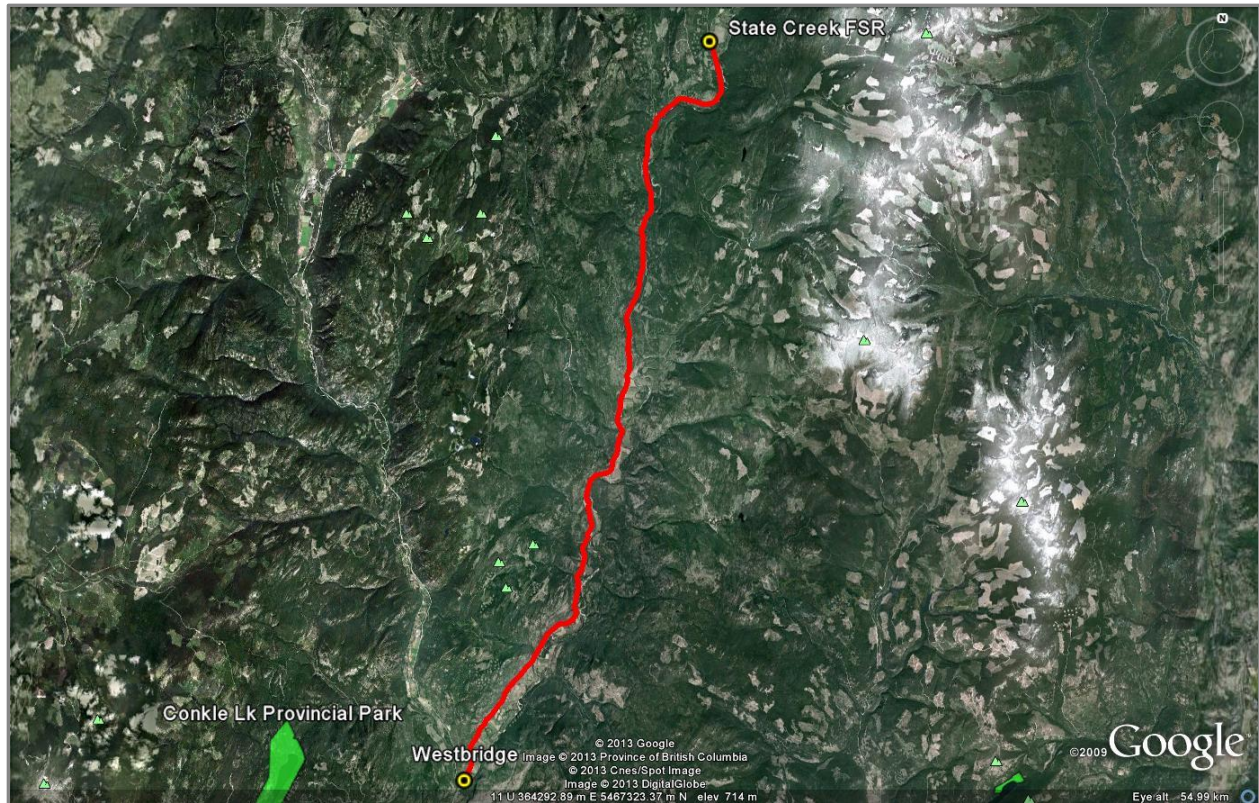


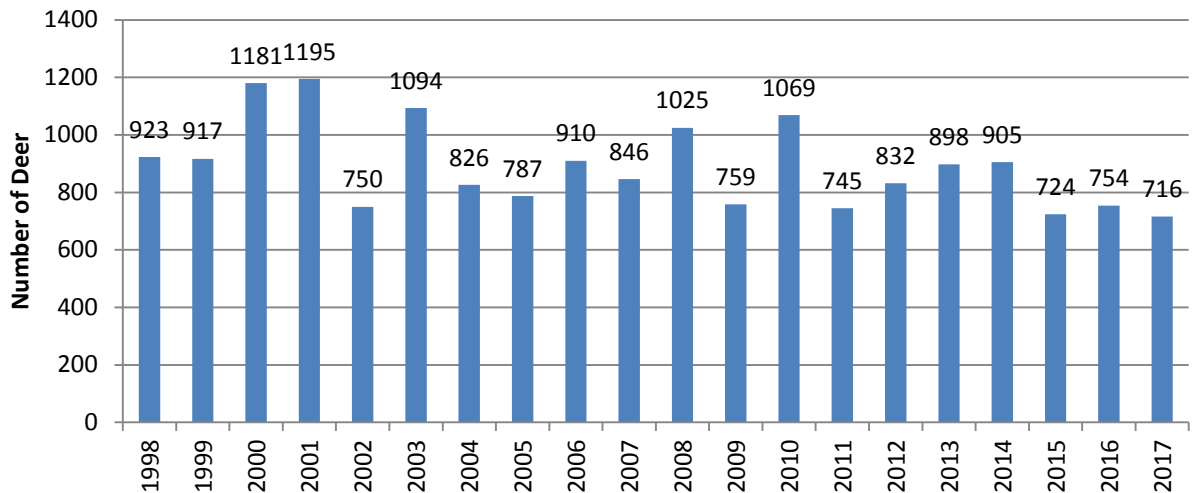
## Christian Valley Deer Count 2017

On April 18, 2017, Wildlife Biologists Aaron Reid, Andrew Walker, Albert Chirico and Craig McLean conducted a ground count of white-tailed deer in the Christian Valley, following the protocol established by Conservation Officer Hoyer. This was the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the survey. We started at State Creek Road and used the Highway 33 crossing of the West Kettle River at Westbridge as the survey endpoint. White-tailed deer were glassed using binoculars and counted in agricultural fields, riparian areas and/or crossing the Christian Valley Rd down to Westbridge. The vehicle never left the main Christian Valley rd.



We started the survey at 6:00pm and ended at 8:08 pm. The weather was light wind and overcast and mixed sunshine. We counted a total of 716 whitetails. Below is a figure of previous year's counts. High fencing being erected north of westbridge is excluding large agricultural fields which historically held white tail deer reducing total survey area. The largest group of deer counted was 116. The Rock creek fire (2015) is located at the south end of the survey and was already showing significant green up with numerous deer seen in it during the drive into and out of the survey area.

## Christian Valley White-tailed Deer Count 1998-2017



The hunter harvest of whitetails in Region 8 has not appeared to suffer from the introduction of the antlerless season. Below is the Okanogan region hunter harvest of white tail deer from 1987 to 2016.

## Okanagan White tail harvest and Effort

