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To: The Parks and Wildlife Commission

From: Matt Eckert, Deputy Assistant Director – Terrestrial Branch

Subject: NE Deer Herd Management Plans Presentation for the August 21-22 PWC Meeting

At the August 21-22, 2025, Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting, Terrestrial staff will present the Northeast Region Draft Deer Herd Management Plans (HMPs) as an information item. This is a compilation of 10 Data Analysis Units (DAUs), which are distinct herds, and include the Red Feather (D-4), Big Thompson (D-10), Boulder Creek (D-27), Bailey (D-17), South Park (D-38), North Tablelands (D-5), South Platte River (D-44), Bijou Creek (D-49), South Tablelands (D-54), and the Arikaree (D-55) deer herds. The Commission approved revisions for six of these Herd Management Plans (D-04 (2019), D-05 (2021), D-10 (2018), D-44 (2021), D-54 (2021), and D-55 (2018)) in the last six years, so CPW is proposing extensions for these plans. The remaining four herds (D-17, D-27, D-38, and D-49) required a full revision.

We have pre-recorded a presentation to introduce these plans for the Commission's convenience and efficiency. We split the deer presentation into two parts. The first part will cover the HMP planning process and regional management issues, while the second will cover individual herd management plans. The pre-recorded presentation is available for both Commissioners and the public before the Commission's August meeting. Staff will present a brief overview during the Commission meeting, and Commissioners and the public will have time to ask questions or share comments.

If you have questions on the draft HMP or presentations, it would be helpful if you emailed CPW's Eastern Slope Senior Species Conservation Wildlife Biologist, Lance Carpenter (lance.carpenter@state.co.us), so he can work with staff to prepare a thorough response.

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