

**Appendix F.** Elk Populations in GrSG Habitat. Strategies 6.2.2.1 and 6.2.2.3. The table demonstrates a significant decrease in elk populations to bring them down into Big Game Objectives. These objectives include land health as a component with the assumption that these objectives can be sustainable in the long-range while providing GrSG habitat.

<b>Elk Populations in GrSG Habitat</b> (derived from 2011 post-season population models)						
<b>GrSG Population</b>	<b>Big Game Herd Unit</b>	<b>Big Game Objective/Range</b>	<b>2011 Population Estimate</b>	<b>2008 Population Estimate</b>	<b>2004 Population Estimate</b>	<b>2000 Population Estimate</b>
NWCO	E-1 Cold Springs	950	1,171	2,043	3,494	3,104
NWCO	E-2 Bears Ears	15,000-18,000	15,810	18,271	29,678	38,719
NWCO/MWR/NESR	E-6 White River	32,000-39,000	35,868	43,898	52,897	62,455
NWCO	E-21 Blue Mountain	1,200	4,004	4,036	4,974	4,681
NP	E-3 North Park	4,000-4,500	7,992	8,296	8,469	8,443
MP	E-8 Troublesome	3,600-4,300	4,915	4,640	4,699	4,975
MP	E-13 Williams Fork	4,700-5,500	5,023	5,662	5,959	7,168
NESR	E-7 Gore	3,500-4,500	4,540	4,617	5,167	5,222
NESR	E-12 Piney River	2,950	3,761	4,037	5,683	6,560
PPR	E-10 Yellow Creek	7,000-9,000	11,981	11,196	10,860	10,196