sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized. Bonus antlerless permits are not valid on Bessey National Forest, McKelvie National Forest, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge.

003.10E Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.11 Deer - Special Area Provisions

Regulations pertaining to permit bag limits define a buck as a deer having at least one antler six (6) inches or more in length and an antlerless deer defined as a deer with no antlers or antlers no more than six (6) inches in length.

003.11A The Dodge-Saunders County Game Refuge, described in section 37-706 and the North Platte River Refuge, described in section 37-706, shall be open to hunting deer during all established deer seasons.

003.11B The Garden County Game Refuge. Archery hunting for deer shall be permitted on the Garden County Game Refuge, as described in section 37-706, from September 15 through October 31. ~~Firearm hunting for deer shall be permitted on that portion of the Garden County Refuge located within the Clear Creek Refuge (022.02A) October 1-10 in the River Antlerless season (003.11H), in accordance with 022.02A1 and 022.02A2.~~

003.11C DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge
Those lands within and designated as open by the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge.

003.11C1 Archery: Those lands within and designated as open by the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge shall be open to archery deer hunting in accordance with all pertinent state regulations except that season dates shall be September 15 through December 31. See 003.06A.

003.11C2 Muzzleloader Seasons: Shooting hours and application procedures are the same as those prescribed for the regular firearm season. Legal weapons as specified for statewide muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3).

003.11C2a DeSoto October: October ~~20~~ 19 and ~~21~~ 20. One hundred ~~forty~~ (~~140~~ 100) permits with a bag limit of two antlerless deer.

003.11C2b DeSoto October Late: Zero (0) permits are authorized.

003.11C2c DeSoto December: ~~December 8 and 9~~
Zero (0) permits are authorized. One hundred
(100) permits with a bag limit of one either
sex deer and one antlerless deer.

003.11C2d DeSoto January: Zero (0) permits are authorized.

003.11D Gifford Wildlife Management Area: Special deer hunting regulations shall be in effect on the Gifford Wildlife Management Area in Sarpy County, which includes all land owned by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Educational Service Unit Number Three on Sec. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 in T14N R14E of the 6th P.M.

003.11D1 Archery: Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable state regulations except that season dates shall be September 15 through December 31. See 003.06A.

003.11D2 Muzzleloader: Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable state regulations for muzzleloader (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) hunting during the statewide muzzleloader season (003.07A) and the January portion (003.11G) of AO SCA Wahoo (003.05H18).

003.11E Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge

003.11E1 Area Open: Special deer hunting regulations shall be in effect on lands within and designated as open by the Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge.

003.11E2 Seasons

003.11E2a Boyer Chute October: Zero (0) permits are authorized. Legal weapons as

specified for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3).

003.11E2b Boyer Chute November: Zero (0) permits are authorized. Legal weapons as specified for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3).

003.11E2c Boyer Chute December: Zero (0) permits are authorized. Legal weapons as specified for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3).

003.11F Pine Ridge Special Areas

003.11F1 Special deer hunting regulations shall be in effect for all federal and state-owned lands open to public hunting within the Pine Ridge Unit as described in (003.05I12) and for that portion of the Pine Ridge (003.05I12) that is north of U.S. Hwy. 20 and west of NE Hwy. 71.

003.11F2 Harvest of antlerless mule deer is prohibited, except that landowners hunting under the authority of a Landowner's permit are exempted (003.09).

003.11G River Antlerless

003.11G1 Open Season: Persons with River Antlerless permits may hunt with weapons legally prescribed for archery hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in 003.06A, and with weapons legally prescribed for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in 003.07A, and with weapons legally prescribed for archery and firearm hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the November firearm deer season (003.05A) and for twenty-four (24) consecutive days beginning December 26 and for ten (10) consecutive days beginning October 1.

003.11G2 Number of Permits Authorized for Issuance: ~~4500~~ 5500.

003.11G3 Permit Bag Limit: Two antlerless whitetail deer. Any reference to an antlerless deer is one which has no antlers or with antlers less than six (6) inches in length.

003.11G4 Areas Open:

Those areas of Nebraska within: (Missouri River Region)

That portion of Nebraska east of a boundary commencing with U.S. Hwy. 281 from the South Dakota border, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 281 to NE Hwy. 12, thence east on NE Hwy. 12 to U.S. Hwy. 20, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 20 to U.S. Hwy. 75, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 75 to NE Hwy. 133, thence south on NE Hwy. 133 to U.S. Hwy. 6, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 6 to Interstate 480, thence south on Interstate 480 to U.S. Hwy. 75, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 75 to NE Hwy. 67, thence east and south on NE Hwy. 67 to U.S. Hwy. 136, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 136 to NE Hwy. 67, thence south on NE Hwy. 67 to U.S. Hwy. 73, thence east and south on U.S. Hwy. 73 to the Kansas border.

Three (3) miles of the landward banks of the Platte River, North Platte River, South Platte River, Republican River, Loup and the Keya Paha Rivers.

The South Loup River from the mouth to NE Hwy. 2.

The Niobrara River from the mouth to NE Hwy. 61 27.

The Elkhorn River from the mouth to NE Hwy. 11.

The North Loup River from the mouth to NE Hwy. 7.

The Cedar River from the mouth to NE Hwy. 11.

The Middle Loup River from the mouth to NE Hwy. 70 2.

The White River between the intersection of the White River and NE Hwy. 71 northeasterly to the

intersection of the White River and the Nebraska/South Dakota state line.

All state and federal public lands are closed ~~except as described for the Garden County Refuge (003.11B).~~

003.11G5 Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

003.11H Mule Deer Conservation Units

Persons with permits for the following areas may hunt with weapons legally prescribed for archery hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during dates shown in (003.06A) and with weapons legally prescribed for muzzleloader hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in (003.07A) and with weapons legally prescribed for archery and firearm hunting (001.01B2 and 001.01B3) during the dates shown in (003.05A).

003.11H1 Frenchman: Area as described for the Frenchman Unit (003.05I7). One thousand five hundred (1,500) permits for one (1) mule deer buck or one (1) whitetail deer and one (1) antlerless whitetail deer. No person may obtain more than one Frenchman permit that allows the take of a mule deer buck.

003.11H2 Platte: Area as described for the Platte Unit (003.05I14). One thousand two hundred (1,200) permits for one (1) mule deer buck or one (1) whitetail deer and one (1) antlerless whitetail deer. No person may obtain more than one Platte permit that allows the take of a mule deer buck.

003.11H3 Buffalo: Area as described for the Buffalo Unit (003.05I3). One thousand six hundred (1,600) permits for one (1) mule deer buck or one (1) whitetail deer and one (1) antlerless whitetail deer. No person may obtain more than one Buffalo permit that allows the take of a mule deer buck.

003.11H4 Republican Mule Deer Buck: Area as described for the Republican Unit (003.05I15). One hundred (100) permits for one (1) mule deer buck. No person may obtain more than one Republican permit that allows the take of a mule deer buck.

003.11I Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge shall be closed to the harvest of antlerless mule deer.

003.12 Elk

003.12A Open Season: Bull

~~All units, thirty (30) consecutive days beginning the last Saturday in September.~~

003.12A1 Firearm season, all units: Thirty (30) consecutive days beginning the last Saturday in September.

003.12A2 Archery season, all units: Beginning September 15, closing on the last day of firearm season for bulls (003.12A1).

003.12B Open Season: Cow

~~All units, thirty (30) consecutive days beginning the last Saturday in September and December 1 through December 31.~~

All units, beginning August 15 and closing on the last day of firearm season for bulls (003.12A1) and open December 1 through December 31, except that State and Federal public lands are closed to cow elk hunting until the start of the firearm bull season (003.12A1).

003.12C Areas as described in 003.12G 003.12F and Permits:

Ash Creek Antlerless: 16 18
Ash Creek Bull: 12
Bordeaux Antlerless: 34 38
Bordeaux Bull: 20
Box Elder Antlerless: 14 20
Box Elder Bull: 4 6

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Boyd Antlerless: 2
Boyd Bull: ~~0~~ 2
Hat Creek Antlerless: 34
Hat Creek Bull: 22
Niobrara River Antlerless: 6
Niobrara River Bull: 6
North Platte River Antlerless: 14
North Platte River Bull: 16

~~003.12D Reciprocal agreement with South Dakota involving Boyd Unit: pursuant to section 37-315, persons who obtain South Dakota elk permits for a designated portion of Gregory County shall be permitted to hunt in the Boyd Unit, under regulations applicable to Nebraska permittees.~~

~~003.12E~~ 003.12D Permit Bag Limit: One elk as specified on permit. Antlerless shall mean an elk with no antlers or with antlers less than six (6) inches in length. Bull shall mean a male elk with antlers six (6) inches or more in length.

~~003.12F~~ 003.12E Shooting Hours - 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

~~003.12G~~ 003.12F Elk Management Unit Boundaries

~~003.12G1~~ 003.12F1 Ash Creek - Area included within a line commencing with NE Hwy. 2 from the South Dakota line south and east to L7E Spur, thence east on L7E Spur to U.S. Hwy. 385, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 385 to the South Dakota state line, thence west along the South Dakota line to NE Hwy. 2. This area includes portions of Sioux, Dawes, and Box Butte counties.

~~003.12G2~~ 003.12F2 Bordeaux - Area included within a line commencing with U.S. Hwy. 385 from the South Dakota state line south to NE Hwy. 2, thence east on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 27, thence north on NE Hwy. 27 to the South Dakota state line, thence west along the South Dakota state line to U.S. Hwy. 385. This area includes

portions of Dawes, Box Butte, and Sheridan counties.

003.12G3 003.12F3 Box Elder - That area included within a line commencing with U.S. Hwy. 183 on the Nebraska-Kansas state line, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 183 to NE Hwy. 91, thence west on NE Hwy. 91 to NE Hwy. 2, thence west on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 61, thence south on NE Hwy. 61 to I-80, thence west on I-80 to I-76, thence west on I-76 to the Nebraska-Colorado state line.

003.12G4 003.12F4 Boyd - That portion of Boyd County east of U.S. Hwy. 281 and north of NE Hwy. 12.

003.12G5 003.12F5 Hat Creek - Area included within a line commencing with U.S. Hwy. 26 from the Wyoming state line east to the junction of U.S. Hwy. 26 and NE Hwy. 71, thence north and east on NE Hwy. 71 to NE Hwy. 2, thence north on NE Hwy. 2 to the South Dakota state line, thence west along the South Dakota line to the Wyoming state line, thence south along the Wyoming state line to U.S. Hwy. 26. This area includes portions of Scotts Bluff, Sioux, Dawes, and Box Butte counties.

003.12G6 003.12F6 North Platte River - Area included within a line commencing with U.S. Hwy. 26 from the Wyoming state line east to the junction of U.S. Hwy. 26 and NE Hwy. 71, thence north and east on NE Hwy. 71 to NE Hwy. 2, thence east on NE Hwy. 2 to the junction of NE Hwy. 2 and L7E Spur, thence east on L7E Spur to U.S. Hwy. 385, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to NE Hwy. 2, thence east on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 61, thence south on NE Hwy. 61 to U.S. Hwy. 26, progressing south on U.S. Hwy. 26 to the I-80 junction south of Ogallala, thence west on I-80 from Exit 126 to I-76, thence south on I-76 to the Colorado state line, thence west along the Colorado state line to the Wyoming state line, thence north along the Wyoming state line to U.S.

Hwy. 26. This area includes all of Banner, Cheyenne, Garden, Kimball, and Morrill counties and portions of Scotts Bluff, Sioux, Box Butte, Sheridan, Grant, Arthur, Keith, and Deuel counties.

~~003.12G7~~ 003.12F7 Niobrara River Unit - Area included within a line commencing with NE Hwy. 27 on the Nebraska-South Dakota state line, thence south on NE Hwy. 27 to NE Hwy. 2, thence east on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 91, thence east on NE Hwy. 91 to U.S. Hwy. 183, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 183 to NE Hwy. 91, thence east on NE Hwy. 91 to NE Hwy. 70, thence east on NE Hwy. 70 to U.S. Hwy. 281, thence north on U.S. Hwy. 281 to the Nebraska-South Dakota state line.

~~003.12G8~~ 003.12F8 Statewide Unit - Any portion of Nebraska open to elk hunting as described in ~~003.12G~~ 003.12F.

003.12H Elk Management Zones

003.12H1 Ash Creek - The following lands in Dawes County: Sec. 1, 12, 13, and 24 and those portions of Sec. 2, 11, 14, 23, 25, 26, and 36 that lie east of NE Hwy. 2, all in T30N R52W; that portion of Sec. 1 that lies east of NE Hwy. 2 in T29N R52W; Sec. 13 through 17, both inclusive, 20 through 29, both inclusive, 32 through 36, both inclusive, all in T31N R51W; Sec. 1 through 36, both inclusive, all in T30N R51W; Sec. 1 through 5, both inclusive, 8 through 12, both inclusive, Sections 15 and 17, and those portions of Sec. 6 and 7 that lie east of NE Hwy. 2, all in T29N R51W; Sec. 11 through 36, both inclusive, all in T31N R50W; Sec. 1 through 11, both inclusive, 14 through 22, both inclusive, 27 through 34, both inclusive, all in T30N R50W; Sec. 3 through 7, and Sections 14 and 22, all in T29N R50W; Sec. 9 through 16, both inclusive, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 31 through 35, both inclusive, and those portions of Sec. 24, 25 and 36 that lie west of U.S. Hwy. 385, all in T32N R49W; Sec. 1 through

24, both inclusive, 28 through 33, both inclusive, and those portions of Sec. 26 and 27 that lie north of Table Road, all in T31N R49W; Sec. 18, 19, and 20 and portions of Sec. 6, 7, 8, and 17 that lie west of U.S. Hwy. 385, all in T31N R48W; Sec. 4, 5 and 6, all in T30N R49W; except any lands owned by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission shall not be included in the zone.

003.12H2 Bordeaux - The following lands in Dawes and Sheridan counties: Sec. 1, 2, 3, N1/2 of SW ¼ of Sec. 5, Sec. 6 east of NE Hwy. 385, 10, 11, and 12, N1/2 Sec. 13, E1/2 of Sec.15, W1/2 Sec. 16, all in T31N R48W; Sec. 5, 6, and 7, S1/2 Sec. 18, all in T31N R47W; Sec. 1, 2, 3, 9 through 14, both inclusive, 22 through 26, both inclusive and S1/2 of SE1/4 of Sec. 31, Sec. 32, 33, and 36, all in T32N R48W; Sec. 35 and 36, all in T33N R48W; Sec. 1 through 32, both inclusive, all in T32N R47W; Sec. 1, 12, 13 and Sec. 21 through 36, both inclusive, all in T33N R47W; Sec. 3, through 11, both inclusive, and 17 through 19 20, both inclusive, and Sections 29 and 30, all in T32N R46W; Sec. 1, 2, 8, 10 through 35, both inclusive, all in T33N R46W; Sec. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 23 through 26, both inclusive, and 33, 34, 35 and 36, all in T34N R46W; Sec. 4 through 9, both inclusive, Sec. 14, E1/2 of Sec.15, 17 through 20, both inclusive, NE1/4 of Sec.22, Sec. 23, E1/2 of Sec. 24, Sec. 23, 27 26 through 33, both inclusive, all in T33N R45W; Sec. 2, 7 through 10 11, both inclusive, N1/2 of Sec. 11, S1/2 of N1/2 of Sec.13, Sec. 14, 15 through 22 23, both inclusive, E1/2 of Sec. 23 NW1/4 and N1/2 of NE1/4 of Sec. 27, 28 through 33, both inclusive, all in T34N R45W; Sec. 26, N1/2 of Sec. 27, 28 through 33, 35, both inclusive, all in T35N R46W; E1/2 of Sec. 27, W1/2 of Sec. 32, E1/2 of Sec. 34, Sec. 25, 26 and 35 all in T35N, R44W. S1/2 of Sec. 8 and S1/2 of Sec. 9 and N1/2 of 15 and W1/2 of 29 and W1/2 of 32 and E1/2 of 33 and Sec. 1, 2, 3, and through

4, NE1/4 and S1/2 of Sec. 5, NE1/4 of Sec. 8, N1/2 of Sec. 9, 10 through 14, 16, 17, 19 through 30, both inclusive, Sec. 34 through 36, all in T34N R44W. SW1/4 of 9 and N1/2 of 17 and NE 1/4 of 18, W1/2 of 19, NE 1/4 of 30, Sec. 1, 2, and 3, SE1/4 of Sec. 8, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 22, all in T33N R44W. Sec. 29 through 33, all in T35N R43W. Sec. 4 through 8, Sec. 18 and 30, all in T34N R43W. Sec. 25 and 36 in T35N R47W; except that any lands owned by the Forest Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture or the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission shall not be included in the zone.

003.12H3 Box Elder - The following lands in Lincoln County: Sec. 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, and 18 all in T13N, R34W, Sec. 9 through 16, 21 through 29, 32 through 36, all in T12N R29W; Sec. 17 through 21, 26 through 36, all in T12N R28W; Sec. 1 through 5, 8 through 36, all in T11N R29W; Sec. 1 through 36, all in T11N R28W; Sec. 1 through 5, 9 through 16, 21 through 28, 33 through 36, all in T10N R29W; Sec. 1 through 36, all in T10N R28W; Sec. 1 through 4, both inclusive, 9 through 15, both inclusive, 22 through 27, both inclusive, and 34 through 36, both inclusive, all in T9N R29W; Sec. 3 through 10, both inclusive, 15 through 22, both inclusive, and 27 through 34, both inclusive, all in T9N R28W.

003.12H4 Boyd - That part of Boyd County east of U.S. Hwy. 281 including the following lands: Sec. 22 through 27, both inclusive, 35 and 36, all in T35N R12W; Sec. 19 through 36, both inclusive, all in T35N R11W; Sec. 1, 2, 12 and 13, all in T34N R11W; Sec. 19, 20, 21, 28 through 34, both inclusive, all in T35N R10W; Sec. 3 through 11, both inclusive, 14 through 18, both inclusive, all in T34N R10W.

003.12H5 Hat Creek - The following lands in Sioux County: Sec. 1, 2, 7, 8, 10-12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, E1/2 Sec. 3 and S1/2 Sec. 14 and W1/2 Sec. 24 and E1/2 Sec. 28 and Sec. 21, 22, and 23, and 34,

all in T30N R53W; Sec. 6, 7, and that portion of 18 that lies north of U.S. Hwy. 20, E1/2 of Sec. 19, E1/2 of Sec. 30, 20, 28, and 29, all in T31N R53W; Sec. 1, 2, W1/2 of Sec. 3, N1/2 Sec. 5, 4, 9, E1/2 Sec. 20, S1/2 Sec. 21, 22, W1/2 Sec. 23, E1/2 of Sec. 26, N1/2 Sec. 27, N1/2 Sec. 28, N1/2 of the N1/2 of Sec. 29, all in T30N R54W; Sec. 1, W1/2 of Sec. 4, E1/2 of Sec. 5, Sec. 7, W1/2 of Sec. 9, 12, 18, 32-35, and that portion of 13 that lies north of U.S. Hwy. 20, all in T31N R54W; Sec. SW1/4 of Sec. 1, N1/2 of Sec. 12, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, and 31, all in T32N R53W; Sec. 1 through 36, both inclusive, all in T32N R54W; Sec. 32 in T33N, R53W, Sec. 13, 24, 25, and 36, all in T33N R54W; Sec. 1, 2, 3 and Sec. 7 through 36, both inclusive, all in T32N R55W; Sec. 5 through 18, both inclusive, and Sec. 23, 24, 25, and 36, all in T32N R56W; Sec. 19, in T33N R56W; Sec. 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26, 35 and 36, in T33N R57W; and Sec. 1, 2, SE1/4 of Sec. 9, SW1/4 of Sec. 10, 11, and 12, and N1/2 of Sec. 14, in T32N R57W; NW1/4 Sec. 26, NE 1/4 Sec. 27, Sec. 31 and 32 in T30N R52W, except that any lands owned by the Forest Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture or the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission shall not be included in the zone.

003.12H6 North Platte River - The following lands in Scotts Bluff and Banner counties: Sec. 33, 34, and 35, all in T21N R57W; Sec. 4, 5, 8, and 9, all in T20N R57W; NE1/4 Sec. 2 and N1/2 Sec. 1, all in T19N R57W; Sec. 14, W1/2 of Sec. 15, 17, 20, 29, and the W1/2, and NE1/4 of Sec. 21, and N1/2 of Sec. 22, all in T20N R56W; N1/2, SW1/4, W1/2 of SE1/4, all in Sec. 19, and Sec. 24, all in T20N R56W; Section 22, E1/2 Sec. 21, W1/2 Sec. 23; all in T20N R55W in Banner County and the NW1/4 Sec. 6, all in T19N R56W, and the following lands in Banner and Morrill counties: Sec. 13, 14, 23, and 24, all in T18N R54W; Sec. 13 through 19, both inclusive, 20 through 29, both inclusive, 32 through 36, both inclusive, all in T18N R53W; Sec. 1 through 5, both inclusive, 8

through 17, both inclusive, all in T17N R53W; Sec. 6 all in T17N, R53W; Sec. 13 through 36, both inclusive, T18N R52W; Sec. 30 and 31, all in T18N, R47W; Sec. 1 through 12, both inclusive, 14 through 18, both inclusive, all in T17N R52W; S1/2 of Sec. 9, 15 through 21, both inclusive, 28 through 33, both inclusive, all in T18N R51W; Sec. 4 through 10, both inclusive, all in T17N R51W; Sec. 1, 11, 12, N1/2 13, N1/2 14 all in T17N, R48W; the following lands in Garden County: Sec. 14 south of U.S. Hwy. 26, 15, 23, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, all in T16N R43W; Sec. 1 in T15N R43W; Sec. SW1/4 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 in T16N R42W; Sec. 5, 6, N1/2 of 7, and 8, all in T15N R42W; except that any lands owned by the Forest Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture or the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission shall not be included in the zone.

003.12H7 Niobrara River - The following lands in Cherry and Keya Paha County: Sec. 23 through 26, 35 and 36 all in T34N R32W; Sec. 1, 2, 11 through 14, 23 through 26, 32 through 36, all in T33N R32W; Sec. 17 through 21, 25 through 36 all in T33N R31W; Sec. 29 through 32 all in T33N R30W; those portions of Sec. 6 that lie north of the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest all in T32N R30W; those portions of Sec. 1 through 6 that lie north of Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest all in T32N R31W; Sec. 9 through 16, 21 through 24 all in T34N R26W; Sec. 7, 18 and 19 all in T34N R25W; Sec. 28, 29, 32 and 33 all in T33N R18W; Sec. 5 through 8 all in T32N R18W; Sec. 1 through 18, 21 and 22 all in T32N R19W; except any lands owned by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission shall not be included in the zone.

003.12I Weapons allowed: Archery, firearm and muzzleloader as specified in 001.01B2 and 001.01B3.

003.13 Lottery and Auction Permits

Persons selected to receive an auction permit shall be determined by the highest bid. Persons selected to receive a lottery permit shall be determined by random drawing.

003.13A Combination Antelope, Deer, Turkey Permit

The Commission may authorize permit(s) which allow the harvest of one antelope, one deer, and two turkeys (two in the fall season, two in the spring season, or one in each season) taken in any open area during any Commission authorized seasons corresponding for each species with weapons legal for that season. The Combination Permit is valid until filled during hunting seasons beginning in the year of issuance and seasons beginning in the subsequent calendar year. The following provisions apply:

003.13A1 Antelope

One antelope of either sex, in total, may be taken statewide during any open antelope season provided weapons legal for that season are used.

003.13A2 Deer

One deer of either sex, in total, may be taken statewide during any open deer season provided weapons legal for that season are used.

003.13A3 Turkey

Two turkeys, in total, may be taken statewide during any open turkey seasons provided weapons legal for that season are used. Only toms and bearded hens may be taken in the spring season.

003.13A4 Four (4) shared-revenue auction permits are authorized for residents and non-residents.

003.13B Season Choice Statewide Buck Permit

The Commission may authorize permit(s) which allow for the harvest of one deer of either sex, in total, to be taken statewide during any open deer season provided weapons legal for that season are used.

003.13B1 No Commission lottery permits are authorized for residents only.

003.13B2 Applications shall be accepted from the third Monday in April beginning at 1 p.m. CST through the first Friday in July (receipt date at Game and Parks Commission office in Lincoln) during years when at least one lottery Season Choice Statewide Buck permit is authorized under 003.13B1. All valid applications accompanied by the required fee (Chapter 1, Section 006; Administration Regulations) shall be considered equally in one drawing. It is unlawful to submit more than one application per calendar year for a lottery Season Choice Statewide Buck permit. If more than one such application is submitted by or for any person, all of his/her applications shall be excluded from the drawing and accompanying lottery fees shall be forfeited.

003.13C Combination Antelope, Deer, Elk, Turkey Permit

The Commission may authorize permit(s) which allow the harvest of one antelope, one deer, one elk and two turkeys (two in the fall season, two in the spring season, or one in each season) taken in any open area during any Commission authorized seasons corresponding for each species with weapons legal for that season. The Combination Permit is valid until filled during hunting seasons beginning in the year of issuance and seasons beginning in the subsequent calendar year. The following provisions apply:

003.13C1 Antelope

One antelope of either sex, in total, may be taken statewide during any open antelope season provided weapons legal for that season are used.

003.13C2 Deer

One deer of either sex, in total, may be taken statewide during any open deer season provided weapons legal for that season are used.

003.13C3 Elk

One elk of either sex, in total, may be taken statewide during any open elk season provided weapons legal for that season are used.

003.13C4 Turkey

Two turkeys, in total, may be taken statewide during any open turkey seasons provided weapons legal for that season are used. Only toms and bearded hens may be taken in the spring season.

003.13C5 One (1) Commission lottery permit is authorized for residents only.

003.13C6 Applications shall be accepted from the third Monday in April beginning at 1 p.m. CST through the first Friday in July (receipt date at Game and Parks Commission office in Lincoln) during years when at least one lottery Combination Antelope, Deer, Elk, Turkey permit is authorized under 003.13C5. All valid applications accompanied by the required fee (Chapter 1, Section 006; Administration Regulations) shall be considered equally in one drawing. It is unlawful to submit more than one application per calendar year for a lottery Combination Antelope, Deer, Elk, Turkey permit. If more than one such application is submitted by or for any person, all of his/her applications shall be excluded from the drawing and accompanying lottery fees shall be forfeited.

003.13D Statewide Elk

The Commission may authorize permit(s) which allow the harvest of one bull elk taken in any open area during any Commission authorized bull elk season.

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003.13D1 One (1) shared-revenue auction permit is authorized for residents only.

003.13D2 One (1) shared-revenue auction permit is authorized for residents or non-residents.