



Information for 2014 Experimental Pronghorn Season

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- The experimental permit is valid only in pronghorn herd units 8, 17, and 25 (see maps).
- Hunters must obtain landowner permission to access private land and have permit signed by landowner or authorized agent to validate permit prior to harvest.
- No person may use more than one permit per license year because of bag limit restrictions.
- Hunters are required to complete and attach the permit to the pronghorn immediately upon harvest.
- A pronghorn harvested within an experimental area must be brought to a TPWD check station within 24 hours of harvest (more information below).

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has initiated an experimental pronghorn buck season in some areas of the Panhandle, which allows landowners to control the number of buck pronghorn harvested on their properties. The experimental season will be tested for three years, and wildlife officials will closely monitor pronghorn herds during the pilot project to ensure populations remain healthy. However, if a definite negative biological impact is detected during the trial, the experimental season will be discontinued.

A person may pick up multiple permits; however, no hunter may take more than one pronghorn in a license year. If someone has received permission to obtain a permit for another individual they must provide the appropriate information for the absent person (hunting or driver's license number and personal contact information) to the permit distributor.

The permit **MUST** be signed by a landowner or authorized agent of the property prior to harvest. Hunters who have permission to hunt on multiple properties must have the permit signed by each landowner/agent on whose property the person hunts. TPWD **strongly** recommends that landowner designations of authorized agents be **in writing**.

Hunters are required to present the intact, unfrozen head of harvested pronghorn at a mandatory check station within 24 hours of harvest, so wildlife staff can collect essential biological information from the harvested animal. These data will be analyzed annually to make sure populations remain healthy. Check stations are at the following locations:

- In Dalhart, at the park off of Lake Drive. Check station is across from People's Church (1929 Apache Dr). Coordinates of Dalhart check station (36.038269, -102.506358),
- In Pampa, at Chisum Ranch office (on Price Rd, south of HWY 152). Coordinates of Pampa check station (35.531080, -100.989493).

Check stations will be open through the 9-day season (Oct. 4 – Oct. 12 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and the following Monday (Oct. 13) 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

A check station receipt will be given to each hunter to provide documentation that they have complied with the mandatory check station regulation. A process called cementum annuli forensic aging will be used to estimate ages of harvested pronghorn. The procedure requires the 2 front teeth (incisors) from the harvested animal's lower jaw. Incisor removal from the lower jaw will not affect your trophy if you plan to have it mounted. Age estimates will be provided to hunters who participate in the check stations free of charge. Age results will be posted on our website by check station receipt number once data is received from the lab.

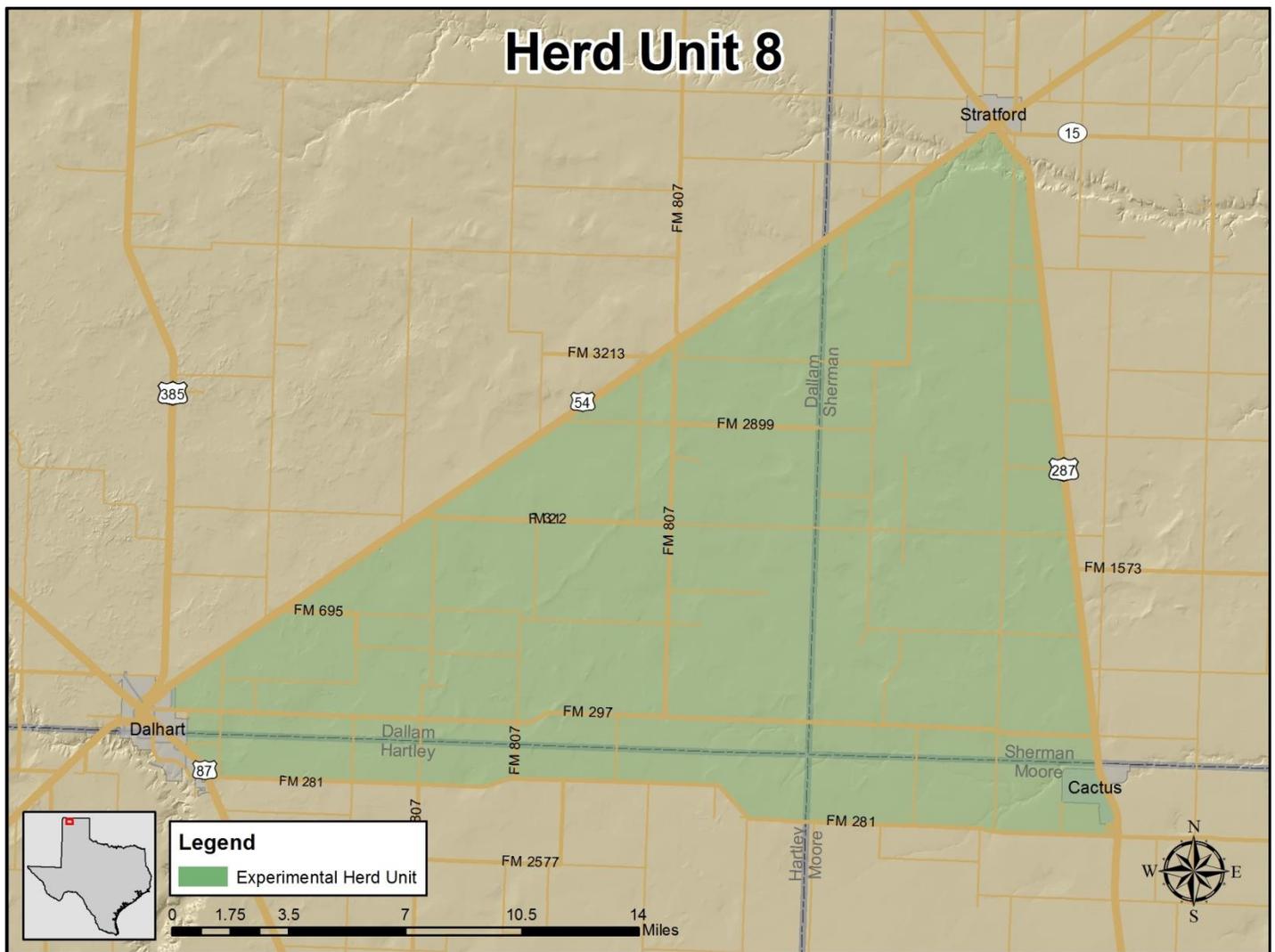
Biologists also encourage those hunting in other herd units (outside of the experimental areas) to bring their harvested animal to a check station. Information from your pronghorn will be used in comparative analysis with the experimental areas and your animal will be aged for free.

The goal of the project is to simplify pronghorn hunting regulations and increase hunting opportunity in areas with stable populations. After completion of the three-year experiment, the Department will assess all data to determine whether a permanent regulation change to a landowner controlled harvest for bucks is suitable, as well as expanding the concept into other areas of the northern Panhandle.

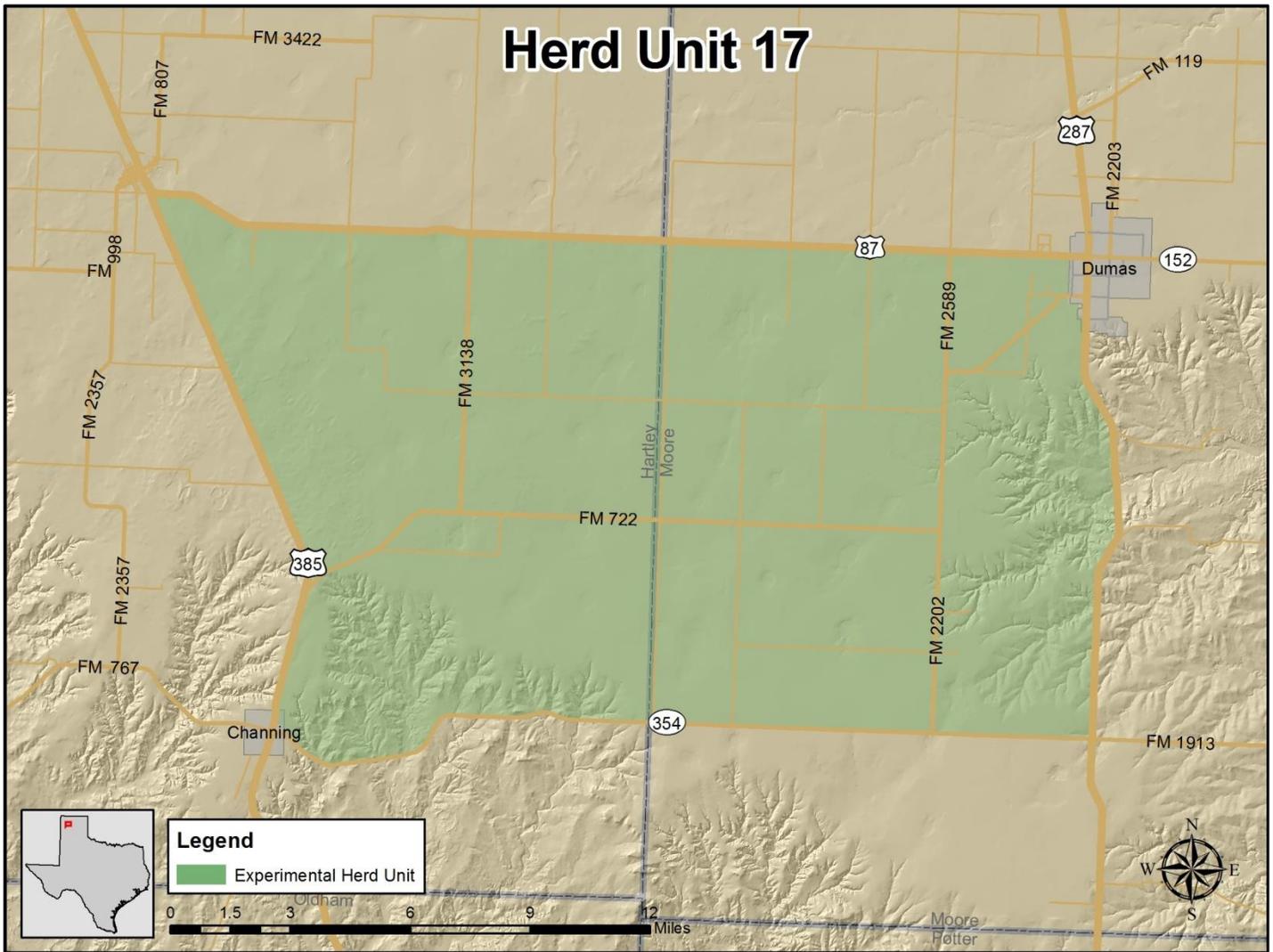
For sustainable harvest rates/recommendations, contact your local biologist or see links at the end of the document for more information. Don't know your biologist?

Please visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/technical_guidance/biologists/

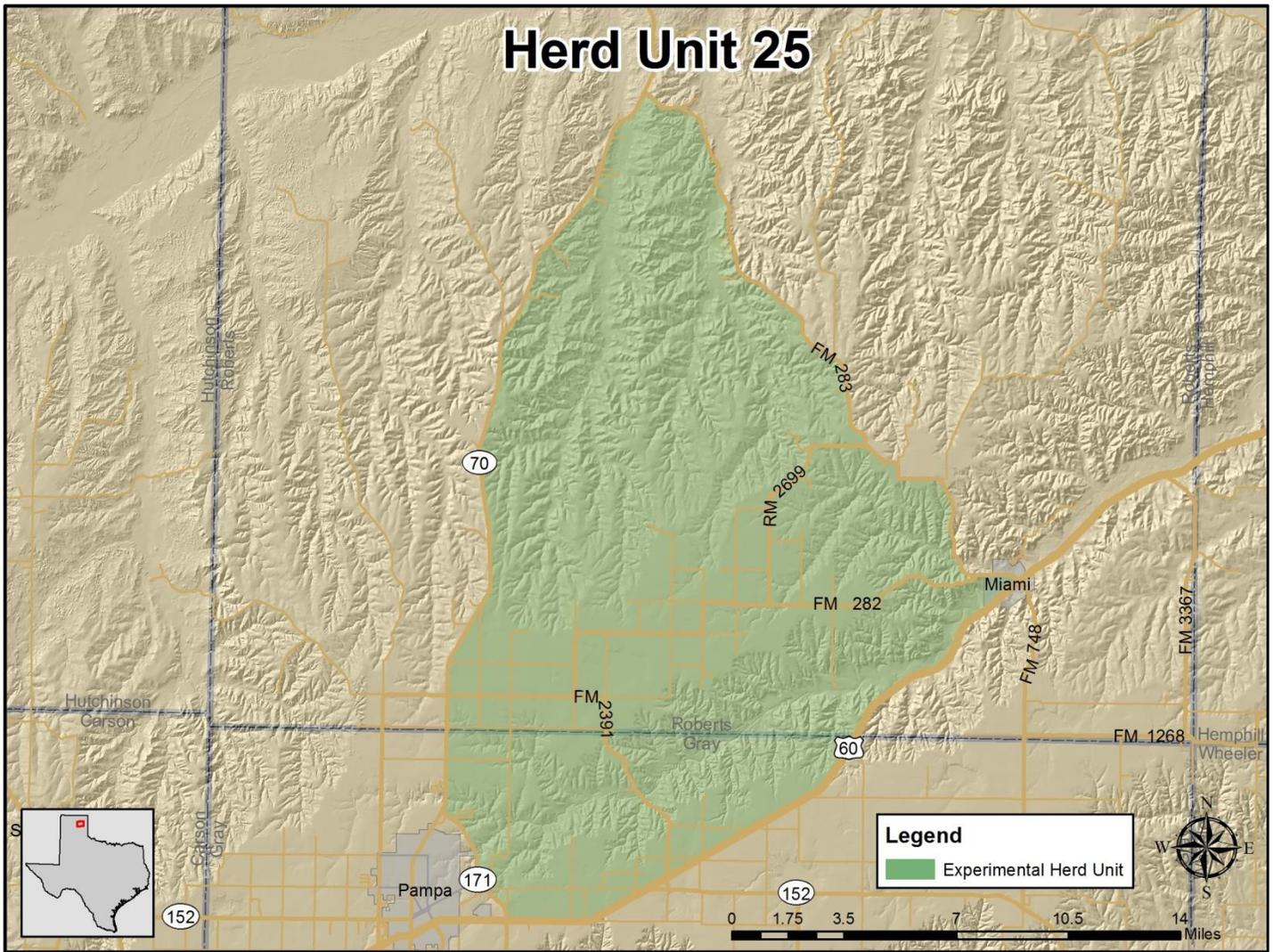
Maps and legal boundary descriptions of herd units where experimental pronghorn season is valid:



Herd Unit 8 Boundary Description: That portion of the state north of a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway (U.S.) 87 and Farm to Market Road (F.M.) 281 in Hartley County; thence east along F.M. 281 to U.S. 287 in Moore County; thence north along U.S. 287 to F.M. 2014 in Sherman County; thence southwest along F.M. 2014 to South Cedar Street in the City of Stratford in Sherman County; thence northwest along South Cedar Street to U.S. 54 in Sherman County; thence southwest along U.S. 54 to Elks Road in the City of Dalhart in Dallam County; thence south along Elks Road to Ranch Road (R.R.) 297 in Dalhart, Dallam County; thence east along R.R. 297 to Rawlings Road/Robertson Road; thence south on Rawlings Road/Robertson Road to U.S. 87 in Hartley County; thence south along U.S. 87 to F.M. 281 in Hartley County.



Herd Unit 17 Boundary Description: That portion of the state south of a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. 87 and U.S. 385 in Hartley County; thence east along U.S. 87 to S. Twichell Ave. in the City of Dumas in Moore County; thence south along S. Twichell Ave. to W. 16th St.; thence eastward along W. 16th Str. to the first unnamed dirt road; thence south and then east along the unnamed dirt road to S. Dumas Ave./U.S. 87/287; thence south along S. Dumas Ave./U.S. 87/287 to State Highway (S.H.) 354; thence west along S.H. 354 to Alabama Ave. in the City of Channing in Hartley County, thence north along Alabama Ave. to E. 4th St.; thence west along E. 4th St. to U.S. 385; thence north along U.S. 385 to the intersection of U.S. 385 and U.S. 87.



Herd Unit 25 Boundary Description: That portion of the state north of a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. 70 and S.H. 171 in Gray County; thence southeast along S.H. 171 to U.S. 60 in Gray County; thence northeast along U.S. 60 to F.M. 282 in Roberts County; thence west along F.M. 282 to F.M. 283 in Roberts County; thence northwest along F.M. 283 to U.S. 70 in Roberts County; thence south along U.S. 70 in Roberts County to S.H. 171 in Gray County.

For more information on the experimental pronghorn season please visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/pronghorn or capture the following QR code on your mobile device or tablet:

