

Proposal to Change
2026-2028 Federal Subsistence Regulations for the
Subsistence Harvest of Wildlife

Division: Wildlife Conservation

Region: 5

GMU(S): 22B

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1: What regulation do you wish to change?

22B Moose Hunting – Remove federal FM2202 permit for Unit 22B West winter moose hunting

2: How would the new regulation read?

Unit 22B West of the Darby Mountains – 1 antlered bull **by state registration permit.**

3: Why should this regulation change be made?

This regulation change will create consistency in permits required between the federal and state hunting regulations for hunting moose on state and federal land. Creating consistency between state and federal regulations would help users better understand and adhere to regulations. State regulations currently only permit hunters to pick up permits in White Mountain or Golovin during the winter moose hunt so the federal lands closure for the winter FM2202 hunt is redundant.

Additionally, the state registration hunt RM843 has an antlered bull bag limit implemented to protect larger breeding bulls that are still recovering from the rut. The any bull bag limit under FM2204 and for the remainder of Unit 22D in federal regulations is not biologically warranted given that the Unit 22D moose population is managed under a quota system to avoid overharvest of bulls.

4: What, if any, impact will this change have on the wildlife population impacted by the proposed regulatory change?

None.

5: How will this change affect federal subsistence uses?

The regulations will be easier to read and understand and will be consistent between state and federal regulations.

6: How will this change affect other uses, such as state subsistence/personal use, sport/recreational and commercial uses?

Same as #5 – consistency between state and federal regulations will make them easier to understand.