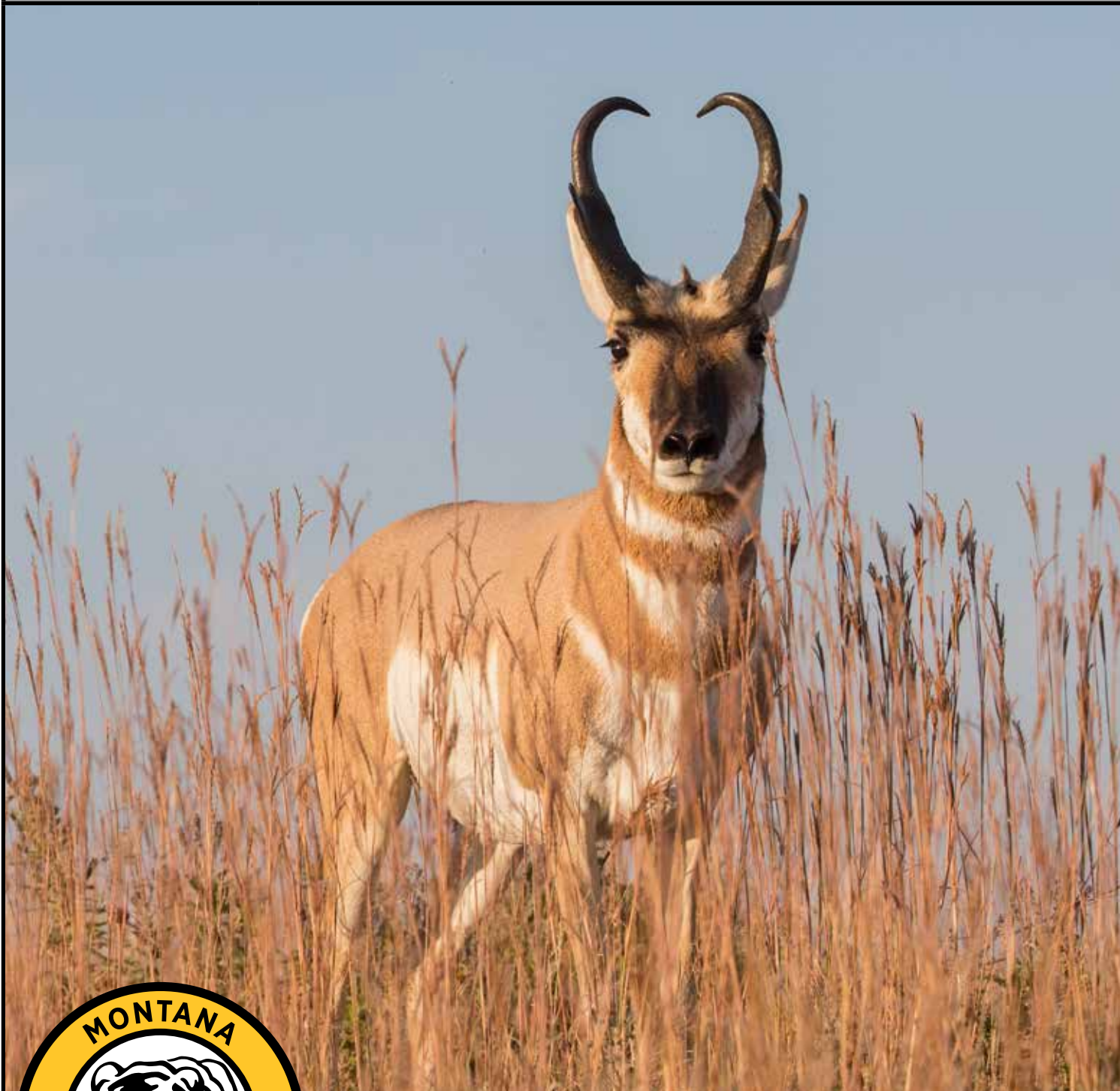


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# CWD MANAGEMENT

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## WHAT IS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE?

CWD is a progressive, fatal neurological disease that affects deer, elk and moose. There is no known case of CWD affecting people, pets, livestock or wildlife other than the deer family. However, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend not consuming meat from an animal known to be infected with CWD. The CDC also recommends that hunters have deer, elk and moose tested if they were harvested in an area where CWD is known to be present, which includes hunting districts with, and adjacent to, those with CWD detections. **Visit [fwp.mt.gov/cwd](http://fwp.mt.gov/cwd) for more information.**

## WHERE IS CWD?

CWD has been detected across much of Montana, including the northwest, northeast, southeast and southwest.

## WHY IS CWD MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT?

Montana FWP has the great responsibility for managing wildlife. That includes managing wildlife diseases. Our efforts at managing CWD:

- Help prevent long-term population declines in infected herds. Some states have seen more than a 40% decline in mule deer.
- Decrease prevalence and likelihood of spread.
- Help mitigate the disease's broader impacts to Montana's hunting and outdoor legacy.

## DISPOSE, DON'T EXPOSE

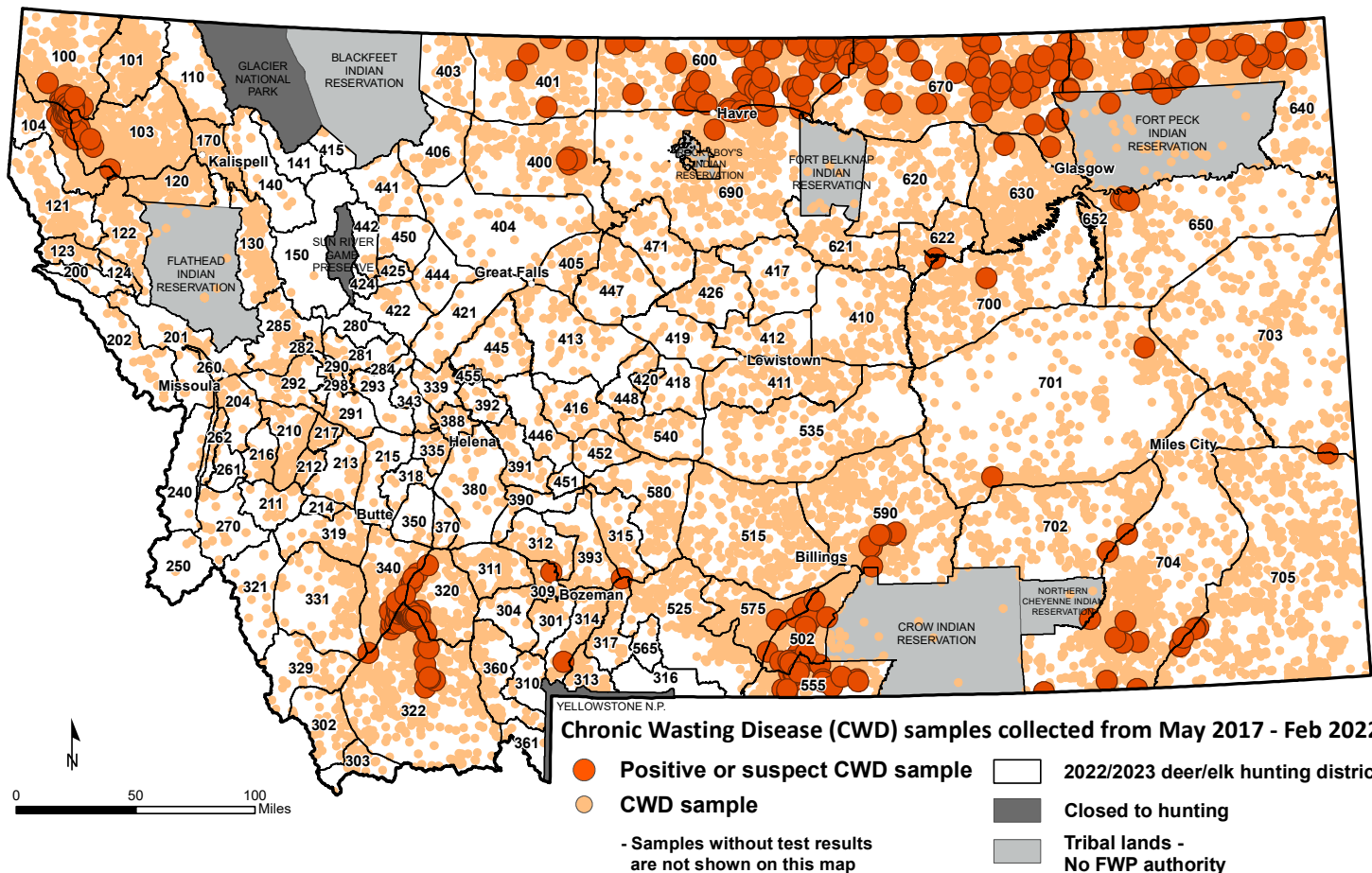
### Don't dump carcasses

There are three very important reasons not to dump a game carcass:

1. IT CAN SPREAD CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE. Once an animal with CWD dies, ANY PART of the carcass can transmit the disease for at least two years.
2. IT'S ILLEGAL. Montana State Law prohibits dumping dead animals or refuse on public property, including all state-owned and managed lands, which includes FWP managed fishing access sites and wildlife management areas. If you are caught, you risk a fine and losing hunting and fishing privileges for a year.
3. IT'S UNSIGHTLY. A dumped carcass reflects poorly on the hunting community.

### Follow carcass disposal guidelines

To prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, all parts of the head or skull containing brain material and/or the spinal columns of deer, elk, and moose harvested in Montana must be left in the field at the kill site or, if transported for further processing including taxidermy or meat processing, must be disposed of in a class II landfill once that processing is complete.



## Letter from the Director

What you hold in your hands, or see on your screen, is the product of Montanans working together to maintain the health of our wildlife populations and the tradition of our hunting heritage.

It starts with hunters out in the field, pursuing food for the table and sharing a passion for the outdoors with future generations. Not only do you help fund conservation work through the purchase of licenses and equipment, but you help guide wildlife management decisions through the conversations you have with legislators and FWP staff.

Hunters also play an important role in wildlife management by working with landowners and other groups on access. Landowners play an essential role in maintaining healthy habitat for game to thrive and providing hunting opportunities to help keep game populations balanced. Through ethical and responsible hunting, we can make sure the Montana tradition of hunters and landowners working together remains. Remember, respect the land, respect landowners, respect wildlife – pass it on.

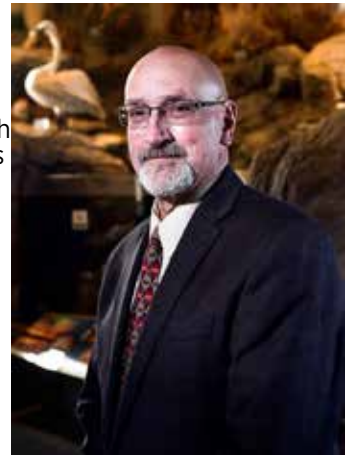
This year, FWP listened to concerns over Montana hunting regulations and engaged with stakeholders to come up with science-based solutions. The commission listened to the feedback from the public and the regulations here represent a significant effort to improve hunter opportunity, landowner concerns and public access. While the effort didn't necessarily result in simplified regulations, we realize that complexity is sometimes necessary for opportunity.

Lastly, this year will be the first-time Montana hunters will be able to use a digital carcass tag, or E-Tag, in the field. This E-tag will be available through the MyFWP mobile app, which also includes a digital wallet that will store licenses as well. This option will appeal to many hunters but isn't required. If you still want a paper license and carcass tag, you can use that option as well.

Good luck and be safe out there.



Hank Worsech



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## Highlights

- **Hunting and fishing licenses are now accessible through a secure and convenient mobile app. The Montana MyFWP app provides a digital wallet to store and display licenses and digital carcass tags, known as E-Tags, that can validate your harvest in the field. See page 45 for additional information.**
- Photocopying or printing more than one license may constitute a violation. It is unlawful to apply for, purchase or possess more licenses, permits or tags than are authorized. See page 23.
- **Permits for either-sex elk or brow-tined bull-antlerless elk will limit the holder to hunting for antlered elk within only the designated HD for the period identified on the permit. Antlerless elk hunting will not be limited by the permit. A general license may be used to hunt in any open district during dates outside of that identified on the permit.**
- Several Deer/Elk hunting districts have been combined or reconfigured. Make sure you are aware of the hunting district boundaries.
- Deadline for Deer/Elk permits and Nonresident Combination License applications is April 1.
- Nonresidents hunting with a MT licensed outfitter applying for combination licenses may elect to purchase an additional outfitter preference point at the time of application.
- Legal Descriptions are published in a separate booklet.
- To prevent the spread of CWD, follow carcass disposal guidelines, see page 4.

## Reminders

- Youth and Apprentice Hunter Information, see page 19.
- Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules, see page 29.
- License Discount Opportunities, see page 18.
- Elk hunters can purchase multiple Elk B licenses, see page 16.
- Landowners or their designees apply online or at an FWP office then submit a separate landowner preference form. Preference forms for Deer and Elk Permits must be received by April 1, and forms for Elk B, Deer B, Antelope and Antelope B must be received by June 1.
- An email address is required of all applicants applying for limited licenses or permits.

## How To Use These Regulations

Montana's vast 147,164 square miles is divided into seven administrative regions, each with a main regional office. Each region is then broken down into hunting districts. The regions are numbered 1 through 7 with the hunting districts in the region corresponding to that number. Example: Region 1 hunting districts start with 1 or 001, Region 2 starts with 2 or 002 etc.



### BEFORE HUNTING YOU NEED TO DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING:

What species do you want to hunt?	DEER/ELK	ANTELOPE
Where do you want to hunt? (Find the Hunting District)	Maps Pages 33-41	Maps Pages 124-128
When can you hunt?	Hunting District Regulations— Pages 46-119 Youth & PTHFV holders— Pages 120-121 Multi-district opportunities— Page 122-123 Hunting Hours— Page 143	Hunting District Regulations— Pages 129-135 Multi-district opportunities— Page 136 Hunting Hours— Page 143
How do you want to hunt?	<b>ARCHERY (requires a BOW &amp; ARROW LICENSE) or GENERAL WEAPON - see page 20 for Laws &amp; Rules and page 25 for Weapons Restrictions.</b>	
Required licenses or permits and deadlines? Find out what you need and how to get it!	<b>LICENSE AND PERMIT TYPES - see pages 12-13 for descriptions of all available license types, availability, deadlines and cost.</b> <b>RESIDENCY - see page 14</b>	
It is your responsibility to <b>know the legal boundaries</b> of where you are hunting.	See Restricted Areas Descriptions in this book and separate Legal Descriptions booklet— Pages 26-28	
Complete appropriate Drawing Application for license/permit by deadline.	Find 5 digit code for license/permit— Pages 46-108	Find 5 digit code for license/permit— Pages 124-129

## Regulations are adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 4, 2022, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies' restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under Commission authority. *Henry "Hank" Worsech, Director.*

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## Definitions

**FURBEARER or FUR-BEARING ANIMAL:** marten or sable, otter, muskrat, fisher, mink, bobcat, lynx, wolverine, northern swift fox, and beaver.

**GAME ANIMAL:** deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, bear, and wild bison.

**GENERAL DEER/ELK SEASON:** typically, five weeks long from mid-October through late-November; see hunting districts for specific dates by species.

**GUIDE:** a person who is employed by or who has contracted independently with a licensed outfitter and who accompanies a participant during outdoor recreational activities that are directly related to activities for which the outfitter is licensed.

**HUNT:** to pursue, shoot, wound, take, harvest, kill, chase, lure, possess, or capture, or the act of a person possessing a weapon, as defined in MCA 45-2-101, or using a dog or a bird of prey for the purpose of shooting, wounding, taking, harvesting, killing, possessing, or capturing wildlife protected by the laws of this state in any location that wildlife may inhabit, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently taken. The term includes an attempt to take or harvest by any means, including but not limited to pursuing, shooting, wounding, killing, chasing, luring, possessing, or capturing.

**LAW:** also known as Statutes or Montana Code Annotated (MCA.) Enacted by the Montana Legislature.

**LICENSE:** License means an electronic or hard copied document issued to an individual that grants the opportunity to hunt or fish for the species of animal. See page 15 for more detail.

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRD:** waterfowl, including wild ducks, wild geese, brant, and swans; cranes, including little brown and sandhill; rails, including coots; Wilson's snipes or jacksnipes; and mourning doves.

**NONGAME WILDLIFE:** any wild mammal, bird, amphibian, reptile, fish, mollusk, crustacean, or other animal not otherwise lawfully classified by statute or rule.

**OUTFITTER:** any person who for consideration provides any saddle or pack animal, facilities, camping equipment, vehicle, watercraft, or other conveyance, or personal service for any person to hunt, trap, capture, take, kill, or pursue any game, including fish, and who accompanies that person, either part or all of the way, on an expedition for any of these purposes or supervises a licensed guide or outfitter's assistant in accompanying that person. This does not include a person providing services on real property that the person owns for the primary pursuit of bona fide agricultural interests.

**PERMIT:** Permit means an electronic or hard copied document to be used in conjunction with the proper license to hunt or fish for the specific species of animal.

**PREDATORY ANIMAL:** coyote, weasel, skunk, and civet cat.

**RULE or REGULATION:** Agency regulations, standards or statements of applicability that implement, interpret, or set law or policy. Agencies are given rulemaking authority through statute.

**SHOULDER SEASON:** a hunting opportunity conducted before or after the 5-week general deer/elk season; see individual hunting districts.

**SITE OF THE KILL:** the location where a game animal or game bird expires and the person responsible for the death takes physical possession of the carcass.

**TRAP:** to take or harvest or participate in the taking or harvesting of any wildlife protected by state law by setting or placing any mechanical device, snare, deadfall, pit, or device intended to take

wildlife or to remove wildlife from any of these devices.

**UPLAND GAME BIRDS:** sharp-tailed grouse, blue grouse, spruce (Franklin) grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen or sage grouse, ruffed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian partridge, ptarmigan, wild turkey, and chukar partridge.

**WILD ANIMAL:** an animal that is wild by nature as distinguished from common domestic animals, whether the animal was bred or reared in captivity, and includes birds and reptiles.

## List of Acronyms

**AISPP:** Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Pass

**ARM:** Administrative Rule of Montana

**CR:** Commission Rule

**CWD:** Chronic Wasting Disease

**DNRC:** Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

**F&W Commission:** Fish and Wildlife Commission

**FAS:** Fishing Access Site

**FWP:** Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**HD:** Hunting District

**HWY:** Highway

**LPT:** License or Permit Type

**MCA:** Montana Code Annotated

**OTC:** Over the Counter

**PTHFV:** Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle

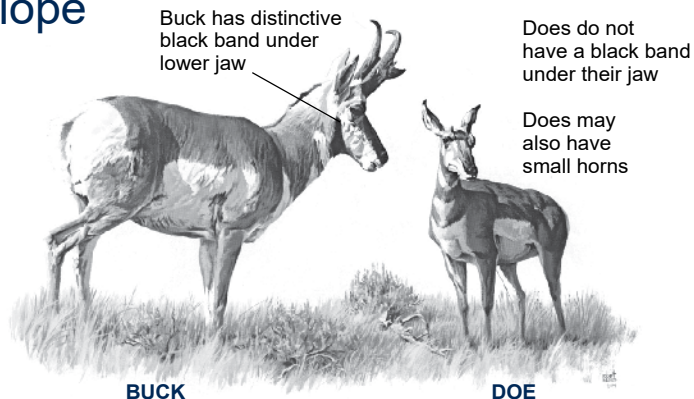
**PTMAE:** Permit to Modify Archery Equipment

**WMA:** Wildlife Management Area

**WPA:** Waterfowl Production Areas

**WRA:** Weapons Restriction Areas

## Antelope



### ANTELOPE DEFINITIONS

**Buck (Horned):** Any antelope with a horn or horns at least 4 inches long as measured from the top of the skull.

**Doe/fawn:** Any antelope with horns less than 4 inches long as measured from the top of the skull.

### DEER DEFINITIONS

Definitions apply to both mule and whitetail species:

**Antlered Buck:** A deer with an antler or antlers at least 4 inches long as measured from the top of the skull.

**Antlerless:** A deer without antlers, or with antlers less than 4 inches long as measured from the top of the skull.



**CAUTION:** Antlers on mule and white-tailed yearling bucks may look similar

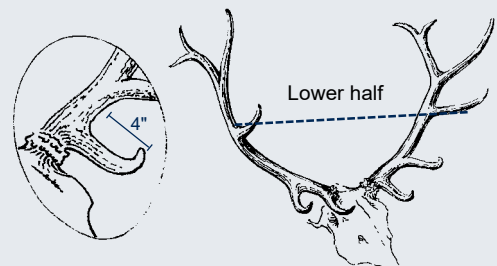
### ELK DEFINITIONS

Montana has some elk hunting districts with special regulations governing the type of bull elk that is legal to harvest. These diagrams and definitions are intended to assist the hunter in interpreting these regulations.

**Antlered Bull:** Any elk having an antler or antlers at least 4 inches long as measured from the top of the skull.

**Antlerless:** A female or juvenile male with antlers less than 4 inches long as measured from the top of the skull.

**Antler Point Measurement:** Legal antler point must be 4 inches or longer.



### Brow-tined:

Any elk having an antler or antlers with a visible point on the lower half of either main beam that is greater than or equal to four inches long.

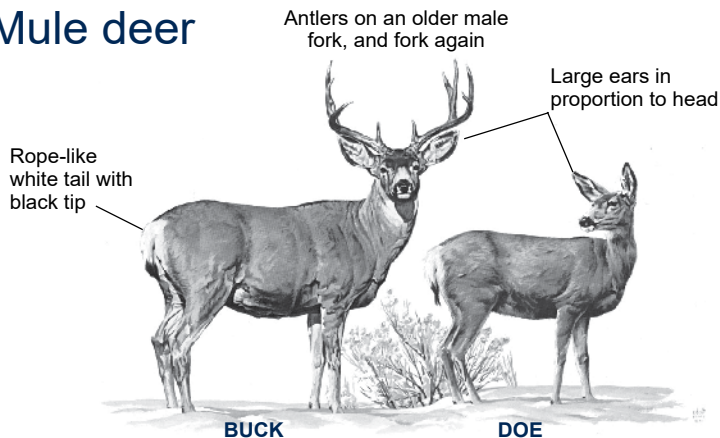
### Spike Bull:

Any elk having antlers that do not branch or, if branched, branch is less than 4 inches long measured from the main antler beam.

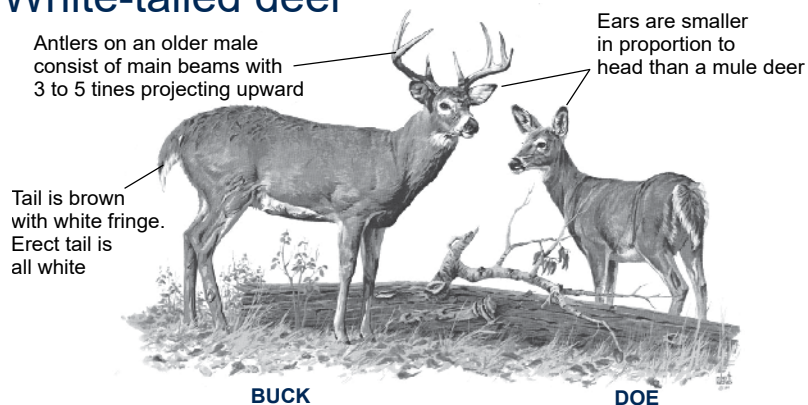


**Either-sex:** A male or female animal of any age.

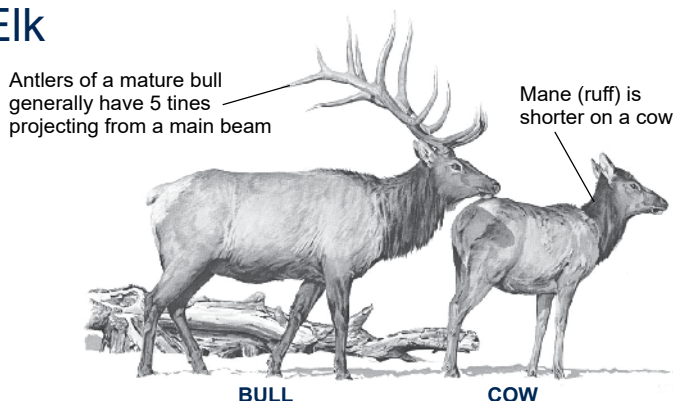
## Mule deer



## White-tailed deer



## Elk



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## Important Dates

### 2022 Season Dates

These dates represent the “general” season dates. Check the individual hunting district regulations for the most accurate season dates and regulations.

#### Game Animals

Antelope  
 900 series..... Aug 15–Nov 13  
 archery..... Sept 3–Oct 7  
 general..... Oct 8–Nov 13  
 Caribou..... No Season  
 Deer & Elk  
 archery..... Sept 3–Oct 16  
 youth, two-day hunt;  
 deer only..... Oct 20–Oct 21  
 general..... Oct 22–Nov 27  
 shoulder seasons....check the regulations  
 backcountry –HDs 150, 280, 316\*  
 archery..... Sept 3–Sept 14  
 general..... Sept 15–Nov 27  
 \*HD 316 does not have an  
 Archery Only Season

### 2022 Application/Purchase Deadlines

#### Game Animals

Antelope (apply by)..... June 1  
 Deer & Elk  
 permits (apply by)..... Apr 1  
 B licenses (apply by)..... June 1  
 Super Tags  
 Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison,  
 Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat  
 and Mountain Lion ..... June 30

***\*see species-specific regulations for license purchase restrictions.***

### Drawing Results

License	Drawing Results	Refunds Mailed
Nonresident Combination	Mid-April	End of April
Deer & Elk Permits	Mid-April	End of April
SuperTags for: Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat, Mountain Lion	After July 8	NA
Antelope Archery 900-20, Deer B, Elk B, Licenses	Mid-June	End of August
Antelope & Antelope B	Early August	Early Sept.

Check for drawing results at **myfwp.  
mt.gov/fwpExtPortal/login/login.jsp**

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# RESIDENT and NONRESIDENT HUNTER Prerequisites

Prerequisites	Resident Cost	Resident Youth and Senior	Resident Disabled	Non-resident Cost	Additional Information
Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention pass (AISPP)	\$2.00 (ages 16+)	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$7.50 (ages 16+)	Required in addition to a fishing license to fish in Montana. Supports the aquatic invasive species prevention and inspection program. Learn more at CleanDrainDryMT.com.
Base Hunting License	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	Prerequisite for hunting or applying for a permit or license.
Conservation License	\$8.00	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	Prerequisite.
Bow and Arrow License	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	Required during the Archery Only Season for any species or to archery hunt in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.

## RESIDENT License and Permit Availability Chart

Individual License/Permit	Resident 18-61 years Cost	Resident Youth (12-17) or Senior (62+)	Resident Disabled	Deadline to apply	Additional Information
<b>DEER</b>					
General License	\$16.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	-	
Deer Permit - Drawing only	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	April 1	Application fee only. Permit must be used in conjunction with General deer license. Residents must have current year General deer license to apply.
Deer B License - Drawing only	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	June 1	Antlerless only.
Deer B License - OTC	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	-	Over-the-counter. Antlerless only. Valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 8.
<b>ELK</b>					
General License	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	-	
Elk Permit - Drawing only	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	April 1	Residents must have current year General Elk License to apply. A permit must be used in conjunction with a General Elk License.
Elk B License - Drawing only	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	June 1	Antlerless only
Elk B License - OTC	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	-	Over-the-counter. Antlerless only. Valid in specific district(s). Purchase beginning August 8.
<b>Antelope</b>					
900 Archery Antelope - Drawing only	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	June 1	Must be first and only choice.
Antelope or Antelope B License - Drawing only	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	June 1	
Disabled - Drawing only	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	June 1	Special disabled antelope application fee required. For information call 406-444-2950.
<b>Sportsman's Combination</b> Includes Deer, Elk, State Lands, Upland Bird (excluding turkey) & Season Fishing Licenses. \$8.00 or \$4.00 Conservation License, \$10.00 fee for the Base Hunting License and \$2.00 AISPP fee are also required.					
Military Recognition	\$0.00	-	-	-	Must go through certification process only at FWP offices. No cost Conservation License included.
Sportsman's with bear	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	-	
Sportsman's without bear	\$62.00	\$31.00	\$62.00	-	

# NONRESIDENT License and Permit Availability Chart

Opportunities	Non-resident Cost	Deadline to apply	Additional Information
<b>Nonresident Native (NR)</b>			
NR Big Game Combination License	\$554.00	-	For Montana native born with current Montana resident relative; other qualifications apply. For information call 406-444-2950. The NR Big Game Combination includes General Deer, General Elk, Upland Bird (excluding turkey), and Season Fishing Licenses. The NR Elk Combination has everything except Deer, and the NR Deer Combo has everything except Elk.
NR Elk Combination License	\$467.00	-	
NR Deer Combination License	\$323.00	-	
Season Fishing License	\$50.00	-	\$15 AISPP fee also required.
Bird License	\$55.00	-	Conservation License and a Base Hunting License also required.
Deer B (OTC)	\$37.50	-	Antlerless deer
Elk B (OTC)	\$135.00	-	Antlerless elk
<b>Big Game Combination: Includes General Deer, General Elk, Upland Bird (excluding turkey), and Season Fishing licenses. For information call 406-444-2950.</b>			
Big Game Combination- Drawing	\$1,108.00	April 1	
Big Game Combination- Youth (12-17) - Sponsored	\$554.00	-	For information call 406-444-2950.
Big Game Combination- College Student	\$554.00	-	Certification required for nonresident students attending a Montana college full-time. For information call 406-444-2950. License available at any FWP office after September 14.
<b>Deer Deer Combination: Includes General Deer, Upland Bird (excluding turkey), and Season Fishing licenses. For information call 406-444-2950.</b>			
Deer Combination- Drawing	\$646.00	April 1	
Deer Combination- Youth (12-17)- Sponsored	\$323.00	-	For information call 406-444-2950.
Deer Combination- College Student	\$323.00	-	Certification required for nonresident students attending a Montana college full-time. For information call 406-444-2950. License available at any FWP office after September 14.
Deer Permit- Drawing	\$5.00	April 1	Nonresidents must also apply for a Deer License when applying for a Deer Permit. A permit must be used in conjunction with a General Deer License.
Deer B- Drawing	\$80.00	June 1	Antlerless deer
Deer B- OTC	\$75.00	-	Purchase beginning August 8.
<b>Elk Elk Combination: Includes General Elk, Upland Bird (excluding turkey), and Season Fishing licenses. For information call 406-444-2950.</b>			
Elk Combination- Drawing	\$934.00	April 1	
Elk Combination- Youth (12-17) - Sponsored	\$467.00	-	For information call 406-444-2950.
Elk Combination- College Student	\$467.00	-	Certification required for nonresident students attending a Montana college full-time. For information call 406-444-2950. License available at any FWP office after September 14.
Elk Permit - Drawing	\$9.00	April 1	Non-residents must also apply for an Elk License when applying for an Elk Permit. A permit must be used in conjunction with a General Elk License.
Elk B - Drawing	\$275.00	June 1	Antlerless elk- includes drawing fee
Elk B - OTC	\$270.00	-	Over-the-counter. Antlerless only. Valid in specific district(s).
<b>Antelope</b>			
Archery 900 Drawing	\$205.00	June 1	Must be first and only choice.
Antelope-Drawing	\$205.00	June 1	
Antelope Disabled-Drawing	\$205.00	-	Special disabled antelope application fee required. For information call 406-444-2950.

## Obtain A License Or Permit (MCA 87-2-104 & 87-2-704)

- Only one license or permit of any type may be purchased each year, unless otherwise specified. For example, a hunter may purchase more than one deer B license.
- Many licenses or permits may be purchased from FWP license providers, FWP offices or online licensing. Some licenses and permits are available only through a drawing.
- Refer to the Licenses Available Chart, pages 12-13, for a complete list of resident and nonresident licenses and application or purchase deadlines.

### Online Licensing

- FWP requires hunters to apply for special permits/licenses online or over the counter at an FWP office. Safeguards with these systems ensure valid applications and your information is immediately entered into the automated system and retained for future license purchases or applications.
- You may apply for permits and/or licenses and purchase many general hunting licenses from FWP Online Licensing between approximately 5:00 a.m. and 11:45 p.m., Montana local time, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.
- Go to [ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov) and follow the instructions.
- Online purchases must be made by using a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express or debit card.
- Montana residents can purchase their first resident licenses online through the online licensing system (OLS) or at any provider providing they have a valid Montana Driver's license issued at least 6 months prior.
- **All license purchases and applications are final and cannot be changed or withdrawn. (ARM 12.3.140)**

### Drawing Applications

- All applications for deer and elk permits must be submitted on or before April 1. Applications for deer B, elk B, antelope and/or antelope B licenses must be submitted on or before June 1.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for most of the licenses awarded through the drawings. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the F&W Commission, which may differ from the quotas listed in the printed hunting district regulations.
- For specific license/permit opportunities, please refer to the hunting district regulations for a complete list of all available hunting opportunities for each hunting district.

## Party Applications

- In Montana, a "party" means a group of 2-5 persons applying together to obtain a license or permit. If successful, each hunter must harvest their own game.
- All party members must select the same opportunity type and bonus or preference point participation.

**For online applications:** The party establisher must list all party members and provide the party number to all members. Each member must apply online as a member of that party using the number assigned to the establisher.

### Licenses and Permits Through a Drawing

- You may apply for a permit and/or license that allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area or time period. You may also decide to participate in the bonus point system.
- Residents must hold a General Deer License before applying for a Deer Permit.
- Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit.
- Nonresidents must apply for a Big Game or Deer Combination License when applying for a Deer Permit.
- Nonresidents must apply for a Big Game or Elk Combination License when applying for an Elk Permit.
- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License are reminded that the license (including Deer B licenses) entitles them to hunt deer only on the deeded lands of the sponsoring landowner. This license may not be used on leased or public land. However, the license is valid statewide for fishing and hunting upland game birds.
- Nonresident holders of a Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination License may apply for a Deer Permit or Deer B License only in the hunting district where they are authorized to hunt deer.

### Residency

- It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or replacement resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license (MCA 87-6-302).

### Resident (MCA 87-2-102)

- To be a lawful Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, you must,
  - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
  - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
  - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
  - not possess (or have applied for any) current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state

or country;

- file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
  - > claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
  - > is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License, you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC), or a valid Tribal Identification Card per MCA 87-2-106.
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

### Nonresident (MCA 87-2-506)

- Montana's nonresident guests are eligible to purchase or apply for most Montana fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota for a district. The "Licenses Available Chart" provides details.
- Nonresident unmarried minors, at least 12 (by Jan 16, 2023) but not older than 17 years of age, can hunt and fish in Montana as a resident if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a lawful resident of Montana. See "Youth Hunter" chart for details.

### Armed Forces (MCA 87-2-102)

A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's spouse or dependent as defined in 15-30-2115, who resides in the member's household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses if:

- the member is a Montana resident as listed above and continues to meet the residency criteria of income tax filing and voter registration, the member is not required to meet the other residency criteria in 87-2-102 and may hold resident licenses in another state or country; or,
- the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for at least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a

certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

## Prerequisites

### Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Pass (AISPP) (MCA 87-2-130)

Required in addition to a fishing license if you are 16 or older. Supports the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Inspection Program. Learn more at: [CleanDrainDryMT.com](http://CleanDrainDryMT.com)

### Base Hunting License (MCA 87-2-116)

A required prerequisite for hunting or applying for a permit or license. This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases or applies for his/her first hunting license (including upland and migratory bird).

### Conservation License (MCA 87-2-201; MCA 87-2-202)

- Each new license year, a new Conservation License is required to purchase any fishing, trapping, or hunting license(s), or to apply for licenses/permits. The Montana license year begins on March 1 and runs through the last day of February of the following year.
- In compliance with the Federal Welfare Reform Laws, Montana law requires each resident and nonresident hunter, including youth, to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number when purchasing a Conservation License.

## Hunter Education

### Hunter Education Requirements (MCA 87-2-105)

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

### Bowhunter Education Requirements (MCA 87-2-105)

To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:

- provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.

### Duplicate Certificates

Bowhunter or hunter education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at: [fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter](http://fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter)

## License and Permit Types

### Antelope Licenses

#### Antelope License (either-sex)

- License holders may lawfully take antelope subject to all specifications on the license. The total number of antelope licenses an individual may hold is three, only one of which may be an either-sex license.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for antelope licenses awarded through the drawings.
- By state law (MCA 87-2-506), nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the F&W Commission, which may differ from the quotas listed in the hunting district regulations.
- Archers must hold a valid antelope license and a Bow and Arrow (archery) license to hunt during the Archery Only Season.

#### Antelope B License (doe/fawn) - Nonresident Only

- The cost of the first nonresident antelope B license whether issued through FWP drawings, over-the-counter, or through surplus is \$200. Additional nonresident antelope B license cost is \$50.

#### 900-20 Multi-Region Antelope Archery Only/ArchEquip Only License - Drawing Only

- A limited number of licenses are available.
- License is valid for either-sex antelope.
- Hunting is restricted to ArchEquip Only.
- Archers using this license during the antelope General Season must wear hunter orange.
- Applications must be made online at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](http://ols.fwp.mt.gov) no later than 11:45 p.m. Montana local time June 1, or over the counter at a FWP office by close of business June 1.
- Hunters who apply for this 900-20 multi-region antelope license must list 900-20 as their first and only either-sex choice.
- These licenses are valid in any hunting district beginning with the number 3, 4, 5, 6 and/or 7, except in HD 313.

### Bow and Arrow License (MCA 87-2-708)

A bow and arrow license, plus the proper hunting license is required during: (1) the deer, elk and/or antelope Archery Only Season; or (2) to archery hunt in an ArchEquip only area or hunting district.

## Deer Licenses & Permits

#### General Deer License

The General Deer License is valid for one deer. Hunters may hold only one General Deer License. It can be used for

deer as indicated under the "General Deer License" heading on the deer and elk hunting district pages of these regulations.

- Residents may buy a sportsman's license, which includes a General Deer License. Some disabled, youth, and senior hunters may qualify for discounted licenses.
- Most **nonresidents** cannot buy their general deer license over the counter. They must obtain a general deer license through one of the following drawings:
  - Big game (deer and elk) combination license (17,000 issued), or a
  - Deer combination license (4,600 issued), or a
  - Landowner sponsored license (2,000 issued).

Nonresidents can apply for only one of these combo licenses each year. All of these license types include season fishing and upland bird licenses. Currently demand is greater than supply, so to get a deer license, you need to apply in a random lottery drawing by April 1.

#### Deer B License

- Valid for one deer during a specific time period, or for a certain species and sex, and in a particular hunting district or group of districts. May be offered through a drawing or over-the-counter.
- A deer B license is usually a license for antlerless mule deer or white-tailed deer, depending on the license type and hunting district.
- The deer B license allows you to harvest a deer in addition to the deer you could harvest with your general deer license.
- There is no particular order in which the general deer and deer B licenses must be purchased or used.
- A hunter may possess a total of seven deer B licenses in any combination. Game damage and management deer B licenses do not count toward this total.
- Most deer B licenses are available through the June 1 drawing but those with UNL quotas are available for purchase over the counter at License Providers along with FWP Online Licensing beginning in August.

#### Single-Region Deer B Licenses for White-tailed Deer

- A hunter may purchase only one single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer per year.
- The single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer is in addition to other deer B licenses a person may obtain through a drawing or purchase at License Providers. You must designate the region in which you will use the single-region deer B license for white-tailed deer at the time of purchase. Check the hunting district in which you will hunt for specific regulations and valid dates for the single-region license.

- Licenses are available beginning August 8 from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing.

### **Deer Permit**

- Permits are valid for hunting the specified sex-age class during the time period(s) listed.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit must use it with a current general deer license. A deer permit does not allow you to take a second deer.
- Hunters who receive a deer permit valid for taking an antlered buck mule deer (with their general deer license) are restricted to taking an antlered buck mule deer only in the district or portion of district specified on the permit. They may not hunt antlered buck mule deer anywhere else in Montana even if the General Season or Archery Only Season is open to mule deer buck hunting with a general deer license. This applies to all deer permit areas, whether limited or UNL, for antlered buck mule deer.
- Deer permits are available through the April 1 drawing to residents and nonresidents. Be sure to check individual hunting district regulations for specific deer permit details. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license/permit quota.
- Residents must hold a general deer license before applying for a deer permit.
- Nonresidents must hold a Big Game or Deer Combination License before applying for a deer permit.

## **Elk Licenses & Permits**

### **General Elk License**

The General Elk License is valid for one elk. Hunters may hold only one General Elk License. It can be used for elk as indicated under the "General Elk License" heading on the deer and elk hunting district pages of these regulations.

- Resident hunters may purchase this license over the counter at FWP offices and other license providers for \$20 plus the required Conservation License (\$8) and Base Hunting License (\$10). Residents may buy a Sportsman's License (prices vary), which includes a General Elk License. Some disabled, youth, and senior hunters may qualify for discounted licenses.
- Most nonresidents cannot buy their general elk license over the counter. They must obtain a general elk license through the drawing for one of the 17,000 Big Game Combination Licenses, which is also good for fishing and upland bird hunting, and may include deer if specified in the application. Demand is greater than supply, so to get an Elk License, you need to apply in a random lottery drawing by April 1.

### **Elk B License**

- The Elk B License is valid for taking an antlerless elk during a specific time period and in a particular hunting district or group of districts.
- The Elk B Licenses are designed to control elk numbers, and many are only valid on private land.
- A limited Elk B License is obtained only through the drawing and has an application deadline date of June 1.
- UNL Elk B Licenses have no limit on the number of licenses sold and are available from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing. See individual hunting districts for details.
- The only prerequisites for the Elk B License are a Conservation License and Base Hunting License.
- A hunter may possess a total of 3 elk licenses in a year, only one of which can be a General Elk License. Antlerless Elk B Licenses purchased through surplus sales or valid during late shoulder seasons can be included among the 3 elk licenses a hunter may hold in any given year.
- Elk B License hunting opportunities may be restricted to portions of individual hunting districts. See individual hunting districts for specific details.

### **Elk Permit**

- Elk permits are allotted by drawing only. The application deadline is April 1. Residents must hold a general elk license before applying for an elk permit. Nonresidents must hold an Elk or Big Game Elk Combination License before applying for an elk permit. Check individual hunting district for specific details. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the license/permit quota.
- Elk permits must be used with a general license. They do not allow a hunter to harvest an additional elk. A permit allows you to hunt in a restricted area or time period where harvest restrictions exist for General Elk License holders.
- Permits for either-sex elk or brow-tined bull-antlerless elk will limit the holder to hunting for antlered elk within only the designated HD for the period identified on the permit. Antlerless elk hunting will not be limited by the permit. A general license may be used to hunt in any open district during dates outside of that identified on the permit.
- Learn about the hunting district you wish to hunt before applying for a permit. For instance, do not apply for a backcountry area if you aren't willing and prepared to backpack in. And do not apply in hunting districts that are mostly private land if you aren't certain you can get permission.
- In all or a portion of many hunting districts, a hunter is required to have successfully drawn a special permit before hunting a bull elk, brow-tined bull

elk, or antlerless elk in all or a portion of the hunting seasons. See individual hunting districts for specific regulations.

## **Replacement Licenses (MCA 87-2-104)**

Replacements of lost, stolen, or destroyed licenses or permits may be purchased at FWP offices or FWP License Providers. A second or subsequent replacement license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased in person at an FWP office. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each replacement license.

- The department will issue a replacement license when an animal is deemed unfit for human consumption due to disease or prior injury. To obtain a replacement license, permit, or tag pursuant to this subsection, the person:

- shall surrender the entire animal determined to be unfit for human consumption; and
- may choose to be issued the replacement for the same license year or the next license year.
- the hunter must personally appear at a department regional or area office or at headquarters in Helena, Montana during normal operating hours to request a replacement license.

## **SuperTag Lottery (MCA 87-1-271)**

Open to residents and nonresidents.

**Deadline to Purchase  
SuperTag Chances  
(\$5 each)  
June 30**

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an UNL number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species, even if the quota for that district has been met.
- Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the online licensing system at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov).
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.

Purchase your fishing license,  
hunting licenses(s) and apply  
for drawings online  
**ols.fwp.mt.gov**

### Bonus Point System (MCA 87-2-117)

**Bonus points can increase your chances to draw a license or permit.**

- Bonus points essentially offer you additional drawing chances and are used for first-choice drawings only.
- Existing bonus points will be mathematically “squared” prior to the drawing. That means if you already have 3 “base” bonus points those will be “squared” and you’ll then have 9 points going into the drawing.
- If you wish to participate in the bonus point program (to use or gain points), make sure to select “YES” on the bonus point question under each species application, the \$20 (nonresident) or \$2 (resident) bonus point fee for each license/permit will be added to the total.
- If you’re unsuccessful, you’ll be awarded an additional base bonus point for next year’s drawing.
- Bonus points are nontransferable; they cannot be transferred between the species drawings or individuals.
- The base bonus points for party applications are the average of their individual base bonus points rounded to the nearest whole number.
- To purchase a bonus point, applicants must be of eligible age to apply for licenses or permits. Any youth who no longer qualifies will not lose accumulated points.
- You may purchase one bonus point per year; either at the time of application or between July 1 and September 30

of the current year. For example: if you submit an application for an elk permit on April 1, you may also purchase a bonus point at that time. If you do not choose to purchase a bonus point at that time, you may not purchase one from July - September. You may, however, purchase a bonus point for a different species between July 1 and September 30.

- The fee to purchase a bonus point without applying is \$15 per species for residents, and the nonresident fees are \$25 per species with the exception of moose, sheep, and goat which are \$75 per species.  
**Note:** You cannot apply for and purchase bonus points in the same year.

### Preference Points

- ▶ Preference points prioritize a nonresident combination license applicant with more preference points over an applicant who has holds fewer preference points.
- ▶ If you elect to purchase a Preference Point select “YES” on the preference point question. The additional \$100 fee will be added to your total.
- ▶ Accumulated preference points will be used during the current drawing whether you purchase an additional preference point or not. Any accumulated preference points are lost if the applicant does not apply for a nonresident combination license in consecutive years, or if you are successful at obtaining a combination license.
- ▶ Outfitter clients are eligible to purchase second preference point for an additional \$100 at the time of application. Licenses issued using this point are only valid for hunting with an outfitter.
- ▶ No one may hold more than 3 preference points.

- ▶ Those who do not apply for a combination license may purchase one preference point for \$100 over the counter from July 1 through December 31.

### Landowner Preference (MCA 87-2-705)

- Montana landowners (resident and nonresident) may qualify for preference in the license/permit drawings for deer, elk, and antelope.
- In order to claim landowner preference for deer B, deer permit, and/or antelope drawings, a landowner must own at least 160 acres of land within the hunting district applied for. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, the landowner must own land within that portion and the land must be used primarily for agricultural purposes.
- In order to claim landowner preference for the Elk B License and/or elk permit drawings, a landowner must own or be contracting to purchase at least 640 contiguous acres of land used by elk. If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, a landowner must own land within that portion to claim preference.
- A landowner may designate his/her preference to a member of his/her immediate family (blood or marriage related), paid employee who has state, federal, or FICA taxes withheld from pay. Only one person may use designated preference in a partnership or corporation.
- Landowners or their designees should apply normally online or over the counter at a FWP office by the appropriate deadline and then mail in a separate landowner preference form. Preference forms for the deer and elk permits must be received by April 1, and forms for Elk B, Deer B, Antelope and Antelope B must be received by June 1.

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## Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each permit or license, there is a \$5 nonrefundable application fee for each license or permit you apply for.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident (in full or in part) fees for licenses and/or drawings.
- The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.
- Situations include:

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/1/22	100%
Death of immediate family member	12/1/22	90%
Medical emergency	12/1/22	90%

### Contact Licensing at 406-444-2950 or [fwplc@mt.gov](mailto:fwplc@mt.gov)

- For information on drawings for big game hunting.
- For surplus license (any leftover licenses from the drawings) information (available shortly after each drawing).

## License Discount Opportunities (MCA 87-2-817)

- Montana resident members of the Montana National Guard, Federal Reserve or Active Duty, who participated after

September 11, 2001, in a contingency operation outside the state for two months and have been released from active duty or discharged, are entitled to a free Conservation License and a Fishing License OR a Sportsman without Bear License for a fee of \$12 (includes the Base Hunting and AISPP fee). These licenses will be issued only at FWP offices. DD 214 and supporting documentation are required.

- To take advantage of this opportunity you must obtain the license in the year you are released from military service, or in the following year.
- A veteran with certain combat connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP's License Bureau for details at 406-444-2950. (MCA 87-2-803)
- Nonresidents who hold a current upland game bird license, big game combination, elk combination, or deer combination license may purchase a nonresident turkey license for \$57.50.
- Nonresident Youth Big Game Elk or Deer Combination Licenses will be sold to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, stepparent, grandparent, brother, or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident General Deer or General Elk License or a Nonresident Big Game, Elk, or Deer Combination License. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Worksheets along with prices are available from FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

[fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) and may be processed at any FWP office. For further details, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950. (MCA 87-2-522)

- Nonresident students enrolled as a full-time student (9 or more credits) in a postsecondary educational institution in Montana or nonresident full-time students in another state who graduated from a Montana high school and their parent is a Montana resident are eligible for discounted hunting licenses. The Nonresident College Student Big Game, Elk or Deer Combination Licenses include Conservation, Fishing, Upland Bird, Deer and/or Elk. A Base Hunting License and AISPP are prerequisites. (MCA 87-2-525)
- Or, if the students state of residence offers resident rate licenses to Montanans who are full time college students in that state, equivalent discounted licenses, then they can get at Montana resident prices; fishing, upland bird, deer a, elk, sportsman, migratory bird, turkey, deer b or elk b.
  - Application for a Nonresident College Student Combination License or individual licenses if available may be made after the second Monday in September at any FWP Regional office or FWP Headquarters in Helena. To qualify, the applicant shall present a valid student identification card and copy of paid tuition as a current full-time enrollment at a post-secondary education institution in Montana. See page 12-13 for license prices. Proof of completing a hunter education course is also required.

## Donation Options

## MONTANA FWP

When purchasing your fishing, hunting and recreation licenses you have the option to donate to different programs. Below is a description of each.

### Wolf Mitigation

Donations will be used by the Montana Department of Livestock to contract for wolf management with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services for flight time, collaring and lethal control of wolves.

### Warm Water Fisheries Enhancement

This program supports projects that improve Montana's warm water fisheries and habitats.

### Hunters Against Hunger

Donations to this program help cover the cost of processing and distributing the meat that hunters donate to feed hungry Montanans. There will be no cost or processing fees to hunters who drop meat off at participating processors. For a list of processors visit [mfbn.org/hunters-against-hunger/](http://mfbn.org/hunters-against-hunger/).

### MT-PLAN

This DNRC grant program facilitates collaboration among recreationists, private landowners, and land management agencies to enhance public access throughout the state.

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## Youth Hunter

### Special 2-day Youth Deer Hunt: October 20 & 21, 2022

Youth hunters and apprentice hunters 10-15 may hunt during the Youth Statewide Two-day Deer Hunt. See chart.

### Youth Deer & Elk Hunts

Some hunting districts offer special opportunities for youth ages 10-15. See page 120.

### Youth Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses

Elk permits and Elk B Licenses only for youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2023) -15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations have the following requirements:

To qualify, the applicant must:

- be 12 (by Jan 16, 2023) -15 years of age at time of application.
- show proof of successfully completing hunter education.

Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general deer & elk season are eligible to hunt in the youth areas with a general license even if they turn 16 years of age during the season.

### Free license for terminally ill youth (MCA 87-2-805)

- Montana law allows terminally ill resident or nonresident youth under 17 years of age to receive a free one-time Deer and Elk License.
- The youth must be accompanied by a licensed outfitter or an adult who has a license to hunt in Montana.
- Minimum age and hunter education requirements may be waived for this license. For information call Licensing at 406-444-2950.

## Youth Hunter Opportunity Chart

Age	Opportunities and Special Requirements
<b>Available To Resident &amp; Nonresident</b>	
10 and over	An apprentice hunter is a resident or nonresident certified at an FWP office. An apprentice hunter can certify as early as age 9 but cannot buy a license until age 10. This license allows the apprentice to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. An apprentice hunting certification is limited to two years before a person must complete a hunter education course. The apprentice hunter may not apply for or purchase a bighorn sheep, black bear, mountain lion, or wolf license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details at: <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/apprentice-hunter">fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/apprentice-hunter</a>
11	A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2023, may (after completing hunter education): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for any special drawing, except spring turkey – must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application.</li> <li>• After August 15, 2022, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season.</li> </ul>
under 14	In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child; or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law 45-8-344.
10-15	Youth Statewide Two-Day Deer Hunt – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The F&amp;W Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in deer hunting.</li> <li>• Lawfully licensed hunters 10 through 15 years of age may hunt deer during the Statewide Two-day Youth Only Deer Hunt –October 20-21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– During these two days, youth hunters with a general deer, deer permit or deer B license may take those deer species and sex otherwise available on their general deer, deer permit or deer B license the first day of the general firearm season in the specific hunting district the youth is hunting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field.</li> <li>• Shooting hours, hunter education requirements and all other regulations that apply to the general deer firearm season shall apply to this youth two-day deer hunt.</li> </ul>
<b>Available To Nonresident Only</b>	
12-17	Nonresident Youth Combination Licenses will be sold to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate-family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, stepparent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older and possesses a current resident or nonresident deer or elk license). The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and may be processed at any FWP office. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.

### Hunters with a Disability

- Certification for “special considerations” are lifetime certifications and do not need to be renewed annually.
- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities contact any FWP office. See contacts on page 137.

### Resident With a Disability Conservation License (MCA 87-2-803)

- Residents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, who purchase a conservation license, may purchase a fishing license for half price, AISPP is also required. If they also purchase a base hunting license for \$10, they may then purchase general deer, general elk, and/or upland game bird (excluding turkey) licenses for half price. Applications for a Resident With a Disability Conservation License are available at all FWP offices and FWP website.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

### Permit To Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV) (MCA 87-2-803)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially nonambulatory, as defined by State Law, may apply for a PTHFV.
  - Specific PTHFV field regulations apply. Noncompliance may result in loss of this privilege.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

### Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)


- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTMAE. The PTMAE allows a person with a disability to use archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds, and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability.
- Arrows are not exempt, and must meet requirements for the Archery Only Season.
- This permit does not entitle the holder to use a crossbow during the Archery Only Season.
- The permit only allows modification of lawful archery tackle and must be used with a valid bow and arrow license and appropriate hunting license.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

### Certain Combat Disabled Veterans (MCA 87-2-803)

- A veteran with certain combat-connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP Licensing for details at 406-444-2950.

### Licenses and/or Permits for Hunters with a Disability

- Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at FWP offices or FWP website. For more information contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.
- Elk:
  - Elk permits - see page 120.
  - Applicants must have a Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV), valid Conservation License, Base Hunting License, a General Elk License and apply on or before April 1.
- Antelope:
  - Individuals who are permanently physically disabled and nonambulatory as defined in ARM 12.3.106, may apply for an antelope license. A total of 25 antelope licenses are issued through antelope drawing. These licenses are offered in those antelope hunting districts that have a total quota of 50 or more antelope licenses. Applicants must apply on FWP-provided forms available at all FWP offices. Applications must be postmarked on or before June 1.



If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:

MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute  
29 McGill Hall  
Missoula, MT 59803  
(406) 243-5751  
[montech.ruralinstitute.umont.edu](http://montech.ruralinstitute.umont.edu)

## LAWS & RULES

- Statute denoted by MCA.
- Commission Rule denoted by CR.
- Administrative Rule denoted by ARM.

These regulations contain information to safely and lawfully participate in Montana's game animal hunting opportunities.



Hunters who hunt lawfully and responsibly keep Montana's hunting traditions alive.



Don't risk losing the privilege of hunting in Montana.

**Be Safe**  
**Be Lawful**  
**Be Responsible!**

### Aircraft- Unlawful Use (MCA 87-6-208)

- It is unlawful for a person to shoot a game animal from an aircraft.
- It is unlawful for a person to use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game animal.
- Aircraft may not be used to locate game animals for the purpose of
  - Hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne or
  - Providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.

### Archery Equipment (MCA 87-6-401, CR)

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of game animals.
- The following criteria define Archery Equipment. It is unlawful to use, while hunting game during any Archery Only Season and in Archery Equipment Only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:

**Hunting Bow:** A hunting bow for game animals shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.

- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand-drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall

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not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.

- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow, and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

**Exception:** Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

- > A bow is considered lawful if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
- > The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent as advertised by the manufacturer.

**Arrow:** An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges and be at least 7/8 inches at the widest point. Expandable broadheads are lawful as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

**The following are not considered a hunting bow or lawful archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an Archery Equipment Only area or hunting district:**

- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow or arrow that aides in the taking or locating of any game animal or game bird.

**Exception:** Camera devices attached to bows for the sole purpose of filming is allowed.

- A bow sight or arrow that uses

artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics. **Exception:** an arrow may have a lighted nock.

#### **Artificial Light (MCA 87-6-401)**

It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infra-red light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game animals.

#### **Baiting (MCA 87-6-401, CR)**

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

#### **Carcass Disposal (CR)**

To prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, all parts of the head or skull containing brain material and/or the spinal columns of deer, elk, and moose harvested in Montana must be left in the field at the kill site or, if transported for further processing including taxidermy or meat processing, must be disposed of in a class II landfill once that processing is complete.

#### **Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218)**

All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

#### **Disturbing Traps or Trapped Animals (MCA 87-6-601(5))**

A person may not destroy, disturb, or remove any trap or snare belonging to another person or remove wildlife from a trap or snare belonging to another person without permission of the owner of the trap or snare, except that from March 1 to Oct. 1 of each year a person may remove any snare from land owned or leased by the person if the snare would endanger livestock. This requirement does not apply to a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of the officer's duty.

#### **Dogs (MCA 87-6-404)**

It is unlawful for a person to use dogs to chase game animals. Exception: Dogs may be used to hunt mountain lions and spring black bears, see appropriate regulations for rules. Dogs may be utilized to recover or locate wounded game animals, but handlers shall maintain physical control of the dog at all times by means of a maximum 50-foot lead attached to the dog's collar or harness.

#### **Evidence of Sex (MCA 87-6-406)**

A person who kills a game animal in this state shall retain evidence of sex of the animal with the carcass until it is processed. The provisions of this section do not apply to a game animal harvested using a license with which either sex of the animal may be taken. Evidence of sex does not need to be naturally attached. A person who kills a game animal in a hunting district where the harvest is limited by the animal's antler point or horn size shall retain the antlers or

horns until the carcass is processed.

#### **Firearms**

- Firearms, including rifles, handguns, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, and muzzleloaders; archery equipment; and crossbows are lawful for taking game animals. All other methods of take are prohibited.
- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation or magazine/round capacity restrictions for the taking of game animals.
- Rifle scopes with illuminated reticles, built-in range finding capabilities, and "red dot" scopes are lawful for the taking of game animals.
- See specific muzzleloader requirements on Page 25 for Weapons Restriction Areas, and on Page 24 for the heritage muzzleloader season.

#### **Glandular Scents ((ARM 12.6.1016, 12.6.1017)( MCA 87-6-101))**

Artificial and Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) approved natural glandular scents may be used by hunters for the purpose of masking human odor. Urine-based and natural glandular scents are approved by the F&W commission for the purposes of attracting game animals (except black bears) and game birds if they:

- originate from a state or province not listed below as having documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease or
- originate from a facility which is approved by the F&W commission as certified by the Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) and displays the required marks on the product packaging.



The following states have documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The following Canadian provinces have documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease: Alberta, Quebec, and Saskatchewan.

#### **Hunter Harassment (MCA 87-6-215)**

It is unlawful to:

- Intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal.
- Disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal.

#### **Hunter Orange Requirement**

##### **(MCA 87-6-414)**

##### Firearm Hunters

Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times (see the following exception).

### Archery Hunters

A licensed bowhunter pursuing deer, elk and/or antelope during the Archery Only Season or in an archery only hunting district is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement, even if there is a concurrent firearm season in that hunting district or portion of district. However, bowhunters hunting during any portion of the general (firearm) season for deer, elk, antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, bison, black bear, and/or mountain lion must always wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) above the waist, visible at all times.

### Hunting Hours (CR)

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 135.

### Incidental Harvest Resulting in an Unlawfully Taken Animal

If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an unlawfully taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

**> Hunters should field dress the animal but DO NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.**

### Indian Reservations

- The F&W Commission has by rule, closed all lands within the exterior boundaries of Montana's Indian Reservations to the hunting of game animals with the use of state licenses unless provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana.
- Currently, there are no cooperative agreements between FWP and any of the Tribal Governments in Montana and as such the season for the hunting of game animals, by nonmembers, with a state license is closed. Please contact FWP for further information.

### Inspection by Warden (MCA 87-1-502, 87-6-218)

Game animals, game and nongame birds, fish, and furbearers taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

### Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is unlawful for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

### Kill Site Verification (ARM 12.6.1005)

At the request of a Department Game Warden, it is required to return to the kill site of any game animal, game bird, wolf, or furbearer that has been hunted or trapped.

### Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-415)

A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt furbearers, game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property without first obtaining permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents. Regardless of whether the land is posted or not, hunters must have permission from the land owner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

For the purposes of this section, the term "hunt" has the same meaning as provided in **87-6-101** and includes entering private land to: (a) retrieve wildlife; or (b) access public land to hunt.

### License and Permit Possession/Use (MCA 87-6-304, MCA 87-6-305)

- A person may not apply for, purchase, or possess more than one license, permit, or tag of any one class or more than one special license for any one species. This provision does not apply to more than one license, permit or tag authorized by the Commission.
- A person may not hunt in this state unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- A person may not refuse to exhibit a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a warden or other officer requesting to see it.
- A person may not at any time alter or change a license in any material manner or loan or transfer any license to another person.
- A person other than the person to whom a license is issued may not use the license.
- A person may not attach the person's license to a game animal killed by another person.
- A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a hunting license or permit if the person knowingly carries or has physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit.
- This does not apply: to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person; and when a properly obtained and validated license or permit is attached to a lawfully killed game animal.

### License Validation/Tagging (MCA 87-6-411)

- When a person kills a game animal, the person shall, before the carcass is removed from or the person leaves the site of the kill, take physical possession of the game animal by:
  - electronically validating the license or tag or
  - cutting out from the license or tag the date the animal was killed and attaching the license or tag to the animal.

- A license or tag that is not electronically validated must be kept attached to the carcass as long as any considerable portion of the carcass remains unconsumed.
- A person may not fail to keep the license or tag attached to the game animal or portion of the game animal while the animal is possessed by the person unless the license or tag was electronically validated.
- A person may not tag a game animal with or electronically validate a license or tag that is restricted to a hunting district other than the hunting district where the game animal was killed.

### Littering (MCA 75-10-212)

A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes, while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing, or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

### Marked or Radio-Collared Animals (CR)

It is lawful to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP office.

### Motion-Tracking Devices (MCA 87-6-401)

It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to use any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter.

Motion tracking devices are defined by F&W Commission as remote operated camera or video devices capable of transmitting real time information, pictures or videos; seismic devices; thermal imaging devices; and satellite and radio telemetry devices.

A radio-tracking collar attached to a dog that is used by a hunter engaged in lawful hunting activities is not considered an unlawful motion-tracking device.

### Motorized Vehicles (MCA 87-6-405)

- It is unlawful for anyone to:
- hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
  - use a motorized vehicle to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
  - While hunting a person may not use a motor driven vehicle off-road on state land.
  - use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land. For more information

related to state school trust lands, see page 29.

- use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.

#### **Off Road- Federal lands (CR)**

- operate, on federal public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All Federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

#### **Boats (MCA 87-6-207)**

- A person may not use a motorboat or a sailboat as defined in 23-2-502 for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any upland game bird, migratory bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal until the motor is shut off or the sails are furled and the progress of the vessel has ceased.

#### **Muzzleloader Heritage Hunting Season**

**Lawful Weapons 87-1-304(9):** Plain lead projectiles and a muzzleloading rifle that is charged with loose black powder, loose pyrodex, or an equivalent loose black powder substitute, and ignited by a flintlock, wheel lock, matchlock, or percussion mechanism using a percussion or musket cap. The muzzleloading rifle must be a minimum of .45 caliber and may not have more than two barrels. Additionally, 87-6-401(1), a hunter may not use a muzzleloading rifle that requires insertion of a cap or primer into the open breech of the barrel, is capable of being loaded from the breech, or is mounted with an optical magnification device. Use of prepared paper or metallic cartridges, sabots, gas checks, or other similar power and range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm is also prohibited.

#### **Off-Highway Vehicles (including ATV, UTV and dirt bikes)**

**Residents (MCA 23-2-804, 23-2-111)** – OHVs must be registered with the county treasurer and display a current off-highway permanent registration decal to be used for off-road recreation on public lands (trails, frozen lakes, reservoirs). To be used on roads (county, Forest Service, etc.), an OHV must be registered with the county treasurer and display a license plate and street-legal modifications. Resident hunters utilizing “summer motorized recreation trails” must also purchase a summer motorized recreation trail pass (decal) at a cost of \$20, valid for 2 years and expires on December 31 of the second calendar year. All decals must be affixed in a conspicuous place on the OHV.

**Nonresidents (MCA 23-2-814)** – OHVs that are owned by a nonresident may not be operated by a person anywhere in Montana unless a nonresident

temporary-use permit is obtained. Permits are good for one calendar year, cost \$35 and can be purchased from local vendors (stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvProgram.html, OHV Permits and Laws), at FWP offices or online at app.mt.gov/als. Contact Montana State Parks OHV Program at 406-444-3750.

#### **Outfitters and Guides (MCA 37-47-301)**

A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.

- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

#### **Possession of Wildlife Parts (MCA 87-6-202)**

A person may not possess, ship, or transport all or part of any game fish, bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal that was unlawfully killed, captured, or taken, whether killed, captured, or taken in Montana or outside of Montana. “Possess” includes the act of killing, capturing, or taking a game fish, bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal regardless of whether the person takes or retains physical possession of the fish, bird, or animal. This section does not prohibit the possession, shipping, or transportation of:

- hides, heads, or mounts of lawfully killed, captured, or taken game fish, birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals, except that the sale or purchase of a hide, head, or mount of a grizzly bear is prohibited, except as provided by federal law;
- naturally shed antlers or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been unlawfully killed, captured, or taken or accidentally killed;
- the bones of an elk, antelope, moose, or deer that has died from natural causes and that has not been unlawfully killed, captured, or taken or accidentally killed;

**Vehicle Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit (MCA 87-3-145) (ARM 12.3.186)** Carcasses and parts of elk, deer, antelope and moose killed in vehicular collisions may be taken and possessed but only with a Vehicle-Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit. No other game animals may be salvaged by this permit.

#### **Recovery and possession of horns and skulls from mountain sheep that died of natural causes (MCA 87-3-315)**

A person may recover and possess the horn or horns and attached skull, or portion thereof, of a mountain sheep that died of natural causes and was not purposefully or accidentally killed, captured, or taken, including due to being struck by a vehicle.

Horns and skulls recovered pursuant to this section must be reported

to the department within 48 hours and presented to the department for inspection and placement of a permanent pin in a horn within 10 days. The fee for the pin is \$25.

This section does not allow the recovery or possession of horns and skulls found in state parks.

#### **Predatory Animals and Nongame Hunting**

Predatory animals and nongame species can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A Conservation License, or a State School Trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predatory animals and nongame species on State School Trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predatory animals and nongame species on private land.

- **Predatory Animals** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).

- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise lawfully classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.

#### **Public Roadways (MCA 87-6-403)**

It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel).

#### **Recorded Animal Sounds (MCA 87-6-401)**

It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by state or federal law.

#### **Restitution for Unlawfully Taken Wildlife (MCA 87-6-906, CR)**

Under Montana law, a person convicted, or who was charged and forfeited bond or bail, of unlawfully killing, taking, or possessing game animals shall reimburse the state. The law sets the amount of restitution for a trophy animal under Montana law as:

Bighorn Sheep	\$30,000
Elk	\$8,000
Antlered Deer	\$8,000
Moose	\$6,000
Mountain Goat	\$6,000
Antelope	\$2,000
Grizzly Bear*	\$8,000

\*no authorized hunting season

- The law specifically outlines minimum standards for a trophy under this regulation, but authorizes the F&W Commission to adopt more specific criteria.

- For the purpose of assessing restitution for unlawfully taken trophy wildlife under Montana law, the following are considered “trophy” animals:

- **Antelope:** With at least one horn greater than 14 inches in length, as measured along the outside curve from base to tip.

- **Elk:** Must meet all three criteria:

- 1) at least six points on one antler, 2) a main beam length on each antler of at least 43 inches, and 3) an inside spread of at least 36 inches.

**OR**

Any elk with at least one six-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 320 points or greater.

- **Mule Deer:** Must meet all three criteria: 1) at least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) a main beam length on each side of at least 21 inches, and 3) a greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 20 inches.

**OR**

Any mule deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 160 points or greater.

- **White-tailed Deer:** Must meet all three criteria:

- 1) at least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) a main beam length on each side of at least 20 inches, and 3) a greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 16 inches.

**OR**

Any white-tailed deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 140 points or greater.

- A “point” as defined in these regulations is at least four inches long for elk and at least one inch long for deer, measured from base to tip. Boone & Crockett (B&C) measuring procedures or standards are used for criteria measurement. The official measurements for the purpose of this regulation are those that are taken at the time of confiscation or seizure of the trophy. Any B&C measurements will be considered final when taken by an official B&C scorer, regardless of drying time. If the skullcap of antlers or horns is broken in such a manner to render an official B&C score invalid, three official B&C scorers will estimate a score. The three scores will be averaged and the average score used to determine trophy status in accordance with Montana law.

**Sale of Game Animals (MCA 87-6-206)**

A person may not purposely or knowingly sell, purchase, or exchange all or part of any game fish, bird, game animals, or fur-bearing animals, except that a person may sell, purchase, or exchange:

- Hides, heads, or mounts of game fish, birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals that have been lawfully killed, captured, or taken, except that the sale or purchase of a hide, head, or mount of a grizzly bear is prohibited, except

as provided by federal law.

- Naturally shed antlers or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been unlawfully killed, captured, or taken or accidentally killed; for additional exceptions, see 87-6-206 MCA. Sale of meat is not allowed.

**Simulated Wildlife (MCA 87-6-217)**

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute, ARM, or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

**Transport of Wildlife**

- An individual other than the license holder may transport lawfully taken, properly tagged game animals that comply with the “Evidence of Sex Requirements.”
- It is unlawful to ship, possess, transport, or take out of state unlawfully killed game animals.
- It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an unlawfully taken game animal across state boundaries.
- If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between the United States and any foreign country, you must complete a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declaration form. For further information, contact the USFWS wildlife inspector at 406-335-4350 or [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state’s wildlife division.

**Traps (MCA 87-6-601)**

It is unlawful to destroy, disturb, or remove any trap or snare belonging to another person or remove wildlife from a trap or snare belonging to another person without permission of the owner of the trap or snare.

**Two-way Communication (ARM 12.6.1010)**

The use of two-way electronic communication is prohibited:

- While in the act of hunting game animals or wolves to aid in the taking or locating of live animals.
  - While in the act of hunting mountain lion or bobcats with dogs, beginning when the dogs are placed or physically released on tracks or a scent trail.
  - To avoid game check stations or FWP enforcement personnel.
  - To facilitate unlawful hunting activity.
- The use of two-way electronic communication for the use of safety or other legitimate purposes is exempt. Two-way electronic communication includes, but is not limited to, the following: radios (walkie-talkies/CB), cell phones, text messages, and the use of social media or other electronic platforms, applications, or programs.

**Unmanned Aerial Vehicles UAV (CR)**

A UAV/drone may not be used to locate game animals for the purposes of: hunting

those animals during the same hunting day after a UAV/drone has been airborne, or providing information for another person for the purposes of; hunting those animals within the same hunting day after the UAV/drone has been airborne.

**Waste of Game (MCA 87-6-205)**

- Hunters, or persons in possession of a game animal or game animal parts, are prohibited from wasting or rendering unfit for human consumption, any part of a game animal that is defined as “suitable for food.”
- For game animals (excluding mountain lions), all of the four quarters above the hock, including loin and backstrap, are considered suitable for food.

**Weapons Restriction Areas (CR)**

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

**The following equipment restrictions apply to Weapons Restriction Areas:**

**Archery**

See lawful archery equipment in the “Law & Rules” section.

**Crossbows**

Lawful in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

**Traditional Handguns**

- Are not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- Have a barrel length of less than 10 ½ inches;
- Chamber only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles.

**Muzzleloader** (this definition is strictly for the use of muzzleloaders in weapons restriction areas. See the Muzzleloader Heritage Season Lawful Weapons section on page 24 for information regarding hunting during the Dec 11 - 19 heritage muzzleloader season)

- Must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel;
- May not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges;
- Must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent;
- Must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheellock mechanism;
- Must be a minimum of .45 caliber;
- May have no more than two barrels;
- Must only use plain lead projectiles;
- Sabots or other similar power and range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm are prohibited. “Skirts” or gas checks on the base of a projectile are acceptable.

**Shotgun**

Must be shouldered, breech-loaded, or muzzle-loaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

## Restricted Area Descriptions

Restricted area descriptions include both Closed Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a lawful hunting area.

**BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge:** Closed to hunting.

**Beattie Gulch:** Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice: US Forest Service lands located in the following sections north of Yellowstone National Park in Beattie Gulch, Sec. 7 & 8, T9S, R8E and Sections 12 & 13, T9S, R7E.

**Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District Portion of HD 260:** Refer to legal description of deer/elk hunting district 260.

**Bowdoin NWR closed hunting of big game:** Portions of T31N R31E, T31N R32E, T30N R31E, T30N R32E as posted by refuge regulations. Contact refuge at 654-2863.

**Brinkman Game Preserve:** Closed to the hunting of all species except deer. Except as specifically permitted by the commission for the hunting of deer, no person may carry or discharge firearms within the preserve. See current regulations. The boundary of the Brinkman Game Preserve is as follows: The S½ section 7, and E½, NE¼ section 7, and S½ section 8, and NW¼ section 8, S½ section 9, S½ and E½, NE¼ section 10. All of sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36,; all in township 29N, range 7E, M.P.M., Liberty County, Montana.

**CMR National Wildlife Refuge, Slippery Ann elk viewing area:** Closed to all hunting per refuge regulation 406-538-8706: Portions of Section 36, T22N, R24E and Sections 31 and 32, T22N, R25E.

**Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:** CMR National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regulations may differ from these regulations, to include closed or weapons restricted areas. Hunters should contact the CMR at 406-538-8706 or the ACOE at 406-526-3411.

**Cree Crossing WMA:** Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. Portions of sections 11 and 12 T32N R32E as posted.

**Deckard Flats to Trail Creek:** Elk Hunting Closure: Subject to closure of elk hunting with 24 hours notice. Those portions of Park County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the confluence of the Yellowstone River and Little Trail Creek northwest of Gardiner, then northeasterly along Little Trail Creek up to its headwaters, then easterly to the USFS Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, then easterly along said boundary to the North Fork of Bear Creek, then southeasterly along said creek to its confluence with Bear Creek, then northerly along said creek to the confluence of Pine Creek, then easterly along

said Creek to the intersection with the USFS Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, then southerly along said boundary to the boundary with Yellowstone National Park, then westerly along said boundary to the confluence of the Yellowstone River and Reese Creek west of the town of Gardiner, then westerly along the Yellowstone River to its confluence with Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

**East Ovando Archery Area:** Restricted to ArchEquip Only for all big game hunting: Those portions of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 200 with the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwest along said river to the Ovando-Helmville Road, then northwesterly along said road to Ovando and State Route 200, then easterly along said route to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, the point of beginning.

**Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area:** Ennis Airport WRA Boundary Description: Beginning at intersection of Airport Rd and Hwy 287, east on Airport Rd, then continuing east along south boundary of section 32 to the USFS boundary, then north to north boundary of section 29, then west on north boundaries of sections 29 and 30, then south on west boundary of section 30, then west on north boundary of section 36 to Hwy 287, then south along Hwy 287 to point of beginning.

**Flathead Weapons Restriction Area and Blasdel WPAs:** Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only: That portion of Flathead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 35 and State Route 206, then northerly along State Route 206 to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway onto State Route 40 to US Highway 93, then south on said Highway to Rocky Cliff Drive, then easterly to Demersville Road, then northerly along said road to Foy's Bend Lane, then easterly along said road onto Lower Valley Road to the Bonneville Power Administration powerline at Foy's Bend, then northerly along said powerline across the Flathead River to the easterly shore, then up the most easterly shore of said river to State Route 35 (Old Highway 2 bridge), then easterly along said route to its junction with State Route 206, the point of the beginning.

**Freezout Lake WMA, Teton County:** Closed to hunting as posted.

**Gallatin Special Management Area:** Closed to all deer and elk hunting except elk hunting by special permit only: The Gallatin Special Management Area is a combination of the old Bacon Rind/Lodgepole and Buffalo Horn/Lodgepole Units. Those portions of Madison and Gallatin Counties lying within the following boundary description: Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 191 and the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park, then in a

northerly direction along said boundary to USFS Trail 57 at Dailey Pass, then in a northwesterly direction along said trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn, then down said creek to a posted line that goes along the south side of Cow Flats to its intersection with Buffalo Horn Creek, then down said creek to the Gallatin River, then up said river to Snow Flake Springs and the toe of Snowflake Ridge, then southerly along said ridge and the Sage Creek-Monument Creek Divide, then along Sage Creek-Snowslide Creek Divide and the Sage Creek-Bacon Rind Divide to the Gallatin Madison Rivers Divide at Redstreak Peak, then southeasterly along said divide to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then northerly along said boundary to the point of beginning.

**Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** That portion of Gallatin county beginning at the intersection of Cottonwood Road and Enders Road, continuing southeast from that intersection along Cottonwood Road, north to South 19th, then east on South 19th to Nash Road, then east on Nash Road to Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road, to the national forest boundary, then east along said boundary to boundary of State Lands Sections 4, 3, 34, 35 and 1 to Bear Canyon Road, then northerly on Bear Canyon Road to the Bear Canyon Interchange with Interstate 90, then northerly to Rocky Creek, northwesterly along Rocky Creek to L Street, then north on L Street to Story Mill Road, then north on Story Mill Road to Deer Creek Drive, northeast on Deer Creek Drive to Lookfar Way, north on Lookfar Way to Rolling Hills Drive, north on Rolling Hills Drive to Sypes Canyon Road, northwesterly on Sypes Canyon Road to Summer Cuttoff Road, then Saddle Mountain Road, then east on Saddle Mountain Road to Bostwick Road, then north along Bostwick Road to Baseline East Road, then west on Baseline East Road to Walker Road, then north on Walker Road to Penwell Bridge Road, then west on Penwell Bridge Road to Wes Davis Road, then north and west on Wes Davis Road to Hamilton Road, then west and south on Hamilton Road to its intersection with Weaver Road at Highway 290, then west on Weaver Road to Highway 10, then northwesterly on Highway 10 to Heeb Road, then south on Heeb Road to Amsterdam Road, east on Amsterdam Road, to Linney Road, south on Linney Road to Cameron Bridge Road, then east on Cameron Bridge Road to River Road, then south on River Road to Highway 84, then east on Highway 84 to Shedd's Bridge, then south up western most channel of the Gallatin River to Gallatin Gateway Bridge, then east on Gallatin Gateway Road to US Highway 191, then south on US Highway 191 to Cottonwood Road, to point of beginning.

**NOTE:** Sourdough Exclusion Zone from

**SWRA within HD 309:** Beginning at the intersection of Nash and Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road to the USFS boundary, then east, north and east along said boundary in Section 8, then along said boundary in Section 8 to the intersection with State Lands in Section 9, then north along the section line of Sections 4 and 5, then west along section line of Sections 5 and 32 to the intersection with Sourdough Road, then south on Sourdough Road, then west on Nash Road, the point of beginning.

**Gardiner:** Closed to all hunting. Beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along said line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the YNP boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Stevens Creek, then northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

**Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting. Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge:** Closed to all hunting.

**Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir:** The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in Lewis and Clark County of the Helena Valley as posted. This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.

**Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** That portion of HD 388 west of the following boundary: From the intersection of US Highway 12-287 and Lake Helena Drive, then north on said drive to the south shore of the Causeway Arm, then north and east on said shore to Hauser Lake.

**Jeffers Weapons Restriction Area:** Beginning at the intersection of Highway 287 and the south access to Jeffers Loop Road at milepost 47.1, then north along the access road until the junction with Jeffers Loop Road, then easterly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Loop Road South, then northerly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Road, then west along Jeffers Road to its intersection with the entrance to Valley Garden Fishing Access Site, then westerly along the south boundary of the Valley Garden Fishing Access Site to its junction with the west bank of the Madison River, then southwesterly along the west bank of the Madison River to its intersection with Highway 287, then southeast along Highway 287 until the point of the beginning.

**Lake Helena WMA:** Closed to all big game hunting except as designated under hunting regulations. Portions of the north half of Section 22 Township 11 North, Range 3 West.

**Lee Metcalf Refuge:** Legal description, map and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.

**Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area:** That Portion of Lincoln County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road #4813, then southerly on Road #4813 to National Forest Road #533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

**Lincoln Closed Area:** Closed to all big game hunting. Section 24, T14N, R9W, shall be closed to big game hunting. This comprises the area around the town of Lincoln.

**Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Portions open to big game hunting per refuge regulations. Contact refuge at 406-789-2305.

**Milk River WMA Weapons Restriction Area:** Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only as posted and as described under current regulations. Portions of sections 17,18,20 T32N R33E as posted.

**Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Crk downstream to Great Falls city limits (this includes Park and Taylor Islands and all other unnamed islands):** Restricted to ArchEquip only: Portion of HD 413 along the Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Creek downstream to Great Falls city limits (includes Park, Taylor and all other unnamed islands).

**Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. That portion of Jefferson County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Boulder, then east along Muskrat Lane to the intersection of Upper Valley Road, then north along said road to the intersection of Sloan Lane, then west along said lane to the Interstate 15 frontage road, then west to Interstate 15, then south along said interstate to Boulder, the point of beginning.

**Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon:** Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only: Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, T7S, R9W.

**Portion of the State Prison Ranch property west of Deer Lodge:** Shall be closed as posted.

**Prison Ranch Archery Only Area:** Legal description and map available from FWP-R2 406-542-5500, in Missoula. The following MCE Ranch lands are open to hunting of big game only with Lawful Archery Equipment as outlined in the hunting regulations provided by Montana FWP: Beginning at the junction of the Old Stage Road (county road) and Elk Ridge Road (Forest Service Road 5149) in Section 22, T8N, R10W and proceeding west along the Elk Ridge Road to the power line road (prison fence line) in the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, T8N, R10W, then south along the power line road (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of the prison fence in Section 28, T7N, R10 W, then east along the south boundary Section 28, T7N, R10W (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of Section 27, T7N, R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 34, T7N, R10W, then east to the southeast corner of Section 34, T7N R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 2, T6N, R10W, then east along the prison fence line to the Dempsey Lake Road (county road), then northeasterly along Dempsey Lake Road (prison fence line) to the southeast corner of Section 36 T7N R10W, then north along the prison fence line on east edge of Section 36 and 25, T7N, R10W to corner of the prison fence line in Section 25, T7N, R10W, then east along prison fence line in N2 Section 30, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line at Lake Hill Road (county road); then north approx. 1/2 mile along the east side of Sections 30 and 19, T7N, R9W to the corner of prison fence line on the eastern edge of Section 19, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence west and northerly in Sections 19 and 18 T7N R9W to the northeast corner of Section 18, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence east approx. 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of Section 8, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence north approx. 1/2 mile to the junction of the airport fence, then proceeding northwesterly, follow the fence bordering the airport, golf course and National Guard Armory through sections 8, 5 and 6, T7N, R9W to the Old Stage Road (county road), then follow the Old Stage

Road northwest through Sections 36, 26, and 22, T8N, R10W to the junction of the Elk Ridge Road (USFS Road 5149), the point of beginning.

**Rookery WMA Weapons Restriction Area:** Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only.

**Seeley Lake Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting: That portion of Missoula County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at a point where US Forest Service land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, then east on the boundary between US Forest Service and private land, then north on same boundary to the section line between Sections 17 and 20, then east on said section line and east on north line of Section 21, T17N, R15W to State Route 83, then south on State Route 83 to Riverview Drive in Section 3, T16N, R15W, then west on Riverview Drive to Snowmass Drive in Section 9, T16N, R15W, then north on Snowmass Drive to section line between Sections 4 and 5, T16N, R15W, then north on said section line to Clearwater River, then north along west shore of Clearwater River to Boy Scout Road in Section 33, T17N, R15W, then west and north on said road to where USFS land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, the point of beginning.

**Silver Run WMA:** Closed to all hunting Dec 1-May 14.

**Smith River WMA:** Area map and rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840.

**Smith Valley Weapons Restriction Area between Smith Lake Road and US Hwy 2:** Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only: Those portions of Flathead County lying within the following described boundary: From intersection of US Highway 2 West and Kila Road, west on Kila Road to intersection with Smith Lake Road to intersection with Whalebone Drive, then west on Whalebone Drive to the intersection with US Highway 2 West and finally west on US Highway 2 back to the point of beginning at the intersection of US Highway 2 West and Kila Road.

**Sourdough Exclusion Zone from within HD 309:** Beginning at the intersection of Nash and Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road to the USFS boundary, then east, north and east along said boundary in Section 8, then along said boundary in Section 8 to the intersection with State Lands in Section 9, then north along the section line of Sections 4 and 5, then west along section line of Sections 5 and 32 to the intersection with Sourdough Road, then south on Sourdough Road, then west on Nash Road, the point of beginning.

**Sun River Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting. Beginning at a point on the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, due south of the head or source of the South Fork of the Sun River, in what will be, when surveyed, Section 8, T18N of

R10W, Montana meridian, then due north from the crest of the Continental Divide to the head of the south fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the South Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its confluence with the North Fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the North Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its head or source, then due north to the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, then along said crest southwesterly and southerly (the western boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to the place of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all that territory lying between the South Fork of the Sun River and the North Fork of the Sun River on the east and the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains on the west.

**Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA):** Teton County, variety of weapons choices offered, depending upon proximity to residences. Area Map/Rules available FWP-R4 406-454-5840 Great Falls. All in T24N, R5W legally described as: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and W1/2 of Section 13.

**Townsend Weapons Restriction Area:** Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 12 and Route 284 then northerly along said route to its intersection with Riley Road, then west along said road to the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area boundary fence as signed, then northerly and westerly along said boundary fence to the end of said boundary fence in Section 28, T8N, R2E, near Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then westerly across said reservoir to Hahn Road, then westerly along said road to US Highway 287, then south along said highway to its intersection with the Kimber Gulch Road, then westerly along said road to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then southerly along said railroad tracks to their intersection with Springville Lane, then westerly and southerly along said lane to its intersection with the Indian Creek Road, then southerly along the west boundary of Sections 25 and 36 in T7N, R1E to the SW corner of Section 36, then easterly along the southern boundary of Section 36 and easterly along the southern boundary of Section 31 in T7N, R2E to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Lower Deep Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with Jack Farm Road, then northwesterly along said road to its intersection with Cemetery Road, then east and north along said road to its intersection with US Highway 12, then east along said highway to its intersection with Route 284, the point of beginning.

**UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge:** UL Bend National Wildlife Refuges and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regulations may differ from these regulations, to include

closed or weapons restricted areas. Hunters should contact the CMR at 406-538-8706 or the ACOE at 406-526-3411.

**Wall Creek WMA and adjacent land as posted:** Beginning at the junction of Ruby Creek and the Madison River, then southerly along east bank of said river to its intersection with Wall Creek, then westerly along Wall Creek to a posted boundary in the southwest 1/4 of Section 23, T10S, R1W, then northerly for approximately 4.5 miles along posted boundary on USFS lands (through Sections 23,14,11, 2, T10S, R1W and Sections 34 and 35 T9S, R1W) to Hyde Creek, then along Hyde Creek to the Wall Creek Wildlife Management Area boundary, then northerly and westerly along the Wildlife Management Area boundary to Ruby Creek, then easterly along Ruby Creek to the Madison River, the point of beginning.

**Warm Springs WMA:** Portion of hunting district within the Warm Springs WMA restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only.

**Yellowstone River Islands:** Yellowstone River islands between the East Park Street Bridge at Livingston and one mile downstream of US Highway 89 Bridge restricted to ArchEquip Only.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Hunter Land Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

### Block Management

The Block Management Program is a public hunting access program in which FWP enters into contractual agreements with private landowners (and sometimes public land management agencies) about how free public hunting access will be permitted and managed on enrolled lands. Through the contractual agreement, a private landowner agrees to allow public hunting on enrolled lands under specified conditions, and FWP agrees to assist the landowner by enforcing the ranch rules adopted through the Block Management contract. FWP annually publishes a Hunting Access Guide by August 15 that lists the Block Management Areas (BMAs) enrolled for that year and explains how to gain access to them. For general information about the program, contact FWP at 406-444-3750.

### Fishing Access Sites

Many of Montana's Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore](http://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore) for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Indian Reservation Trust Lands

Some reservations may offer game animal hunting opportunities with the use of tribal licenses to non-members. Please contact the appropriate Tribal Government. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 129 for contact information.

### Montana State Parks

Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at [stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov) for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

### Private Land Access

Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land. See above for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

### Public Land Access

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
  - National Parks and other areas administered by the National Park Service.
  - National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting. More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. Please inquire at the local refuge office.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.
- It is unlawful to post, place signs or mark state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.

### Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

### State Game Preserves

State Game Preserves may or may not be open to hunting. See Restricted Area Descriptions, pages 26-28.

### State School Trust Lands

Additional information, including closures and restrictions, is available from the DNRC at 406-444-2074

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands for related activities during applicable seasons. Additional permitting is required through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for trapping on trust lands.

- Overnight use must not exceed the following limits: two consecutive days on leased land, 16 consecutive days within designated campgrounds or on unleased land.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open. This restriction applies to all activity including game retrieval.
- Firearms may not be discharged upon trust lands within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings on state trust lands without permission of the inhabitant.
- Open fires are prohibited outside of fire pits within designated campgrounds.

### Other State Lands

Obtain permission from the appropriate land management agency.

### State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the game animals hunting season. WMAs with game animal winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

**Exception:** There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office on page 129 for contact numbers or visit the FWP website at: [fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management-areas](http://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management-areas)

### Stream Access Law

The Stream Access Law does not allow for the hunting of game animals between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers without landowner permission.

## Other Information

### Donate Hunting License to Disabled Military Service Member or Veteran (MCA 87-2-815)

Residents and nonresidents can donate their Montana hunting license to a disabled military veteran or disabled active duty service member who is working with an organization that uses hunting as part of the rehabilitation process. The disabled person who receives the license will be a Purple Heart recipient and have a 70 percent or greater disability rating. Visit the website for more information:

[fwp.mt.gov/hunt/licensingbasics](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/licensingbasics)

### Feral Swine

Feral Swine cause extensive damage to domestic and native habitats, wildlife, and livestock throughout much of the United States. To prevent the

introduction of feral swine into Montana, the 2015 Legislature has prohibited the transportation, possession, hunting, trapping, or killing of feral swine. If you see or know of any feral swine in Montana, please contact the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-2976.

### Furbearers

Furbearers are protected game species that may only be taken by residents with a valid Trapping License during prescribed open seasons. State classified furbearers include beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, marten, fisher, wolverine, bobcat, lynx, and swift fox.

### Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules

- The game damage hunt roster is a randomized list of hunters' names. If FWP identifies a need to implement a game damage hunt, the game damage hunt roster will be used to select hunters. Selected hunters will be contacted by FWP.
- Sign up for the game damage hunt roster is from June 15–July 15, 2022, and only on the FWP website through MyFWP.

### Harvest Survey

Montana FWP conducts an annual telephone survey to gather hunting and harvest information from Montana hunters. Telephone interviewers call mid-week evenings and weekends to speak to hunters one-on-one to get the most accurate information possible. Wildlife managers use the results to evaluate hunting seasons and set quotas, season dates and other regulations.

### Hunters Against Hunger

When you purchase a Montana hunting license, you'll have an opportunity to make a donation of \$1 or more to Hunters Against Hunger. Contributions help pay for butchering and distribution of processed game donated to food banks.

### Weed Control and Weed Seed Free Hay

Montana requires use of certified weed seed free hay, grain, straw, mulch, cubes, and pelletized feed on state and federal lands. For further information, contact the Department of Agriculture at 406-444-3144.

### 12-hour Closure

- In Administrative Region 4, elk HD 424 and HD 442 may be subject to a 12-hour closure for the antlerless portion of the general brow-tined bull or antlerless elk season.
- If the elk quota is reached, the general season will revert to only the brow-tined bull regulation until the end of the general season.
- Contact Region 4 Headquarters or the Augusta Check Station for updates (406-562-3467).

## Montana is Bear Country

### Be Bear Aware!

Black bear hunters must be able to tell the difference between a grizzly and a black bear because grizzly bears cannot be lawfully hunted in Montana.

Three simple rules will help you make the right decision:

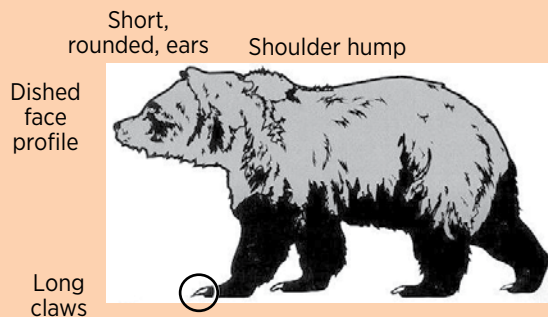
1. Learn how to identify bears.
2. Be absolutely sure of your target.
3. If in doubt, don't shoot.

### Look for a combination of characteristics.

#### Their color and body size can be misleading!



### BLACK BEAR



### GRIZZLY BEAR

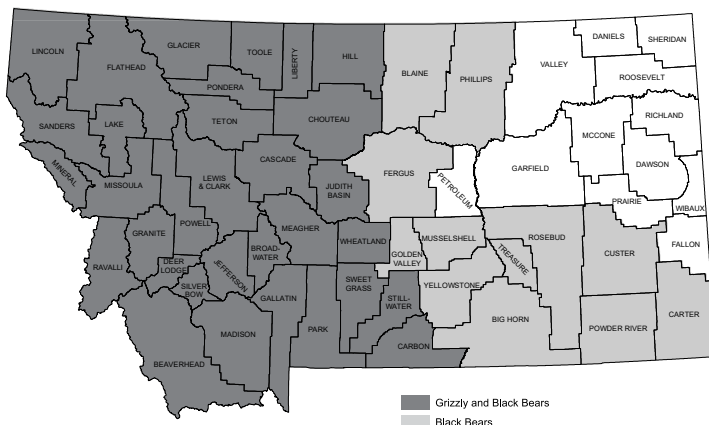
Mandatory bear identification testing is required to purchase a black bear license. Check FWP's website:

[fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)

### Carry Bear Spray and Know How To Use It!

- Hunting puts you at risk of encountering a bear. Calling game and using scents may attract bears.
- If you hunt alone, let someone know about your plans. If you feel uneasy hunting alone, hunt with a partner.
- Pay attention to fresh bear sign. Communicate with others and let them know when bears have been seen and/or fresh sign observed.
- Some bears may move in the direction of a gunshot because they learned to associate the sound with a gut pile or carcass.
- The golden rule is "get the game animal out of the area as quickly as possible." The longer a carcass remains lying on the ground, hung up in camp, or stored in the back of a truck, the more likely it will be discovered by a bear.
- Carcasses left for a period of time require special care. Carry a colored, lightweight tarp or space blanket. Put the guts on the tarp and drag them a few hundred feet away from the carcass.
- Locate an observation point 200 yards (if possible) away from the carcass with a clear line of sight.
  - When returning, approach the observation point carefully. Yell or whistle repeatedly. With binoculars study the scene from the observation point and scan the area for the carcass and any movement. If a bear is at the site and refuses to leave or the meat has been covered up with debris by a bear, report the incident to FWP.
  - Do not attempt to frighten away or haze a bear, especially a grizzly.
- Bears are opportunists and change their behavior to take advantage of new food sources. Always assume that grizzlies are in the area and make sure your camps, cabins, and homes are bear proof, and that bear attractants are unavailable or contained.
- Mentally rehearse a worst-case scenario with encountering a bear. "If the mind has never been there before, the body does not know how to respond." The following is a list of recommended responses to minimize the likelihood of attack or chances of human injury:
  - Make certain you have bear spray at the ready and know how to use it. In sudden grizzly encounters, bear spray has proven effective. Bears sprayed in the face at close range often stop attacking.
  - Always maintain a safe distance from bears.
  - Stay calm, speak softly, behave in a non-threatening manner.
  - Immediately pick up small children and stay in a group.
  - Throw an object (like a hat or gloves) on the ground as you move away to distract the animal's attention.
  - Slowly back away, if possible. Keep a distance of at least 100 yards.
  - Do not run from a bear. Running may trigger a natural predator-prey attack response, and a bear can easily outrun the world's fastest human.
  - Don't climb a tree unless you are sure you can get at least 10' from the ground before the bear reaches you. Many experts recommend against climbing trees in most situations.
- Report encounters with grizzly bears to FWP at 1-800-TIP-MONT, U.S. Forest Service, or one of the nearest FWP bear management specialists listed below:
  - Jeremiah Smith, Bozeman, MT 406-577-7877
  - Rory Trimbo, Anaconda, MT 406-465-9343
  - Wesley Sarmento, Conrad, MT 406-450-1097
  - TBD, Kalispell, MT 406-250-1265
  - Kim Annis, Libby, MT 406-293-4161 x207
  - James Jonkel, Missoula, MT 406-542-5508 or 406-544-1447
  - Kylie Kembel, Red Lodge, MT 406-850-1131
  - Chad White, Choteau, MT 406-466-5100
  - Eli Hampson, Missoula, MT 406-210-3213
  - In an actual emergency, phone 9-1-1. Seeing a grizzly is not necessarily a reportable encounter or an emergency. Report encounters where the bear displayed aggressive or defensive behavior toward people, livestock or pets.

### General Distribution of Bears in Montana

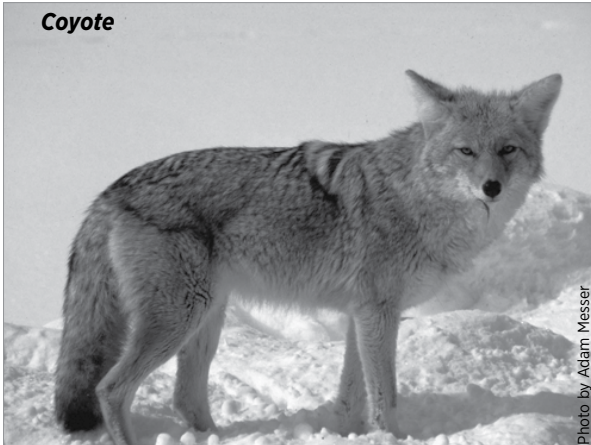


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## Recognizing A Wolf

**Coyote**



- 1.5 feet tall
- 4 feet long
- 30-40 pounds
- Narrow snout
- Pointed ears
- Color light gray to brown
- Track 2.5 inches wide, 2 to 2.5 inches long
- Claws evident

**Wolf**



- 2.5 feet tall
- 5-6 feet long
- 70-120 pounds
- Broad snout
- Round ears
- Color light gray to black
- Long, low howl
- Track 4.5 inches wide, 5 to 5.5 inches long
- Claws evident

## What Should I Know About Wolves in Montana?

For the latest information about wolves and their management, go to FWP's website at: [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf).

### Wolves and Game Animals

- Wolves eat deer, elk, and other game animals. In Montana, elk numbers in some areas have declined and so has hunter opportunity, due in part to wolf activity. Yet in other areas where wolves and elk interact, elk numbers are stable or increasing.
- When wolves are in an area, deer and elk use their habitats differently, often seeking greater cover. Hunters may need to adjust their strategies.
- FWP is increasing monitoring and research efforts to learn more about how wolves and game animals interact in different places, and what that means for hunters.

### Montana Wolf Basics

- Pack territories can cover 200 square miles or more.
- Packs range from two to 14 animals, averaging about six.
- Wolves often travel separately or in smaller groups.
- Wolves travel widely throughout their territory in the fall.
- Wolves travel on roads and trails regularly.

### Hunters Can Help FWP Monitor Wolves

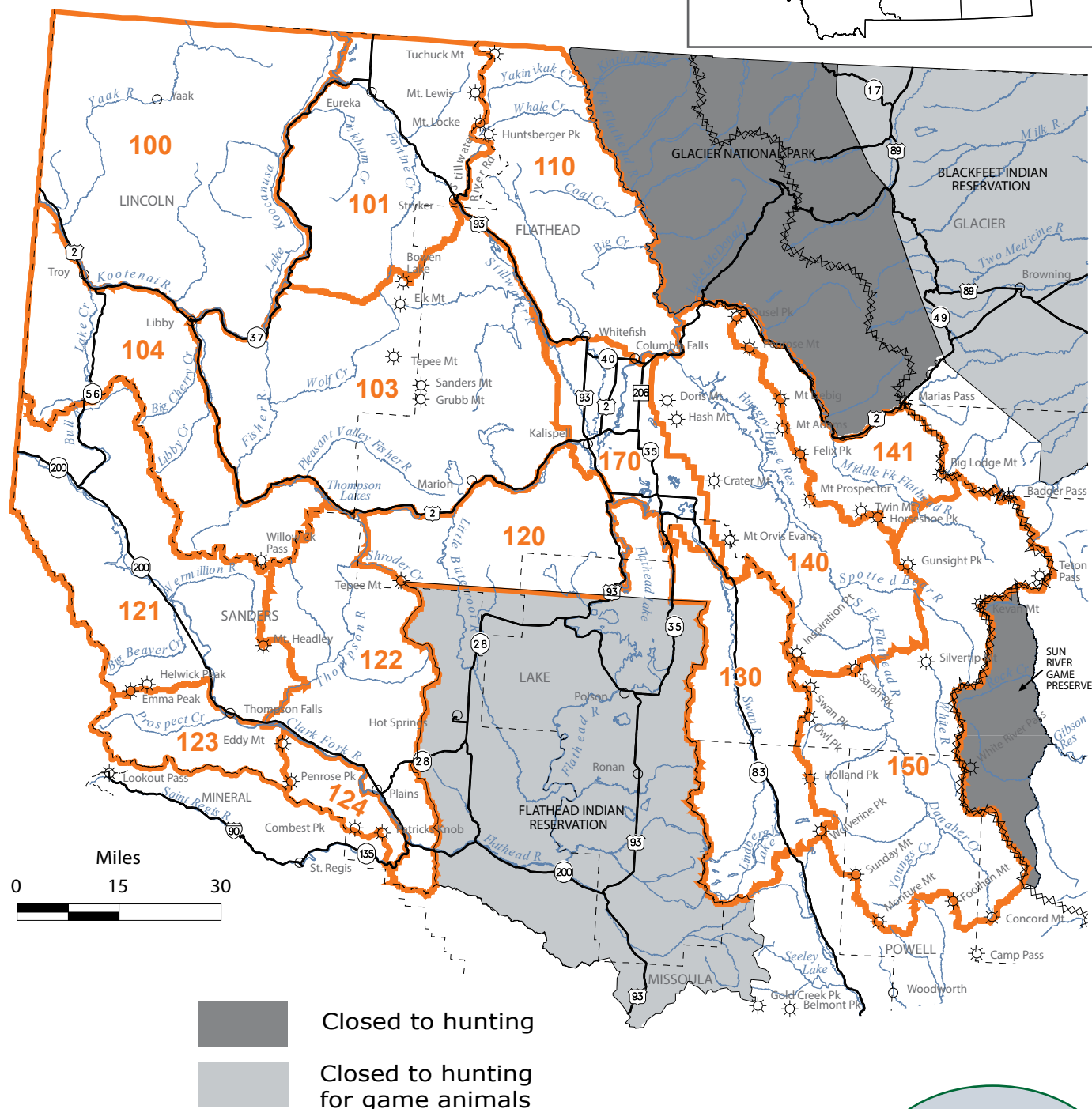
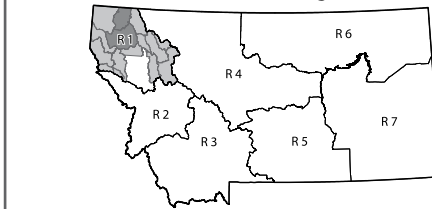
Information provided by hunters during the annual harvest survey will help in the management of wolves. Your information helps FWP know more about wolf numbers and distribution in Montana.

### To Report a Dead Wolf or Possible Unlawful Activity, Contact:

- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks:  
1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668)

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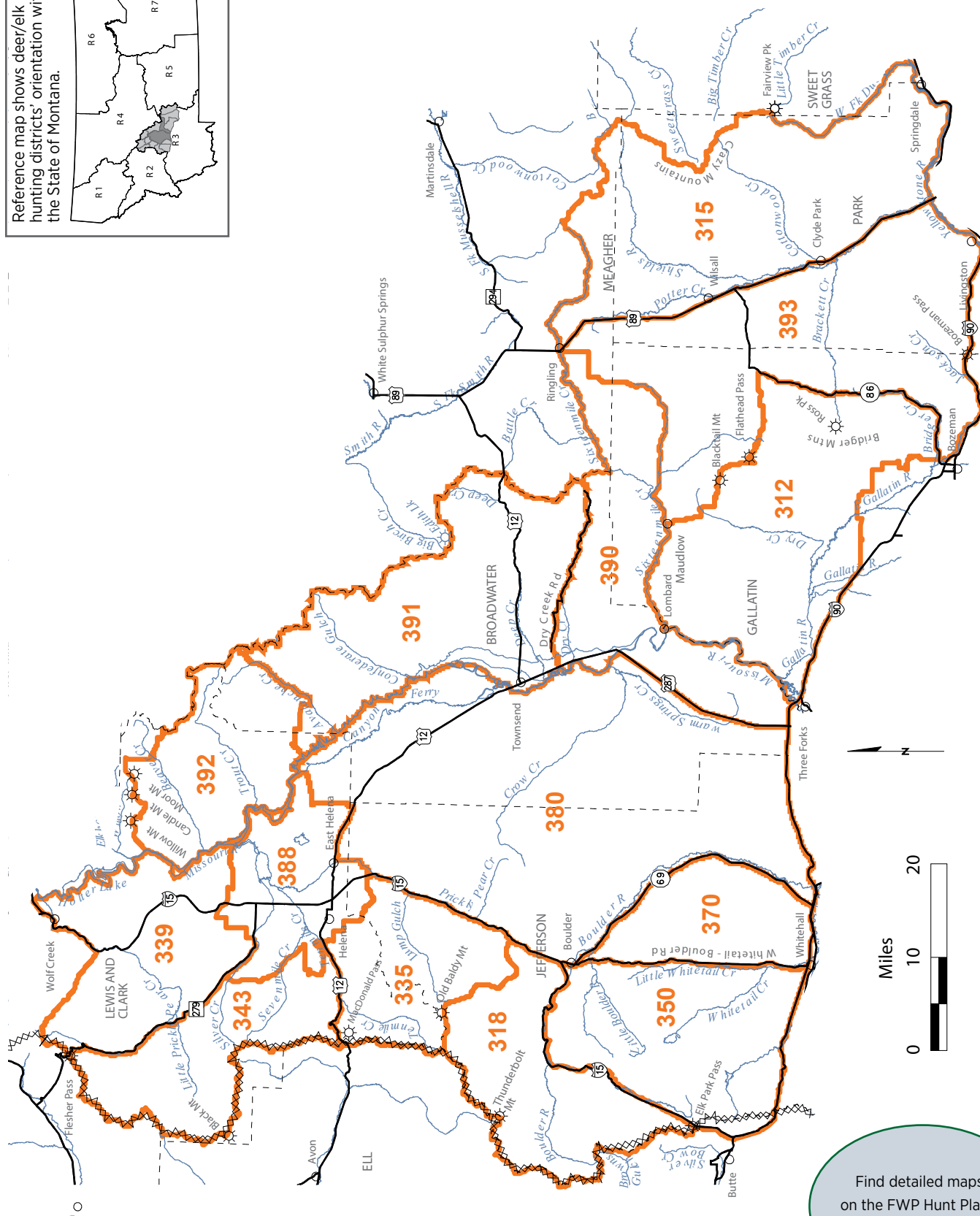
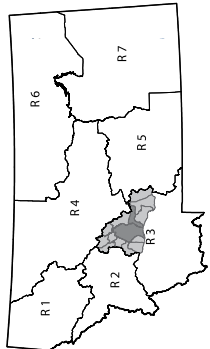


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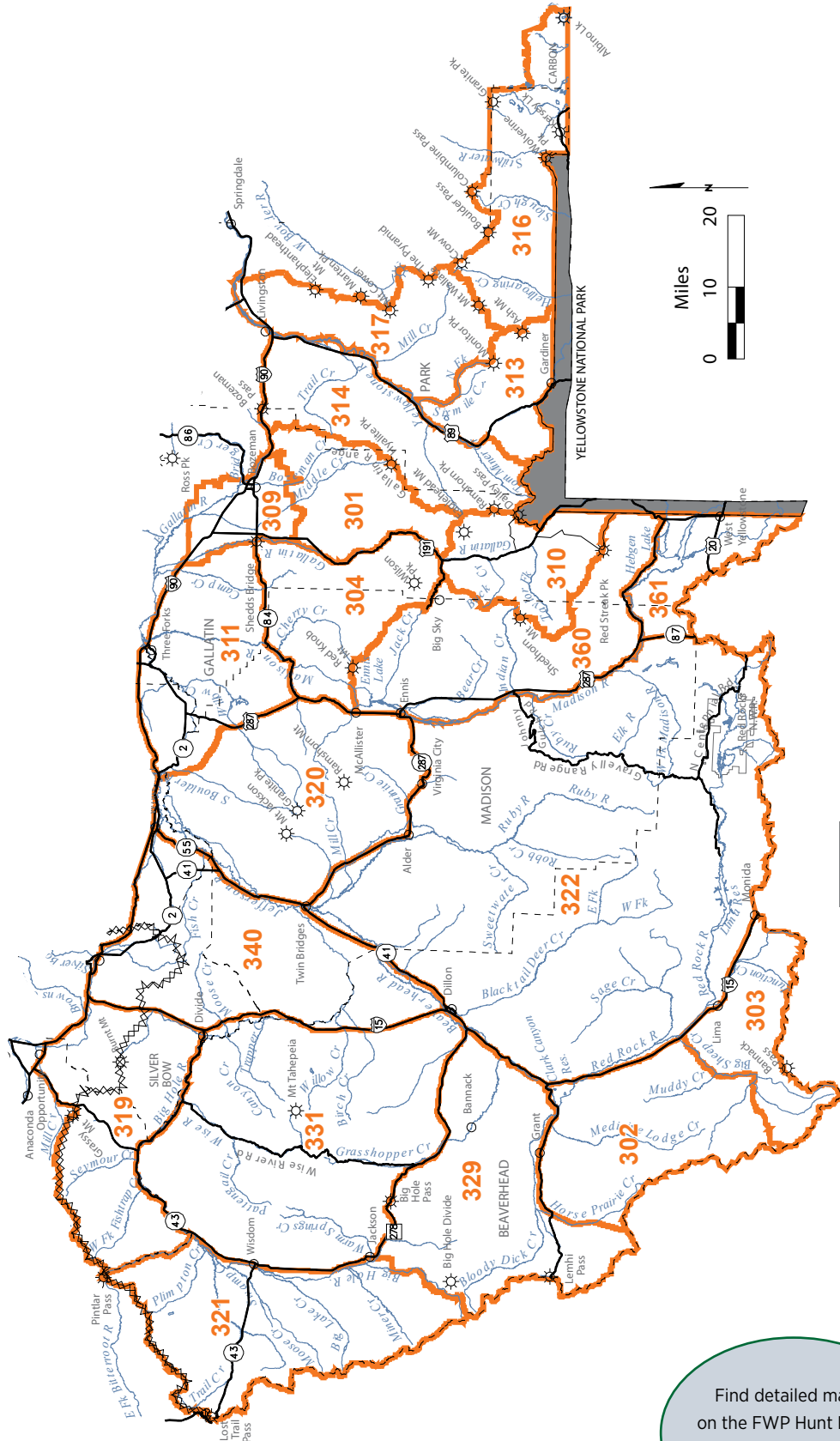
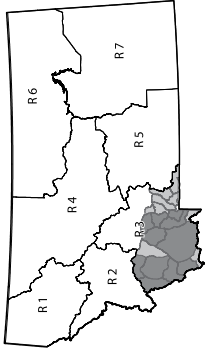


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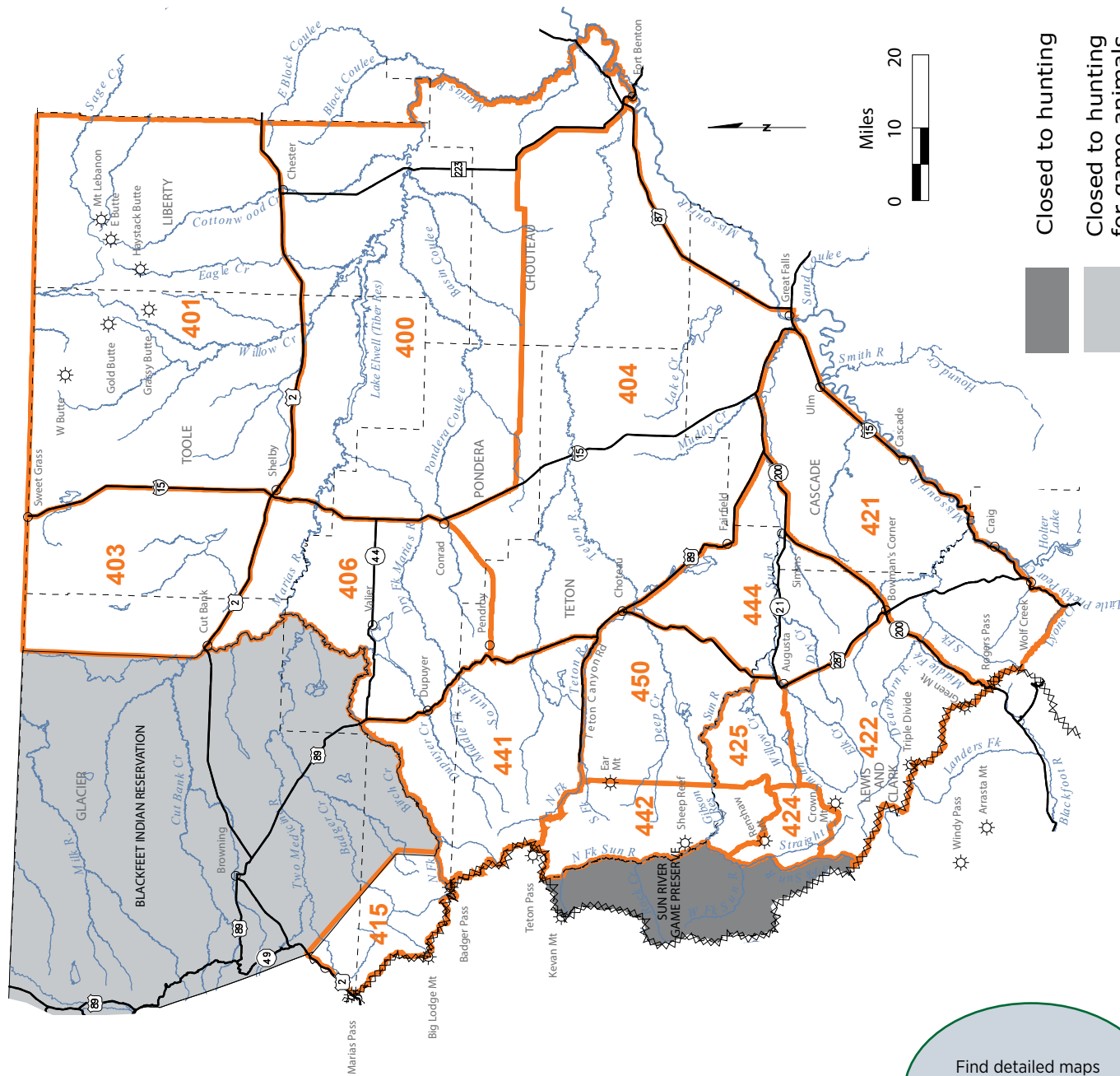
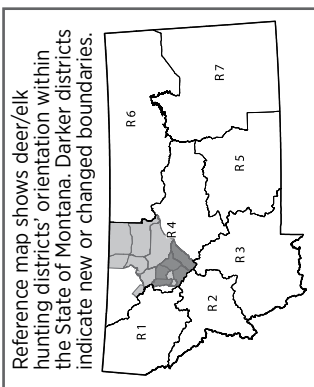
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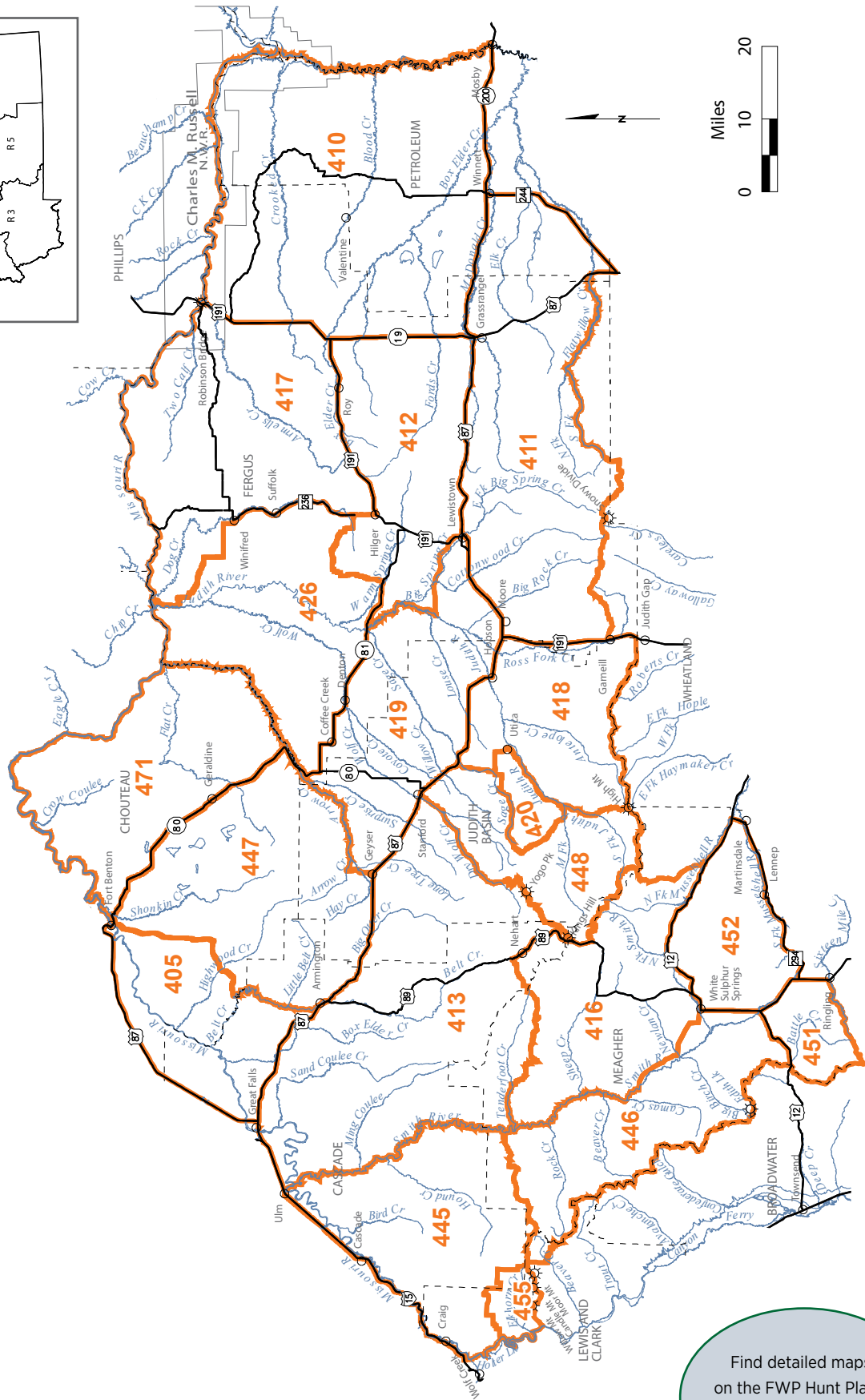
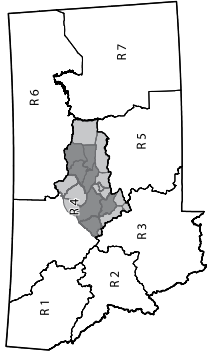


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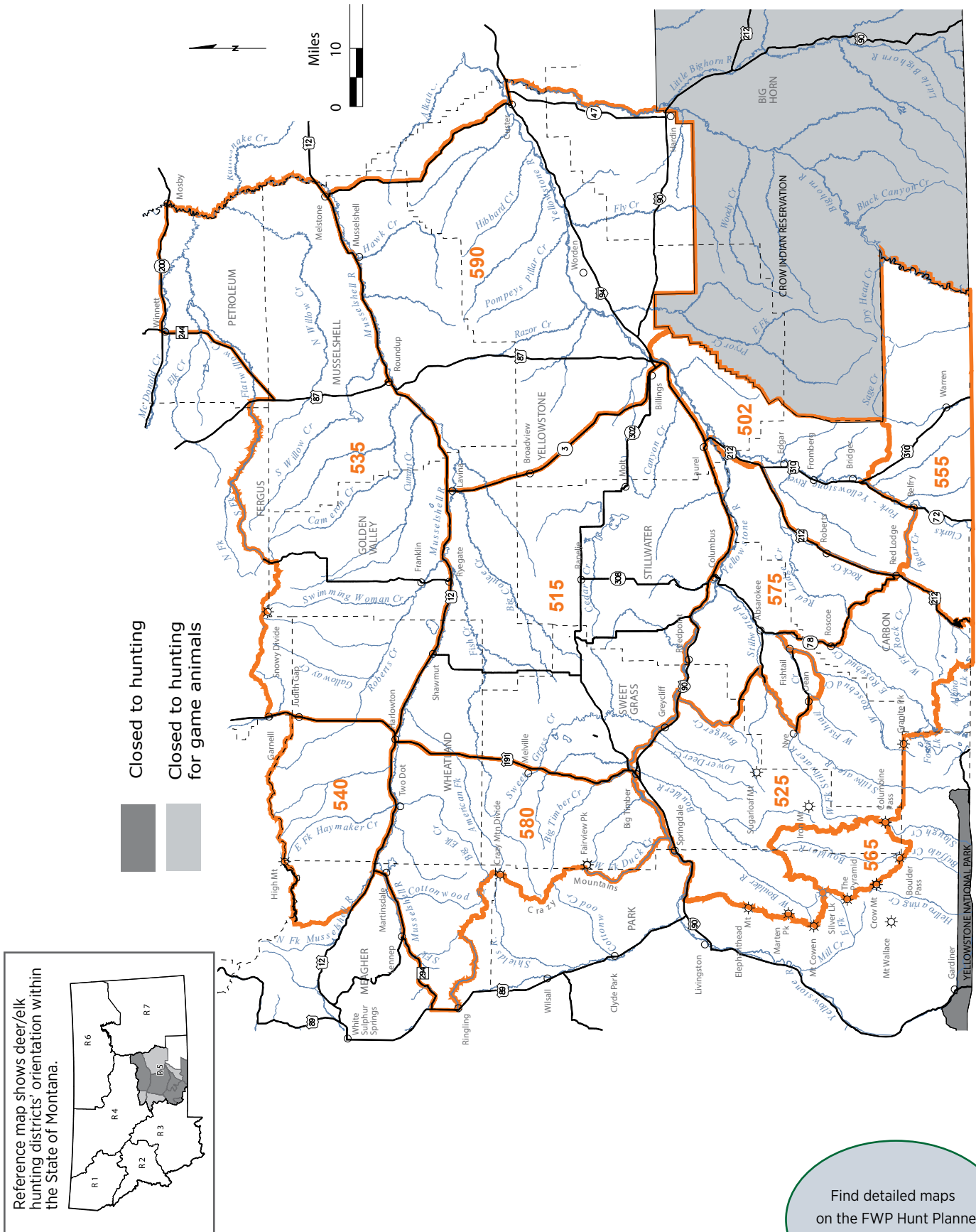
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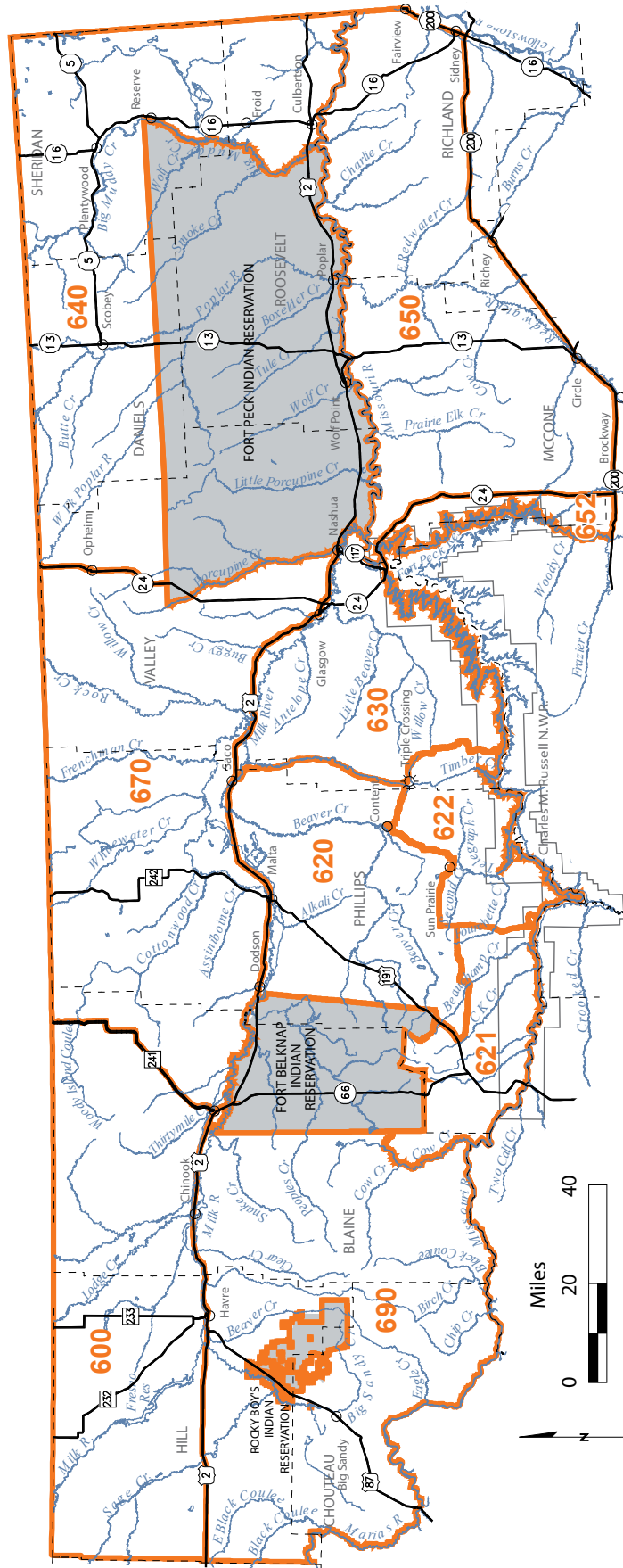
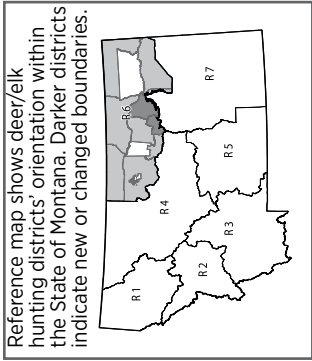
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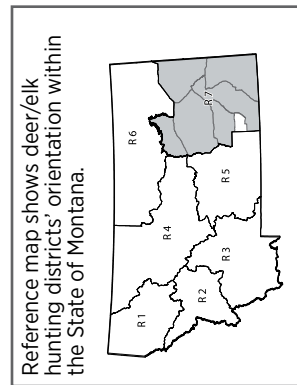
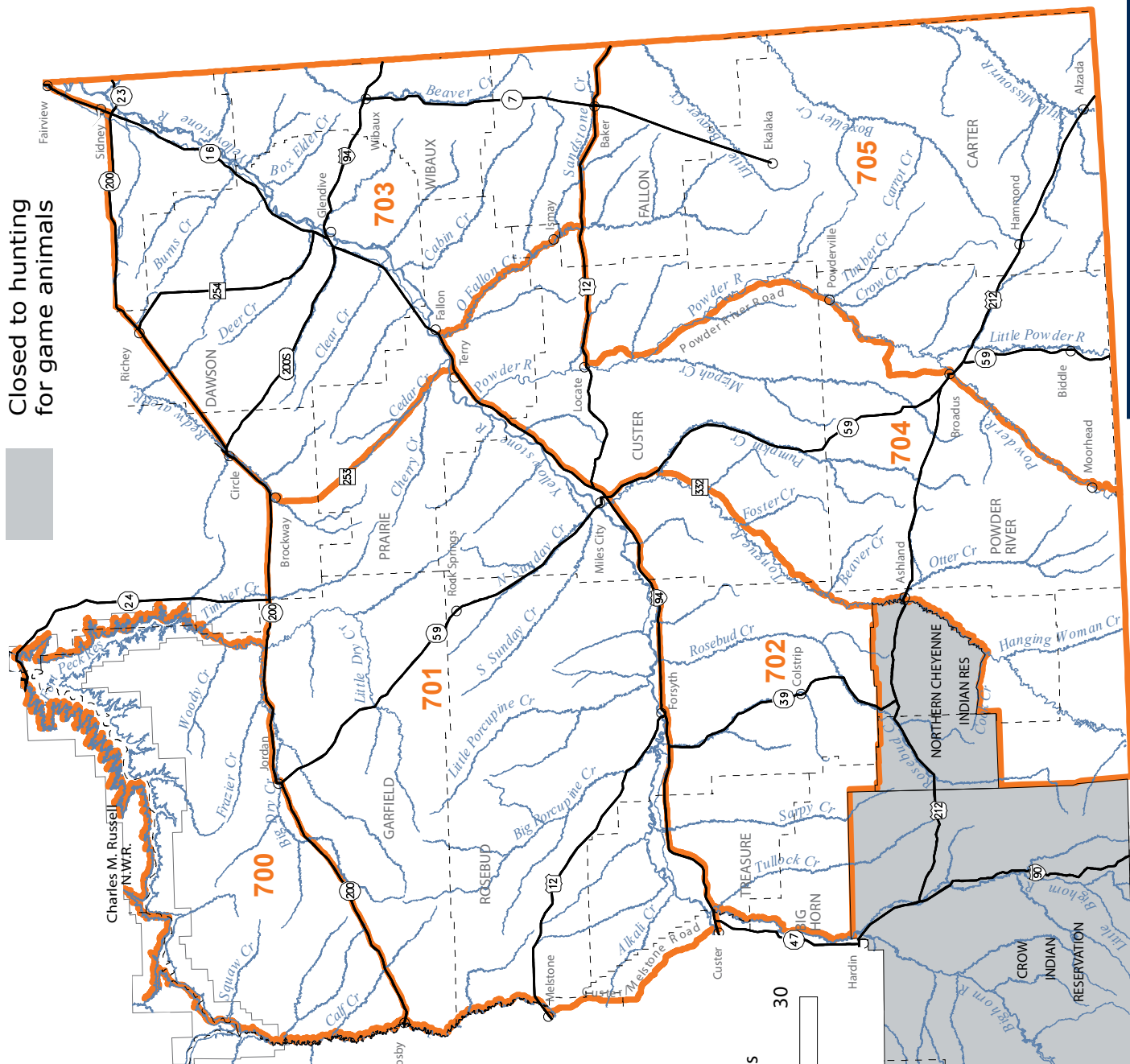


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103-50	330	13	3.94	240-50	89	25	28.09	292-50	380	380	100	403-50	19	19	100
109-50	142	10	7.04	240-51	180	180	100	300-50	1114	30	2.69	403-51	20	5	25
130-50	201	10	4.98	250-50	441	25	5.67	312-50	743	75	10.09	406-50	42	35	83.33
202-50	570	150	26.32	261-50	1222	15	1.23	319-50	178	178	100	406-51	87	20	22.99
204-50	158	158	100	262-51	345	30	8.7	324-50	1403	25	1.78	441-50	864	35	4.05
210-50	852	50	5.87	262-52	69	10	14.49	380-50	928	928	100	455-60	1340	15	1.12
212-50	73	73	100	270-50	8795	45	0.51	392-50	360	360	100	530-50	1272	650	51.1
213-50	225	225	100	270-51	431	15	3.48	400-50	123	90	73.17	652-50	1628	200	12.29
214-50	34	34	100	281-50	157	157	100	400-51	86	20	23.26				
215-50	262	262	100	291-50	994	30	3.02	401-50	211	75	35.55				
217-50	57	57	100	291-51	152	30	19.74	401-51	177	65	36.72				

## Deer B Licenses – 2021 First Choice Drawing Statistics

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100-00	430	100	23.26	240-01	163	25	15.34	339-01	134	25	18.66	496-00	174	174	100
101-00	155	100	64.52	260-20	590	300	50.85	341-01	189	70	37.04	497-00	134	134	100
102-00	212	50	23.58	261-01	93	35	37.63	343-01	153	25	16.34	498-00	168	168	100
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104-00	196	100	51.02	270-01	662	50	7.55	370-01	35	10	28.57	502-00	212	150	70.75
109-00	93	75	80.65	281-00	128	5	3.91	380-01	337	100	29.67	510-00	43	43	100
110-00	80	25	31.25	282-00	528	25	4.73	380-02	428	250	58.41	511-00	45	10	22.22
120-00	226	100	44.25	283-00	226	50	22.12	390-01	99	99	100	520-00	116	116	100
121-00	554	150	27.08	285-00	347	75	21.61	391-02	291	250	85.91	530-00	243	200	82.3
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123-00	74	25	33.78	290-51	156	50	32.05	393-01	105	100	95.24	560-00	146	60	41.1
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130-00	340	50	14.71	291-01	72	25	34.72	401-00	300	200	66.67	575-00	271	271	100
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210-01	91	55	60.44	318-01	110	25	22.73	419-00	82	80	97.56	650-00	393	393	100
212-00	33	33	100	319-01	272	40	14.71	426-00	210	100	47.62	652-01	83	76	91.57
213-00	213	100	46.95	321-01	51	10	19.61	441-00	85	50	58.82	670-00	455	453	99.56
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100-01	8	5	62.5	202-00	102	30	29.41	313-45	587	50	8.52	570-20	401	100	24.94
101-03	6	5	83.33	203-00	194	75	38.66	339-20	637	40	6.28	575-20	245	20	8.16
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104-00	165	25	15.15	211-00	150	120	80	396-00	482	482	100	620-20	985	60	6.09
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121-00	662	150	22.66	216-00	52	52	100	412-20	486	120	24.69	631-21	237	200	84.39
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123-01	2	2	100	281-01	161	10	6.21	445-20	558	30	5.38	700-20	2,805	250	8.91
124-00	76	25	32.89	282-10	148	1	0.68	447-20	1,130	100	8.85	700-21	991	705	71.14
124-01	1	1	100	291-02	67	50	74.63	450-20	40	5	12.5	799-20	2,696	225	8.35
130-00	118	5	4.24	293-00	103	25	24.27	455-20	847	50	5.9	900-20	5,122	4000	78.09
199-00	245	50	20.41	310-46	738	5	0.68	500-20	306	80	26.14				
200-00	47	5	10.64	313-00	60	30	50	502-20	163	5	3.07				

## Elk B Licenses –2021 First Choice Drawing Statistics

LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ	LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ	LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ	LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
004-00	2,772	2,772	100	292-01	283	50	17.67	380-02	706	250	35.41	455-00	749	250	33.38
005-00	484	484	100	293-01	316	150	47.47	391-00	234	100	42.74	520-00	148	50	33.78
007-00	832	652	78.37	301-01	136	50	36.76	392-00	364	25	6.87	520-01	184	25	13.59
201-01	465	150	32.26	314-00	380	380	100	398-00	579	495	85.49	540-00	199	100	50.25
213-01	608	350	57.57	315-01	277	275	99.28	399-00	3,739	1,000	26.75	560-00	135	50	37.04
215-02	714	400	56.02	317-00	707	300	42.43	410-00	1208	100	8.28	580-00	238	193	81.09
217-01	328	160	48.78	319-00	981	400	40.77	410-01	420	300	71.43	595-00	1,486	1,486	100
217-02	147	147	100	321-00	285	200	70.18	410-02	3,095	1,000	32.31	621-01	1,219	250	20.51
240-01	725	150	20.69	333-01	181	181	100	411-00	753	738	98.01	622-00	1,256	500	39.81
250-00	265	10	3.77	334-00	405	350	86.42	417-02	217	100	46.08	631-00	356	65	18.26
270-01	620	100	16.13	341-00	468	175	37.39	422-00	120	113	94.17	632-00	102	10	9.8
270-02	1,682	300	17.84	350-02	235	25	10.64	425-00	175	30	17.14	690-01	525	150	28.57
282-00	1,008	25	2.48	361-00	211	50	23.7	425-01	136	25	18.38	699-00	382	300	78.53
285-01	137	30	21.9	370-02	122	50	40.98	425-02	333	20	6.01	699-01	200	200	100
290-01	213	125	58.69	380-00	1,631	150	9.2	442-00	106	25	23.58	700-00	1,694	700	41.32
291-03	494	150	30.36	380-01	862	350	40.6	448-00	579	150	25.91	799-00	1,315	600	45.63

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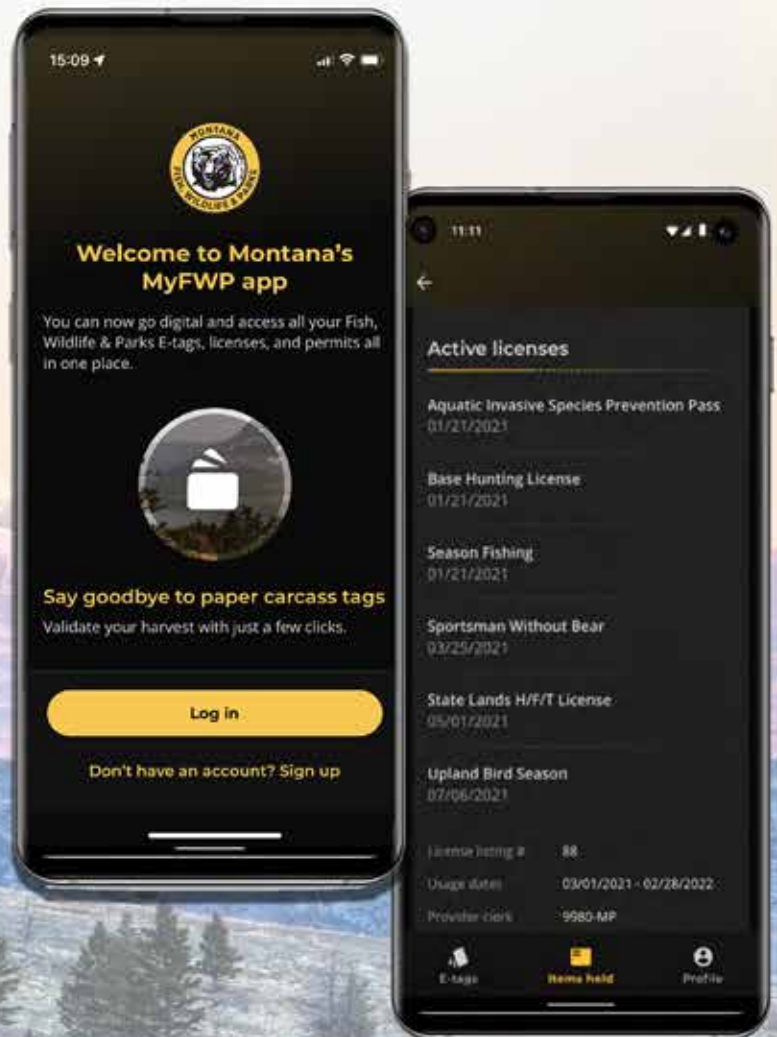
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Region 1									
HD 100 - North Kootenai									
NOTE: West Kootenai WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer B License: 100-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 199-20	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in the Libby CWD Management Zone.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 100-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 101 - Eureka									
NOTE: Boundary change									
NOTE : Woods Ranch WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer Permit: 101-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	15	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt antlered buck mule deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 101-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 101-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land. Secure access before applying.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 103 - East Fisher - Pleasant Valley - Tally Lake</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
NOTE: HD 103 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area									
NOTE: Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge has special youth only hunts during the first week of the Archery Only Season and the first week of the General Firearm Season which are restricted to youth ages 12-15 only. Contact Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge for further information 406-858-2216.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid outside the North Fisher Portion, see legal description.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer Permit: 103-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	13	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in the North Fisher Portion, see legal description. Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer outside the North Fisher Portion of HD 103 or in any other HD.
Deer B License: 103-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 199-20	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in the Libby CWD Management Zone.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 103-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 104 - Cabinets</b>									
NOTE: Bull River WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer B License: 104-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 199-20	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in the Libby CWD Management Zone.
<b>HD 104 Continued on the next page</b>									

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 104 - Cabinets - Continued									
NOTE: Bull River WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 104-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 110 - North Fork									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer B License: 110-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 120 - Blacktail									
NOTE: HD 120 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Smith Valley Weapons Restriction Area between Smith Lake Road and US Hwy 2 restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer B License: 120-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 121 - West Clark Fork</b> NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: Bull River WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15. NOTE: Mount Silcox WMA closed Dec 02 - Apr 01.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer B License: 121-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 121-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 121-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	20	-	-			Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
<b>HD 122 - Thompson River</b> NOTE: Roundhorn WMA closed Dec 02 - May 01.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer B License: 122-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 122-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

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HD 123 - Clark Mountain									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer B License: 123-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18		Hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 123-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 124 - Arvilla									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer B License: 124-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18		Hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 124-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

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<b>HD 130 - Swan</b>									
NOTE: Swan River National Wildlife Refuge restricted to ArchEquip only.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Deer Permit: 130-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	10	-	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD. Only valid in Mission Mtns Wilderness portion of Flathead National Forest.
Deer B License: 130-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 140 - Lower South Fork</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 141 - Lower Middle Fork</b>									
NOTE: HD 141 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

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HD 150 - Upper South Fork									
NOTE: Backcountry - Remote location, access difficult.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Sep 14	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 170 - Flathead River									
NOTE: Kuhns WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15; Flathead Weapons Restriction Area and Blasdel WPAs									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 170-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Dec 15	ArchEquip only. Does not include Kuhns WMA. One per hunter.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid north of Lake Blaine Road and west of Hwy 35.
Region 2									
HD 200 - North St. Regis									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer B License: 200-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 200-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	5	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in Mullan Gulch area.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 201 - Missoula - Ninemile - North Superior</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer B License: 201-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 260-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only. Hunters may purchase up to five 260-01 licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B Licenses per hunter. Only valid east of Hwy 93 in HD 201. Also valid in 204, 240, 260, 261, 262, and 270.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV. Only valid on private land excluding MKH Montana LLC lands
Elk B License: 201-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 201-01	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid east of HWY 93. Also valid in HD 260 with restrictions. See HD 260 for more info. One per hunter. Only valid on private land excluding MKH Montana LLC lands. Must purchase before start of general rifle season.
<b>HD 202 - South Superior</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 28	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 29-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer Permit: 202-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 202-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	75	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 202-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid between Trout and Quartz creeks.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 204 - North Sapphire									
NOTE: Threemile WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Private land only.
		-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer B License: 204-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
Deer B License: 260-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only. Hunters may purchase up to five 260-01 licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B Licenses per hunter. Only valid in HDs 201 east of Hwy 93, 204, 240, 260, 261, 262, and 270.
Deer B License: 299-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Only valid on private land in HDs 204, 240, 261, and 270.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 204-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 262-01	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 8	One per hunter. Only valid on private lands in HDs 204, 261, 262, and portion of 270. Must purchase before start of general rifle season. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more info.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 210 - John Long Range</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Only valid outside National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 30	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer Permit: 210-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 210-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	75	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 210-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	55	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
Deer B License: 210-02	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands. Up to two per hunter.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 210-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 210-03	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	-	-	-	Valid on private lands in HDs 210, 211, 212, and 216.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid on the above described private lands AND ALSO VALID on DNRC lands outside the National Forest Service boundary.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 211 - Upper Rock Creek - Georgetown Lake									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 30	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 210-03	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	-	-	-	Valid on private lands in HDs 210, 211, 212, and 216.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid on the above described private lands AND ALSO VALID on DNRC lands outside the National Forest Service boundary.
Elk B License: 211-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	120	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 212 - West Flint Range									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Only valid outside National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 212-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	40	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
Deer B License: 212-02	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands. One per hunter.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 210-03	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	-	-	-	Valid on private lands in HDs 210, 211, 212, and 216.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid on the above described private lands AND ALSO VALID on DNRC lands outside the National Forest Service boundary.
Elk B License: 212-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

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<b>HD 213 - East Flint Range</b> NOTE: HD 213 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge; Portion of the State Prison Ranch property west of Deer Lodge; Prison Ranch Archery Only Area Legal description and map available from FWP-R2 406-542-5500, in Missoula. Hunters must contact Prison authorities between Aug 1 - Dec 15 of the current license year at 406-846-1320 x2351 for permission to access the Prison Ranch.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Only valid outside National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Only valid on Prison Ranch ArchEquip only area.
Deer B License: 213-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid outside National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
Deer B License: 213-02	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands. Up to two per hunter.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Valid on private lands and also valid on Prison Ranch ArchEquip only area. Up to two per hunter.
Deer B License: 213-20	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Up to two per hunter. Only valid on the Prison Ranch ArchEquip only area. Legal description and map available from FWP-R2 HQ 406-542-5500.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
		-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Arch Equip Only. Only valid Prison Ranch ArchEquip only area.
Elk B License: 213-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	375	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 213-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	350	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private lands.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 8	Valid on the above described private lands AND ALSO VALID on DNRC lands outside the National Forest boundary. Not valid on FWP WMAs. Also valid on Montana State Prison Ranch in compliance with Prison Ranch access regulations.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 214 - Mill Creek - Storm Lake									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Only valid outside National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 30	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 215 - East Deer Lodge									
NOTE: HD 215 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Warm Springs WMA									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Only valid outside National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 215-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	75	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid outside the National Forest boundary and Not valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
Deer B License: 215-02	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands. One per hunter.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Only valid on private lands outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands. One per hunter.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 215-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 215-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	400	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private lands and NOT VALID east of Brown's Gulch Creek.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 8	Only valid on private lands and DNRC lands outside the National Forest boundary. NOT VALID on FWP WMAs or east of Brown's Gulch Creek.

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<b>HD 216 - West Rock Creek-Quigg Peak</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Oct 30	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer B License: 216-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 216-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on BLM lands. One per hunter.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 210-03	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	-	-	-	Valid on private lands in HDs 210, 211, 212, and 216.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid on the above described private lands AND ALSO VALID on DNRC lands outside the National Forest Service boundary.
Elk B License: 216-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	75	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 217 - Northwest Flint Range</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Only valid outside National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 217-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	65	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
Deer B License: 217-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	Valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on BLM lands. Up to two per hunter.
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HD 217 - Northwest Flint Range - Continued									
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	-	-	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV. Only valid on private land.
				Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	-	ArchEquip only.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk Permit: 217-10	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	April 1	175	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Bull Elk in any other HDs during this described season.
Elk Permit: 217-11	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	April 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Bull Elk in any other HDs during this described season.
Elk B License: 217-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	160	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 217-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid on private land only.
HD 240 - West Bitterroot									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer Permit: 240-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	25	-	-	Oct 01-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid inside wilderness boundary. Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 240-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
Deer B License: 260-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only. Hunters may purchase up to five 260-01 licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B Licenses per hunter. Only valid in HDs 201 east of Hwy 93, 204, 240, 260, 261, 262, and 270.
Deer B License: 299-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Only valid on private land in HDs 204, 240, 261, and 270.

Hunters using archery equipment, see page 15 for licensing requirements.

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HD 240 - West Bitterroot - Continued									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Oct 30	-	-	Only valid outside the National Forest boundary.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 240-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	Only valid on private land.
HD 250 - West Fork Bitterroot									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer Permit: 250-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Elk Hunting by Drawing Only									
Elk Permit: 250-45	Brow-tined Bull Elk	April 1	45	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 250-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	10	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 260 - Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District									
NOTE: HD 260 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Lee Metcalf Refuge; Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District Portion of HD 260									
NOTE: Mostly private land - Access is difficult.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only.
Deer B License: 260-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only. Hunters may purchase up to five 260-01 licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B Licenses per hunter. Only valid in HDs 201 east of Hwy 93, 204, 240, 260, 261, 262, and 270.
Deer B License: 260-20	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip Only.
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HD 260 - Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District - Continued									
NOTE: HD 260 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Lee Metcalf Refuge; Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District Portion of HD 260									
NOTE: Mostly private land - Access is difficult.									
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only. NOT valid on Lee Metcalf Refuge.
Elk B License: 201-01	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Only valid on private land. Also valid on private lands in HD 201 as listed.
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	Oct 17-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	Only valid on private land. ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only. Also valid in HD 201 with restrictions. See HD 201 for more info
HD 261 - East Bitterroot									
NOTE: Calf Creek WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer Permit: 261-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	15	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 260-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only. Hunters may purchase up to five 260-01 licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B Licenses per hunter. Only valid in HDs 201 east of Hwy 93, 204, 240, 260, 261, 262, and 270.
Deer B License: 261-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	35	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid outside the National Forest boundary and NOT valid on Calf Creek WMA.
Deer B License: 299-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Only valid on private land in HDs 204, 240, 261, and 270.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 261-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 262-01	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Only valid on private lands in HDs 204, 261, 262, and portion of 270. Must purchase before start of general rifle season. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more info.

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HD 262 - Bitterroot Farmlands									
NOTE: Private land - access may be difficult.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only.
Deer Permit: 262-51	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer Permit: 262-52	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	10	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 260-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only. Hunters may purchase up to five 260-01 licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B Licenses per hunter. Only valid in HDs 201 east of Hwy 93, 204, 240, 260, 261, 262, and 270.
Deer B License: 262-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	300	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun,muzzleloader, or crossbow only.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 262-02	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Up to three 262-02 Deer B Licenses per hunter.
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only. Up to three 262-02 Deer B Licenses per hunter.
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	ArchEquip only.
		-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only.
Elk B License: 262-01	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	One per hunter. Only valid on private lands in HDs 204, 261, 262, and portion of 270. Must purchase before start of general rifle season. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more info.

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HD 270 - East Fork Bitterroot									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer Permit: 270-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	45	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer Permit: 270-51	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	15	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Antlers must be 3 points or fewer on one side (not including eye guard). Mandatory check required. Successful applicants will be contacted by FWP staff.
Deer B License: 260-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	ArchEquip only. Hunters may purchase up to five 260-01 licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B Licenses per hunter. Only valid in HDs 201 east of Hwy 93, 204, 240, 260, 261, 262, and 270.
Deer B License: 270-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 299-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Only valid on private land in HDs 204, 240, 261, and 270.
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV. Only valid north of Rye Creek.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15.
Elk Permit: 270-45	Brow-tined Bull Elk	April 1	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. 1st choice only. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License.
Elk B License: 270-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid north of Rye Creek.
Elk B License: 270-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid south of Rye Creek.
Elk B License: 262-01	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Only valid on private lands in HDs 204, 261, 262, and portion of 270 north of Rye Creek. Must purchase before start of general rifle season. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more info.

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<b>HD 280 - North Blackfoot</b>									
NOTE: Backcountry - Remote location, access difficult.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 26-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Sep 15-Sep 25	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Sep 15-Sep 25	-	-	Only youth ages 12-15.
<b>HD 281 - Upper Blackfoot</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
NOTE: Check restricted area legal descriptions (pg 26-27) Lincoln Closed Area; deer and elk hunting is restricted to archequip only.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer B License: 281-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15.
<b>HD 282 - Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA</b>									
NOTE: Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
Deer Permit: 282-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	10	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer Permit: 282-51	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	April 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 282-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
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<b>HD 282 - Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA - Continued</b> NOTE: Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
Elk Permit: 282-10	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	April 1	1	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 282-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 284 - Lincoln Archery District</b> NOTE: HD 284 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Lincoln Closed Area; Deer and Elk hunting is restricted to ArchEquip Only.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	-	-	ArchEquip only.
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	-	-	ArchEquip only.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	-	-	ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 285 - Monture</b> NOTE: HD 285 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Seeley Lake Game Preserve is closed to all hunting NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer B License: 285-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 285-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private lands, excluding Nature Conservancy lands/Montana Checkerboard lands.

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<b>HD 290 - Helmville-Ovando Archery District</b>									
NOTE: HD 290 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Aunt Molly WMA restricted to ArchEquip Only for all big game hunting; East Ovando Archery Area restricted to ArchEquip only for all big game hunting									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Dec 15	ArchEquip only.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Dec 15	ArchEquip only.
Deer B License: 290-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Dec 15	ArchEquip only. Up to three OTC B Licenses per hunter.
Deer B License: 290-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid on private land only. Firearms allowed outside of East Ovando Archery Area.
Deer B License: 290-02	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	ArchEquip only.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Firearms allowed outside of East Ovando Archery Area/Aunt Molly WMA.
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 21	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 01	ArchEquip Only.
Elk B License: 290-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 08	Valid on private land only. Firearms allowed outside of East Ovando Archery Area. Also valid in HD 298 with restrictions. See HD 298 for more info.
<b>HD 291 - East Garnet Range</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer Permit: 291-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer Permit: 291-51	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 291-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 291-03	Antlerless Elk	June 1	250	Aug 15-Oct 21	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private lands.

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HD 292 - West Garnet Range									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Deer B License: 292-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private land within the Blackfoot watershed.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 292-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	Aug 15-Oct 16	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on private lands, within the Blackfoot watershed. Not valid on Nature Conservancy/Montana Checkerboard lands.
HD 293 - South Lincoln-Nevada Creek									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 293-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 293-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	150	Aug 15-Oct 22	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid in Lincoln Valley. Only valid on private lands in South portion of HD 293 (southeast of Nevada-Odgen Rd at Rossin Gulch).
HD 298 - Ovando-Helmville									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Nov 19-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 18	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.

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<b>HD 298 - Ovando-Helmville - Continued</b>									
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 290-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 08	Valid on private land only excluding Nature Conservancy lands. Also valid in HD 290 with restrictions. See HD 290 for more info.
<b>Region 3</b>									
<b>HD 301 - Hyalite-Portal</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 07	-	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Nov 08-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 302 - Tendoy</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Deer B License: 399-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Per hunter license quota set annually. Valid in HDs 302, 303, 320, 322, 329, 331, 340, and 360.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 399-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 302, 303, 322, and 329. Valid on Wall Crk WMA and adjacent land as posted.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 303 - Lima Peaks-Nicholia</b> NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer Permit: 300-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Deer B License: 399-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Per hunter license quota set annually. Valid in HDs 302, 303, 320, 322, 329, 331, 340, and 360.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 399-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 302, 303, 322, and 329. Valid on Wall Crk WMA and adjacent land as posted.
<b>HD 304 - Spanish Peaks</b> NOTE: Boundary change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Deer B License: 398-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One to five B licenses per hunter may be offered for purchase. Valid in HDs 304, 309, 311, and 312. Access may be difficult.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 309 - Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area NOTE: HD 309 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Sourdough Exclusion Zone from within HD 309 NOTE: Deer and Elk hunting is restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only, EXCEPT on some private lands which are excluded from the weapons restrictions - Map available at FWP-R3 HQ 406-577-7900, in Bozeman.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 398-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	One to five B licenses per hunter may be offered for purchase. Valid in HDs 304, 309, 311, and 312. Access may be difficult.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Jan 15	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 397-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	One Per Hunter. Only valid on private land. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.
				-	-	Sep 03 -Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	One Per Hunter. Not valid on National Forest Lands. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393
HD 310 - Upper Gallatin NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: HD 310 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Gallatin Special Management Area closed to all deer and elk hunting except elk hunting by special permit only. NOTE: Gallatin WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on FWP and National Forest Lands in the Gallatin Special Management Area.
Elk Permit: 310-46	Brow-tined Bull Elk	April 1	5	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on FWP and National Forest Lands in the Gallatin Special Management Area. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 311 - Lower Madison									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 311-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 398-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One to five B licenses per hunter may be offered for purchase. Valid in HDs 304, 309, 311, and 312. Access may be difficult.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-		-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
Elk B License: 397-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	One Per Hunter. Not valid on National Forest Lands. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	One Per Hunter. Only valid on private land. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.
HD 312 - West Bridger									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Only valid east of Springhill/Rocky Mtn Rd.
	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Only valid west of Springhill/Rocky Mtn Rd.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid west of Springhill/Rocky Mtn Rd.
Deer Permit: 312-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	75	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid east of Springhill/Rocky Mtn Rd. Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 312-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 398-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One to five B licenses per hunter may be offered for purchase. Valid in HDs 304, 309, 311, and 312. Access may be difficult.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 312 - West Bridger - Continued									
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Elk B License: 397-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	One Per Hunter. Not valid on National Forest Lands. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	One Per Hunter. Only valid on private land. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.
HD 313 - Gardiner									
NOTE: HD 313 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice; Deckard Flats to Trail Creek; Gardiner.									
NOTE: Dome Mountain WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 313-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
Elk Permit: 313-45	Brow-tined Bull Elk	April 1	50	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 313-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	60	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15.
Elk B License: 317-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private lands in HD 317 and private lands in the portion of HD 313 North of Dome Mountain WMA.
HD 314 - Upper Yellowstone West									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 314-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 397-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Only valid in HDs 314 and 317.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
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License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 314 - Upper Yellowstone West - Continued									
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid north of Rock Creek.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18		Only valid south of Rock Creek.
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid north of Rock Creek. Not valid on National Forest lands.
Elk B License: 314-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	1,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid north of Rock Creek.
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private lands north of Rock Creek.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid north of Rock Creek. Not valid on National Forest lands.
HD 315 - West Slope Crazy Mountains									
NOTE: HD 315 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Yellowstone River Islands									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 315-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 315-02	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	70	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid on private land only
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 315-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	400	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 316 - Absaroka									
NOTE: Backcountry - Remote location, access difficult.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 15-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.

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HD 316 - Absaroka - Continued									
NOTE: Backcountry - Remote location, access difficult.									
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlered Bull Elk	-	-		-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-		-	Sep 15-Oct 21	-	-	
		-	-		-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
HD 317 - Upper Yellowstone East									
NOTE: HD 317 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Yellowstone River Islands									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 397-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in HD 314 and 317 only.
Deer B License: 317-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	85	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 317-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private lands in HD 317 and private lands in the portion of HD 313 North of Dome Mountain WMA.
HD 318 - Butte-Basin									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 394-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 318 and 335. Holders of Elk B License 394-00 may only harvest one elk within area where license is valid.

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<b>HD 319 - Fleeceer - High Rye</b> NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer Permit: 319-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	325	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 319-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 319-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	400	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 320 - Tobacco Root Mountains</b> NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 399-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Per hunter license quota set annually. Valid in HDs 302, 303, 320, 322, 329, 331, 340, and 360.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 320-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
<b>HD 321 - West Big Hole - Mussigbrod</b> NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 321 - West Big Hole - Mussigbrod - Continued</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 321-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 322 - Ruby - Red Rock</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
NOTE: Wall Creek WMA, Rob Ledford WMA, Blacktail WMA are closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 399-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Per hunter license quota set annually. Valid in HDs 302, 303, 320, 322, 329, 331, 340, and 360.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on Wall Creek WMA and adjacent lands as posted.
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on Wall Creek WMA and adjacent lands as posted. Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 399-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 302, 303, 322, and 329. Valid on Wall Creek WMA and adjacent land as posted.
<b>HD 329 - Big Hole Divide - Horse Prairie</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Deer B License: 399-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Per hunter license quota set annually. Valid in HDs 302, 303, 320, 322, 329, 331, 340, and 360.
<b>HD 329 Continued on the next page</b>									

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 329 - Big Hole Divide - Horse Prairie</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 399-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 302, 303, 322, and 329. Valid on Wall Creek WMA and adjacent land as posted.
<b>HD 331 - Pioneer Mountains - East Big Hole</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
NOTE: HD 331 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon, restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 331-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Deer B License: 399-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Per hunter license quota set annually. Valid in HDs 320, 322, 324, 325, 326, 330, 333, 340, and 360.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18		Only valid on private land.
	Brow-tined Bull	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 331-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	400	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 335 - Helena-South</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 394-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 318 and 335. Holders of Elk B License 394-00 may only harvest one elk within area where license is valid.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 339 - Sieben-Sleeping Giant</b>									
NOTE: HD 339 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve									
NOTE: Canyon Creek WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 396-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Also valid in HD 343.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Spike Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk Permit: 339-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	40	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 396-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 339 and 343. Holders of Elk B License 396-00 may only harvest one elk within area where license is valid.
<b>HD 340 - Highlands</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 340-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 399-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Per hunter license quota set annually. Valid in HDs 302, 303, 320, 322, 329, 331, 340, and 360.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 340-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	400	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 343 - Helena-North</b>									
NOTE: Canyon Creek WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 396-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Also valid in HD 339.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 396-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 339 and 343. Holders of Elk B License 396-00 may only harvest one elk within area where license is valid.
<b>HD 350 - Whitetail - Bull Mountains</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 350-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 350-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

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<b>HD 360 - Madison Range</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: HD 360 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area; Jeffers Weapons Restriction Area NOTE: Bear Creek WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 399-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Per hunter license quota set annually. Valid in HDs 302, 303, 320, 322, 329, 331, 340, and 360.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 360-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 361 - Hebgen-Upper Madison</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 361-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 370 - Bull Mountains</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 370-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	10	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
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License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 370 - Bull Mountains - Continued									
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 370-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
HD 380 - Radersburg									
NOTE: HD boundary change and South Portion boundary change NOTE: HD 380 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area; Townsend Weapons Restriction Area									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on Canyon Ferry WMA.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on Canyon Ferry WMA.
Deer Permit: 380-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	1,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 380-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on Canyon Ferry WMA - including Canyon Ferry WMA in HDs 380 and 391.
Deer B License: 380-02	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Spike Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	Only valid off National Forest land in the defined South and North Portions of the HD (see HD legal descriptions). Not valid in the rest of the HD.
Elk Permit: 380-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	135	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 380-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 380-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	350	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in South Portion of HD.
Elk B License: 380-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in Nouth Portion of HD.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 388 - Tenmile-Prickly Pear Valley</b>									
NOTE: HD 388 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir; Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area. A large portion of this district is a weapons restriction area with ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. A portion of this district does not have any weapon restrictions. See legal descriptions.									
<b>Deer Outside the Weapons Restriction Area</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Outside Weapons Restriction Area
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Outside Weapons Restriction Area
Deer B License: 388-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Outside Weapon Restriction Area One per hunter.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Outside Weapons Restriction Area One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Deer Inside the Weapons Restriction Area</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Weapons Restriction Area
General Deer License	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Weapons Restriction Area. Only valid in Lake Helena WMA.
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Weapons Restriction Area. Only valid outside Lake Helena WMA.
Deer B License: 388-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Weapons Restriction Area. One per hunter.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	-	Sep 03-Jan 31	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Weapons Restriction Area One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk Outside the Weapons Restriction Area</b>									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Outside Weapons Restriction Area.
<b>Elk Inside the Weapons Restriction Area</b>									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Sep 03-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Weapons Restriction Area.
<b>HD 390 - Sixteenmile Creek</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 390-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	175	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
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HD 390 - Sixteenmile Creek - Continued									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands.
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
Elk B License: 397-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	One Per Hunter. Not valid on National Forest Lands. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	One Per Hunter. Only valid on private land. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.
HD 391 - Dry Creek-Avalanche									
NOTE: HD 391 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Townsend Weapons Restriction Area									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on Canyon Ferry WMA.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on Canyon Ferry WMA.
Deer B License: 380-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid on Canyon Ferry WMA - including Canyon Ferry WMA in HDs 380 and 391.
Deer B License: 391-02	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Elk B License: 391-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	175	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.

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<b>HD 392 - Avalanche-Gates of the Mountains</b>									
NOTE: HD 392 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer Permit: 392-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 392-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 392-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 393 - East Bridger</b>									
NOTE: HD 393 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Yellowstone River Islands									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 393-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid on private land only.
Deer B License: 003-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 3 HDs except Canyon Ferry WMA and Lake Helena WMA.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on national forest lands.
Elk B License: 397-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	One per hunter. Valid on private land only. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	One Per Hunter. Not valid on National Forest Lands. Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, and 393.

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Region 4									
HD 400 - Lower Marias River									
NOTE: HD 400 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Brinkman Game Preserve closed to big game hunting except as noted below.									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid entire HD including Brinkman Game Preserve.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid entire HD including Brinkman Game Preserve.
	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	3 week general season.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	3 week general season.
Deer Permit: 400-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	90	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer Permit: 400-51	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	April 1	20	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License.
Deer B License: 400-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
HD 401 - Sweet Grass Hills									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	3 week general season.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	3 week general season.
Deer Permit: 401-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	75	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer Permit: 401-51	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	April 1	35	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License.
Deer B License: 401-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.

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<b>HD 401 - Sweet Grass Hills - Continued</b>									
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
Elk Permit: 401-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 403 - Cut Bank</b>									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	3 week general season.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	3 week general season.
Deer Permit: 403-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	25	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer Permit: 403-51	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	April 1	5	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License.
Deer B License: 403-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	75	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 404 - Lower Teton River</b>									
NOTE: HD 404 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA)									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 404-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
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License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 404 - Lower Teton River - Continued</b>									
NOTE: HD 404 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA)									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 405 - Carter</b>									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 405-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 406 - Upper Marias-Dupuyer</b>									
NOTE: Marias River WMA limited access permits for deer hunting. Check FWP website for info. Contact FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840, in Great Falls. Elk numbers are low and elk will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	3 week general season.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	3 week general season.
Deer Permit: 406-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	35	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer Permit: 406-51	Antlered Buck White-tailed Deer	April 1	20	-	-	Nov 14-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License.
Deer B License: 406-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 13	-	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 406 - Upper Marias-Dupuyer - Continued</b>									
NOTE: Marias River WMA limited access permits for deer hunting. Check FWP website for info. Contact FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840, in Great Falls. Elk numbers are low and elk will be difficult to find.									
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 410 - Missouri River Breaks</b>									
NOTE: HD 410 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. NOTE: CMR National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regulations may differ from these regulations, to include closed or weapons restricted areas. Hunters should contact the CMR at 406-538-8706 or the ACOE at 406-526-3411.									
Elk hunters in HD 410 may also hunt on islands in the Missouri River adjacent to where their elk permit is valid. Island is defined as land completely surrounded by water at the time of the hunt.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 410-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk Hunting by Drawing Only</b>									
Elk Permit: 410-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 410-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st and 2nd choice only. Only valid in HD 410. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 410-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 410-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Only valid in HD 410.
Elk B License: 410-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	1000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid south of Crooked Creek (Sacagawea River). Not valid on CMR Refuge. 410-02 license holders may use General Elk License to harvest 2nd antlerless elk in the same area and for the same duration the 410-02 is valid.

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HD 411 - Snowy Mountains									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 411-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest land.
Elk Permit: 411-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	350	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 411 and 535. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 411-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Valid in 411 and 412. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 411-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	1,200	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Valid in HDs 411 and 535.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 412 - Judith and Moccasin Mountains									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 412-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
		-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
Elk Permit: 412-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	120	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 411-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Valid in HDs 411 and 412. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
HD 413 - North Little Belt Mountains									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
NOTE: HD 413 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Crk downstream to Great Falls city limits (this includes Park and Taylor Islands and all other unnamed islands) restricted to ArchEquip only.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 413-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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HD 415 - Summit-North Fork Birch Creek									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
HD 416 - South Little Belt Mountains									
NOTE: Boundary change									
NOTE: HD 416 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Smith River WMA. Smith River WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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<b>HD 417 - Armells Creek</b>									
NOTE: Boundary change									
NOTE: HD 417 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.									
NOTE: Elk hunters in HD 417 may also hunt on islands in the Missouri River adjacent to where their elk permit is valid. Island is defined as land completely surrounded by water at the time of the hunt.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 417-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid south of D-Y Trail and Knox Ridge Road.
Elk Permit: 417-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 417 and 426. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 417-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	225	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	1st choice only. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 417-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid south of D-Y Trail to intersection of Knox Ridge Road, then south of Knox Ridge Road thereafter. Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 418 - South Judith Basin</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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<b>HD 419 - Stanford</b>									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and elk will be difficult to find. NOTE: Boundary Change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 419-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 420 - Judith River WMA-Sage Creek</b>									
NOTE: Judith-River WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840. Judith River WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
Elk Permit: 420-20	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	April 1	80	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 448-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 420 and 448.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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<b>HD 421 - Birdtail Hills - South Dearborn</b>									
NOTE: Boundary change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	Jan 01-Feb 15	Only valid outside National Forest boundary.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	Jan 01-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 422 - North Dearborn</b>									
NOTE: Boundary change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid inside National Forest boundary.
	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid outside National Forest boundary.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	Jan 01-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Elk B License: 422-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18		
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	Jan 01-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	Jan 01-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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HD 424 - Benchmark									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Oct 25	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 26-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Quota = 10 antlerless or brow-tined bull elk through the Augusta check station. If quota is reached, the antlerless elk season will close on 12-hour notice. The brow-tined bull season will remain open until the end of the general rifle and heritage muzzleloader seasons.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
HD 425 - Sun River WMA									
NOTE: Sun River WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840. Sun River WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid outside the Sun River WMA.
Elk Permit: 425-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	5	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid entire HD including Sun River WMA. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 425-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	30	-	-	Oct 17-Oct 23	-	-	Valid entire HD including Sun River WMA.
Elk B License: 425-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	-	Oct 24-Oct 30	-	-	Valid entire HD including Sun River WMA.
Elk B License: 425-02	Antlerless Elk	June 1	20	-	-	Oct 31-Nov 06	-	-	Valid entire HD including Sun River WMA.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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<b>HD 426 - Winifred</b> NOTE: Boundary change NOTE: Beckman WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 426-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk Permit: 417-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 417 and 426. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 426-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	60	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	1st choice only. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 441 - North Fork Birch Creek-Teton</b> NOTE: Blackleaf WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840. Blackleaf WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 06	-	-	2 week general season.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	5 week general season.
	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid within National Forest boundary.
Deer Permit: 441-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	35	-	-	Nov 07-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 441-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Nov 07-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
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<b>HD 441 - North Fork Birch Creek-Teton - Continued</b>									
NOTE: Blackleaf WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840. Blackleaf WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in Bob Marshall Wilderness.
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Only valid outside the Bob Marshall Wilderness.
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk Permit: 441-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	35	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 442 - Sun River</b>									
NOTE: Boundary change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Oct 25	-	-	
	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 26-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Quota = 50 antlerless or brow-tined bull elk through the Augusta check station. If quota is reached, the antlerless elk season will close on 12-hour notice. The brow-tined bull season will remain open until the end of the general rifle and heritage muzzleloader seasons.
Elk B License: 442-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	25	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid in entire HD.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Until closed but no later than the end of the general rifle/heritage muzzleloader seasons based on HD 442 elk quota.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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<b>HD 444 - Lower Sun River</b>									
NOTE: Boundary change NOTE: HD 444 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Freezout Lake WMA, Teton County									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 444-00	Antlerless Mule Deer		50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 445 - Hound Creek</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 06	-	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	Oct 17-Oct 21	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not Valid on Beartooth WMA
		-	-	-	-	Nov 07-Nov 27	-	-	
Elk Permit: 445-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	30	-	-	Nov 07-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 17-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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<b>HD 446 - Northeast Big Belt Mountains</b>									
NOTE: HD 446 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Smith River WMA. Smith River WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	Oct 17-Oct 21	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest Land or FWP WMAs.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 17-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 447 - Belt-Square Butte</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 447-00	Antlerless Mule Deer Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Elk Permit: 447-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 447-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	400	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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<b>HD 448 - North Judith Basin-Central Little Belts</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 448-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 420 and 448.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
<b>HD 450 - Choteau</b>									
NOTE: Boundary change									
NOTE: HD 450 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA)									
NOTE: Ear Mountain WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840. Ear Mountain WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 450-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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HD 451 - Southeast Big Belt Mountains									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	Oct 17-Oct 21	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest Land or FWP WMAs.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 17-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.
HD 452 - Castle Mountains									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Elk									
General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	Oct 17-Oct 21	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 17-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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<b>HD 455 - Beartooth WMA</b>									
NOTE: HD 455 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve									
NOTE: Special permit required to hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer. Special permit required to hunt either-sex White-tailed Deer during the rifle season. Beartooth WMA Area Map and Rules available at FWP-R4 HQ 406-454-5840. Beartooth WMA closed Dec 02 - May 15.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
Deer Permit: 455-60	Antlered Buck Mule or Either-sex White-tailed Deer	April 1	15	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
<b>Elk hunting by drawing only</b>									
Elk Permit: 455-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 455-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 455-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Successful 455-00 license holders may use general elk license to harvest 2nd antlerless elk in HD 455.
<b>HD 471 - Geraldine</b>									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and elk will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 471-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 004-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	One per hunter. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
Deer B License: 004-01	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	2,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HD 455.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 004-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands, FWP WMAs, or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 410 and 455 as listed under each HD.

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Region 5									
HD 502 - Crow Line									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 502-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
Elk Permit: 502-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 502 and 555. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 595-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Valid in HDs 502, 535, 555, 590 and a portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12, west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
HD 515 - Painted Robe									
NOTE: Boundary change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 515-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
		-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	

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HD 525 - Beartooth - Absaroka									
NOTE: Check restricted area legal descriptions (p 26-27) Silver Run WMA closed to all hunting Dec 2 - May 14.									
NOTE: Boundary change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Not valid on National Forest lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 525-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
		-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.
HD 535 - Southern Snowy Mountains									
NOTE: Boundary change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlerless Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer Permit: 535-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	850	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 535-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
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HD 535 - Southern Snowy Mountains - Continued									
NOTE: Boundary change									
Elk									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
		-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs
Elk Permit: 411-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	350	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	1st choice only. Valid in HDs 411 and 535. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 595-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Valid in HDs 502, 535, 555, 590 and a portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12, west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 411-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	1,200	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private lands in HDs 411 and 535.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Valid in HDs 411 and 535.
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.
HD 540 - South Little Belt Mountains									
NOTE: Haymaker WMA closed to all hunting Dec 2 - May 14.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Not valid on National Forest lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
		-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on FWP WMAs.
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands or FWP WMAs.

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<b>HD 555 - Pryor Mountains - Cottonwood Triangle</b>									
NOTE: Boundary change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 555-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	150	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
<b>Elk Hunting By Drawing Only</b>									
Elk Permit: 502-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 502 and 555. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 595-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Valid in HDs 502, 535, 555, 590 and a portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12, west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 555-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	30	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 565 - Upper Boulder</b>									
NOTE: Boundary change									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlered Bull Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

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HD 575 - Absarokee NOTE: Boundary change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 575-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
		-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
HD 580 - East Slope Crazy Mountains NOTE: Boundary change									
Deer									
General Deer License	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 10-15. Not valid on National Forest lands.
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 580-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
		-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Not valid on National Forest lands.

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HD 590 - Bull Mountains - Pine Ridge									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 590-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 005-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	5,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all R5 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
		-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
Elk Permit: 590-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	380	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates. Valid in HD 590 and a portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12, west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd.
Elk Permit: 595-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Valid in HDs 502, 535, 555, 590 and a portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12, west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 005-00	Antlerless Elk	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	
				Aug 15-Sep 02	-	-	-	-	Only valid on private land.
Region 6									
HD 600 - North Hill-Blaine									
NOTE: HD 600 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Rookery WMA Weapons Restriction Area									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 600-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

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<b>HD 620 - South Phillips</b>									
NOTE: HD 620 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Bowdoin NWR closed hunting of big game									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 620-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 620, 621, and 622.
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs.
<b>Elk Hunting by Drawing Only</b>									
Elk Permit: 620-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	70	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 620, 621 and 622. Not valid on CMR refuge. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 620-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st and 2nd choice only. Only valid in HDs 620, 621, and 622. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 698-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 620, 621, 622. Not valid on CMR refuge.
Elk B License: 621-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HD 620 and HD 621.
Elk B License: 622-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 620 and 622.
Elk B License: 699-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	-	-	-	Dec 15-Feb 15	Valid in HDs 620, 621, 622. Not valid on CMR refuge.
Elk B License: 699-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	-	Oct 20-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15. Only valid in HDs 620, 621, 622, 630 and 690.

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<b>HD 621 - Upper Missouri Breaks-West</b>									
NOTE: HD 621 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) CMR National Wildlife Refuge, Slippery Ann elk viewing area closed to all hunting per refuge regulation 406-538-8706.; Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge. NOTE: Elk hunters in HDs 621 and 622 may also hunt on islands in the Missouri River adjacent to where their elk permit is valid. Island is defined as land completely surrounded by water at the time of the hunt.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 620-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 620, 621, and 622.
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs
<b>Elk Hunting by Drawing Only</b>									
Elk Permit: 620-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	70	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 620, 621 and 622. Not valid on CMR refuge. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 620-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st and 2nd choice only. Only valid in HDs 620, 621, and 622. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 621-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	50	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 698-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 620, 621, 622. Not valid on CMR refuge.
Elk B License: 621-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HD 620 and HD 621.
Elk B License: 699-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	-	-	-	Dec 15-Feb 15	Valid in HDs 620, 621, 622. Not valid on CMR refuge.
Elk B License: 699-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	-	Oct 20-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15. Only valid in HDs 620, 621, 622, 630 and 690.

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<b>HD 622 - Middle Missouri Breaks</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: HD 622 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge NOTE: Elk hunters in HDs 621 and 622 may also hunt on islands in the Missouri River adjacent to where their elk permit is valid. Island is defined as land completely surrounded by water at the time of the hunt.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 620-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 620, 621, and 622.
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs
<b>Elk Hunting by Drawing Only</b>									
Elk Permit: 620-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	70	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 620, 621 and 622. Not valid on CMR refuge. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 620-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st and 2nd choice only. Only valid in HDs 620, 621, and 622. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 622-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	60	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 698-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HDs 620, 621, 622. Not valid on CMR refuge.
Elk B License: 622-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 620 and 622.
Elk B License: 699-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	-	-	-	Dec 15-Feb 15	Valid in HDs 620, 621, 622. Not valid on CMR refuge.
Elk B License: 699-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	-	Oct 20-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15. Only valid in HDs 620, 621, 622, 630 and 690.
<b>HD 630 - South Valley - Lower Missouri Breaks</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: HD 630 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 630-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	600	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs

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<b>HD 630 - South Valley - Lower Missouri Breaks - Continued</b>									
NOTE: Boundary Change									
NOTE: HD 630 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers									
<b>Elk Hunting by Drawing Only</b>									
Elk Permit: 630-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	25	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 630-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 630-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 699-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	-	Oct 20-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15. Only valid in HDs 620, 621, 622, 630 and 690.
<b>HD 640 - Northeast Montana</b>									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 640-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	1,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 650 - McCone-Richland</b>									
NOTE: HD 650 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 650-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	

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<b>HD 652 - McCone-Garfield</b>									
NOTE: HD 652 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer Permit: 652-50	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	April 1	200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Deer License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD.
Deer B License: 652-01	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	100	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 670 - North Phillips-Valley</b>									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 670-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	1,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
<b>HD 690 - South Hill-Blaine-Choteau</b>									
NOTE: Elk primarily found on private land. Public access may be difficult and limited.									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 690-00	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	1,200	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 006-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	OTC: Aug 8	UNL	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Up to four per hunter. Valid in all R6 HDs
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk Permit: 690-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	50	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 690-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	50	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 690-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	300	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	Dec 15-Feb 15	
Elk B License: 699-01	Antlerless Elk	June 1	200	-	-	Oct 20-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only youth ages 12-15. Only valid in HDs 620, 621, 622, 630 and 690.

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Region 7									
HD 700 - Missouri Breaks-Prairie									
NOTE: HD 700 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 26-27) Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers									
NOTE: Public access to elk is limited and difficult.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 007-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	8,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Deer B License: 007-03	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	5,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Elk Hunting by Drawing Only									
Elk Permit: 700-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	250	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 700-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st and 2nd choice only. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 700-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	700	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 007-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
HD 701 - Sagebrush Prairie									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and primarily found on private land. Public access may be difficult and limited.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 007-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	8,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Deer B License: 007-03	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	5,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
HD 701 Continued on the next page									

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 701 - Sagebrush Prairie - Continued									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and primarily found on private land. Public access may be difficult and limited.									
Elk									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Exception: In portion of HD 701 north of Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd only valid for Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk.
Elk Permit: 590-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	380	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in HD 590 and portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 595-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Valid in HDs 502, 535, 555, 590 and a portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12, west of Sumatra-Hysham Rd. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 007-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
HD 702 - Yellowstone Pine Hills									
NOTE: Elk primarily found on private land. Public access may be difficult and limited.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 007-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	8,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Deer B License: 007-03	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	5,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 702 - Yellowstone Pine Hills - Continued									
NOTE: Elk primarily found on private land. Public access may be difficult and limited.									
Elk									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk Permit: 799-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	280	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 799-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 700-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	700	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk B License: 799-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	600	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705.
				-				Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land in HDs 702, 704 and 705.
Elk B License: 007-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
HD 703 - Grassland-Agriculture									
NOTE: Elk numbers are low and primarily found on private land. Public access may be difficult and limited.									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 007-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	8,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Deer B License: 007-03	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	5,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Elk B License: 007-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 7 HDs.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
HD 704 - Powder Pine Hills									
Deer									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 007-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	8,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Deer B License: 007-03	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	5,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Elk									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
Elk Permit: 799-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	280	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 799-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 700-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	700	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk B License: 799-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	600	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land in HDs 702, 704 and 705.
Elk B License: 007-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.

Hunters using archery equipment, see page 15 for licensing requirements.

License or Permit	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Early Season Dates	Archery Only Season Dates	General Season Dates	Heritage Muzzleloader Season Dates	Late Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>HD 705 - Prairie/Pines-Juniper Breaks</b>									
<b>Deer</b>									
General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	
Deer B License: 007-00	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	June 1	8,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
Deer B License: 007-03	Antlerless Mule Deer	June 1	5,500	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
<b>Elk</b>									
General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands.
	Antlerless Elk	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk Permit: 799-20	Either-sex Elk	April 1	280	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk Permit: 799-21	Either-sex Elk	April 1	1,000	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	1st choice only. Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705. Permit must be used with a valid General Elk License. Holders may not hunt Antlered Elk in any other HD during these described season dates.
Elk B License: 700-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	700	-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.
Elk B License: 799-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	600	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Only valid in HDs 702, 704 and 705.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land in HDs 702, 704 and 705.
Elk B License: 007-00	Antlerless Elk	June 1	800	-	Sep 03-Oct 16	-	-	-	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	Oct 22-Nov 27	Dec 10-Dec 18	-	Not valid on National Forest lands or CMR Refuge. Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
				-	-	-	-	Nov 28-Feb 15	Only valid on private land.

## Youth and/or Hunters with a Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle (PTHFV) Opportunities. See each individual hunting district for opportunity specific restrictions.

HD	License or Permit	Opportunity	Youth and/or PTHFV Holders
<b>Deer Permit Opportunities</b>			
262	Deer Permit: 262-52	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	Only youth ages 12-15.
291	Deer Permit: 291-51	Antlered Buck Mule Deer	Only youth ages 12-15.
<b>General Deer License Opportunities</b>			
100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 110, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, & 130	General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	Only youth ages 10-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
140, 141, 150, 200, 201, 202, 204, 210, 211, 214, & 216	General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	Only youth ages 10-15.
210, 212, 213, 214, 215, & 217	General Deer License	Antlerless Mule Deer	Only youth ages 10-15. Only valid outside National Forest boundary and NOT valid on FWP WMAs or BLM lands.
240, 250, 261, 270, 280, 281, 285, 291, 292, 293, 298	General Deer License	Either-sex White-tailed Deer	Only youth ages 10-15.
525, 540, & 580	General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	Only youth ages 10-15. Not valid on National Forest Lands.
575	General Deer License	Either-sex Mule Deer	Only youth ages 10-15.
<b>Elk Permit Opportunities</b>			
217	Elk Permit: 217-11	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15.
282	Elk Permit: 282-10	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15.
<b>General Elk License Opportunities</b>			
100, 101, 103, 104, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, & 130	General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	Hunters with a PTHFV.
201	General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV. Private lands only.
204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, & 216	General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
217	General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV. Only valid on private land.
	General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
240 & 261	General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
262	General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
270	General Elk License	Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV. Only valid north of Rye Creek.
	General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull Elk	Only youth ages 12-15.
280 & 281	General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15.
285, 291, 292, & 293	General Elk License	Brow-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
All R3 HDs <b>Except</b> 309, 310, 313, 339, 380, & 388	General Elk License	Either-sex Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
339 & 380	General Elk License	Spike Bull or Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15 and hunters with a PTHFV.
<b>Elk B License Opportunities</b>			
313	Elk B License: 313-00	Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15.
620, 621, 622, 630, 631, 632, 690.	Elk B License: 699-01	Antlerless Elk	Only youth ages 12-15.

# HOW TO HUNT SAFELY IN Bear Country



## Tips on how to prepare for safe outings.

- Inquire about recent bear activity in the area.
- Carry and know how to use bear spray.
- Let someone know your plans and time frame.
- Travel in groups of three or more people when possible.
- Stay on trails or rural roads.
- Watch for signs of bears such as bear scat, diggings, torn-up logs and turned over rocks, and partly consumed animal carcasses.
- Make your presence known by making noise - talking, singing, carrying a bell - especially when near streams or in thick forest where visibility is low. This can be the key to avoiding encounters. Most bears will avoid humans when they know humans are present.
- Don't approach a bear; respect its space and move off.

## Hunters

Bears have expanded to areas where they previously may not have not been. They can now be found throughout Western and Central Montana.

Be aware that the act of hunting puts you at risk of encountering bears and that elk bugling, game calls and cover scents may attract bears.

When hunting, the golden rule is "get the elk or deer out of the area as quickly as possible." The longer a carcass remains lying on the ground, hung up in hunting camp, or in the back of a truck, the more likely it will be discovered by a bear. The sooner elk and deer are taken home the better.

If you must leave the carcass, hang it, in pieces if necessary, at least 10' above the ground. Leave the carcass where you can see it from a distance, and when you return, observe the carcass with binoculars before approaching. If a bear has claimed the carcass, leave the area and report the incident to the proper authorities. It's not worth risking your safety or the bear's safety.

Bears are opportunists and change their behavior in order to take advantage of new food sources. So if you are hunting always assume that bears are in the area and make sure your camps, cabins and homes are bear proof, and that bear attractants are unavailable or contained.



# Reference Table for Licenses or Permits that are Valid in Multiple Districts

License/ Permit Number	License/Permit Type	Apply by or Purchase Beginning Date	Hunting Districts (HD) (check each HD for season date and restriction details)
<b>Deer B Licenses</b>			
003-00	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in all R3 HDs. Restrictions may apply in some districts, see each HD for more information.
004-00	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in all R4 HDs except HD 455.
004-01	Deer B License	June 1	Valid in all R4 HDs except HD 455.
005-00	Deer B License	June 1	Valid in all R5 HDs.
006-00	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in all R6 HDs.
007-00	Deer B License	June 1	Valid in all R7 HDs.
007-03	Deer B License	June 1	Valid in all R7 HDs.
199-20	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in portions of HDs 100, 103, & 104.
260-01	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in HDs 201, 204, 240, 260, 261, 262, & 270. ArchEquip Only.
299-00	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in HDs 204, 240, 261, 270. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
380-01	Deer B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 380 & 391. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
397-00	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in HDs 314 & 317.
398-00	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in HDs 304, 309, 311, & 312.
399-00	Deer B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in HDs 302, 303, 320, 322, 329, 331, 340, & 360
620-00	Deer B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 620, 621, & 622.
<b>Elk Permits</b>			
411-20	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 411 & 535.
411-21	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 411 & 412.
417-21	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 417 & 426.
502-20	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 502 & 555. Restrictions may apply in some districts, see each HD for more information.
590-20	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 590 & 701. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
595-21	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 502, 535, 555, 590 & 701. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
620-20	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 620, 621, & 622. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
620-21	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 620, 621, & 622.
799-20	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 702, 704, & 705.
799-21	Elk Permit	April 1	Valid in HDs 702, 704, & 705.
<b>Elk B Licenses</b>			
004-00	Elk B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in all R4 HDs except HDs 410 & 455. Restrictions may apply in some districts, see each HD for more information.
005-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in all Region 5 HDs. Restrictions may apply in some districts, see each HD for more information.
007-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in all Region 7 HDs.
201-01	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 201 & 260. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
210-03	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 210, 211, 212 & 216.
262-01	Elk B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid on private lands in HDs 204, 261, 262, and 270.
290-01	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 290 & 298. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.

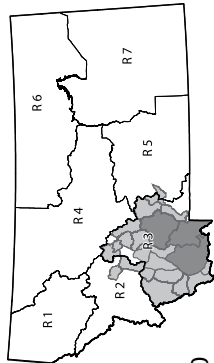
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License/ Permit Number	License/Permit Type	Apply by or Purchase Beginning Date	Hunting Districts (HD) (check each HD for season date and restriction details)
<b>Elk B Licenses continued</b>			
317-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 313 & 317. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
394-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 318 & 335. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
396-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 339 & 343. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
397-00	Elk B License	OTC: Aug 8	Valid in HDs 309, 311, 312, 390, & 393. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
399-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 302, 303, 322, & 329.
411-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 411 & 535.
448-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 420 & 448.
621-01	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 620 & 621.
622-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 620 & 622.
698-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in 620, 621, & 622. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
699-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in 620, 621, & 622. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
699-01	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in HDs 620, 621, 622, 630, & 690. Restrictions apply, see each HD for more information.
799-00	Elk B License	June 1	Valid in 702, 704, & 705.



# Antelope District Maps

Reference map shows antelope hunting districts' orientation within the State of Montana. Darker districts indicate new or changed boundaries.



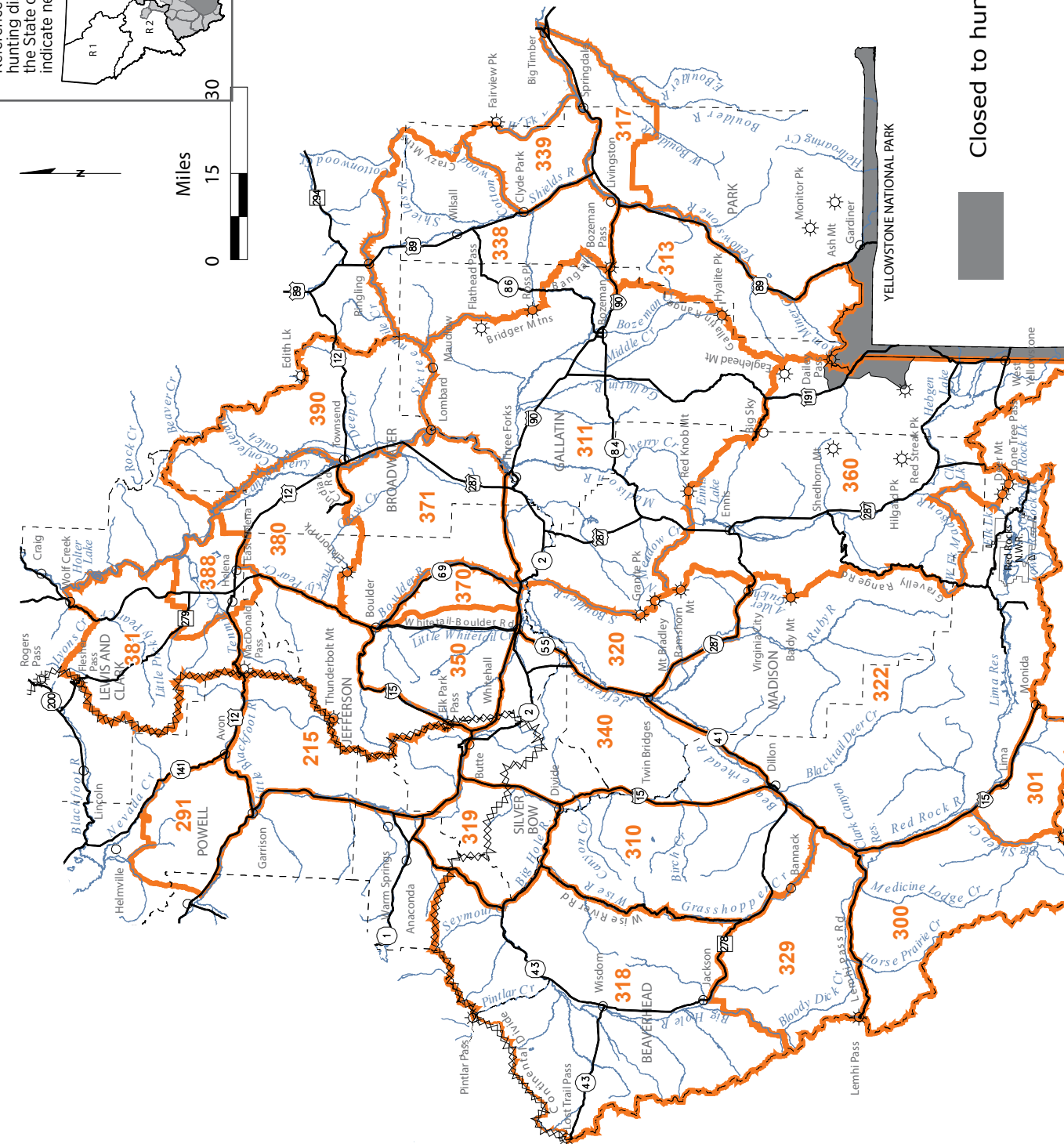
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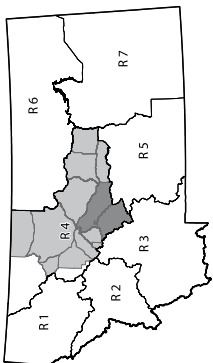
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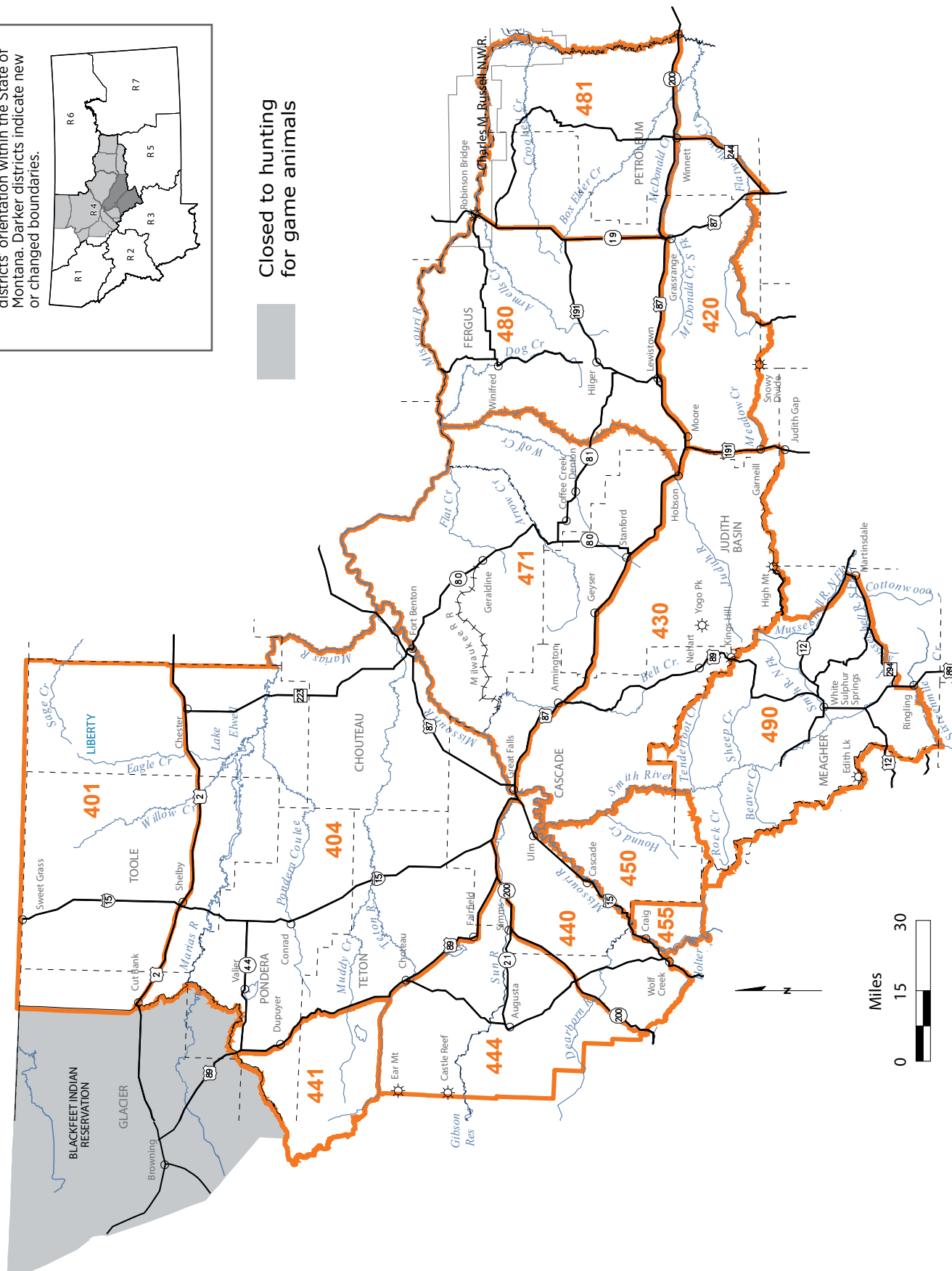
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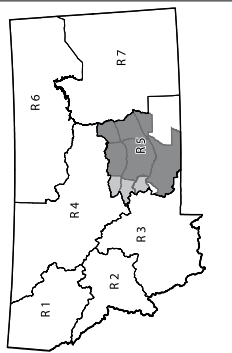


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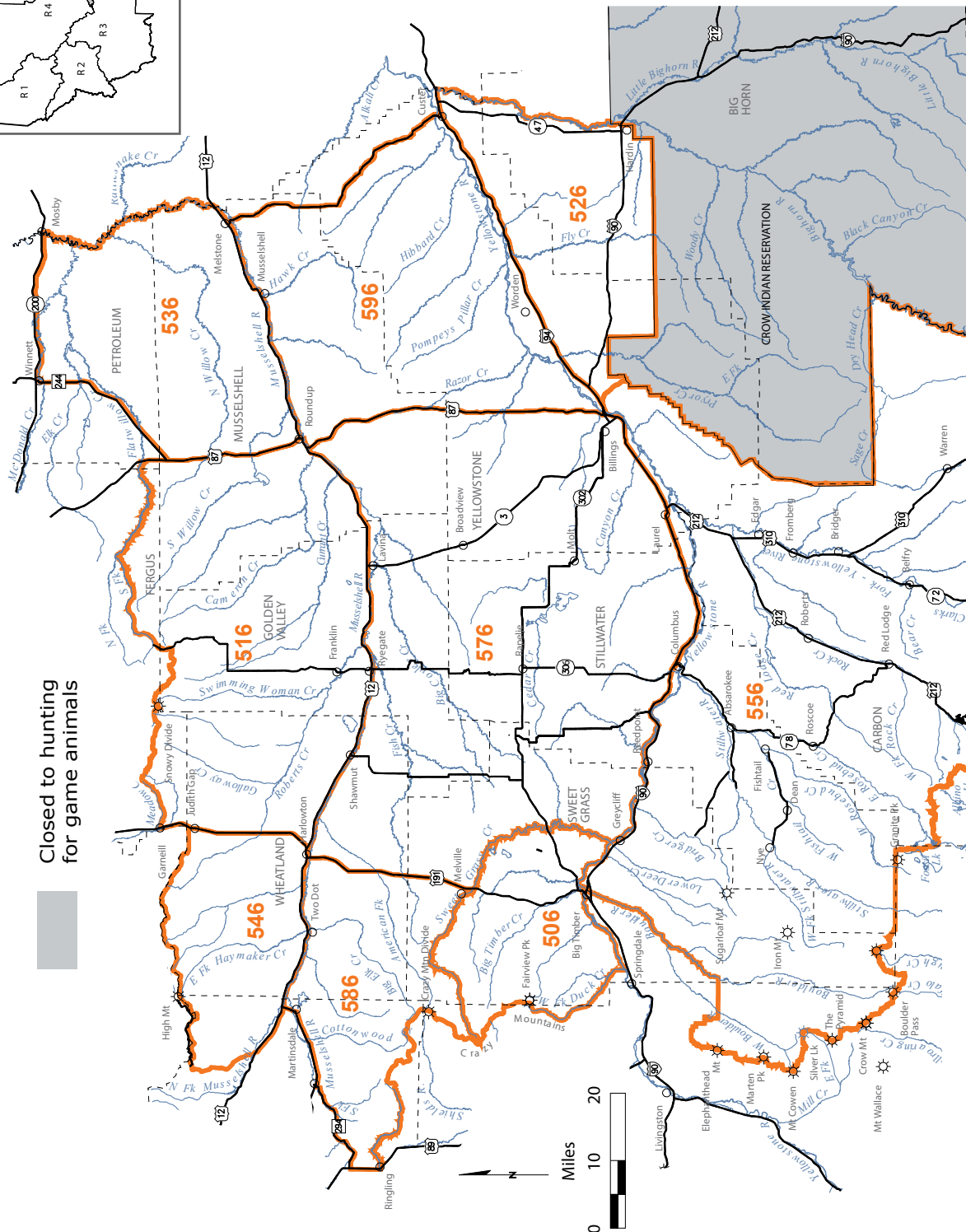
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## Antelope –2021 Drawing Statistics

The statistics on this page are from the 2021 drawings. The final license/permit quotas may differ from the quotas reflected in the 2022 printed regulations. The quotas listed in the printed regulations are the “proposed” quotas as adopted at the February F&W Commission meeting. The F&W Commission final-adopted quotas in July are based on winter and spring survey efforts and are the final quotas used to complete the actual drawing. These statistics reflect combined resident and nonresident first choice districts. These statistics do not reflect the use of bonus points, landowner preference, or the nonresident limit of no more than 10% of the quota of licenses. For more detailed statistics on resident/nonresident numbers, landowner drawing statistics, 2nd and 3rd choice numbers and district-specific bonus point information, visit our website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/drawingStatistics](http://myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/drawingStatistics).

Hunters are advised to carefully review the 2022 regulations prior to applying for licenses. Do not rely solely on the LPT codes used in the past. Either-sex antelope licenses end with a number between 20 - 29. All doe/fawn antelope licenses now end with a number between 30 - 39. For all licenses, the first three digits may identify a Hunting District in which the license is valid but this is not always the case.

Key:

License = LicenseType. The first three digits most often represent the hunting district number.

Apps = Total number of resident and nonresident 1<sup>st</sup>-choice applicants.

Succ = Total number of resident and nonresident 1<sup>st</sup>-choice applicants that were successful.

% Succ = Percentage of resident and nonresident 1<sup>st</sup>-choice applicants that were successful.

### 2021 First Choice Antelope License Drawing Statistics

LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
007-20	15,609	6,000	38.44
215-20	250	5	2
291-20	54	1	1.85
300-20	817	250	30.6
301-20	84	20	23.81
310-20	748	175	23.4
311-20	269	150	55.76
313-20	117	10	8.55
318-20	451	175	38.8
319-20	230	65	28.26
320-20	244	25	10.25
321-20	1,495	225	15.05
329-20	460	100	21.74
330-20	1,953	500	25.6
338-20	487	200	41.07
339-20	166	157	94.58
340-20	329	150	45.59
341-20	1,051	350	33.3
350-20	283	55	19.43
360-20	921	500	54.29
370-20	168	75	44.64

LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
371-20	339	50	14.75
380-20	320	25	7.81
381-20	79	5	6.33
388-20	81	15	18.52
390-20	241	25	10.37
401-20	1,050	200	19.05
404-20	1,973	300	15.21
413-20	293	50	17.06
420-20	435	100	22.99
430-20	297	75	25.25
440-20	392	100	25.51
441-20	74	10	13.51
444-20	536	150	27.99
450-20	236	50	21.19
455-20	54	2	3.7
471-20	1,496	350	23.4
480-20	654	100	15.29
481-20	557	150	26.93
490-20	735	275	37.41
491-20	175	75	42.86
500-20	384	361	94.01

LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
501-20	522	400	76.63
510-20	401	302	75.31
511-20	233	229	98.28
512-20	70	50	71.43
513-20	898	300	33.41
514-20	342	75	21.93
530-20	719	150	20.86
540-20	398	300	75.38
550-20	312	300	96.15
560-20	1,284	800	62.31
570-20	1,432	700	48.88
590-20	404	374	92.57
600-20	854	250	29.27
620-20	1,723	600	34.82
630-20	602	200	33.22
640-20	350	100	28.57
650-20	1,269	700	55.16
670-20	1,357	500	36.85
690-20	1,660	500	30.12
900-20	6,874	5,600	81.47

### 2021 First Choice Antelope B License Drawing Statistics

LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
007-30	5,180	150	2.9
215-30	85	1	1.18
291-30	17	1	5.88
300-30	342	100	29.24
310-30	515	150	29.13
318-30	264	125	47.35
319-30	128	50	39.06
320-30	138	25	18.12
321-30	667	75	11.24
330-30	1,076	450	41.82
371-30	231	25	10.82
380-30	196	25	12.76
388-30	50	50	100
390-30	152	25	16.45
401-30	411	25	6.08
404-30	836	300	35.89

LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
413-30	125	50	40
420-30	130	25	19.23
430-30	95	25	26.32
440-30	200	75	37.5
444-30	273	100	36.63
450-30	127	50	39.37
471-30	749	500	66.76
480-30	188	25	13.3
481-30	268	200	74.63
490-30	460	325	70.65
491-30	63	25	39.68
500-30	95	5	5.26
501-30	166	25	15.06
510-30	166	5	3.01
511-30	51	5	9.8
512-30	12	5	41.67

LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
513-30	178	5	2.81
514-30	118	5	4.24
530-30	124	5	4.03
540-30	137	136	99.27
550-30	114	50	43.86
560-30	462	400	86.58
570-30	662	100	15.11
590-30	160	50	31.25
600-30	280	50	17.86
620-30	498	50	10.04
630-30	166	50	30.12
640-30	90	25	27.78
650-30	392	250	63.78
670-30	500	200	40
690-30	664	150	22.59

License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Archery Season Dates	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information/ Restrictions
<b>Region 2</b>						
<b>HD 215 - East Deer Lodge</b>						
Antelope License: 215-20	Either-sex	June 1	5	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 215-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	10	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
<b>HD 291 - East Garnet Range</b>						
Antelope License: 291-20	Either-sex	June 1	5	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 291-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	5	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
<b>Region 3</b>						
<b>HD 300 - Medicine Lodge-Upper Horse Prairie</b>						
Antelope License: 300-20	Either-sex	June 1	250	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 300-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 301 - Lima Peaks</b>						
Antelope License: 301-20	Either-sex	June 1	20	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 310 - Pioneers</b>						
NOTE: HD 310 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon						
Antelope License: 310-20	Either-sex	June 1	175	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 310-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 311 - Lower Gallatin-Madison-Horseshoe Hills</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: HD 311 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area						
Antelope License: 311-20	Either-sex	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 313 - Upper Yellowstone</b>						
NOTE: HD 313 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice						
Antelope License: 313-20	Either-sex	June 1	10	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
<b>HD 317- West Boulder</b>						
NOTE: HD name change. NOTE: HD 3173 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Yellowstone River Islands restricted to ArchEquip Only						
Antelope License: 317-20	Either-sex	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Successful antelope Either-sex 317-20 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one or more 317-30 licenses valid in HD 317 during the same time periods and with the same restrictions.
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 318 - Big Hole</b>						
Antelope License: 318-20	Either-sex	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 318-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 319 - Fleecer-High Rye</b>						
Antelope License: 319-20	Either-sex	June 1	65	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 319-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Archery Season Dates	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information/ Restrictions
<b>HD 320 - West Tobacco Roots</b>						
Antelope License: 320-20	Either-sex	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 320-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 322 - Sweetwater - Centennial</b> NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 322-20	Either-sex	June 1	500	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 322-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	300	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 329 - Horse Prairie North</b>						
Antelope License: 329-20	Either-sex	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 338 - Shields River North</b>						
Antelope License: 338-20	Either-sex	June 1	200	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Successful antelope Either-sex 338-20 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one or more 338-30 licenses valid in HD 338 during the same time periods and with the same restrictions.
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 339 - Shields River South</b>						
Antelope License: 339-20	Either-sex	June 1	200	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Successful antelope Either-sex 339-20 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one or more 339-30 licenses valid in HD 339 during the same time periods and with the same restrictions.
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 340- Highlands</b> NOTE: HD name change						
Antelope License: 340-20	Either-sex	June 1	350	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Successful antelope Either-sex 340-20 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one or more 340-30 licenses valid in HD 340 during the same time periods and with the same restrictions.
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 350 - Whitetail</b>						
Antelope License: 350-20	Either-sex	June 1	55	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Successful antelope Either-sex 350-20 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one or more 350-30 licenses valid in HD 350 during the same time periods and with the same restrictions.
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 360 - Madison</b> NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: HD 360 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area; Jeffers Weapons Restriction Area						
Antelope License: 360-20	Either-sex	June 1	500	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 370 - Boulder Valley</b>						
Antelope License: 370-20	Either-sex	June 1	75	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Successful antelope Either-sex 370-20 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one or more 370-30 licenses valid in HD 370 during the same time periods and with the same restrictions.
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Archery Season Dates	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information/ Restrictions
<b>HD 371 - Radersburg</b>						
NOTE: HD 371 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area; Townsend Weapon Restriction Area						
Antelope License: 371-20	Either-sex	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 371-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 380 - Winston Flats</b>						
NOTE: HD 380 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Townsend Weapon Restriction Area						
Antelope License: 380-20	Either-sex	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Not valid in HD 380 portion of the Townsend WRA, except with the use of ArchEquip.
Antelope B License: 380-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Not valid in HD 380 portion of the Townsend WRA, except with the use of ArchEquip.
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 381 - Hilger Valley-Silver City</b>						
NOTE: HD 381 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve						
Antelope License: 381-20	Either-sex	June 1	5	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 388 - Ten Mile-Prickley Pear Valley</b>						
NOTE: Public access is limited and difficult. NOTE: HD 388 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir; Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area NOTE: A large portion of this district is a weapons restriction area with ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only. A portion of this district is outside the weapons restriction area. See legal descriptions. Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir closed to all hunting with the opening of waterfowl season.						
Antelope License: 388-20	Either-sex	June 1	15	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Successful antelope Either-sex 388-20 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one or more 388-31 licenses valid in HD 388 during the same time periods and with the same restrictions. Valid both inside and outside Weapons Restriction Area.
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 390 - South Belts</b>						
NOTE: HD 390 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Townsend Weapon Restriction Area						
Antelope License: 390-20	Either-sex	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 390-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>Region 4</b>						
<b>HD 401 - Sweetgrass Hills</b>						
Antelope License: 401-20	Either-sex	June 1	200	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 401-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 404 - Teton-Marias</b>						
NOTE: HD 404 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Brinkman Game Preserve closed to antelope hunting.						
Antelope License: 404-20	Either-sex	June 1	300	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 404-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	300	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 420 - South Fergus</b>						
Antelope License: 420-20	Either-sex	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 420-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

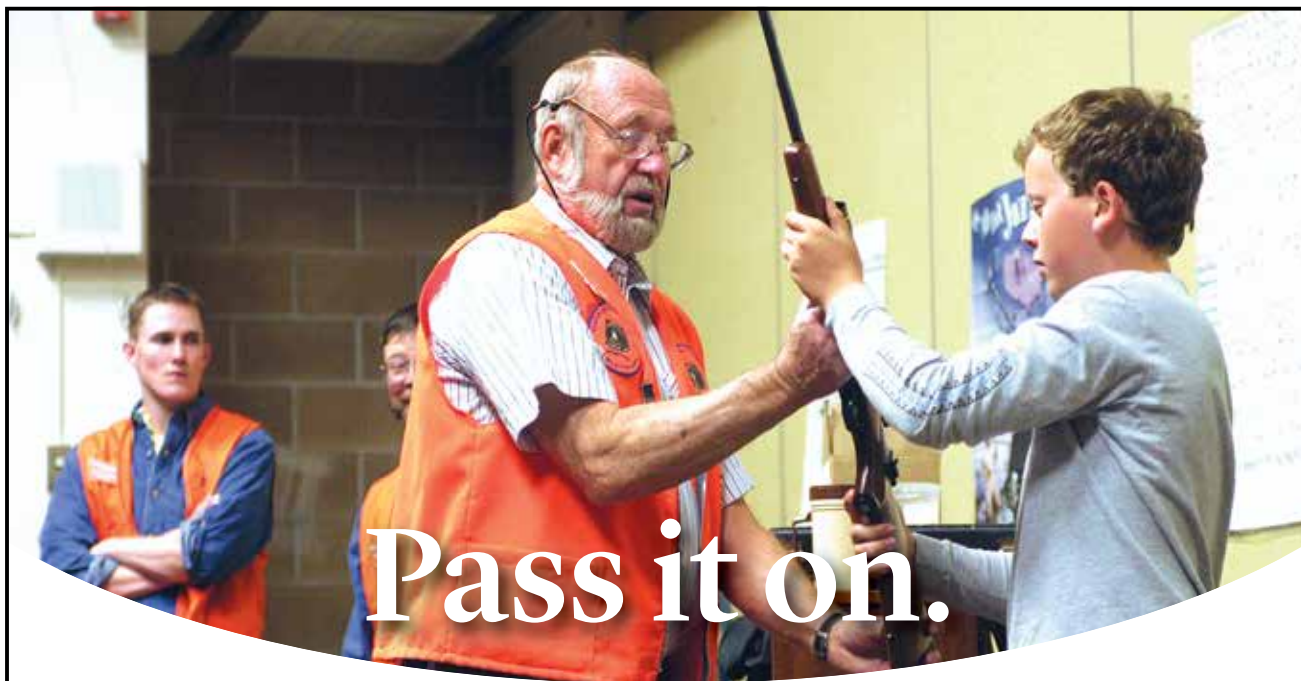
License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Archery Season Dates	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information/ Restrictions
<b>HD 430 - North Little Belt</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 430-20	Either-sex	June 1	125	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 430-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	75	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 440 - Birdtail Hills</b>						
Antelope License: 440-20	Either-sex	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 440-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	75	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 441 - North Fork Birch Creek-Teton</b>						
Antelope License: 441-20	Either-sex	June 1	10	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 444 - Teton-Highway 200</b>						
NOTE: HD 444 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Freezout Lake WMA, Teton County closed to hunting as posted						
Antelope License: 444-20	Either-sex	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 444-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 450 - Hound Creek</b>						
Antelope License: 450-20	Either-sex	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 450-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 455 - Ming Bar</b>						
Antelope License: 455-20	Either-sex	June 1	2	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 471 - Highwoods-Denton</b>						
Antelope License: 471-20	Either-sex	June 1	350	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 471-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	500	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 480 - North Fergus</b>						
Antelope License: 480-20	Either-sex	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 480-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 481 - Petroleum</b>						
Antelope License: 481-20	Either-sex	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 481-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	200	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 490 - West Meagher</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 490-20	Either-sex	June 1	350	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 490-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	350	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Archery Season Dates	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information/ Restrictions
<b>Region 5</b>						
<b>HD 506 - Big Timber</b>						
Antelope License: 506-20	Either-sex	June 1	350	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 516 - East Wheatland - Willow Creek</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 516-20	Either-sex	June 1	700	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 516-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 526- Hardin</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 526-20	Either-sex	June 1	250	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 536 - Flatwillow-Willow Creek</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 536-20	Either-sex	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 546 - West Wheatland</b>						
Antelope License: 546-20	Either-sex	June 1	400	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 556 - Stillwater - Rock Creek</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 556-20	Either-sex	June 1	125	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 576 - Fish Creek-Big Coulee-Molt-Broadview-Billings</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 576-20	Either-sex	June 1	1,800	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 576-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	550	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 586- Two Dot</b>						
Antelope License: 586-20	Either-sex	June 1	450	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 586-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 596 - Bull Mountains</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change						
Antelope License: 596-20	Either-sex	June 1	300	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 596-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>Region 6</b>						
<b>HD 600 - North Hill-Blaine</b>						
NOTE: HD 600 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Rookery WMA						
Antelope License: 600-20	Either-sex	June 1	250	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 600-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.

License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Quota	Archery Season Dates	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information/ Restrictions
<b>HD 620 - South Phillips</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: HD 620 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Bowdoin NWR; Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area is closed to all hunting per refuge regulation						
Antelope License: 620-20	Either-sex	June 1	600	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 620-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 630 - South Valley</b>						
NOTE: Boundary Change NOTE: HD 630 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) CMR National Wildlife Refuge in Valley County						
Antelope License: 630-20	Either-sex	June 1	200	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 630-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	50	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 640 - Northeast Montana</b>						
NOTE: HD 640 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge						
Antelope License: 640-20	Either-sex	June 1	100	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 640-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	25	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 650 - McCone-Richland</b>						
Antelope License: 650-20	Either-sex	June 1	700	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 650-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	250	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 670 - North Phillips-Valley</b>						
NOTE: HD 670 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-19) Cree Crossing WMA; Milk River WMA						
Antelope License: 670-20	Either-sex	June 1	500	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 670-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	200	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>HD 690 - South Hill-Blaine-North Chouteau</b>						
Antelope License: 690-20	Either-sex	June 1	500	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope B License: 690-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	-	Aug 15-Nov 13	First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
<b>Region 7</b>						
<b>HDs 700 - Missouri Breaks-Prairie, 701 - Sagebrush Prairie, 702 - Yellowstone Pine Hills, 703 - Grassland-Agriculture, 704 - Powder Pine Hills, 705 - Prairie-Pines-Juniper Breaks</b>						
Antelope License: 900-20	Either-sex	June 1	5,600	Aug 15-Nov 13		First and only choice. ArchEquip only.
Antelope License: 007-20	Either-sex	June 1	6,000	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Valid in all Region 7 HDs. Successful antelope either-sex 007-20 and/or Doe/Fawn 007-30 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one Doe/Fawn 799-30 license valid in HDs 704 and 705 during the same time periods.
Antelope B License: 007-30	Doe/Fawn	June 1	150	Sep 03-Oct 07	Oct 08-Nov 13	Valid in all Region 7 HDs. Successful antelope either-sex 007-20 and/or Doe/Fawn 007-30 applicants may be offered the opportunity to purchase one Doe/Fawn 799-30 license valid in HDs 704 and 705 during the same time periods.

## Multi-district Antelope Licenses

License #	License Type	Drawing deadline	Valid Hunting Districts (check each HD for season dates and restrictions)
007-20	Antelope License	June 1	Valid in HDs 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705
007-30	Antelope <b>B</b> License	June 1	Valid in HDs 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705
900-20	Antelope License	June 1	Valid in HDs 300, 301, 310, 311, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 329, 338, 339, 340, 350, 360, 370, 371, 380, 381, 388, 390, 401, 404, 420, 430, 440, 441, 444, 450, 455, 471, 480, 481, 490, 506, 516, 514, 526, 536, 546, 556, 576, 586, 596, 600, 620, 630, 640, 650, 670, 690, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705.



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\*FWP cannot regulate ammunition according to Montana statute. The law does not prohibit the use of lead ammunition.



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## 2022-2023 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours



These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of antelope, deer and/or elk begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. (Do not use other sources).

**ZONE 1: INCLUDES:** Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders counties

Day	Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	6:16	9:08	6:56	8:15	7:35	7:15	8:19	6:20	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:58	8:01	5:39
2	6:17	9:06	6:57	8:13	7:36	7:13	8:20	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	4:59	7:59	5:41
3	6:19	9:05	6:58	8:11	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:17	8:03	4:49	8:21	5:00	7:58	5:42
4	6:20	9:04	7:00	8:09	7:39	7:10	8:23	6:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01	7:57	5:44
5	6:21	9:02	7:01	8:07	7:40	7:08	8:25	6:14	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02	7:55	5:45
6	6:22	9:01	7:02	8:05	7:42	7:06	8:26	6:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03	7:54	5:47
7	6:24	8:59	7:04	8:03	7:43	7:04	8:28	6:11	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04	7:53	5:48
8	6:25	8:58	7:05	8:01	7:44	7:02	8:29	6:10	8:08	4:47	8:20	5:06	7:51	5:50
9	6:26	8:56	7:06	7:59	7:46	7:00	8:30	6:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:07	7:50	5:51
10	6:27	8:55	7:07	7:58	7:47	6:58	8:32	6:07	8:10	4:47	8:19	5:08	7:48	5:53
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12	6:30	8:51	7:10	7:54	7:50	6:54	8:35	6:05	8:12	4:47	8:19	5:10	7:45	5:56
13	6:31	8:50	7:11	7:52	7:51	6:52	8:36	6:04	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12	7:44	5:58
14	6:33	8:48	7:13	7:50	7:53	6:50	8:38	6:03	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:13	7:42	5:59
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21	6:42	8:36	7:22	7:35	8:03	6:38	8:48	6:00	8:18	4:50	8:12	5:23	7:30	6:10
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23	6:44	8:32	7:24	7:31	8:06	6:34	8:50	6:00	8:19	4:51	8:11	5:26	7:27	6:13
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31	6:55	8:17	-	-	8:17	6:21	-	-	8:21	4:57	8:02	5:38	-	-

**ZONE 2: INCLUDES:** Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole counties.

Day	Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
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11	6:21	8:44	7:01	7:47	7:40	6:48	8:25	6:00	8:02	4:40	8:10	5:02	7:38	5:47
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29	6:44	8:13	7:24	7:12	8:06	6:17	8:52	6:00	8:12	4:49	7:56	5:27	-	-
30	6:46	8:11	7:26	7:10	8:07	6:16	8:54	6:00	8:12	4:49	7:54	5:29	-	-
31	6:47	8:09	-	-	8:09	6:14	-	-	8:12	4:50	7:53	5:30	-	-

**ZONE 3: INCLUDES:** Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties

Day	Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
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4	6:01	8:46	6:41	7:51	7:21	6:51	8:05	5:57	7:47	4:29	8:04	4:42	7:39	5:25
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# 2022

# BLACK BEAR

MONTANA FWP | Hunting Regulations



Black Bear *Ursus americanus*

**TURN IN POACHERS: CALL 1-800-TIP-MONT**

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See page 2 for highlights and reminders



## Highlights/Reminders

- **NEW 48 hour reporting requirement for all black bear harvests.**
- NEW black bear season in Region 6.
- Mandatory inspection of black bear harvests in Region 1 has changed. See page 10 for more information.
- It is now lawful to use hounds to train and/or hunt for spring black bears in some areas. See page 4 for more information.
- Hunting and fishing licenses are now accessible through a secure and convenient mobile app. The Montana MyFWP app provides a digital wallet to store and display licenses and digital carcass tags, known as E-Tags, that can validate your harvest in the field. See [fwp.mt.gov/myfwppapp](http://fwp.mt.gov/myfwppapp) for more information.

## Regulations Adopted by F&W Commission

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission on February 4, 2022, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies' restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under commission authority. Henry "Hank" Worsch, Director.

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## Definitions

**GAME ANIMAL:** deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, black bear, and wild bison.

**HUNT:** to pursue, shoot, wound, take, harvest, kill, chase, lure, possess, or capture, or the act of a person possessing a weapon, as defined in MCA 45-2-101, or using a dog or a bird of prey for the purpose of shooting, wounding, taking, harvesting, killing, possessing, or capturing wildlife protected by the laws of this state in any location that wildlife may inhabit, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently taken. The term includes an attempt to take or harvest by any means, including but not limited to pursuing, shooting, wounding, killing, chasing, luring, possessing, or capturing.

## License Chart

License	Cost		Stipulations
	Resident	Non-resident	
Base Hunting	\$10	\$15	Prerequisite for hunting.
Conservation 12-17 and 62+ years	\$4	\$10	Prerequisite.
Conservation 18-61 years	\$8	\$10	Prerequisite.
Black Bear	\$19	\$350	
Bow and Arrow (Archery)	\$10	\$10	A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license is required during black bear Archery-only Season or to archery hunt black bear in an Arch-Equip only area or HD.
Resident Hound Training License	\$5	-	Available to resident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued. See Youth Hunting Opportunities.
NR Hound License Spring Bear	-	\$250	Required to use dogs to pursue or harvest black bears. Application deadline: March 25.

## Obtain a License

- A hunter may purchase only one Black Bear License per year. A free Black Bear Identification Test Certificate is required to obtain a license. A hunter must take and pass a "Black Bear Identification test" before purchasing a Black Bear hunting license. A hunter must present a certificate of completion issued by FWP at the time of purchase. The test is available online at: [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/bear-identification](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/bear-identification)
- A black bear license is valid for an either-sex black bear in all BMUs. See page 4 regarding sows with cubs.
- The licenses listed in the license chart are available at FWP offices, the FWP website at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](http://ols.fwp.mt.gov), and FWP license providers.
- Replacements of lost, stolen or destroyed licenses may be purchased at FWP offices and FWP License Providers. A second duplicate license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased at an FWP office. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each duplicate license.
- Resident Hound Training License (RHTL) (MCA 87-2-521) available to resident Conservation License holders. Entitles the license holder to use a dog or dogs to aid in chasing/pursuing spring black bears per commission rule.
- For nonresidents to use dogs for hunting black bears they must be on an outfitted trip with a licensed Montana outfitter/guide or have a Nonresident Class D-4 Black Bear Hound License in addition to a Black Bear License. To apply for a Nonresident Class D-4 Black Bear Hound License, the nonresident must already hold a Black Bear License. You must hold a Black Bear License valid in at least a portion of the hound area for which you are applying. If unsuccessful in the hound drawing, the department will refund the Nonresident Hound License-Spring Black Bear fee of \$250. The hunter can choose to return their Black Bear License for a refund if they are unsuccessful in the drawing for the Nonresident Hound License-Spring Black Bear between March 29 and April 14; licenses must be returned by April 14 without exception.
- Nonresident Black Bear Hound License Drawing. Applications for the Class D-4 Nonresident Black Bear Hound License will be available starting March 1. The deadline to apply for it will be March 25, and the drawing will be March 29. To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must have purchased a Black Bear License.
- To be eligible to apply for the nonresident black bear hound license to hunt black bears, the applicant must be 18 or turn 18 by June 15, 2022. (MCA 87-2-519).
- A nonresident is not required to have a Class D-4 license to use a dog or dogs to aid in the pursuit or harvest of mountain lions or black bears when the nonresident is a nonresident landowner who owns 640 or more contiguous acres. Nonpaying guests of the nonresident landowner may also hunt and pursue mountain lions or black bears on the landowner's property and any adjacent public land within 2 miles of the landowner's property without a Class D-4 license. (MCA 87-2-519).

## Residency

It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license (MCA 87-6-302).

### Resident (MCA 87-2-102)

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping license you must:
  - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
  - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
  - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
  - not possess current (or have applied for any) resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
  - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC has been issued for less than six months, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to

meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).

- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
  - claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
  - is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.

### Nonresident Minors

- Nonresident unmarried minors are considered a resident for purpose of obtaining hunting and fishing licenses if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a legal resident of Montana.

### Armed Forces

A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's spouse or dependent as defined in 15-30-2115, who resides in the member's household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses if:

- the member is a Montana resident as listed above and continues to meet the residency criteria of income tax filing and voter registration, the member is not required to meet the other residency criteria in MCA 87-2-102 and may hold resident licenses in another state or country; or,
- the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for at least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

## Hunter Education

### Hunter Education for Firearm and Archery (MCA 87-2-105)

- If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course (or an approved hunter education course from any other state or province) prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.
- Montana law requires members of the armed forces and their dependents stationed in Montana to present a Montana hunter education certificate or similar certificate from any state or province when purchasing any Montana hunting license.
- Duplicates – Montana certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter](http://fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter).

### Bowhunter Education Requirements (MCA 87-2-105)

- To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:
  - provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
  - provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.

### Youth Hunter:

- A resident or nonresident **youth 12 years of age or older** may hunt any game species for which their license is valid. Those who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2023, may hunt any game species for which their license is valid after August 15 of the 2022 license year. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.
- In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

## Hunter with a Disability

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:

MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute  
29 McGill Hall, U of M | Missoula, MT 59812  
(406) 243-5751 | [montech.ruralinstitute.umd.edu/](http://montech.ruralinstitute.umd.edu/)

## Laws and Rules

-Statute denoted by MCA.

-Commission Rule denoted by CR.

-Administrative rule denoted by ARM.

### Aircraft- Unlawful use (MCA 87-6-208)

- It is unlawful for a person to shoot a game animal from an aircraft.
- It is unlawful for a person to use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game animal.
- Aircraft may not be used to locate game animals for the purpose of:
  - hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne; or
  - providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.

### Archery Equipment (MCA 87-6-401, CR)

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of game animals.
- The following criteria define Archery Equipment. It is unlawful to use, while hunting game during any Archery-only Season and in Archery Equipment Only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:

**Hunting Bow:** A hunting bow for game animals shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.

- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.
- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.
  - Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.
- A bow is considered legal if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
- The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent as advertised by the manufacturer.

**Arrow:** An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges and be at least 7/8 inches at the widest point. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

**The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery-only Season or in an Archery Equipment Only area or hunting district:**

- crossbow
- any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power
- any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow

or arrow that aides in the taking or locating of any game animal or game bird. **Exception:** Camera devices attached to bows for the sole purpose of filming are allowed.

- a bow sight or arrow which uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics. **Exception:** an arrow may have a lighted nock.

#### **Artificial Light (MCA 87-6-401)**

It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infra-red light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game animals.

#### **Baiting (MCA 87-6-401, CR)**

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

#### **Black Bear Specific Regulations (CR)**

- It is unlawful to harvest/take black bear cubs. Cubs are defined as bears less than one year old.
- It is unlawful to harvest/take a female black bear with cubs.

#### **Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218)**

All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

#### **Dogs (MCA 87-6-404)**

It is unlawful for a person to use dogs to chase game animals. Exception: Dogs may be used to hunt mountain lions and spring black bears, see appropriate regulations for rules. Dogs may be utilized to recover or locate wounded game animals, but handlers shall maintain physical control of the dog at all times by means of a maximum 50-foot lead attached to the dog's collar or harness.

#### **Evidence of Sex (MCA 87-6-406)**

A person who kills a game animal in this state shall retain evidence of sex of the animal with the carcass until it is processed. The provisions of this section do not apply to a game animal harvested using a license with which either sex of the animal may be taken. Evidence of sex does not need to be naturally attached. A person who kills a game animal in a hunting district where the harvest is limited by the animal's antler point or horn size shall retain the antlers or horns until the carcass is processed.

#### **Firearms**

- Firearms, including rifles, handguns, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, and muzzleloaders; archery equipment; and crossbows are lawful for taking game animals. All other methods of take are prohibited.
- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation or magazine/round capacity restrictions for the taking of game animals.
- Rifle scopes with illuminated reticles, built-in range-finding capabilities, and "red dot" scopes are lawful for the taking of game animals.

#### **Glandular Scents ((ARM 12.6.1016, 12.6.1017)( MCA 87-6-101))**

- Natural or artificial glandular scents may not be used to hunt black bears.

#### **Hound Hunting**

- A resident hunter with a valid Black Bear License may lawfully chase black bears with hounds during the spring hound season in any valid hunting district or management unit during the period that unit is open to hound hunting or chasing.
- Hound hunting and training is prohibited in occupied grizzly bear habitat in BMUs 100, 101, 103, 104, 110, 120, 121, 122, 123, 130, 140, 141, 150, 170, that portion of 200 that includes the Ninemile watershed north of I-90, 216 east of the Granite/Ravalli county line, 280, 290, 300 west of I-15, 301 west of I-15 and HWY 69, 309, 317, 341, 400 north and west of I-15/Hwy 87 between Helena and Fort Benton, west of Hwy 223 between Fort Benton and Hwy 2 at Chester, south of Hwy 2 between Chester and I-15 at Shelby, and west of I-15 between Shelby and the Canadian border, 510 West of Hwy 310, 520.
- A resident who possesses a Class D-3 Resident Hound Training License may pursue black bears with a dog or dogs during a training season from the end of the spring season for black bear through June 15 of that year as authorized by the commission (MCA 87-6-404(4)).
- Authorized black bear hunting and training hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset.

- It is prohibited for a dog owner or black bear hunter to release dogs on a black bear, or allow dogs to chase a black bear, or hold a black bear at bay during any period of the day or year when the season is not open to hunting or chasing black bears. Legitimate attempts to retrieve loose dogs after legal hunting hours does not constitute a violation of this rule.
- Persons using hounds to hunt are required to have a valid Resident Black Bear License if hunting or chasing during the black bear hunting season, or a valid Class D-3 Resident Hound Training License during a training season from the end of the spring season for black bear through June 15 of that year as authorized by the commission. Nonresidents must also have a Nonresident Hound License during the hunting or training season if they are using dogs.
- The holder of a Nonresident Class D-4 Black Bear Hound License may not assist another person in the pursuit of a black bear for harvest. Any area restrictions on the Black Bear License and the Nonresident Black Bear Hound License both apply as well as quota restrictions in quota areas.
- While hunting with or training hounds, the dogs must wear tracking collars with the ability to send GPS location information and receive transmissions from hound handler so that the dogs may be electronically recalled and the hound handler's receiver must be able to receive GPS location data from the collars.

#### **Hunter Harassment (MCA 87-6-215)**

It is unlawful to:

- intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal.
- disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal.

#### **Hunting Hours (CR)**

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 15.

#### **Hunter Orange Requirement (MCA 87-6-414)**

A person may not hunt any game animals in this state or accompany any hunter as an outfitter or guide under any of the provisions of the laws of this state without wearing as exterior garments, above the waist, a total of not less than 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material visible at all times while hunting.

This section does not apply to a person hunting with a bow and arrow during the special archery season; or hunting wolves outside the general deer and elk season as authorized by commission rules. However, bowhunters hunting wolf during any portion of the general (firearm) seasons for deer, elk, antelope, moose, bison, sheep, mountain goat, black bear, or mountain lion must meet the hunter orange requirement while hunting.

#### **Incidental Harvest Resulting in an Unlawfully Taken Animal**

If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an unlawfully taken animal, you should notify a FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

> Hunters should field dress the animal, but **DO NOT** transport the animal until you've received instructions.

#### **Indian Reservations (MCA 87-6-204, CR)**

- The F&W Commission has by rule, closed all lands within the exterior boundaries of Montana's Indian Reservations to the hunting of game animals with the use of state licenses unless provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana.
- Currently there are no cooperative agreements between FWP and any of the Tribal Governments in Montana and as such the season for the hunting of game animals, by nonmembers, with a state license is closed. Please contact FWP for further questions or information.

#### **Inspection by Warden (MCA 87-1-502, 87-6-218)**

Game animals, game and nongame birds, fish, and furbearers taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

#### **Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)**

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is unlawful for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

## **Kill Site Verification (ARM 12.6.1005)**

At the request of a FWP game warden, it is required to return to the kill site of any game animal, game bird, wolf, or furbearer that has been hunted or trapped.

## **Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-415)**

A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt furbearers, game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property without first obtaining permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents. Regardless of whether the land is posted or not, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

For the purposes of this section, the term “hunt” has the same meaning as provided in **87-6-101** and includes entering private land to: (a) retrieve wildlife; or (b) access public land to hunt.

## **License and Permit Possession/Use (MCA 87-6-304, MCA 87-6-305)**

- A person may not apply for, purchase, or possess more than one license, permit, or tag of any one class or more than one special license for any one species. This provision does not apply to more than one license, permit or tag authorized by the commission.
- A person may not hunt in this state unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- A person may not refuse to exhibit a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a warden or other officer requesting to see it.
- A person may not at any time alter or change a license in any material manner or loan or transfer any license to another person.
- A person other than the person to whom a license is issued may not use the license.
- A person may not attach the person's license to a game animal killed by another person.
- A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a hunting license or permit if the person knowingly carries or has physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit.
- This does not apply: to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person; and when a properly obtained and validated license or permit is attached to a lawfully killed game animal.

## **License Validation and Tagging (MCA 87-6-411)**

- When a person kills a game animal, the person shall, before the carcass is removed from or the person leaves the site of the kill, take physical possession of the game animal by:
  - electronically validating the license or tag or
  - cutting out from the license or tag the date the animal was killed and attaching the license or tag to the animal.
- A license or tag that is not electronically validated must be kept attached to the carcass as long as any considerable portion of the carcass remains unconsumed.
- A person may not fail to keep the license or tag attached to the game animal or portion of the game animal while the animal is possessed by the person unless the license or tag was electronically validated.
- A person may not tag a game animal with or electronically validate a license or tag that is restricted to a hunting district other than the hunting district where the game animal was killed.

## **Littering (MCA 75-10-212)**

A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes, while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing, or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

## **Marked or Radio-Collared Animals (CR)**

It is lawful to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

## **Motion-Tracking Devices (MCA 87-6-401)**

It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to use any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the

hunter. Motion tracking devices are defined by F&W Commission as remote operated camera or video devices capable of transmitting real time information, pictures or videos; seismic devices; thermal imaging devices; and satellite and radio telemetry devices. A radio-tracking collar attached to a dog that is used by a hunter engaged in lawful hunting activities is not considered an unlawful motion-tracking device.

## **Motorized Vehicles (MCA 87-6-405)**

It is unlawful for anyone to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal from any self-propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- Use a motorized vehicle to concentrate, drive, rally, stir up, corral, or harass game animals.
- While hunting a person may not use a motor driven vehicle off-road on state land.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land. For more information related to state school trust lands, see page 6.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.

### **Off Road- Federal lands (CR)**

- A person may not operate, on federal public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

### **Boats (MCA 87-6-207)**

- A person may not use a motorboat or a sailboat as defined in 23-2-502 for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any upland game bird, migratory bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal until the motor is shut off or the sails are furled and the progress of the vessel has ceased.

## **Off-Highway Vehicles (including ATV, UTV and dirt bikes)**

**Residents (MCA 23-2-804, 23-2-111)** – OHVs must be registered with the county treasurer and display a current off-highway permanent registration decal to be used for off-road recreation on public lands (trails, frozen lakes, reservoirs). To be used on roads (county, Forest Service, etc.), an OHV must be registered with the county treasurer and display a license plate and street-legal modifications. Resident hunters utilizing “summer motorized recreation trails” must also purchase a summer motorized recreation trail pass (decal) at a cost of \$20, valid for 2 years and expires on December 31 of the second calendar year. All decals must be affixed in a conspicuous place on the OHV.

**Nonresidents (MCA 23-2-814)** – OHVs that are owned by a nonresident may not be operated by a person anywhere in Montana unless a nonresident temporary-use permit is obtained. Permits are good for one calendar year, cost \$35 and can be purchased from local vendors ([stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvProgram.html](http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvProgram.html), OHV Permits and Laws), at FWP offices or online at [app.mt.gov/als](http://app.mt.gov/als). Contact Montana State Parks OHV Program at 406-444-3750.

## **Outfitters and Guides (MCA 37-47-301)**

A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.

- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

## **Possession of Wildlife Parts (MCA 87-6-202)**

A person may not possess, ship, or transport all or part of any game fish, bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal that was unlawfully killed, captured, or taken, whether killed, captured, or taken in Montana or outside of Montana. This section does not prohibit the possession, shipping, or transportation of:

- (a) hides, heads, or mounts of lawfully killed, captured, or taken game fish, birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals, except that the sale or purchase of a hide, head, or mount of a grizzly bear is prohibited, except as provided by federal law;
- (b) naturally shed antlers or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural

causes and that has not been unlawfully killed, captured, or taken or accidentally killed;

- (c) the bones of an elk, antelope, moose, or deer that has died from natural causes and that has not been unlawfully killed, captured, or taken or accidentally killed;

**Vehicle Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit (MCA 87-3-145) (ARM 12.3.186)** Carcasses and parts of elk, deer, antelope and moose killed in vehicular collisions may be taken and possessed but only with a Vehicle-Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit. No other game animals may be salvaged by this permit.

**Recovery and possession of horns and skulls from mountain sheep that died of natural causes (MCA 87-3-315)**

A person may recover and possess the horn or horns and attached skull, or portion thereof, of a mountain sheep that died of natural causes and was not purposefully or accidentally killed, captured, or taken, including due to being struck by a vehicle.

Horns and skulls recovered pursuant to this section must be reported to the department within 48 hours and presented to the department for inspection and placement of a permanent pin in a horn within 10 days. The fee for the pin is \$25.

This section does not allow the recovery or possession of horns and skulls found in state parks.

### **Predatory Animals and Nongame Hunting**

Predatory animals and nongame species can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A conservation license or a State School Trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predatory animals and nongame species on State School Trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predatory animals and nongame species on private land.

- **Predatory Animals** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise legally classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.

### **Public Roadways (MCA 87-6-403)**

It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

### **Recorded Animal Sounds (MCA 87-6-401)**

It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by state or federal law.

### **Simulated Wildlife (MCA 87-6-217)**

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute, ARM, or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

### **Transport of Wildlife**

- An individual other than the license holder may transport lawfully taken, properly tagged game animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements."
- It is unlawful to ship, possess, transport, or take out of state unlawfully killed game animals.
- It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an unlawfully taken game animal across state boundaries.
- If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between the United States and any foreign country, you must complete a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declaration form. For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife inspector at 406-335-4350 or [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.

### **Traps (MCA 87-6-601)**

It is unlawful to destroy, disturb, or remove any trap or snare belonging to another person or remove wildlife from a trap or snare belonging to another person without permission of the owner of the trap or snare.

### **Two-way Communication (ARM 12.6.1010)**

The use of two-way electronic communication is prohibited:

- while in the act of hunting game animals or wolves to aid in the taking or locating of live animals

- while in the act of hunting mountain lion or bobcats with dogs, beginning when the dogs are placed or physically released on tracks or a scent trail
- to avoid game check stations or FWP enforcement personnel.
- to facilitate unlawful hunting activity

The use of two-way electronic communication for the use of safety or other legitimate purposes is exempt.

Two-way electronic communication includes, but is not limited to, the following: radios (walkie-talkies/CB), cell phones, text messages, and the use of social media or other electronic platforms, applications, or programs.

### **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles UAV (CR)**

A UAV/drone may not be used to locate game animals for the purposes of: hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a UAV/drone has been airborne, or providing information for another person for the purposes of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after the UAV/drone has been airborne.

### **Waste of Game (MCA 87-6-205)**

- Hunters, or persons in possession of a game animal or game animal parts, are prohibited from wasting or rendering unfit for human consumption any part of a game animal that is defined as "suitable for food."
- For game animals (excluding mountain lions), all of the four quarters above the hock, including loin and backstrap are considered suitable for food.

## **Hunter Access**

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply. Check FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/access](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/access) for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

### **Fishing Access Sites**

Many of Montana's fishing access sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore](http://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore) for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

### **Federal Land Access**

- **National Parks Service:** National Parks are closed to hunting. For other lands administered by the National Park Service, please contact the specific site managers for additional information.
- **National Wildlife Refuges** – More restrictive regulations, including species-specific restrictions and closures, may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. Contact the specific refuge and/or visit [fws.gov/refuges](http://fws.gov/refuges) for additional information.
- **U.S. Forest Service:** Area-specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate Regional Forest Service Office.
- **Bureau of Land Management:** Area-specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate BLM Field Office.
- **Other federal lands:** Area-specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the local federal land management agency office.

**Unlawful Posting of State or Federal Land (MCA 45-8-115):** It is unlawful for a person to knowingly post land that is under the ownership or control of the state or federal government to restrict access or use of state or federal land.

### **Indian Reservation Trust Lands**

Some reservations may offer hunting opportunities with the use of Tribal licenses to non-members. Please contact the appropriate Tribal Government. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 16 for contact information.

### **Montana State Parks**

Some of Montana's state parks provide hunting opportunities; however, certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Parks' website at [stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov) for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

**Private Lands**– See landowner permission.

### **Railroad Access**

Railroads and railroad rights-of-way are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

**State Game Preserves-** See Restricted Area Descriptions.

#### **State School Trust Lands**

Additional information, including closures and restrictions, is available from the DNRC at 406-444-2074

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands for related activities during applicable seasons. Additional permitting is required through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for trapping on trust lands.
- Overnight use must not exceed the following limits: two consecutive days on leased land, 16 consecutive days within designated campgrounds or on unleased land.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open. This restriction applies to all activity including game retrieval.
- Firearms may not be discharged upon trust lands within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings on state trust lands without permission of the inhabitant.
- Open fires are prohibited outside of fire pits within designated campgrounds.

#### **State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)**

FWP's WMAs are generally open to hunting during the game animal hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

**Exception:** There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA-specific information, please call the regional office (see page 16 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at:

[fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management-areas](http://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management-areas)

#### **Stream Access Law**

The Stream Access Law does not allow for the hunting of game animals between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers without landowner permission.

### **Trichinella in Black Bears**

Trichinella is a parasite of mammals and some birds. Immature parasites develop cysts in the muscle of the host animal and are transmitted to a new host when infected meat is eaten raw or undercooked. Wild animals rarely show signs of infection. Humans and domestic dogs or cats can become infected with Trichinella by consuming raw or undercooked meat from an infected animal. Symptoms of infection vary and may be severe. All bear and mountain lion meat should be treated as if it were infected. Freezing will not kill the organism; however, cooking at temperatures above 165 degrees Fahrenheit will kill the parasite. Many processing techniques (jerky and smoked meats) may not reach the proper temperature. FWP recommends that all mountain lion and bear meat be well cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees before consumption by humans or pets. FWP does not offer Trichinella testing. For further information, call the FWP lab at 406-577-7882.

### **Mandatory Reporting Requirements**

## **All successful black bear hunters must personally report their black bear harvest within 48 hours.**

Successful hunters are required to provide FWP personnel with hunter's name, telephone number, ALS number, Bear Management Unit (BMU), county, sex, and the township range and section (TRS) of the harvest.

**Harvest Reporting** ..... **1-877-FWPWILD or 1-877-397-9453 or 406-444-0356 or through the MyFWP portal at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)**  
**Quota Status/Closures**..... **800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989**  
**OR on the FWP website**..... **[fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)**

The toll-free line and FWP website are updated daily by 1 p.m. MST.

When reporting a black bear harvest, it is unlawful to subscribe to or make any statement that is materially false. Successful hunters in backcountry areas will be allowed to report a black bear harvest within 48 hours of reaching a trailhead.

**NOTE:** In BMUs 510, 520, 600 and 700 when the quota is reached or approached in each of these districts, the black bear season in that district will close. For quota status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.

#### **Inspection Requirements Region 1 Only:**

For black bears harvested within Region 1, physical inspection of a harvested black bear is not required. Successful Region 1 hunters must submit a premolar tooth from harvested black bears and deliver them to a FWP office within 10 days, either in person or by mail (postmarked within 10 days). See page 10 for more information.

#### **Inspection Requirements Regions 2-7:**

Within 10 days of harvesting a black bear, the successful hunter must present to a Montana FWP official the complete bear hide and skull for the purpose of inspection, tagging and possible removal of a tooth (for aging). The hide and skull must be presented in a condition that allows full inspection and tooth collection (i.e., unfrozen). Any hide or skull not presented or registered to FWP personnel within 10 days of harvest is subject to confiscation.

A person licensed to hunt and authorized to possess a carcass of a black bear that requires mandatory department biological inspection may, after validating and attaching the license or tag in accordance with 87-6-411, transfer possession of all or part of that black bear to any person at any time after leaving the site of the kill, provided a statement of possession has been completed. The statement of possession must be on a form prescribed by the department and signed by the licensed person and the person or persons receiving possession, and must accompany the carcass or portion of carcass presented for inspection.

The statement of possession form can be found here:

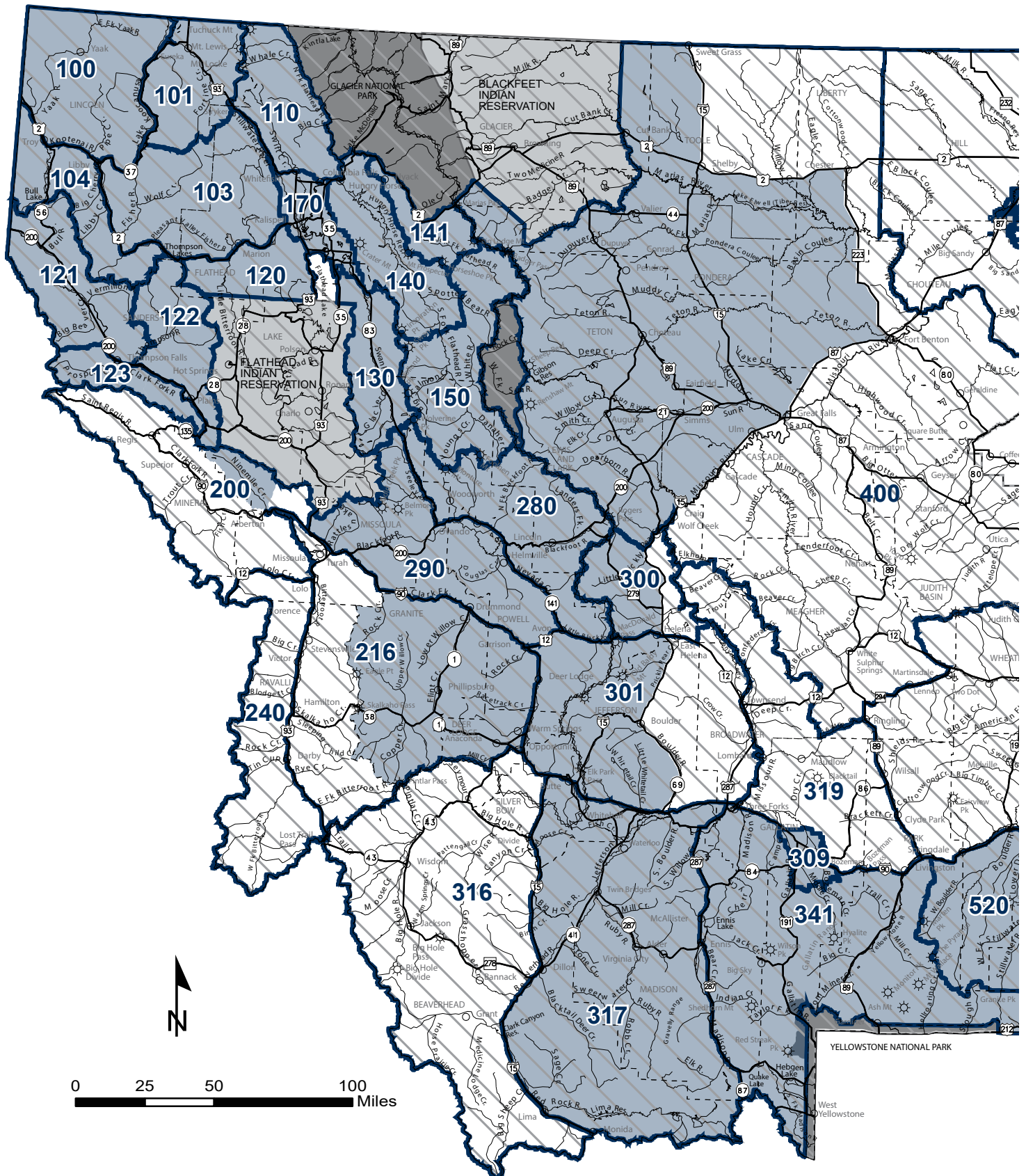
<https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/hunt/forms/transfer-of-game-animal-or-wolf.pdf>

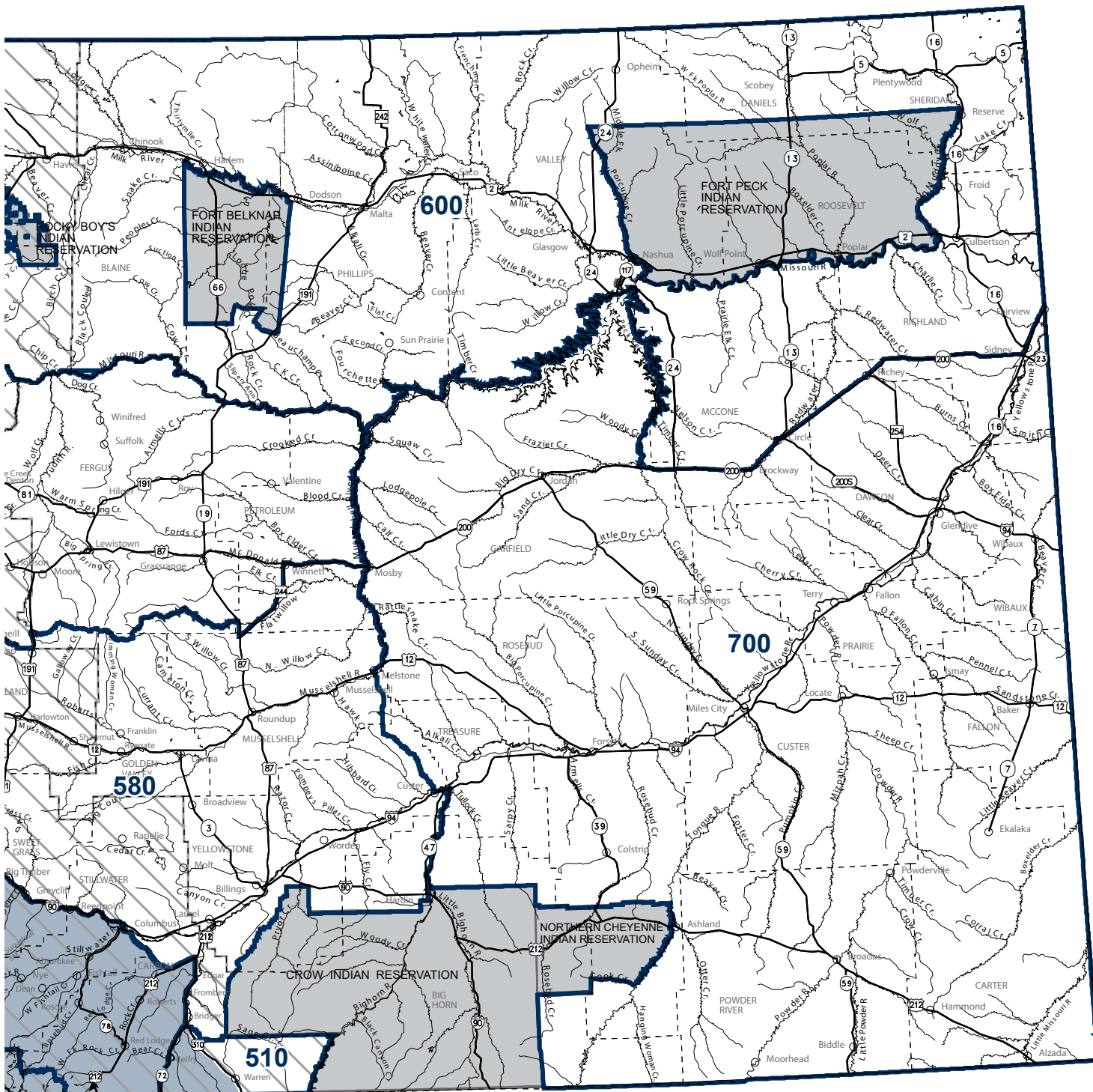
**REMINDER:** The hunter must still personally report their harvest by phone or through MyFWP as required even if a transfer form is completed.

- It is unlawful for anyone to possess, ship, transport, sell, or purchase any black bear harvested in Montana, or part thereof, unless the animal has been tagged as prescribed.

# Black Bear Management Units

This map is only intended as a guide. Please refer to the legal descriptions in this document for actual boundaries.





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|  | Black Bear Management Unit (BMU)                                  |  | Portion of the state where a grizzly bear may be encountered. Grizzly bears may be encountered even beyond those areas shown on the map |
|  | BMU or BMU portion where hound hunting and training is prohibited |  | Closed to hunting   |
|  |   |  | Closed to hunting for game animals  |

## Black Bear Management Unit Regulations

BMU	Spring Quota	Fall Quotas	Max No. NR Hound Training Licenses	NR Hound License	Hound Hunting Season	Hound Training Season	Spring Season	Archery-only Season	General Season	Opportunity specific details and/or restrictions
<b>REGION 1</b>										
100	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
101	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
103	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Libby Big Game Archery-only Hunting Area.
104	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
110	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
120	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
121	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
122	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
123	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
130	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
140	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
141	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge is closed.
150	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
170	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Kuhn's WMA map available from FWP Region 1, Kalispell office 406-752-5501.

### Region 1 Specific Inspection Requirements

### All successful black bear hunters must personally report their black bear harvest within 48 hours.

Physical inspection of a black bear harvested in Region 1 is no longer required. However, mandatory 48 hour reporting of any successful black bear harvest is required. In addition, successful hunters are required to submit one premolar tooth from any black bear harvested in Region 1 within 10 days of harvest. Teeth can be submitted in person or by mail (post-marked within 10 days).

Please include the following information with the tooth: Hunter name, reference number received from the Harvest Reporting line or MyFWP portal, date of harvest, BMU and sex of bear. Wrap the tooth in a paper towel and place inside a plastic bag. Place plastic bag containing the tooth and data sheet in an envelope and include your return address.

Mail teeth to: FWP R1 Headquarters,  
490 North Meridian, Kalispell, MT, 59901

Or drop off at any FWP Regional office or the Thompson Falls and Libby area offices.

Please contact your local biologist or call 406-752-5501 if you have questions.

The graphic below depicts which tooth to remove. You must carefully extract a tooth in its entirety as the root is needed to accurately determine age. Extracted teeth should look like the tooth circled in the illustration below. Age information will be posted online and available at MyFWP. Lab results for aging teeth typically takes 8 months or more.



1<sup>st</sup> PREMOLAR

(PULL THIS TOOTH WITH ROOT)

A tooth submission form and additional information on how to pull and submit teeth can be found on the fwp.mt.gov website under hunting and hunt by species-black bear or by [clicking here](#).

Instructions and data forms can also be obtained at the FWP offices Kalispell, Libby and Thompson Falls.

BMU	Spring Quota	Fall Quotas	Max No. NR Hound Training Licenses	NR Hound License	Hound Hunting Season	Hound Training Season	Spring Season	Archery-only Season	General Season	Opportunity specific details and/or restrictions
<b>REGION 2</b>										
200	-	-	- 2	- 200-00	- Apr 15-May 25	- May 26-Jun 15	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	- Not valid in the nine-mile watershed portion north of I-90.
216	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge is closed to all hunting; Lee Metcalf Refuge Legal description, map, and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.
240	-	-	2	216-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	-	-	-	Only valid in the portion west of the Granite/Ravalli county line.
280	-	-	3	240-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
290	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
										Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Seeley Lake Game Preserve is closed to all hunting; East Ovando Archery-only Area.
<b>REGION 3</b>										
300	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area; Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.
			1	300-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	-	-	-	Only valid in the portion east of I-15.
301	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Townsend Weapons Restriction Area; Muskrat Valley Weapons Restricted Area.
			2	301-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	-	-	-	Only valid in the portion east of I-15 and HWY 69. Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Townsend Weapons Restriction Area; Muskrat Valley Weapons Restricted Area.
309	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Black bear hunting is restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only, EXCEPT on some private lands, which are excluded from the weapons restrictions. Map available from FWP Region 3, Bozeman Office 406-577-7900, or on the web at: fwp.mt.gov/gis/maps/huntPlanner/.
316	-	-	3	316-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon, restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only.
317	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon, restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only.
319	-	-	3	319-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve; Townsend Weapons Restriction Area.
341	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-Jun 15	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Gardiner CLOSED to hunting of all game animals. Gallatin Special Management Area closed to bear hunting.

BMU	Spring Quota	Fall Quotas	Max No. NR Hound Training Licenses	NR Hound License	Hound Hunting Season	Hound Training Season	Spring Season	Archery-only Season	General Season	Opportunity specific details and/or restrictions
<b>REGION 4</b>										
400	-	-	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Check Restricted Area Descriptions (p 13): Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve; Brinkman Game Preserve; Sun River Game Preserve; are all closed to bear hunting.
	-	-	3	400-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	-	-	-	Only valid in the portion of BMU 400 northeast of Shelby (east of I-15 and north of Hwy 2), east of Hwy 223 from Chester to Hwy 87 near Fort Benton, south of Hwy 87 near Fort Benton to Great Falls, and east of I-15 from Great Falls to Wolf Creek.
<b>REGION 5</b>										
510	Total harvest quota = 5 Female subquota = 2	Female quota = 2	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Archery-only quota not more than 20% of fall harvest subquota. When the quota is reached or approached, the black bear season in this BMU will close upon 48 hours notice. For quota status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.
			1	510-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	-	-	-	Only valid in portion of BMU 510 east of HWY 310.
520	Female quota = 12	Female quota = 10	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Archery-only quota not more than 20% of fall harvest subquota. When the quota is reached or approached, the black bear season in this BMU will close upon 48 hours notice. For quota status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.
580	-	-	4	580-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	-
<b>REGION 6</b>										
600	Harvest quota = 4	Harvest quota = 4	4	600-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Archery-only quota not more than 20% of fall harvest subquota. When the quota is reached or approached, the black bear season in this district will close upon 48 hours notice. For quota status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.
<b>REGION 7</b>										
700	Harvest quota = 4	Harvest quota = 12	-	-	-	-	Apr 15-May 31	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Archery-only quota not more than 20% of fall harvest subquota. When the quota is reached or approached, the black bear season in this district will close upon 48 hours notice. For quota status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.
	<b>Hound</b> harvest quota = 2	-	4	700-00	Apr 15-May 25	May 26-Jun 15	-	-	-	When the quota is reached or approached, the black bear season in this district will close upon 48 hours notice. For quota status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.

# Carry Bear Spray and Know How To Use It!

- Hunting puts you at risk of encountering a bear. Calling game and using scents may attract bears.
- If you hunt alone, let someone know about your plans. If you feel uneasy hunting alone, hunt with a partner.
- Bears are opportunists and change their behavior to take advantage of new food sources. Always assume that grizzlies are in the area and make sure your camps, cabins, and homes are bear proof, and that bear attractants are unavailable or contained.
- Mentally rehearse a worst-case scenario with encountering a bear. "If the mind has never been there before, the body does not know how to respond."
- To minimize the likelihood of attack or chances of human injury, make certain you have bear spray at the ready and know how to use it. In sudden grizzly encounters, bear spray has proven effective. Bears sprayed in the face at close range often stop attacking. Always maintain a safe distance from bears.
- Report encounters with grizzly bears to FWP at 1-800-TIP-MONT, U.S. Forest Service, or one of the nearest FWP bear management specialists listed below:

Jeremiah Smith Bozeman, MT 406-577-7877

Rory Trimbo, Anaconda, MT 406-465-9343

Wesley Sarmiento, Conrad, MT 406-450-1097

TBD, Kalispell, MT 406-250-1265

Kim Annis, Libby, MT 406-293-4161 x207

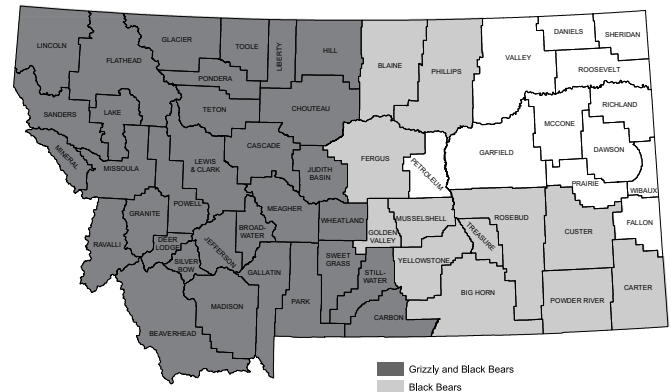
James Jonkel, Missoula, MT 406-542-5508 or 406-544-1447

Kylie Kembel, Red Lodge, MT 406-850-1131

Chad White, Choteau, MT 406-466-5100

Eli Hampson, Missoula, MT 406-210-3213

## General Bear Distribution in Montana



***In an actual emergency,  
phone 9-1-1.***

Seeing a grizzly is not necessarily a reportable encounter or an emergency. Report encounters where the bear displayed aggressive or defensive behavior toward people, livestock or pets.

## Weapons Restriction Areas

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

The following equipment restrictions apply to Weapons Restriction Areas:

### Archery

See legal archery equipment in the "Laws and Rules" section on page 3.

### Crossbows

Legal in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

### Muzzleloader

- must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel;
- may not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges;
- must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent;
- must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheellock mechanism;
- must be a minimum of .45 caliber;
- may have no more than two barrels; and
- must only use plain lead projectiles.
- Sabots or other similar power and range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm are prohibited. "Skirts" or gas checks on the base of a projectile are acceptable.

### Traditional Handguns

- are not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- have a barrel length of less than 10 ½ inches;
- chamber only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles.

### Shotgun

Must be shouldered, breech-loaded or muzzle-loaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

## Restricted Area Descriptions

Restricted area descriptions include closed and/or weapons restricted areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

### BMU 309 Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction

**Area:** Black bear hunting is restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only, EXCEPT the Sourdough Exclusion Zone of BMU 309 which is excluded from these weapons restrictions. See BMU Legal description on page 10. Map available from FWP Region 3, Bozeman Office 406-577-7900, or on the web at [fwp.mt.gov/hunting/planahunt/default.html](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/planahunt/default.html).

**BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge:** The BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge is closed to hunting.

**Brinkman Game Preserve:** Closed to bear hunting.

**East Ovando Archery-only Area:** Those portions of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 200 with the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwest along said river to the Ovando-Helmville Road, then northwesterly along said road to Ovando and State Route 200, then easterly along said route to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, the point of beginning.

**Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area:** Beginning at intersection of Airport Rd and Hwy 287, east on Airport Rd, then continuing east along south boundary of section 32 to the USFS boundary, then north to north boundary of section 29, then west on north boundaries of sections 29 and 30, then south on west boundary of section 30, then west on north boundary of section 36 to Hwy 287, then south along Hwy 287 to point of beginning.

### Flathead Weapons Restricted Area:

Area is restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only. That portion of Flathead County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 35 and State Route 206, then northerly along State Route 206 to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway onto State Route 40 to US Highway 93, then south on said highway to Rocky Cliff Drive, then easterly to Demersville Road, then northerly along said road to Foys Bend Lane, then easterly along said road onto Lower Valley Road to the Bonneville Power Administration powerline at Foys Bend, then northerly along said powerline across the Flathead River to the easterly shore, then up the most easterly shore of said river to State Route 35 (Old Highway 2 bridge), then easterly along said route to its junction with State Route 206, the point of beginning.

**Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area, Teton County:** As posted.

**Gallatin Special Management Area:** Closed to all big game hunting except open to elk hunting by Special Permit only and to wolf hunting. The Gallatin Special Management Area is a combination of the old Bacon Rind/Lodgepole and Buffalo Horn/Lodgepole Units. Those portions of Madison and Gallatin Counties lying within the following boundary description: Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 191 and the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park, then in a northerly direction along said boundary to USFS Trail 57 at Dailey Pass, then in a northwesterly direction along said trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn, then down said creek to a posted line that goes along the south side of Cow Flats to its intersection with Buffalo Horn Creek, then down said creek to the Gallatin River, then up said river to Snow Flake Springs and the toe of Snowflake Ridge, then southerly along said ridge and the Sage Creek-

Monument Creek Divide, then along Sage Creek-Snowslide Creek Divide and the Sage Creek-Bacon Rind Divide to the Gallatin Madison Rivers Divide at Redstreak Peak, then southeasterly along said divide to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then northerly along said boundary to the point of beginning.

**Gardiner:** Closed to all hunting. Beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along said line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the YNP boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Stevens Creek, then northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

**Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting. Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge:** Closed to all hunting.

**Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir:** The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in Lewis and Clark County of the Helena Valley as posted. (This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

**Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** That portion of Deer/Elk HD 388 west of the following boundary: From the intersection of US Highway 12-287 and Lake Helena Drive, then north on said drive to the south shore of the Causeway Arm, then north and east on said shore to Hauser Lake.

**Kuhns Wildlife Management Area:** Map available from FWP Region 1, Kalispell office 406-752-5501.

**Lee Metcalf Refuge:** Legal description, map and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.

**Libby Big Game Archery-only Hunting Area:** That Portion of Lincoln County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road #4813, then southerly on Road #4813 to National Forest Road #533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then

northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

**Lincoln Closed Area:** Closed to all big game hunting. Section 24, T14N, R9W, shall be closed to big game hunting. This comprises the area around the town of Lincoln.

**Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. That portion of Jefferson County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Boulder, then east along Muskrat Lane to the intersection of Upper Valley Road, then north along said road to the intersection of Sloan Lane, then west along said lane to the Interstate 15 frontage road, then west to Interstate 15, then south along said interstate to Boulder, the point of beginning.

**Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon:** FWP property in Section 26, 27, 34 and 35 T7S, R9W.

**Prison Ranch Archery-only Area:** The following MCE Ranch lands are open to hunting of big game only with Lawful Archery Equipment as outlined in the hunting regulations provided by Montana FWP: Beginning at the junction of the Old Stage Road (county road) and Elk Ridge Road (Forest Service Road 5149) in Section 22, T8N, R10W and proceeding west along the Elk Ridge Road to the power line road (prison fence line) in the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, T8N, R10W, then south along the power line road (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of the prison fence in Section 28, T7N, R10 W, then east along the south boundary Section 28, T7N, R10W (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of Section 27, T7N, R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 34, T7N, R10W, then east to the southeast corner of Section 34, T7N R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 2, T6N, R10W, then east along the prison fence line to the Dempsey Lake Road (county road), then northeasterly along Dempsey Lake Road (prison fence line) to the southeast corner of Section 36 T7N R10W, then north along the prison fence line on east edge of Section 36 and 25, T7N, R10W to corner of the prison fence line in Section 25, T7N, R10W, then east along prison fence line in N2 Section 30, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line at Lake Hill Road (county road); then north approx. 1/2 mile along the east side of Sections 30 and 19, T7N, R9W to the corner of prison fence line on the eastern edge of Section 19, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence west and northerly in Sections 19 and 18 T7N R9W to the northeast corner of Section 18, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence east approx. 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of Section 8, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence north approx. 1/2 mile to the junction of the airport fence, then proceeding northwesterly, follow the fence bordering the airport, golf course and National Guard Armory through sections 8, 5 and 6, T7N, R9W to the Old Stage Road (county road), then follow the Old Stage Road northwest through Sections 36, 26, and 22, T8N, R10W to the junction of the Elk Ridge Road (USFS Road 5149), the point of beginning.

**Seeley Lake Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting. That portion of Missoula County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at a point where US Forest Service land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, then east on the boundary between US Forest Service and private land, then north on same boundary to the section line between Sections 17 and 20, then east on said section line and east on north line of Section 21, T17N, R15W to State Route 83, then south on State Route 83 to

Riverview Drive in Section 3, T16N, R15W, then west on Riverview Drive to Snowmass Drive in Section 9, T16N, R15W, then north on Snowmass Drive to section line between Sections 4 and 5, T16N, R15W, then north on said section line to Clearwater River, then north along west shore of Clearwater River to Boy Scout Road in Section 33, T17N, R15W, then west and north on said road to where USFS land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, the point of beginning.

**Sun River Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting. Beginning at a point on the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, due south of the head or source of the South Fork of the Sun River, in what will be, when surveyed, Section 8, T18N of R10W, Montana meridian, then due north from the crest of the Continental Divide to the head of the south fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the South Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its confluence with the North Fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the North Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its head or source, then due north to the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, then along said crest southwesterly and southerly (the western boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to the place of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all that territory lying between the South Fork of the Sun River and the North Fork of the Sun River on the east and the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains on the west.

**Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA), Teton County:** All in T24N, R5W legally described as: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and W1/2 of Section 13.

**Townsend Weapons Restriction Area:** Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 12 and Route 284 then northerly along said route to its intersection with Riley Road, then west along said road to the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area boundary fence as signed, then northerly and westerly along said boundary fence to the end of said boundary fence in Section 28, T8N, R2E, near Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then westerly across said reservoir to Hahn Road, then westerly along said road to US Highway 287, then south along said highway to its intersection with the Kimber Gulch Road, then westerly along said road to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then southerly along said railroad tracks to their intersection with Springville Lane, then westerly and southerly along said lane to its intersection with the Indian Creek Road, then southerly along the west boundary of Sections 25 and 36 in T7N, R1E to the SW corner of Section 36, then easterly along the southern boundary of Section 36 and easterly along the southern boundary of Section 31 in T7N, R2E to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Lower Deep Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with Jack Farm Road, then northwesterly along said road to its intersection with Cemetery Road, then east and north along said road to its intersection with US Highway 12, then east along said highway to its intersection with Route 284, the point of beginning.

**Yellowstone River Islands:** Restricted to ArchEquip Only. Islands in the Yellowstone River between the East Park Street Bridge at Livingston and one mile downstream of US Highway 89 Bridge.

## 2022-2023 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of black bear begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. **(Do not use other sources).**



**ZONE 1: INCLUDES:** Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, and Sanders counties

Day	Apr		May		Jun		Sept		Oct		Nov	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	7:15	8:06	6:21	8:47	5:45	9:23	6:56	8:15	7:35	7:15	8:19	6:20
2	7:13	8:07	6:19	8:48	5:45	9:24	6:57	8:13	7:36	7:13	8:20	6:18
3	7:11	8:08	6:18	8:49	5:44	9:25	6:58	8:11	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:17
4	7:09	8:10	6:16	8:51	5:44	9:26	7:00	8:09	7:39	7:10	8:23	6:16
5	7:07	8:11	6:15	8:52	5:43	9:26	7:01	8:07	7:40	7:08	8:25	6:14
6	7:05	8:12	6:13	8:53	5:43	9:27	7:02	8:05	7:42	7:06	8:26	6:13
7	7:03	8:14	6:12	8:54	5:43	9:28	7:04	8:03	7:43	7:04	8:28	6:11
8	7:01	8:15	6:10	8:56	5:42	9:29	7:05	8:01	7:44	7:02	8:29	6:10
9	7:00	8:16	6:09	8:57	5:42	9:29	7:06	7:59	7:46	7:00	8:30	6:09
10	6:58	8:18	6:07	8:58	5:42	9:30	7:07	7:58	7:47	6:58	8:32	6:07
11	6:56	8:19	6:06	9:00	5:41	9:30	7:09	7:56	7:49	6:56	8:33	6:06
12	6:54	8:21	6:05	9:01	5:41	9:31	7:10	7:54	7:50	6:54	8:35	6:05
13	6:52	8:22	6:03	9:02	5:41	9:31	7:11	7:52	7:51	6:52	8:36	6:04
14	6:50	8:23	6:02	9:03	5:41	9:32	7:13	7:50	7:53	6:50	8:38	6:03
15	6:48	8:25	6:01	9:05	5:41	9:32	7:14	7:47	7:54	6:49	8:39	6:02
16	6:46	8:26	6:00	9:06	5:41	9:33	7:15	7:45	7:56	6:47	8:41	6:01
17	6:45	8:27	5:59	9:07	5:41	9:33	7:17	7:43	7:57	6:45	8:42	6:00
18	6:43	8:29	5:58	9:08	5:41	9:33	7:18	7:41	7:58	6:43	8:44	6:00
19	6:41	8:30	5:56	9:09	5:41	9:34	7:19	7:39	8:00	6:41	8:45	6:00
20	6:39	8:32	5:55	9:11	5:41	9:34	7:20	7:37	8:01	6:40	8:46	6:00
21	6:37	8:33	5:54	9:12	5:42	9:34	7:22	7:35	8:03	6:38	8:48	6:00
22	6:36	8:34	5:53	9:13	5:42	9:34	7:23	7:33	8:04	6:36	8:49	6:00
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**ZONE 3: INCLUDES:** Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties

Day	Apr		May		Jun		Sept		Oct		Nov	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
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2	6:55	7:49	6:00	8:30	5:26	9:06	6:39	7:55	7:18	6:55	8:02	6:00
3	6:53	7:50	5:59	8:31	5:25	9:07	6:40	7:53	7:19	6:53	8:04	5:58
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31	-	-	5:27	9:05	-	-	-	-	7:59	6:03	-	-

**ZONE 2: INCLUDES:** Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole counties.

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# Be Bear Aware!

Black bear hunters must be able to tell the difference between a grizzly and a black bear because grizzly bears cannot be legally hunted in Montana.

- Learn how to identify bears.
- Be absolutely sure of your target.

## If in doubt, don't shoot.

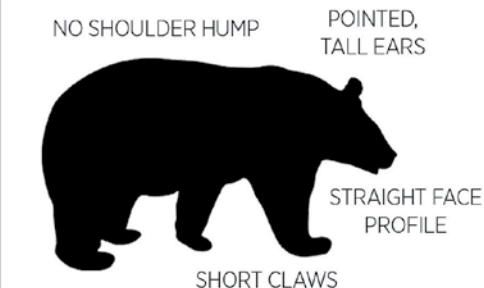
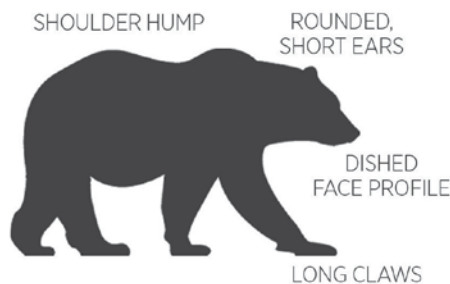
### Bear Hunters: Know How to Release Your Dogs from Snares and Traps

For more information, go to the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping) and click on the links under "Helpful Information."

## GRIZZLY BEAR

VS

## BLACK BEAR



LOOK FOR A COMBINATION OF CHARACTERISTICS  
COLOR AND SIZE CAN BE MISLEADING  
**MONTANA FWP**

## Contacts

### Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks State Headquarters

1420 East 6th Avenue, PO Box 200701,  
Helena, MT 59620-0701.....406-444-2535  
**Harvest Reporting** .....1-877-FWP-WILD or 1-877-397-9453  
or 406-444-0356 or the MyFWP portal at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)  
**Quota Status** ..... 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989  
Hunter Education.....406-444-9948  
Wildlife.....406-444-2612  
Enforcement.....406-444-2452  
Montana State Parks.....406-444-3750  
Special drawings.....406-444-2950  
Resident and nonresident licensing.....406-444-2535  
Hearing Impaired (use Montana Relay) .....7-1-1 or 1-800-253-4091

### Contacts Outside Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

#### Montana State Agencies

Agriculture.....406-444-3144  
Guides & Outfitters.....406-841-2300  
Livestock.....406-444-7323  
State Lands (DNRC) .....406-444-2074  
Tourism.....406-841-2870

#### Federal Agencies

US Department of Interior (USDI).....202-208-3100  
USDI Fish & Wildlife Service.....406-449-5225  
USDA Forest Service.....406-329-3511  
USDI Bureau of Land Management.....406-896-5000  
National Weather Service.....406-329-4840 (Missoula)

#### Tribal Governments

Blackfeet Reservation.....406-338-7276  
Crow Reservation.....406-638-2179  
Flathead Reservation.....406-883-2888 ext 7200  
Fort Belknap.....406-353-2205  
Fort Peck Reservation.....406-768-5305  
Northern Cheyenne Reservation.....406-477-6284  
Rocky Boy Reservation.....406-395-4207

### Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Regional Headquarters

#### REGION 1

490 N Meridian Rd  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
406-752-5501

#### REGION 2

3201 Spurgin Rd  
Missoula, MT 59804  
406-542-5500

#### REGION 3

1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Bozeman, MT 59718-5496  
406-577-7900

HELENA Area Res Office  
(HARO)  
930 Custer Ave W  
Helena, MT 59620  
406-495-3260

BUTTE Area Res Office  
(BARO)  
1820 Meadowlark Ln  
Butte, MT 59701  
406-494-1953

#### REGION 4

4600 Giant Springs Rd  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
406-454-5840

LEWISTOWN Area Res Office  
(LARO)  
333 Airport Road, Ste. 1  
Lewistown, MT 59457  
406-538-4658

#### REGION 5

2300 Lake Elmo Dr  
Billings, MT 59105  
406-247-2940

#### REGION 6

1 Airport Rd,  
Glasgow, MT 59230  
406-228-3700

HAVRE Area Res Office  
(HvARO)  
2165 Hwy 2 East  
Havre, MT 59501  
406-265-6177

#### REGION 7

352 I-94 Business Loop  
PO Box 1630  
Miles City, MT 59301  
406-234-0900

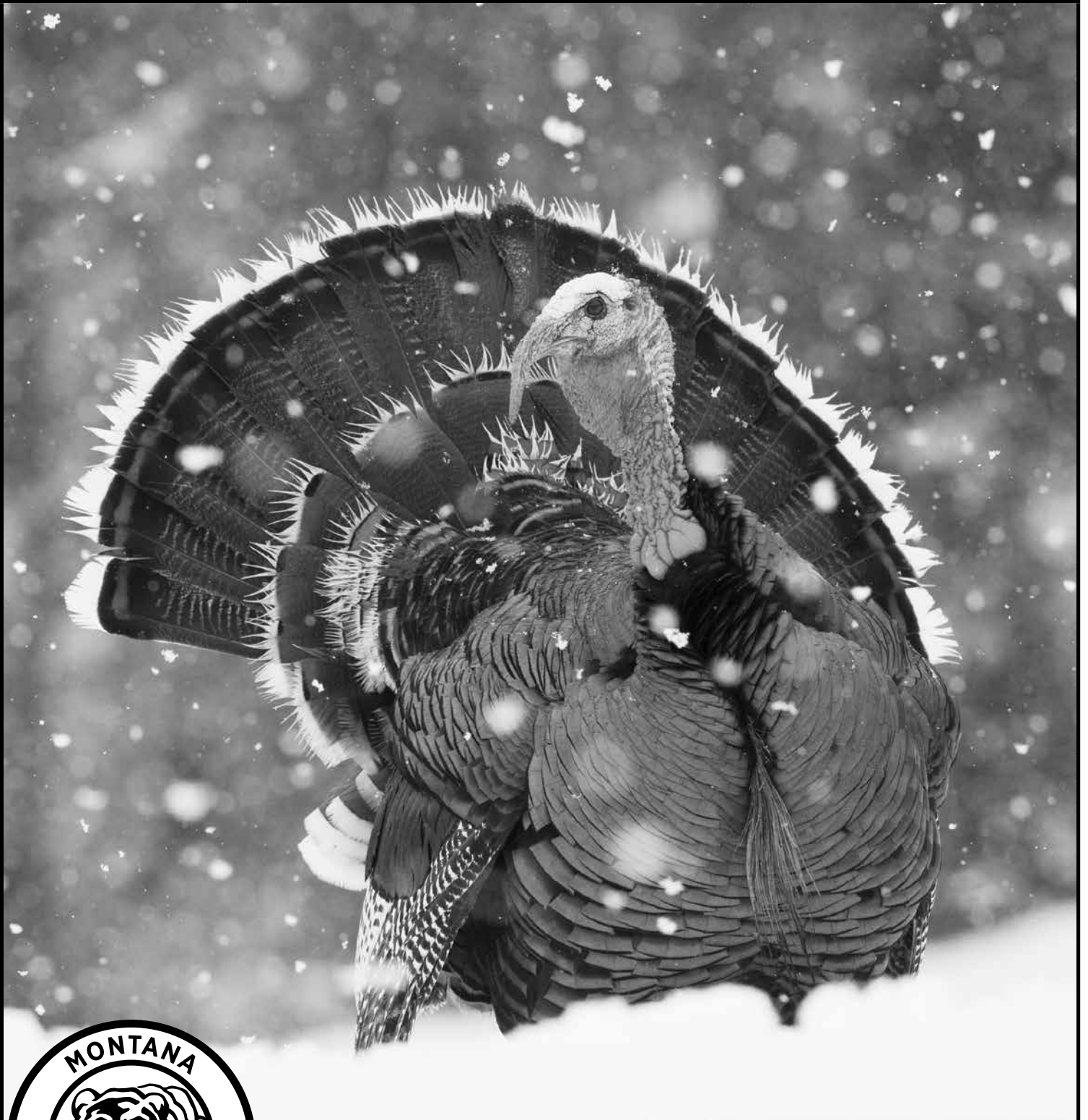


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**2022**

# UPLAND GAME BIRD

**MONTANA FWP** | Hunting Regulations



Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo* | Photo by Donald M. Jones

**TURN IN POACHERS: CALL 1-800-TIP-MONT**

**[fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)**

## Highlights/ Reminders

- Turkey regulations are included in the Upland Game Bird Regulations.
- Turkey hunting in Region 4 has changed to a general license spring opportunity.
- Hunting and fishing licenses are now accessible through a secure and convenient mobile app. The Montana MyFWP app provides a digital wallet to store and display licenses and digital carcass tags, known as E-Tags, that can validate your harvest in the field.

## Regulations Adopted by Fish & Wildlife Commission

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 4, 2022, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies' restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under Commission authority. *Henry "Hank" Worsech*, Director.

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## Definitions

**Upland Game Birds:** sharp-tailed grouse, blue grouse, spruce (Franklin) grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen or sage grouse, ruffed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian partridge, ptarmigan, wild turkey, and chukar partridge.

**Hunt:** to pursue, shoot, wound, take, harvest, kill, chase, lure, possess, or capture, or the act of a person possessing a weapon, as defined in MCA 45-2-101, or using a dog or a bird of prey for the purpose of shooting, wounding, taking, harvesting, killing, possessing, or capturing wildlife protected by the laws of this state in any location that wildlife may inhabit, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently taken. The term includes an attempt to take or harvest by any means, including but not limited to pursuing, shooting, wounding, killing, chasing, luring, possessing, or capturing.

**Site of the Kill:** the location where a game animal or game bird expires and the person responsible for the death takes physical possession of the carcass.

## License Chart

License	Cost/Stipulation(s)	
	Resident	Nonresident
Base Hunting License	\$10	\$15
	Prerequisite for hunting or applying for a permit or license.	
Conservation	\$4 Ages 12-17, 62+ \$8 Ages 18-61 years	\$10
	Prerequisite	
Upland Game Bird	\$7.50 Ages 18 - 61	\$110 Ages 18 and over
	\$3.75 Ages 12-17*, Senior (62+) or Disabled	\$55 Ages 12-17*
Turkey	\$6.50 Residents must have an Upland Game Bird License to purchase a Turkey License.	\$57.50 with an Upland Game Bird License, OR \$115 without an Upland Game Bird License.
3-day Upland Game Bird License	-	\$50: 3-day license for nonresidents. The license is not valid for sage grouse at any time or for ring-neck pheasants during the opening week of the season.
3-day Shooting Preserve License	-	\$20: Alternative to an Upland Game Bird License for nonresidents who wish to hunt only on Shooting Preserves (Private).
Resident Flathead Reservation Use Permit	A valid “Resident of the Flathead Reservation Use Permit” with a valid Flathead Reservation Bird Stamp will be honored by the state wherever hunting for upland or migratory game birds is lawful in Montana. Check with Flathead Reservation at 406-675-2700 ext 7200 for details.	
* Some 10 and 11 year olds are also eligible. See Youth Hunting Opportunities for license requirements.		

## Obtain A License Or Permit (MCA 87-2-184; 87-2-704)

Licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, license providers throughout the state and online at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov). The license is valid March 1 through February 28 of the following year.

**Limit** – A turkey hunter may hold up to 11 wild turkey licenses per year. This may include:

- 1 General Turkey License valid statewide for male turkey in the spring and for either-sex turkey in Regions 1–3 and 5–7 in the fall;
- 1 Regional Turkey License in each of Regions 1, 2, 5 & 7 valid for male turkey in the spring and either-sex turkey in the fall (Region 5 license only valid in the spring);
- 1 Female or Beardless Turkey License in Region 1;
- 4 Female or Beardless Turkey Licenses valid in Missoula and Ravalli counties;
- 1 Female or Beardless Turkey License valid in Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral counties;

## Residency (MCA 87-6-302)

- It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or replacement resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

## Resident (MCA 87-2-102)

- To be a lawful Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, you must:
  - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
  - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
  - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
  - not possess (or have applied for any) current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
  - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
  - > claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
  - > is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC), or a valid Tribal Identification Card (TIC).
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

## Hunter Education Requirements (MCA 87-2-105)

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

## Licensing Youth Hunting Opportunities

A resident or nonresident **youth 12 years of age or older** may hunt any game species for which their license is valid. Those who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2023, may hunt any game species, for which their license is valid, after August 15 of the 2022 license year. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

An **Apprentice Hunter** is a resident or nonresident at least 10 years of age, certified at an FWP office. This allows the apprentice to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. The Apprentice Hunter may not purchase a mountain lion, black bear or wolf license or apply for a bighorn sheep license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. The Apprentice Hunter may not purchase an elk license if he/she is under 15 years of age. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details: [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/apprentice-hunter](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/apprentice-hunter)

In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

## Laws & Rules

- Statute denoted by MCA.
- Commission Rule denoted by CR.

## Aerial Spotting (MCA 87-6-208)

- It is unlawful for a person to shoot a game bird from an aircraft.
- It is unlawful for a person to use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game bird.

**Artificial Light (MCA 87-6-401)** - It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infrared light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game birds.

## Baiting (MCA 87-6-401, CR)

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting means the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

**Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218)** - All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

**Hunter Orange** - Shooting another hunter while swinging the gun on an upland bird is the leading cause of hunting-related accidents in Montana. Although not required, it is strongly recommended that all bird hunters wear at least a hunter orange hat or cap to reduce the chance of an accident.

**Hunting Hours (CR)** - Authorized hunting hours for the taking of upland game birds begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See official sunrise-sunset tables in these regulations.

**Indian Reservations (CR)** - The FWP Commission has, by rule, closed all lands within the exterior boundaries of Montana's Indian Reservations to the hunting of Upland Game Birds with the use of state licenses unless provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana. The State of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have entered into a cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Indian Reservation. Please check for upland game bird regulations specific to the Flathead Reservation. For information call the Kalispell FWP office at 406-752-5501 or the Tribes in Pablo at 406-883-2888 ext. 7200.  
**Exception:** State Upland Game Bird regulations apply to deeded "fee" land within the exterior boundary of the Crow Indian Reservation.

**Kill Site Verification (ARM 12.6.1005)** - At the request of a Department Game Warden, it is required to return to the kill site of any game animal, game bird, wolf, or furbearer that has been hunted or trapped.

**Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-415)** - A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt furbearers, game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property without first obtaining permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents. Regardless of whether the land is posted or not, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

For the purposes of this section, the term "hunt" has the same meaning as provided in **87-6-101** and includes entering private land to: (a) retrieve wildlife; or (b) access public land to hunt.

## License and Permit Possession/Use (MCA 87-6-304, MCA 87-6-305)

- A person may not apply for, purchase, or possess more than one license, permit, or tag of any one class or more than one special license for any one species. This provision does not apply to more than one license, permit or tag authorized by the Commission.

- A person may not hunt in this state unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- A person may not refuse to exhibit a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a warden or other officer requesting to see it.
- A person may not at any time alter or change a license in any material manner or loan or transfer any license to another person.
- A person other than the person to whom a license is issued may not use the license.
- A person may not attach the person's license to a game animal killed by another person.
- A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a hunting license or permit if the person knowingly carries or has physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit.
- This does not apply: to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person; and when a properly obtained and validated license or permit is attached to a lawfully killed game animal.

#### **License Validation and Tagging of Turkeys (MCA 87-6-412)**

- A person who kills, captures, or possesses a wild turkey by authority of any turkey tag or permit may not:
- fail or neglect to attach the tag to the turkey in compliance with instructions on the tag or to electronically validate the tag in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to 87-2-119 prior to the person leaving or the turkey being removed from the site of the kill;
- fail to validate the tag either electronically or by not filling out or punch marking the tag as required;
- unless the tag was electronically validated, fail to keep the tag attached while the turkey is possessed by the person; or
- tag a turkey with or electronically validate a license or tag that is restricted to a hunting district other than the hunting district where the turkey was killed.

**Littering (MCA 75-10-212)** - A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes, while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing, or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

**Means of Take (CR)** - Upland Game Birds may only be taken by hunting (firearms, archery or falconry). See individual species regulations for species specific restrictions.

#### **Motorized Vehicles (MCA 87-6-405)**

It is unlawful for anyone to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird from any self-propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- Use a motorized vehicle to concentrate, drive, rally, stir up, corral, or harass game animals.
- While hunting a person may not use a motor driven vehicle off-road on state land.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land. For more information related to state school trust lands, see page 6.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.

#### **Off Road- Federal lands (CR)**

- A person may not operate, on federal public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

#### **Boats (MCA 87-6-207)**

- A person may not use a motorboat or a sailboat as defined in 23-2-502 for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any upland game bird, migratory bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal until the motor is shut off or the sails are furled and the progress of the vessel has ceased.

**Nontoxic Shot** - Hunters are reminded that nontoxic shot is required for the hunting of upland game birds on federal refuges or waterfowl production areas. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used on these areas. Specific questions regarding this regulation should be made through local offices of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

#### **Outfitters and Guides (MCA 37-47-301)**

- A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.
- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

**Possession Limit while in the Field (CR)** - No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field, or while returning from the field to one's vehicle, hunting camp, home, etc.

**Possession Limit (CR)** - The number of birds that may be possessed at any time in any form: fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned, or preserved.

**Public Roadways (MCA 87-6-403)** - It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game bird: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel).

**Recorded Animal Sounds (MCA 87-6-401)** - It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by state or federal law.

**Shooting Preserves (Private) (MCA 87-4-504)** - To hunt upland game birds on a private shooting preserve, resident hunters must possess a valid upland game bird license and nonresident hunters must possess either a valid upland game bird license or a 3-day shooting preserve license.

#### **Evidence of Sex for Pheasants and Turkey (MCA 87-6-406, CR)**

It is unlawful to possess or transport within the state any pheasant or any turkey taken during the spring (male) season unless one leg and foot are left naturally attached for evidence of sex. The leg and foot shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until it has arrived at the permanent residence of the possessor.

#### **Evidence of Species for Upland Game Birds (MCA 87-6-406, CR)**

- No person shall transport within the state any sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, mountain grouse or partridge unless one fully feathered wing is left naturally attached for species identification. The wing shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until it has arrived at the permanent residence of the possessor.
- If a hunter puts or leaves any game birds at any place or in the custody of another person, the birds should be tagged by the hunter with the following information: 1) the hunter's ALS number; 2) the hunter's signature; 3) the hunter's address; 4) the total number of birds involved, by species; and 5) the dates such birds were killed. Game birds should be tagged if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

## Waste of Game (MCA 87-6-205)

It is unlawful to waste any part of any game animal, game bird, or game fish suitable for food.

- The following are upland game bird parts “suitable for food:”
  - All birds that fall into the size category of the partridge or smaller, only the breasts must be retained.
  - All birds larger than a partridge and up to the size category of, and including, pheasants and sage grouse, the breasts and the thighs must be retained.
  - All turkeys: the breasts, thighs and wings must be retained.
  - For migratory birds, “suitable for food” means the breast meat.

## Other Species Information

### California and Gambel's Quail

These non-native species are now found throughout portions of Montana. The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission has designated California and Gambel's quail as prohibited species, which means:

- Possession, sale, purchase, exchange, or transport of live birds in Montana is prohibited.
- Feral California and Gambel's quail may be taken without license, season, or limit.

### Eurasian Collared Doves

This non-native exotic species is now found throughout much of Montana, especially in and near cities and towns.

- The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission has designated them as an unprotected species that may be taken without license, season, or limit.
- They are different from a mourning dove in that they are larger, have a rounded tail rather than a pointed one, and they have a black ring around the back of the neck.

## Hunter Land Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

**Block Management** - The Block Management program is a cooperative effort among private and some public landowners, FWP, and hunters. The program seeks to: 1) maintain public hunting access to private and isolated public lands; 2) help landowners manage public hunting and provide benefits to offset impacts like increased road maintenance and weed control; and 3) help FWP manage wildlife. Each FWP Region administers the Block Management Areas (BMAs) for its portion of the state. If you are interested in hunting a BMA, contact the regional office in the area you wish to hunt. The BMA hunting access guide lists current information on lands enrolled in the program statewide. These are available annually on August 15. The earliest date to reserve access to a BMA is August 22.

### Federal Land Access

- National Parks Service: National Parks are closed to hunting. For other lands administered by the National Park Service, please contact the specific site managers for additional information.
- National Wildlife Refuges - More restrictive regulations, including species specific restrictions and closures, may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. Contact the specific refuge and/or visit [fws.gov/refuges/](https://fws.gov/refuges/) for additional information.
- U.S. Forest Service: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate Regional Forest Service Office.
- Bureau of Land Management: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate BLM Field Office.
- Other federal lands: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the local federal land management agency office.

Unlawful Posting of State or Federal Land (MCA 45-8-115): It is unlawful for a person to knowingly post land that is under the ownership or control of the state or federal government to restrict access or use of state or federal land.

**Fishing Access Sites** - Many of Montana's Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore](https://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore) for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

### Indian Reservations

Some reservations may offer hunting opportunities with the use of Tribal licenses to non-members. Please contact the appropriate Tribal Government. See “Contacts Outside FWP” on page 12 for contact information.

**Montana State Parks** - Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at [fwp.mt.gov/stateparks](https://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks) for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

**Private Land Access** - Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land. See above for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

**Railroad Access** - Railroads and railroad rights-of-ways are **private** property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

**State Game Preserves** - See Closed or Restricted Areas.

**State School Trust Lands** - Additional information, including closures and restrictions, is available from the DNRC at 406-444-2074.

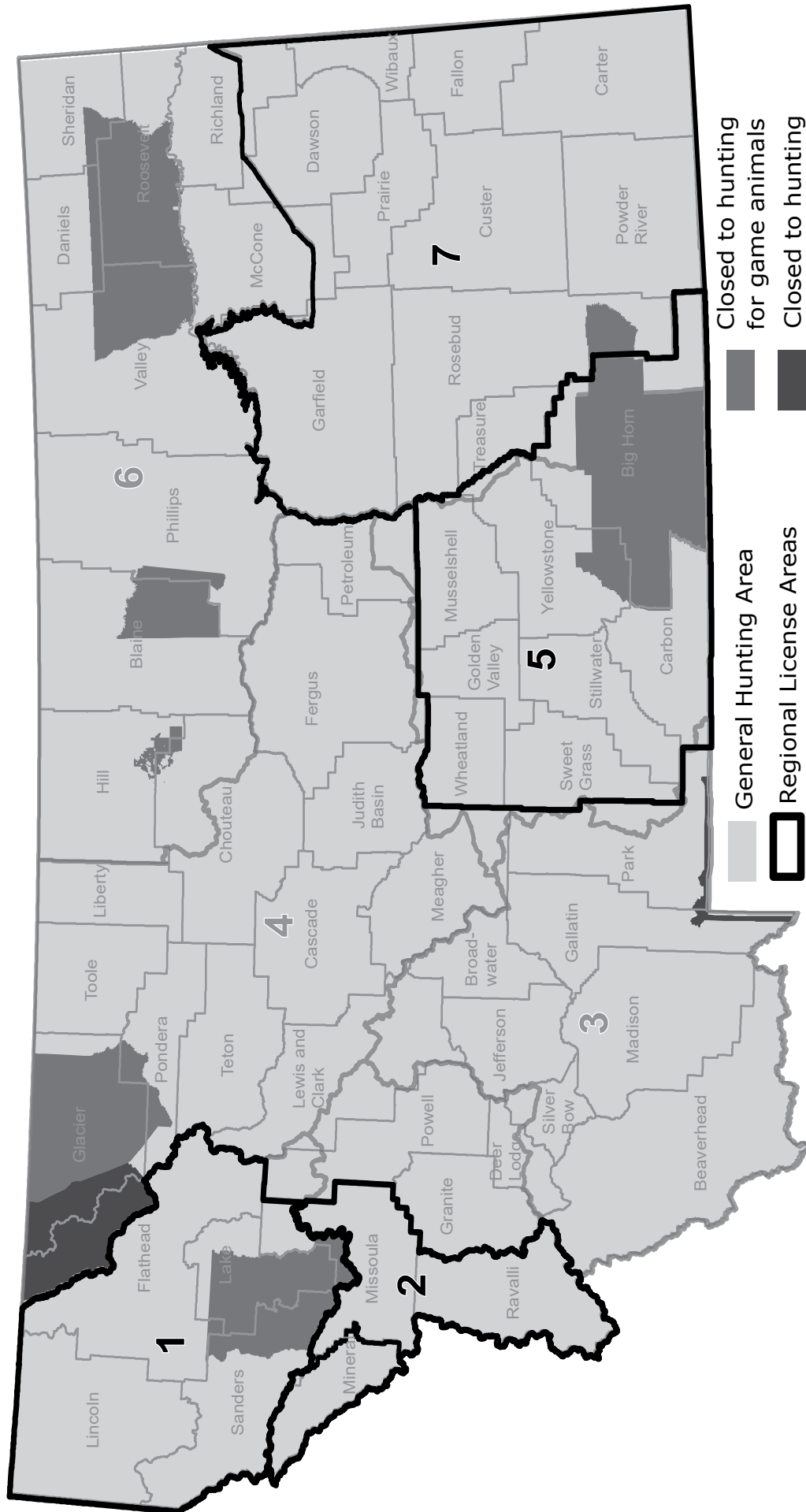
- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands for related activities during applicable seasons. Additional permitting is required through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for trapping on trust lands.
- Overnight use must not exceed the following limits: two consecutive days on leased land, 16 consecutive days within designated campgrounds or on unleased land.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open. This restriction applies to all activity including game retrieval.
- Firearms may not be discharged upon trust lands within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings on state trust lands without permission of the inhabitant.
- Open fires are prohibited outside of fire pits within designated campgrounds.

**State Wildlife Management Areas** - FWP's Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) are generally open to hunting during the game animal hunting season. WMAs with game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

**Exception:** There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 8 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at: [fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management-areas](https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management-areas)

**Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program (UGBEP)** - Provides technical and financial assistance to enhance and conserve upland game bird habitats on lands open to public upland game bird hunting. Partnerships are formed between FWP and 1) private landowners, 2) government agencies, 3) conservation organizations, or 4) a combination of the various partners. Hunters can order the annual Projects Access Guide, which includes project specifics, area maps, and the method used to request permission to hunt on private lands enrolled in UGBEP. Visit [fwp.mt.gov](https://fwp.mt.gov) to order your guide. Obtaining landowners' permission to hunt upland game birds is required prior to hunting or entering any private land project area.

# Wild Turkey Hunting Area Map



## Hunting Season Information

### Turkey

Wild turkey may be taken with: a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow; a rifle, handgun or crossbow may be used during the fall season except in areas with weapons restrictions limiting their use; an air rifle: fall turkey may be taken with an .177 caliber air rifle shooting a performance ballistic alloy pellet at least 1250 feet per second as specified by the manufacturer or with an .22 caliber air rifle shooting a performance ballistic alloy pellet at least 950 feet per second as specified by the manufacturer. **(MCA 87-6-401, CR)** All other means of taking are prohibited.

License	Licenses Per Hunter	Season Dates	Opportunity	Opportunity specific details
<b>General Turkey License</b> Over-the-Counter valid in General Hunting Areas (see map).				
Turkey License	1	April 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	
		Sept 01 - Jan 01	Either-sex Wild Turkey.	Not valid in Region 4.
<b>Regional Turkey Licenses</b> Over-the-Counter				
<b>Region 1 Turkey License</b> NOTE: Turkeys in Region 1 are mostly on private land. Hunters must get permission.				
199-00	1	April 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	Valid in Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders and Lake counties and those portions of Sanders and Missoula counties within Region 1. Not valid on the Flathead Indian Reservation.
		Sept 01 - Jan 01	Either-sex Wild Turkey.	
199-01	1	Sept 01 - Jan 01	Female or beardless Wild Turkey.	
<b>Region 2 Turkey License</b> NOTE: Rifles are not allowed in Deer & Elk HD 260.				
299-00	1	April 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	Valid in Missoula and Ravalli counties
		Sept 01 - Jan 01	Either-sex Wild Turkey.	Valid in Missoula and Ravalli counties
299-01	Up to 4	Sept 01 - Jan 01	Female or beardless Wild Turkey.	Valid in Missoula and Ravalli counties
299-02	1	Sept 01 - Jan 01	Female or beardless Wild Turkey.	Valid in Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral counties.
<b>Region 5 Turkey License</b> Valid in Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Yellowstone, and Bighorn counties.				
599-00	1	April 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	
<b>Region 7 Turkey License</b> Valid in that portion of Garfield County south and west of Fort Peck Reservoir, west of Big Dry Creek and south of HWY 200, Rosebud County, Treasure County, Prairie County, Custer County, Powder River County, that portion of Richland County south of HWY 200, that portion of Dawson County south of HWY 200, that portion of McCone County south of HWY 200, Wibaux County, Fallon County, and Carter County.				
799-00	1	April 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	
		Sept 01 - Jan 01	Either-sex Wild Turkey.	

## Hunting Season Information

Season Dates	Bag Limit	Additional Information
<b>Mountain Grouse</b> Blue, Ruffed and Franklin's Grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow; a crossbow; a firearm; or air rifle: mountain grouse may be taken with an .177 caliber air rifle shooting a performance ballistic alloy pellet at least 1250 feet per second as specified by the manufacturer or with an .22 caliber air rifle shooting a performance ballistic alloy pellet at least 950 feet per second as specified by the manufacturer. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep 01 - Jan 01	Bag Limit: 3 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.	-
<b>Partridge</b> Hungarian and Chukar Partridge may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep 01 - Jan 01	Bag Limit: 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.	Chukar partridge occur primarily in Carbon County.
Sep 01 - Jan 10	Bag Limit: 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.	Portion of Carbon County within the following boundary: Beginning at the junction of Route 72 and the Wyoming-Montana state line, then northerly along said route to Bridger, then northerly along Hwy. 310 to Edgar, then east on the Edgar-Pryor Road to the Crow Indian Reservation boundary, then southerly and easterly along said boundary to the west shore of Big Horn Lake, then southerly along said shore to the Wyoming-Montana state line, then west along said state line to its junction with Route 72, the point of beginning.
<b>Ptarmigan</b> <div> <div>Closed</div> <div>Closed</div> <div>Closed</div> </div>		
<b>Ring-necked Pheasant</b> Pheasants may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep 24 - Sep 25 Youth Only	Bag Limit: 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.	Legally licensed youth ages 15 and under when accompanied by a nonhunting adult at least 18 years of age. Mentors for Apprentice Hunters must be at least 21 years of age.
Oct 08 - Jan 01	Bag Limit: 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.	-
<b>Sage Grouse</b> Sage Grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep 01 - Sep 30	Bag Limit: 2 daily. Possession limit is two times the daily bag limit.	Closed West of the Continental Divide.
<b>Sharp-tailed Grouse</b> Sharp-tailed Grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep 01 - Jan 01	Bag Limit: 4 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.	Closed West of the Continental Divide.
<b>Falconry</b> All areas open to hunting of upland game birds and/or migratory game birds by firearms shall be open to either-sex hunting of that species by falconry.		
Sep 01 - Mar 31	Bag Limit: 2 daily in aggregate and 6 in possession. Bag and possession limits are not in addition to general limits.	Falconry Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Year round sunrise/sunset tables are available on the FWP website.

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## Closed or Restricted Areas – Upland Game Bird and Falconry

**Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting: Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis and Clark County):**

Open to upland game bird hunting up to the opening day of the waterfowl season at which point it is closed to all hunting.

**Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area (Teton County):**

Open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the general waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting in the following described portion of the Wildlife Management Area: SW 1/4 Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W, W 1/2 Section 12, W 1/2 of E 1/2 Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area, T22N, R4W. The area closed will reopen November 20.

## Stay Safe When Hunting Turkeys

Turkey hunters routinely sit camouflaged and motionless near a turkey decoy while calling with a mouth or hand call. Other hunters may not recognize you as a fellow hunter and could accidentally fire their weapon at you or in your direction. To avoid this circumstance:

- Don't wear turkey colors; avoid white, red, black and blue.
- Select a calling position in relatively open cover. Never move, wave or use a turkey call to alert another hunter; remain still and verbally announce yourself.
- Pay attention to the wildlife behavior; they may help you detect an approaching hunter.
- It's a good idea to wear hunter orange when carrying a turkey out of the field.

# Bird Hunters: Know How to Release Your Dogs from Snares and Traps

For more information, go to the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping) and click on the links under "Helpful Information."



## 2022 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of upland game birds and falconry begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. **Do not use other sources.**



**ZONE 1: INCLUDES:** Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, and Sanders counties

	Apr		May		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
Day	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
1	7:15	8:06	6:21	8:47	6:56	8:15	7:35	7:15	8:19	6:20	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:58
2	7:13	8:07	6:19	8:48	6:57	8:13	7:36	7:13	8:20	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	4:59
3	7:11	8:08	6:18	8:49	6:58	8:11	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:17	8:03	4:49	8:21	5:00
4	7:09	8:10	6:16	8:51	7:00	8:09	7:39	7:10	8:23	6:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01
5	7:07	8:11	6:15	8:52	7:01	8:07	7:40	7:08	8:25	6:14	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02
6	7:05	8:12	6:13	8:53	7:02	8:05	7:42	7:06	8:26	6:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03
7	7:03	8:14	6:12	8:54	7:04	8:03	7:43	7:04	8:28	6:11	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04
8	7:01	8:15	6:10	8:56	7:05	8:01	7:44	7:02	8:29	6:10	8:08	4:48	8:21	5:06
9	7:00	8:16	6:09	8:57	7:06	8:00	7:46	7:00	8:30	6:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:07
10	6:58	8:18	6:07	8:58	7:07	7:58	7:47	6:58	8:32	6:07	8:10	4:47	8:19	5:08
11	6:56	8:19	6:06	9:00	7:09	7:56	7:49	6:56	8:33	6:06	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:09
12	6:54	8:21	6:05	9:01	7:10	7:54	7:50	6:54	8:35	6:05	8:12	4:47	8:19	5:10
13	6:52	8:22	6:03	9:02	7:11	7:52	7:51	6:52	8:36	6:04	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12
14	6:50	8:23	6:02	9:03	7:13	7:50	7:53	6:50	8:38	6:03	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:13
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16	6:46	8:26	6:00	9:06	7:15	7:45	7:56	6:47	8:41	6:01	8:15	4:48	8:16	5:16
17	6:45	8:27	5:59	9:07	7:17	7:43	7:57	6:45	8:42	6:00	8:16	4:48	8:16	5:17
18	6:43	8:29	5:58	9:08	7:18	7:41	7:58	6:43	8:44	5:59	8:17	4:49	8:15	5:18
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24	6:32	8:37	5:51	9:15	7:26	7:29	8:07	6:33	8:52	5:53	8:20	4:52	8:10	5:27
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28	6:25	8:42	5:48	9:19	7:31	7:21	8:13	6:26	8:57	5:50	8:21	4:55	8:05	5:33
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31	-	-	5:46	9:22	-	-	8:17	6:21	-	-	8:21	4:57	8:02	5:38

**ZONE 2: INCLUDES:** Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole counties.

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29	6:17	8:35	5:41	9:11	7:24	7:12	8:06	6:17	8:49	6:00	8:12	4:49	7:56	5:27
30	6:15	8:37	5:40	9:12	7:26	7:10	8:07	6:16	8:51	6:00	8:12	4:49	7:54	5:29
31	-	-	5:39	9:13	-	-	8:09	6:14	-	-	8:12	4:50	7:53	5:30

**ZONE 3: INCLUDES:** Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties

	Apr		May		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
Day	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
1	6:57	7:47	6:02	8:29	6:37	7:57	7:17	6:57	8:01	6:01	7:43	4:30	8:04	4:39
2	6:55	7:49	6:00	8:30	6:39	7:55	7:18	6:55	8:02	6:00	7:44	4:30	8:04	4:40
3	6:53	7:50	5:59	8:31	6:40	7:53	7:19	6:53	8:04	5:58	7:45	4:29	8:04	4:41
4	6:51	7:52	5:57	8:33	6:41	7:51	7:21	6:51	8:05	5:57	7:47	4:29	8:04	4:42
5	6:49	7:53	5:56	8:34	6:42	7:49	7:22	6:49	8:07	5:55	7:48	4:29	8:03	4:43
6	6:47	7:54	5:54	8:35	6:44	7:47	7:24	6:47	8:08	5:54	7:49	4:29	8:03	4:44
7	6:45	7:56	5:53	8:37	6:45	7:45	7:25	6:45	8:10	5:53	7:50	4:28	8:03	4:45
8	6:43	7:57	5:51	8:38	6:46	7:43	7:26	6:43	7:11	4:51	7:51	4:28	8:03	4:46
9	6:41	7:58	5:50	8:39	6:48	7:41	7:28	6:41	7:13	4:50	7:52	4:28	8:02	4:48
10	6:39	8:00	5:49	8:41	6:49	7:39	7:29	6:39	7:14	4:49	7:53	4:28	8:02	4:49
11	6:37	8:01	5:47	8:42	6:50	7:37	7:30	6:38	7:16	4:47	7:54	4:28	8:01	4:50
12	6:35	8:03	5:46	8:43	6:52	7:35	7:32	6:36	7:17	4:46	7:55	4:28	8:01	4:51
13	6:33	8:04	5:45	8:44	6:53	7:33	7:33	6:34	7:19	4:45	7:56	4:28	8:00	4:53
14	6:31	8:05	5:43	8:46	6:54	7:31	7:35	6:32	7:20	4:44	7:56	4:29	8:00	4:54
15	6:30	8:07	5:42	8:47	6:56	7:29	7:36	6:30	7:21	4:43	7:57	4:29	7:59	4:55
16	6:28	8:08	5:41	8:48	6:57	7:27	7:37	6:28	7:23	4:42	7:58	4:29	7:59	4:57
17	6:26	8:09	5:40	8:49	6:58	7:25	7:39	6:26	7:24	4:41	7:59	4:29	7:58	4:58
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19	6:22	8:12	5:37	8:52	7:01	7:21	7:42	6:23	7:27	4:39	8:00	4:30	7:56	5:01
20	6:20	8:14	5:36	8:53	7:02	7:19	7:43	6:21	7:29	4:38	8:00	4:30	7:56	5:02
21	6:19	8:15	5:35	8:54	7:03	7:17	7:45	6:19	7:30	4:37	8:01	4:31	7:55	5:04
22	6:17	8:16	5:34	8:55	7:05	7:15	7:46	6:17	7:31	4:36	8:01	4:31	7:54	5:05
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31	-	-	5:27	9:05	-	-	7:59	6:03	-	-	8:04	4:38	7:44	5:19

## Lethality Table

The Lethality Table below is intended to help hunters select the most appropriate nontoxic shotshell load for the type of hunting they intend to do. It provides field-tested data collected and analyzed by Tom Roster and the Cooperative North American Shotgun Education Program. Montana was an active member of this program. The database is comprised only of birds taken with one shot at known ranges under normal hunting conditions. All birds were necropsied and X-rayed from two angles. Hunters can find information in the table on shot-size selection, maximum effective range for various pellets on different sized birds, and the pattern density needed to achieve a lethal load and cleanly kill a bird. It takes a combination of penetration and pattern density to effectively harvest a bird. Testing by Tom Roster showed that pellets need to penetrate at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through a bird's body in order to result in a clean kill. The pellets need to strike a lethal area (heart, lungs, spinal column, brain). Also required is a pattern density that, when placed on the front half of a bird, will result in sufficient pellets striking those areas. Developing the shooting skills needed to consistently hit the targeted bird in the front half of the body is a responsibility of an ethical hunter.

### TOM ROSTER'S 2016 NONTOXIC SHOT LETHALITY TABLE<sup>®</sup>

<b>Proven Nontoxic Loads For Waterfowl, Doves, &amp; Upland Game Birds<sup>1</sup></b> <i>Vel. Range Tested: 1,225 – 1,700 FPS</i>	Observed Hunters' Typical Shooting Range During Activ- ity (Yards)	Most Effective Nontoxic Shot Size(s) For Birds Listed Under ACTIVITY At The Distances Listed In The Second Column	Minimum Load Weight (Ounces)	Minimum Pellet Hits Needed on Lethal Ar- eas for Clean Kills	Minimum Pattern Count Needed at Any Distance for Clean Kills (# of Pel- lets in 30" Circle)	Most Effective Choke(s) at Distance (Given n Lead Shot Choke Designations)	NOTE: The pellets in the steel shot loads listed in this table were traditional, highly spherical ball-shaped pellets of ~ 7.86 g/cc density and 90- 95 DPH hardness. The HEVI- Shot pellets were of 12.0 g/cc density and are harder than traditional steel pellets.
<b>ACTIVITY</b>							
Ring-Necked Pheasants	20-50 20-50	Steel 3 to 2 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1 1-1/8	2-3 2-3	90-95 90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds) I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)	
Turkeys (Head and Neck Shots)	20-40	Steel 4; HEVI-Shot 6	1-1/4	3-4	210-230	Full or Extra Full	
Mourning Doves	20-45 20-45	Steel 8 to 7 HEVI-Shot 7½	$\frac{5}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$	1-2 1-2	200-210 200-210	IC-8's/LM-7's (20-30 Yds); Mod > 30 Yd I.C. (20-30 Yds); Light Mod (30-45 Yd)	
Northern Bobwhite Quail	20-30	Steel 8 to 7	$\frac{5}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$	1-2	200-210	Imp. Cyl., Light Modified	
Swatter Load For Wounded Birds	20-30	Steel 7 to 6	1	1	175	Improved Modified, Full	

This table summarizes Tom Roster's analyses to date of the lethality data bases for certain of the 16 U.S. steel vs lead waterfowl & dove shooting tests published between 1968 & 2014 & one steel-only pheasant shooting test (1999) plus lethality data bases owned by ammunition companies for birds taken with nontoxic shotshell loads Roster tested for them & the CONSEP Org.

Note: Steel #BBB (.190") & HEVI-Shot #2 (.150") have exhibited the best all-around performance for taking geese; steel #3 (.140") & HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ducks; steel #2 & HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ring-necked pheasants; & steel 7's (.100") the best all-around performance for taking doves.

<sup>1</sup>These findings are derived from testing 2¾" 28 gauge; 3" 20 ga.; 2¾", 3" & 3½" 12 ga.; & 3½" 10 ga. steel loads; plus 2¾" 28 ga.; 2¾" & 3" 20 ga.; and 2¾" & 3" 12 ga. HEVI-Shot loads.

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## Highlights/Reminders

- The aggregate daily bag for dark geese in the Pacific Flyway has increased from 4 to 5. Dark geese include Canada geese, cackling geese, and white-fronted geese (any geese other than snow, blue, and Ross's geese).
- The 684-20 Swan License for the Central Flyway is valid for both Tundra Swans and Trumpeter Swans.
- The Central Flyway is divided into two "zones" in order to increase opportunity (see map on page 8). The two zones have different season dates. Zone 2, includes Big Horn, Carbon, Custer, Prairie, Rosebud, Treasure and Yellowstone counties. Zone 1 includes all other counties in the Central Flyway portion of Montana.
- Be aware of split seasons and carefully note closed and open days for hunting and note zone differences. All split seasons have been eliminated except for Central Flyway Zone 2.

## Regulations are adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on April 19, 2022, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies' restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under commission authority. *Henry "Hank" Worsch, Director.*

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## Obtain a License

The following licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers throughout the state, and online at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov). **Exception:** The Federal Migratory Bird Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) is available from the USPS as well as all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices. The stamp is valid July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his/her person a Federal Migratory Bird Stamp that is validated by the hunter signing the stamp in ink across the face of the stamp.

## Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP)

All migratory bird hunters in Montana, as well as in all other states, are required to take part in a National Harvest Survey Program. To comply with HIP, you must complete a survey including your name, address and date of birth before you can purchase your Montana Migratory Bird License. In addition, you will be asked to respond to several questions about your hunting experience in Montana during last year's season.

License Chart							
	Ducks, Geese, and Swans				Cranes, Doves, and Snipe		
	12 to 15	16 to 17	18 to 61	62+	12 to 15	16 to 17	18+
<b>Federal Migratory Bird Stamp</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>MT Migratory License</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Conservation License</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Base hunting License</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cost							
	Resident				Nonresident		
	12 to 15	16 to 17	18 to 61	62+	12 to 15	16 to 17	18+
<b>Federal Migratory Bird Stamp</b>	NA	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	NA	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>MT Migratory License</b>	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
<b>Conservation License</b>	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$4.00	\$10.00		
<b>Base hunting License</b>	\$10.00				\$15.00		

## Drawing Applications

### License Applications –

- Online at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov) no later than 11:45 p.m. MDT:
  - **Sandhill crane** special licenses by **July 22**
  - **Swan** special licenses by **July 22**
- Over-the-counter at any FWP regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters
- A \$5 application fee must be paid at the time of application
- Applicants must possess a current year Conservation & Base Hunting License to apply
- Successful applicants will be required to purchase a Montana Migratory Bird License and Federal Migratory Bird Stamp if necessary as specified in these regulations

## Hunter Education and Youth Hunting Opportunities

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course (or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province) prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license.

### Youth Hunters – there are two ways to be a youth hunter:

1. An **Apprentice Hunter** is a resident or nonresident at least 10 years of age certified at an FWP office. This allows the apprentice to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. The Apprentice Hunter may not purchase a mountain lion, black bear or wolf license, or apply for a bighorn sheep license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. The Apprentice Hunter may not purchase an elk license if he/she is under 15 years of age. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details at: <https://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/apprentice-hunter>
2. A resident or nonresident youth 12-17 years of age may hunt any game species for which their license is valid. Those who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2023, may hunt any game species, for which their license is valid, after August 15 of the 2022 license year. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

**Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt September 24-25, 2022** Youth 10 to 15 years old may participate in a special two-day early hunt for waterfowl Sept 24-25. A youth 10-15 participating as an Apprentice Hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult mentor at least 21 years of age. Otherwise, youth 12-15 who are Hunter Education Certified must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age.

**Statute denoted by MCA and Commission Rule denoted by CR**

**Baiting (CR)** – Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.11 and 20.21(i). You cannot hunt waterfowl or any other migratory game bird by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area where you know or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. Baiting is the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could lure or attract migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. A baited area is any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds.

**The 10-Day Rule:** A baited area remains off limits to hunting for 10 days after all salt, grain or other feed has been completely removed. Waterfowl will habitually still be attracted to the same area even after the bait is gone. The 10-day rule recognizes that removing bait does not remove the lure created and that waterfowl will still be attracted to the area.

**Boat Launching and Transporting (MCA Title 80, Chapter 7, Part 10) Transporting watercraft within Montana -**

- STOP at all open inspection stations as directed by signs.
- When traveling west across the Continental Divide, watercraft must be inspected before launching. Boats with a ballast or bladder, such as wakeboard or wake-surfing boats, must obtain a hot-water decontamination before launching.
- Inspections are required for all watercraft coming off Tiber Reservoir. Hot-water wash may be required.
- Transporting watercraft into Montana:
- Watercraft must be inspected before launching.
- Nonresident boats launching on Montana waters must purchase an AIS prevention pass. Go to [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) for more information. Motorized watercraft fee is \$30. Non-motorized watercraft fee is \$10.
- Watercraft with a ballast or bladder, such as wakeboards or wake-surfing boats, that intend to launch on Montana waters must receive a hot-water decontamination prior to launching.

**Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218)** - All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

**Hunter Harassment (MCA 87-6-215)**

It is unlawful to:

- Intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal
- Disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal

**Hunting Hours (CR)** - Authorized shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and **end at sunset** each day of the hunting season unless otherwise stated in the regulations. See official sunrise-sunset tables on page 11 in these regulations.

**Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-415)** - A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt furbearers, game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property without first obtaining permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents. Regardless of whether the land is posted or not, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

For the purposes of this section, the term "hunt" has the same meaning as provided in 87-6-101 and includes entering private land to: (a) retrieve wildlife; or (b) access public land to hunt.

**License and Permit Possession/Use (MCA 87-6-304)**

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt for any migratory game bird unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- Refuse to produce a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a game warden.

- Alter or change a license in any material manner.
- Loan or transfer any license to another person.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Attach the person's license to a migratory game bird killed by another person.
- Have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit. This prohibition does not apply to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.

**Method of Taking** - Migratory birds may be taken only with long, recurve or compound bow and arrow, shotgun not larger than 10 gauge incapable of holding more than three shells and fired from the shoulder, or by means of falconry.

**You can hunt migratory game birds, including waterfowl, on, over or from:**

- Standing crops or flooded standing crops, including aquatic plants
- Standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation
- Flooded harvested croplands
- Lands or areas where grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural harvesting or normal agricultural post-harvest manipulation
- Lands or areas where top-sown seeds have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, or a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation
- A blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation
- A blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, provided your use of such vegetation does not expose, deposit, distribute or scatter grain or other feed. You should be aware that seeds or grains from such vegetation could create a baited area.
- Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as the result of hunters entering or leaving the area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds. Hunters are cautioned that while conducting these activities, any intentional scattering of grains will create a baited area.

**It is unlawful to hunt migratory game birds:**

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance
- With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells
- From or by means, aid, or use of a sink box or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water
- By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure that substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl.

**Motorized Vehicles and Public Roadways (MCA 87-6-405 and MCA 87-6-403)**

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind
- From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress there from has ceased
- From or by means, aid, of any motor driven land, water, or

air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of, or resulting in, the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, borrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel)

**Nontoxic Shot (MCA 87-3-403 and MCA 87-6-410)** - No person may take ducks, geese, swans or coots while possessing shot (either in shot shells or as loose shot for muzzle loading) other than approved nontoxic shot.

Nontoxic shot is not required for webless migratory birds (sandhill crane, mourning dove and snipe) except on national wildlife refuges and waterfowl production areas. However, it is unlawful for anyone to use or possess a shotgun shell or ammunition loaded with or containing other than federally approved nontoxic shot while hunting, taking or attempting to take ducks, geese, swans or coots. If hunters have specific questions regarding this regulation, please inquire at the local refuge office.

**Possession Limit** - The number of birds that may be possessed at any time in any form: fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned, or preserved.

**Possession Limit while in the Field** - No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field, or while returning from the field to one's vehicle, hunting camp, home, etc.

**Possession of Live Birds** - Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

**Recorded Animal Sounds (MCA 87-6-401)** - It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by state or federal law.

**Selling/Possession of Migratory Game Birds** - Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.91. Any person may possess, purchase, sell, barter, or transport for the making of fishing flies, and for similar commercial uses the feathers of migratory waterfowl.

**Exception:** No person shall sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell or barter for millinery or ornamental use the feathers or mounted specimens of migratory game birds.

**Transporting Waterfowl, Sandhill Cranes, Mourning Doves & Snipe** -

- **Species Identification Requirement** - No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.
- **Tagging** - No person shall give, put or leave any migratory birds at any place or in custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: 1) the hunter's signature; 2) the hunter's address; 3) the total number of birds involved, by species; 4) the dates such birds were killed. Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.
- **Shipping** - No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (1) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (2) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (3) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

**Unlawful Posting of State or Federal Land (MCA 45-8-115)**

It is unlawful for a person to knowingly post land that is under the ownership or control of the state or federal government to restrict access or use of state or federal land.

**Waste of Game (MCA 87-6-205)**

**Wanton Waste** - No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this part without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his/her actual custody. Under Montana law, it is unlawful to waste any part of a game bird suitable for food. For migratory birds, suitable for food means the breast meat.

**Whooping Cranes** - Whooping cranes are protected by law. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take this bird. If a whooping crane is sighted, please call 406-444-2612. For more information on distinguishing sandhill cranes and waterfowl from the protected, endangered whooping crane, you may go to the USFWS website.

#### General Information

**Duck Identification** - Most FWP regional offices have free waterfowl ID guides. An electronic version of this guide (Waterfowl Identification in the Central Flyway) and other duck ID information, including a video guide to identifying ducks by wings, can be found at: <https://centralflyway.org/education/>

**Eurasian Collared Doves** - An exotic species now found throughout much of Montana, especially in and near cities and towns. They are:

- An unprotected species, as designated by the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission, that may be taken without license, season, or limit. They do not count against a hunter's mourning dove limit.
- Different from a mourning dove in that they are larger, have a rounded tail rather than a pointed one, and they have a black ring around the back of the neck.

**Reporting Banded Birds** - Internet reporting of bird bands is encouraged and may be easily done by going to: [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov). In most cases, you will quickly receive information on when and where a bird was banded.

**Waterfowl Information** - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service site (<https://fws.gov/birds/index.php>) has links to information about waterfowl and other birds. In about mid-August, it will have the waterfowl status report.

#### Hunter Land Access

**Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.**

**Fishing Access Sites** - Many of Montana's Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however, certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at <https://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore> for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

**Montana State Parks** - Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however, certain restrictions may apply, such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at <https://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/> for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

#### Federal Land Access

- National Parks are closed to hunting.
- National Wildlife Refuges - More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges or Federal Waterfowl Production Areas open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations visit: [www.fws.gov/refuges/refugeLocatorMaps/Montana](http://www.fws.gov/refuges/refugeLocatorMaps/Montana) or inquire at the local refuge office.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local Federal office.
- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

**Indian Reservations** - Hunters hunting migratory birds on Indian Reservations should check Indian Reservation regulations. State regulations apply to deeded land and the Bighorn River

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within the Crow Indian Reservation. The State of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have entered into a cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation. Please check for migratory bird regulations specific to the Flathead Reservation. For information, call FWP at 406-752-5501 or the Tribes at 406-883-2888 ext 7200.

**Railroad Access** – Railroads and railroad rights-of-way are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad. Consult the individual railroad for details.

**State School Trust Lands** - Additional information, including closures and restrictions, is available from the DNRC at 406-444-2074.

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands for related activities during applicable seasons. Additional permitting is required through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for trapping on trust lands.
- Overnight use must not exceed the following limits: two consecutive days on leased land, 16 consecutive days within designated campgrounds or on unleased land.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open. This restriction applies to all activity including game retrieval.
- Firearms may not be discharged upon trust lands within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings on state trust lands without permission of the inhabitant.
- Open fires are prohibited outside of fire pits within designated campgrounds.

**State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)** - which provide game animal winter range, are closed to public entry from the day following the end of the general deer/elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

- Exception: Blackfoot Clearwater WMA from the day following the end of the general deer/elk season or December 1, whichever is earlier, through the remainder of the hunting season, that portion of Cottonwood Creek lying downstream from the bridge (at WMA headquarters) including the ditch and pond (DU pond) that are connected to the creek will remain open to hunting for ducks and geese only, as posted.
- Exception: Kootenai Falls WMA is open year long; Porcupine (Gallatin), Dome Mountain, Bear Creek and Wall Creek WMAs open May 1.
- Canyon Ferry WMA designated access gates for Ponds 2, 3 and 4 will be opened at noon the day prior to the opening of the Youth and General Waterfowl Seasons.

**Stream Access** – Migratory game bird hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is lawful. However, landowner permission must be obtained to hunt or retrieve on private lands adjacent to waterways.

## Statewide Closures

**Region 2:** Warm Springs Pond No. 3 (Deer Lodge County): An area of land comprising portions of Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, T4N R10, portions of Sections 30 and 31, T5N, R9W, and portions of Sections 25 and 36, T5N, R10W, described as follows: Beginning at the junction of Interstate 90 and the Opportunity Road; then northerly on said road to the northerly base of the dike of Warm Springs Settling Pond No. 3; then northwesterly along the base of said dike to the area road passing through the Mill-Willow Bypass; then due west from junction of base of said dike and road to Interstate 90 (as posted), then southerly along said interstate to its junction with Opportunity Road, the point of beginning.

**Region 3:** Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis & Clark County): The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections

4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in the Helena Valley as posted. (This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

**Region 3:** South Half of Lake Helena (Lewis & Clark County): Beginning at a point in the southwest part of Lake Helena to be marked by a red buoy, then in a southwesterly direction to the south shore, then south approximately ½ mile, then in an easterly direction 1-1/2 miles, then north ¼ mile, then east ¾ mile to the west bank of the BLM drain ditch D-7, then down the west bank of the drain ditch to the lake and out into the lake a distance of 400 yards to a point marked by a red buoy, then in a southwesterly direction across the lake to the point of beginning in parts of Sections 23, 24, 25 and 26, T11N, R3W, and in parts of Sections 19 and 30, T11N, R2W. This area is closed to the hunting, harassment, or molesting of migratory waterfowl except for the direct and immediate foot, boat or dog retrieval of downed game having fallen in the closed area.

**Region 3:** Portion of the Manhattan Game Closure: Beginning at the intersection of the west bank of the West Gallatin River and Interstate 90, then running west along the south boundary of said Interstate to a point near the interstate which leads to the ranch entrance of the R. A Young Ranch, then southwesterly to the east bank of the Spring Creek irrigation canal, then southwesterly along the east bank of said canal to the closest point to the Perk's Canal, then (as posted) westerly to the Perk Canal, then southerly along the east bank of the Perk Canal to Camp Creek, then southerly along the southeast side of Camp Creek to a left fork known as Spring Creek, then southerly along the southeast bank of Spring Creek to the south line of Section 23, T1N, R3E, then east along the south line of Sections 23 and 24, T1N, R3E, and Section 19 T1N, R4E, to the West Gallatin River, then north along the west bank of said river to its intersection with Interstate 90, the point of beginning.

**Region 3 and Region 4:** Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve: No hunting. Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent to the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**Region 4:** Freezout Wildlife Management Area: (Teton County): SW1/4, Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W, W1/2 Section 12, W1/2 of E1/2 Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Wildlife Management Area, T22N, R4W. This area will be open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the general waterfowl season. From the opening of the waterfowl season through November 19, no hunting, access or harassment of wildlife will be allowed except for the direct and immediate foot, boat or dog retrieval of downed game having fallen in the closed area. This area will then reopen for all hunting from November 20 to the end of the season.

**Region 4:** Missouri River (Cascade County): The Missouri River below the ordinary high water inclusive of all islands, backwaters, and sandbars, beginning at the confluence of Sand Coulee Creek and the Missouri River, Section 36, T20N, R3E, then downstream to Black Eagle Dam, Section 6, T20N, R4E.

**Region 6:** McLean Reservoir (Hill County): Approximately 2,560 acres located in Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, T36N, R15E.

**Region 6:** Nelson Reservoir (Phillips County): All of those parts of Nelson Reservoir and within 300 yards of its shoreline within the following described sections: Sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, T32N, R32E; and Sections 25 and 26, T32N, R31E; and Section 1, T31N, R31E; and Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6, T31N, R32E. Region 6, Sands Lake (Hill County): SW ¼, Section 18, T32N, R16E.

**Region 7:** Treasure & Rosebud counties: Beginning at the junction of the Bighorn and Yellowstone rivers, then east down the Yellowstone River to the Rosebud-Custer County line, east of Hathaway, Montana (as posted). This closure shall be within the confines of the normal stream flow and shall include all islands, backwaters and sandbars.

# Statewide- Snipe, Mourning Dove, and Sandhill Crane

License	Quota	Season Dates	Bag Limit	Additional Information
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## Common (Wilson's) Snipe

-	-	Sept 1-Dec 16	8 daily and 24 in possession	
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## Mourning Dove

-	-	Sept 1-Oct 30	15 daily and 45 in possession	It is unlawful to shoot mourning doves resting on utility lines or fixtures adjacent to those lines.
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## Sandhill Crane Special Drawing License

All sandhill crane hunting in the Pacific Flyway and in Wheatland, Meagher, Carbon and Golden Valley counties and that portion of Sweetgrass County north of I-90 is by special license only. Applicants must possess a current year Conservation and Base Hunting License. Hunters may apply for a crane special license online at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov) or over the counter at any FWP regional or area office no later than July 22, 2022. Applicants may apply for only one area and must specify the hunting area for which they are applying.

280-01	5	Sept 1-Oct 30	1 sandhill crane	Only valid in Warm Springs portion of Deer Lodge County.
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Warm Springs portion of Deer Lodge County: those portions of Deer Lodge County lying within the following described boundary: beginning at the intersection of I-90 and Highway 273, then westerly along Highway 273 to the junction of Highway 1, then southeast along said highway to Highway 275 at Opportunity, then east along said highway to East Side County Road, then north along said road to Perkins Lake, then west on said lane to I-90, then north on said interstate to the junction of Highway 273, the point of beginning. Except for sections 13 and 24, T5N, R10W; and Warm Springs Pond number 3.

284-01	40	Sept 1-Oct 30	2 sandhill cranes	Only valid in Ovando-Helmville area. Successful applicants will receive two 284-01 Sandhill Crane licenses.
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Ovando-Helmville area: that portion of the Pacific Flyway, located in Powell County lying within the following described boundary: beginning at the junction of State Routes 141 and 200, then west along Route 200 to its intersection with the Blackfoot River at Russell Gates Fishing Access Site (Powell-Missoula County line), then southeast along said river to its intersection with the Ovando-Helmville Road (County Road 104) at Cedar Meadows Fishing Access Site, then south and east along said road to its junction with State Route 271 (at Main Street in Helmville), then east along said route to its junction with State Route 141, then north along said route to its junction with State Route 200, the point of beginning.

380-01	120	Sept 1-Oct 30	2 sandhill cranes	Only valid in Beaverhead, Gallatin, Jefferson, and Madison counties. Successful applicants will receive two 380-01 Sandhill Crane licenses.
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390-01	25	Sept 1-Oct 30	2 sandhill cranes	Only valid in Broadwater County. Successful applicants will receive two 390-01 Sandhill Crane licenses.
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480-01	20	Sept 1-Oct 30	1 sandhill crane	Only valid in Cascade and Teton counties.
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586-01	70	Sept 1-Oct 30	2 sandhill cranes	Only valid in Golden Valley, Wheatland, and Meagher counties and that portion of Sweetgrass County north of I-90. Successful applicants will receive two 586-01 Sandhill Crane licenses.
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599-00	30	Sept 1-Oct 30	2 sandhill cranes	Only valid in Carbon County. Successful applicants will receive two 599-00 Sandhill Crane licenses.
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## Sandhill Crane Over-the-Counter Permit

Persons wishing to hunt Sandhill Cranes in the Central Flyway outside of the special license drawing areas must obtain a free permit available from all statewide Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices and license providers.

-	-	Oct 1-Nov 27	3 daily and 9 in possession	<b>Exception 1:</b> That area south and west of I-90 is closed to the hunting of sandhill cranes except for Carbon County with the 599-00 license. <b>Exception 2:</b> Hunting in Golden Valley, Wheatland, and Meagher counties and that portion of Sweetgrass County north of I-90 can only be done with a 586-01 license.
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# Statewide- Waterfowl

## Special Two-Day Youth Waterfowl Season September 24-25, 2022 – Statewide

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is allowing two additional days to provide a special hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in waterfowling. Lawfully licensed youth ages 15 and under may hunt ducks, mergansers, geese and coots statewide on these days. The bag limit, shooting hours, and all other regulations that apply to the regular waterfowl season shall apply to this special season.

**Exception:** Canyon Ferry WMA: Shooting hours will be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 12 noon September 24 and 25.

# Pacific Flyway - Waterfowl

The Pacific Flyway includes Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher and Park counties and all counties lying west of these.



## Pacific Flyway

### Ducks (including Mergansers)

Daily bag limit shall be 7 ducks or mergansers. Daily bag limit shall not include more than 2 hen mallards, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks and 2 scaup. Scaup season closes Dec 25. The possession limit may not exceed three times the daily bag limit of any species and sex.

Sep 24 - Sep 25	Only lawfully licensed youth ages 15 and under (see p 2).
Oct 1 - Dec 25	Standard bag limit. Please note Pacific Flyway exceptions.
Dec 26 - Jan 13	Standard bag limit excluding scaup. Please note Pacific Flyway exceptions.

### Coots

Bag Limit: 25 daily and in possession

Sep 24 - Sep 25	Only lawfully licensed youth ages 15 and under (see p 2).
Oct 1 - Jan 13	Please note Pacific Flyway exceptions.

### Geese

Daily limit: 20 white geese (Snow, Blue, Ross's) and 5 dark geese (all other geese). The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Sep 24 - Sep 25	Only lawfully licensed youth ages 15 and under (see p 2).
Oct 1 - Jan 13	Please note Pacific Flyway exceptions.

### Falconry: Ducks (including Mergansers), Coots and Geese

Bag Limit: For all permitted migratory birds, the bag limit is 2 daily and 6 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, during the regular hunting season.

Oct 1 - Jan 13	See Exceptions for Ducks, Coots & Geese.
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### Exceptions - Pacific Flyway Ducks, Coots & Geese

**Exception 1:** Canyon Ferry (see legal description below): Oct 1 - Oct 7, 2022, and the special two-day youth waterfowl season Sep 24-25, 2022, hunting hours for all ducks, geese, mergansers and coots shall be one-half hour before sunrise to noon daily; thereafter, Oct 8, 2022, until close of the season, regular hunting hours apply.

**Exception 2:** Cochrane Reservoir, Morony Reservoir, and Ryan Reservoir in Cascade County are closed to waterfowl hunting.

**Canyon Ferry Legal Description:** Those portions of Broadwater, Lewis and Clark and Jefferson counties as follows: Beginning at Canyon Ferry Dam, then in a westerly and southerly direction along State Route 284 to US Highway 287, then east along said highway approximately one-quarter (1/4) mile to the Jefferson- Broadwater County line, then southerly along said line to the SW corner of T7N, R1W, then easterly along the south boundary of said township to its intersection with Indian Creek, then easterly down said creek to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southerly along said highway to its intersection with U. S. Highway 12 at Townsend, then easterly along said highway to the Broadwater-Meagher County line, then northerly along said line to the head of Magpie Gulch, then southerly down said gulch to State Route 284, then westerly along said highway to Canyon Ferry Dam, the point of beginning.

**To learn about Montana's Migratory Bird Wetland Program and how your state "duck stamp" dollars are spent, go to:**

<https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/habitat/migratory-bird-wetland-program>

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## Pacific Flyway (continued)

### Swan-Hunting by Drawing Only

License	Quota	Season Dates	Bag Limit	Additional Information
481-20	500	Oct 8 - Dec 1	1 swan	Swan hunters must have, as a means of retrieving swans, a watercraft, a dog capable of retrieving or chest-high waders while hunting the dikes at Freezout.

Hunting in Cascade, Chouteau, Liberty, Hill, Toole and portions of Teton and Pondera counties by special swan permit only. Those portions of Teton and Pondera counties lying west of US Highway 287 from Augusta to Choteau and US Highway 89 from Choteau to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation are closed to hunting of all swans. The remainder of the Pacific Flyway within Montana is closed to swan hunting. Hunting only by special permit. Application deadline is July 22. Must apply in only one flyway. Applicants must possess a current year Conservation and Base Hunting License.

Hunters may apply for a swan special license online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) OR over the counter at any FWP regional or area office no later than July 22, 2022.

72-Hour reporting requirement:

Federal regulations require that hunters shooting a swan in the Pacific Flyway portion of Montana must complete and return a Swan Bill Measurement Card within 72 hours of harvesting a swan. Bill measurement cards may be returned to Montana FWP by:

- 1) deposit in regular US mail or,
- 2) deposit in Swan Bill Measurement Card Deposit Boxes situated in numerous locations at Freezout WMA.

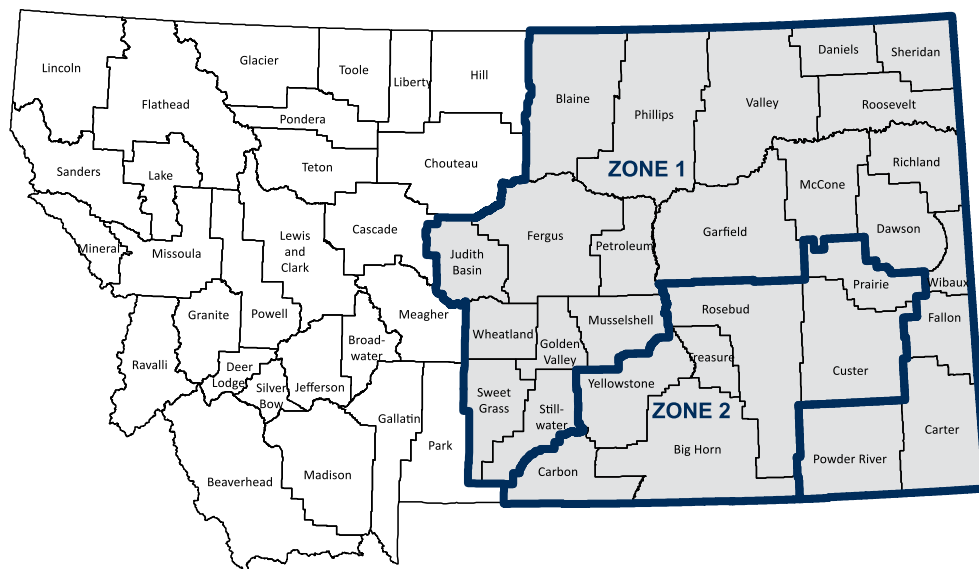


## Bird Hunters: Know How to Release Your Dogs from Snares and Traps

For more information, go to the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping) and click on the links under “Helpful Information.”

## Central Flyway - Waterfowl

The Central Flyway includes Blaine, Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater and Carbon counties and all counties lying east of these.



**Zone 1 (Ducks, Coots & Geese):** Includes Blaine, Carter, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Valley, Wheatland and Wibaux counties.

**Zone 2 (Ducks, Coots & Geese):** Includes Big Horn, Carbon, Custer, Prairie, Rosebud, Treasure and Yellowstone counties.

# Central Flyway

## Ducks (including Mergansers)

Bag limit: The daily bag limit is 6 ducks or mergansers. The daily bag limit may contain no more than 5 mallards of which no more than 2 may be hens, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 hooded mergansers, 1 pintail, 2 canvasbacks and 1 scaup. During the first 9 days of the regular duck season in both Zones (Oct 1 - Oct 9), the daily bag may include 2 additional blue-winged teal. The possession limit may not exceed three times the daily bag limit of any species and sex.

Zone 1	Zone 2
Sep 24 - Sept 25 Only licensed youth ages 15 and under	Sep 24 - Sept 25 Only licensed youth ages 15 and under
Oct 1 - Jan 5	Oct 1 - Oct 9
	Oct 22 - Jan 17

## Coots

Bag Limit: 15 daily. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Zone 1	Zone 2
Sep 24 - Sept 25 Only licensed youth ages 15 and under	Sep 24 - Sept 25 Only licensed youth ages 15 and under
Oct 1 - Jan 5	Oct 1 - Oct 9
	Oct 22 - Jan 17

## Geese

Daily limit: 20 white geese (Snow, Blue, Ross's) and 5 dark geese (all other geese).  
The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Zone 1	Zone 2
Sep 24 - Sept 25 Only licensed youth ages 15 and under	Sep 24 - Sept 25 Only licensed youth ages 15 and under
Oct 1 - Jan 13	Oct 1 - Oct 9
	Oct 22 - Jan 25

## Falconry: Ducks (including Mergansers) and Coots

Bag Limit: For all permitted migratory birds, the bag limit is 2 daily and 6 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, during the regular hunting season and the extended falconry season.

Zone 1	Zone 2
Sep 21 - Jan 5	Sep 21 - Oct 9
	Oct 22 - Jan 17

## Falconry: Geese

Bag Limit: For all permitted migratory birds, the bag limit is 2 daily and 6 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, during the regular hunting season and the extended falconry season.

Zone 1	Zone 2
Oct 1 - Jan 13	Oct 1 - Oct 9
	Oct 22 - Jan 25

## Swan-Hunting by Special License Only

License	Quota	Season Dates	Bag Limit	Additional Information
684-20	500	Oct 1 - Jan 5	1 swan	Application deadline is July 22. Must apply in only one flyway.

Applicants must possess a current year Conservation and Base Hunting License. Hunters may apply for a swan special license online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) or over the counter at any FWP regional or area office no later than July 22, 2022. Surplus Central Flyway swan special licenses will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning August 22, either online, or over the counter at any FWP regional or area office. For online requests, allow time for a permit, letter, swan tag, and bill card to be mailed to you.

## Lethality Table

The Lethality Table below is intended to help hunters select the most appropriate nontoxic shotshell load for the type of hunting they intend to do. It provides field-tested data collected and analyzed by Tom Roster and the Cooperative North American Shotgun Education Program. Montana was an active member of this program. The database is comprised only of birds taken with one shot at known ranges under normal hunting conditions. All birds were necropsied and X-rayed from two angles. Hunters can find information in the table on shot-size selection, maximum effective range for various pellets on different sized birds, and the pattern density needed to achieve a lethal load and cleanly kill a bird.

It takes a combination of penetration and pattern density to effectively harvest a bird. Testing by Tom Roster showed that pellets need to penetrate at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through a bird's body in order to result in a clean kill. The pellets need to strike a lethal area (heart, lungs, spinal column, brain). Also required is a pattern density that, when placed on the front half of a bird, will result in sufficient pellets striking those areas. Developing the shooting skills needed to consistently hit the targeted bird in the front half of the body is a responsibility of an ethical hunter.

Nontoxic shot is not required for webless migratory birds (sandhill crane, mourning dove and snipe) except on national wildlife refuges and waterfowl production areas. However, it is unlawful for anyone to use or possess a shotgun shell or ammunition loaded with or containing other than federally approved nontoxic shot while hunting, taking or attempting to take ducks, geese, swans or coots. If hunters have specific questions regarding this regulation, please inquire at the local refuge office.

### TOM ROSTER'S 2016 NONTOXIC SHOT LETHALITY TABLE<sup>©</sup>

Proven Nontoxic Loads For Waterfowl, Doves, & Upland Game Birds <sup>1</sup> <i>Vel. Range Tested: 1,225 - 1,700 FPS</i>	Observed Hunters' Typical Shooting Range During Activity (Yards)	Most Effective Nontoxic Shot Size(s) For Birds Listed Under ACTIVITY At The Distances Listed In The Second Column	Minimum Load Weight (Ounces)	Minimum Pellet Hits Needed on Lethal Areas for Clean Kills	Minimum Pattern Count Needed at Any Distance for Clean Kills (# of Pellets in 30" Circle)	Most Effective Choke(s) at Distance (Given n Lead Shot Choke Designations)	NOTE: The pellets in the steel shot loads listed in this table were traditional, highly spherical ball-shaped pellets of ~ 7.86 g/cc density and 90-95 DPH hardness. The HEVI-Shot pellets were of 12.0 g/cc density and are harder than traditional steel pellets.
ACTIVITY							
Large Geese At Long Range Giant, Western, Atlantic and Interior Canadas	50-65 50-70	Steel BBB to T HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	50-55 50-55	Improved Modified Improved Modified, Full	
Large Geese Over Decoys	35-50 35-50	Steel BB to BBB HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	50-55 50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified Improved Cylinder, Modified	
Medium/Small Geese Long Range Snow, White-fronted, Lesser Canadas	50-65 50-65	Steel BB to BBB HEVI-Shot 2	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	60-65 60-65	Improved Modified Improved Modified, Full	
Medium/Small Geese Over Decoys	35-50 35-50	Steel 2 to BB HEVI-Shot 4 to 2	1-1/8 1-1/4	1-2 1-2	60-65 60-65	Light Modified, Modified Improved Cylinder, Modified	
Large Ducks At Long Range Mallard, Black, Pintail, Goldeneye, Gadwall	45-65 45-65	Steel 2 to 1 HEVI-Shot 4	1-1/8 1-1/4	1-2 1-2	85-90 85-90	Improved Modified, Full Improved Modified, Full	
Large Ducks Over Decoys	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 2 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	$\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	85-90 85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds) I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
Medium Ducks Over Decoys Wigeon, Scaup, Shoveler	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 3 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	115-120 115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds) I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
Small Ducks Over Decoys Teal, Ruddy, Bufflehead	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 4 HEVI-Shot 6	1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	135-145 135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds) Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)	
Ring-Necked Pheasants	20-50 20-50	Steel 3 to 2 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1 1-1/8	2-3 2-3	90-95 90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds) I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)	
Turkeys (Head and Neck Shots)	20-40	Steel 4; HEVI-Shot 6	1-1/4	3-4	210-230	Full or Extra Full	
Mourning Doves	20-45 20-45	Steel 8 to 7 HEVI-Shot 7½	$\frac{5}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$	1-2 1-2	200-210 200-210	IC-8's/LM-7's (20-30 Yds); Mod > 30 Yd I.C. (20-30 Yds); Light Mod (30-45 Yd)	
Northern Bobwhite Quail	20-30	Steel 8 to 7	$\frac{5}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$	1-2	200-210	Imp. Cyl., Light Modified	
Swatter Load For Wounded Birds	20-30	Steel 7 to 6	1	1	175	Improved Modified, Full	

This table summarizes Tom Roster's analyses to date of the lethality data bases for certain of the 16 U.S. steel vs lead waterfowl & dove shooting tests published between 1968 & 2014 & one steel-only pheasant shooting test (1999) plus lethality data bases owned by ammunition companies for birds taken with nontoxic shotshell loads Roster tested for them & the CONSEP Org.

Note: Steel #BBB (.190") & HEVI-Shot #2 (.150") have exhibited the best all-around performance for taking geese; steel #3 (.140") & HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ducks; steel #2 & HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ring-necked pheasants; & steel 7's (.100") the best all-around performance for taking doves.

<sup>1</sup>These findings are derived from testing 2¾" 28 gauge; 3" 20 ga.; 2¾", 3" & 3½" 12 ga.; & 3½" 10 ga. steel loads; plus 2¾" 28 ga.; 2¾" & 3" 20 ga.; and 2¾" & 3" 12 ga. HEVI-Shot loads.

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## 2022 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of Webless and Migratory Game Birds begin one-half hour before sunrise and **end at sunset** each day of the hunting season. (Do not use times from other sources). The zones below are groups of counties and do not refer to hunting zones.



**ZONE 1: INCLUDES:** Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders counties

Day	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
1	6:56	8:15	7:35	7:15	8:19	6:20	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:58
2	6:57	8:13	7:36	7:13	8:20	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	4:59
3	6:58	8:11	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:17	8:03	4:49	8:21	5:00
4	7:00	8:09	7:39	7:10	8:23	6:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01
5	7:01	8:07	7:40	7:08	8:25	6:14	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02
6	7:02	8:05	7:42	7:06	8:26	6:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03
7	7:04	8:03	7:43	7:04	8:28	6:11	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04
8	7:05	8:01	7:44	7:02	8:29	6:10	8:08	4:47	8:20	5:06
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22	7:23	7:33	8:04	6:36	8:49	5:55	8:19	4:51	8:12	5:24
23	7:24	7:31	8:06	6:34	8:50	5:54	8:19	4:51	8:11	5:26
24	7:26	7:29	8:07	6:33	8:52	5:53	8:20	4:52	8:10	5:27
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31	-	-	8:17	6:21	-	-	8:21	4:57	8:02	5:38

**ZONE 2: INCLUDES:** Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole counties.

Day	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
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4	6:52	8:01	7:31	7:02	8:15	6:08	7:55	4:41	8:12	4:54
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31	-	-	8:09	6:14	-	-	8:12	4:50	7:53	5:30

**ZONE 3: INCLUDES:** Bighorn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties

Day	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
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**ZONE 4: INCLUDES:** Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux counties

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Guides & Outfitters  
406-841-2300  
Livestock  
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State Lands (DNRC)  
406-444-2074  
Tourism  
406-841-2870

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USDI Fish & Wildlife Service  
406-449-5225  
USDA Forest Service  
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### Federal Agencies continued

USDI Bureau of Land Management  
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National Weather Service  
406-329-4840 (Missoula)

### Tribal Governments

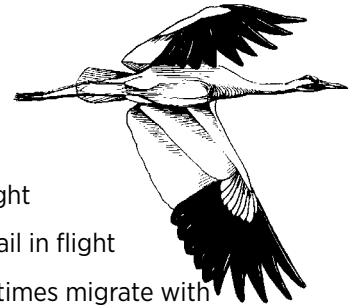
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406-395-4207

Please report the band number, location and date  
shot for any banded migratory game bird that you  
harvest to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at  
[www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov)

If a Whooping Crane is sighted  
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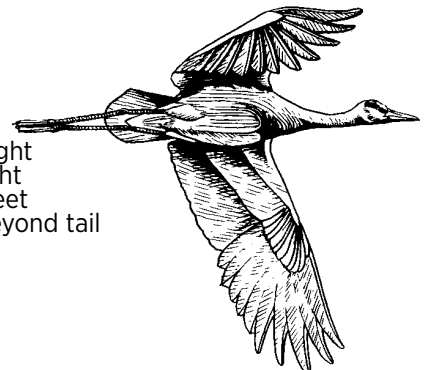
### Whooping Cranes

- White with black wingtips
- Juveniles have a mixture of white and brown body feathers, with black wingtips
- Necks long, extended straight forward in flight
- Wingspan: 7 feet
- Legs extend beyond tail in flight
- Slow wingbeat
- Flocks of 2 to 7, sometimes migrate with Sandhill Cranes



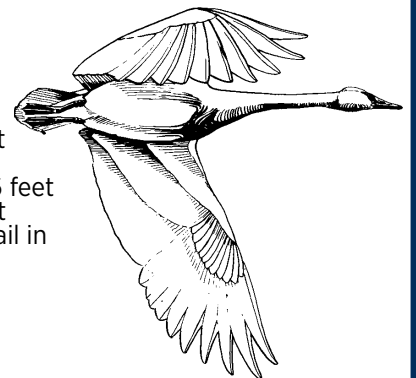
### Sandhill Cranes

- Gray, with dark wingtips
- Neck long, extended straight forward in flight
- Wingspan: 5 feet
- Legs extend beyond tail in flight
- Slow wingbeat
- Flocks of 2 to hundreds



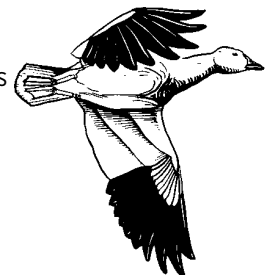
### Swans

- All white
- Neck long, extended straight forward in flight
- Wingspan: over 6 feet
- Short legs, do not extend beyond tail in flight
- Flocks of 2 to 10



### Snow Geese

- White with black wingtips
- Wingspan: 3 to 4 feet
- Short legs
- Rapid wingbeat
- Flocks of 20 to hundreds



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**MONTANA FWP** | Hunting Regulations



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Mountain Goat *Oreamnos americanus* | Photo by Donald M. Jones

**TURN IN POACHERS: CALL 1-800-TIP-MONT**  
**CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE:** See page 4 for information



# CWD MANAGEMENT

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON CWD,  
VISIT [fwp.mt.gov/cwd](http://fwp.mt.gov/cwd)

## WHAT IS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE?

CWD is a progressive, fatal neurological disease that affects deer, elk and moose. There is no known case of CWD affecting people, pets, livestock or wildlife other than the deer family. However, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend not consuming meat from an animal known to be infected with CWD. The CDC also recommends that hunters have deer, elk and moose tested if they were harvested in an area where CWD is known to be present, which includes hunting districts with, and adjacent to, those with CWD detections. **Visit [fwp.mt.gov/cwd](http://fwp.mt.gov/cwd) for more information.**

## WHERE IS CWD?

CWD has been detected across much of Montana, including the northwest, northeast, southeast and southwest.

## WHY IS CWD MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT?

Montana FWP has the great responsibility for managing wildlife. That includes managing wildlife diseases. Our efforts at managing CWD:

- Help prevent long-term population declines in infected herds. Some states have seen more than a 40% decline in mule deer.
- Decrease prevalence and likelihood of spread.
- Help mitigate the disease's broader impacts to Montana's hunting and outdoor legacy.

## DISPOSE, DON'T EXPOSE

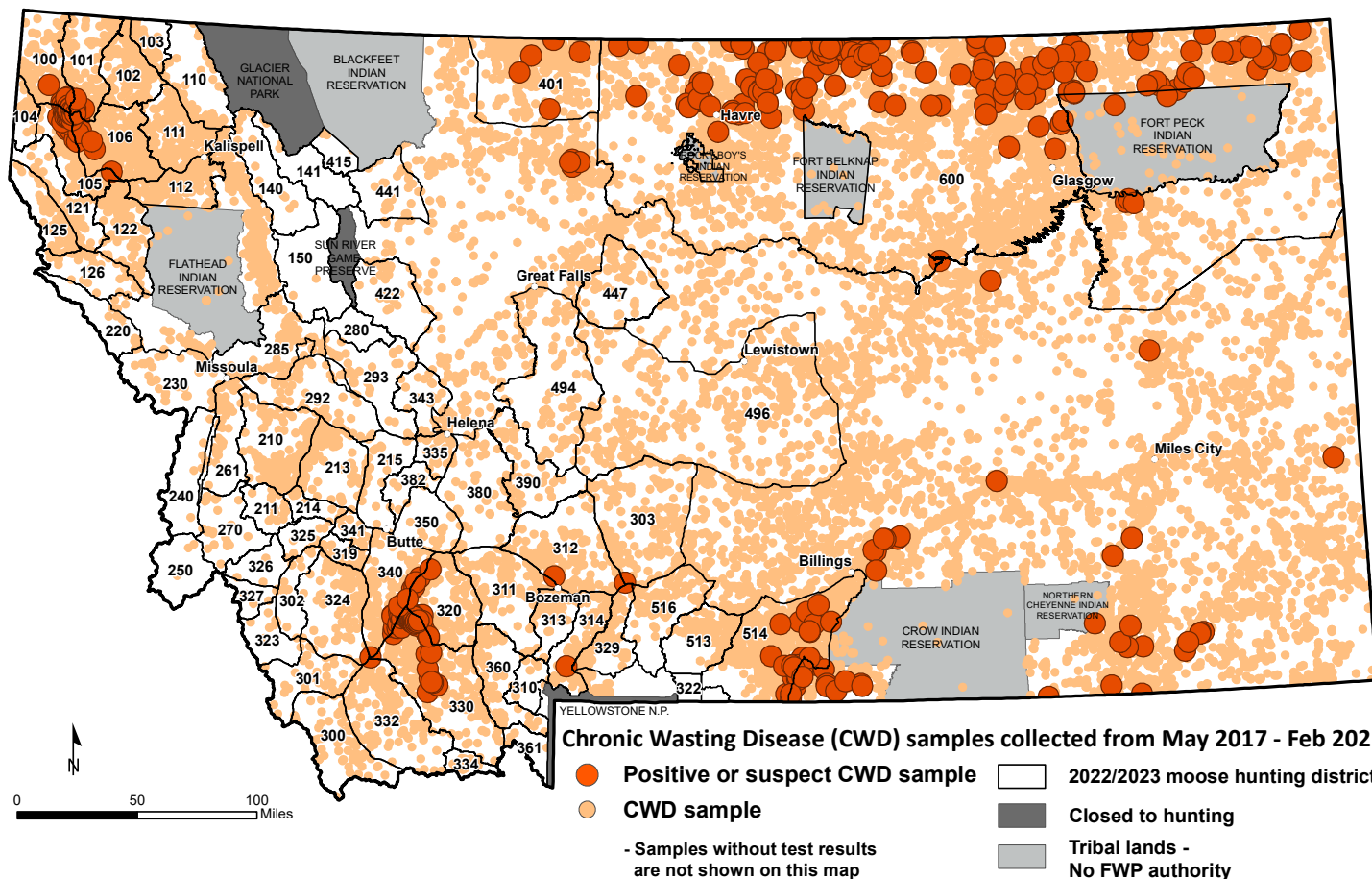
### Don't dump carcasses

There are three very important reasons not to dump a game carcass:

1. IT CAN SPREAD CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE. Once an animal with CWD dies, ANY PART of the carcass can transmit the disease for at least two years.
2. IT'S ILLEGAL. Montana State Law prohibits dumping dead animals or refuse on public property, including all state-owned and managed lands, which includes FWP managed fishing access sites and wildlife management areas. If you are caught, you risk a fine and losing hunting and fishing privileges for a year.
3. IT'S UNSIGHTLY. A dumped carcass reflects poorly on the hunting community.

### Follow carcass disposal guidelines

To prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, all parts of the head or skull containing brain material and/or the spinal columns of deer, elk, and moose harvested in Montana must be left in the field at the kill site or, if transported for further processing including taxidermy or meat processing, must be disposed of in a class II landfill once that processing is complete.



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## Letter from the Director

What you hold in your hands, or see on your screen, is the product of Montanans working together to maintain the health of our wildlife populations and the tradition of our hunting heritage.

It starts with hunters out in the field, pursuing food for the table and sharing a passion for the outdoors with future generations. Not only do you help fund conservation work through the purchase of licenses and equipment, but you help guide wildlife management decisions through the conversations you have with legislators and FWP staff.

Hunters also play an important role in wildlife management by working with landowners and other groups on access. Landowners play an essential role in maintaining healthy habitat for game to thrive and providing hunting opportunities to help keep game populations balanced. Through ethical and responsible hunting, we can make sure the Montana tradition of hunters and landowners working together remains. Remember, respect the land, respect landowners, respect wildlife – pass it on.

This year, FWP listened to concerns over Montana hunting regulations and engaged with stakeholders to come up with science-based solutions. The commission listened to the feedback from the public and the regulations here represent a significant effort to improve hunter opportunity, landowner concerns and public access. While the effort didn't necessarily result in simplified regulations, we realize that complexity is sometimes necessary for opportunity.

Lastly, this year will be the first-time Montana hunters will be able to use a digital carcass tag, or E-Tag, in the field. This E-tag will be available through the MyFWP mobile app, which also includes a digital wallet that will store licenses as well. This option will appeal to many hunters but isn't required. If you still want a paper license and carcass tag, you can use that option as well.

Good luck and be safe out there.



Hank Worsech



## THE **OUTSIDE** IS IN US ALL.

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## Highlights

- Bison hunting regulations have been added to the moose, sheep, and goat regulations.

## Reminders

- An email address is required of applicants applying for limited licenses or permits.
- Hunters harvesting a bighorn ram in hunting district 482 must have their ram checked within Region 4.
- Legal Descriptions are published in a separate booklet.
- In Regions 1, 2, and 4 it is unlawful to take a female mountain goat accompanying a kid or a female in a group that contains one or more kids – see page 40.

## Regulations are adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 4, 2022, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies' restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under Commission authority. *Henry "Hank" Warsech, Director.*

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Any changes made to this printed publication can be found on the FWP website or by inquiring at any local FWP office.

## Definitions

**GAME ANIMAL:** deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, bear, and wild bison.

**GUIDE:** a person who is employed by or who has contracted independently with a licensed outfitter and who accompanies a participant during outdoor recreational activities that are directly related to activities for which the outfitter is licensed.

**HUNT:** to pursue, shoot, wound, take, harvest, kill, chase, lure, possess, or capture, or the act of a person possessing a weapon, as defined in MCA 45-2-101, or using a dog or a bird of prey for the purpose of shooting, wounding, taking, harvesting, killing, possessing, or capturing wildlife protected by the laws of this state in any location that wildlife may inhabit, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently taken. The term includes an attempt to take or harvest by any means, including but not limited to pursuing, shooting, wounding, killing, chasing, luring, possessing, or capturing.

**LAW:** also known as Statutes or Montana Code Annotated (MCA.) Enacted by the Montana Legislature.

**LICENSE:** provides an opportunity to "harvest" the species for which the license is valid. See page 15 for more detail.

**OUTFITTER:** any person who for consideration provides any saddle or pack animal, facilities, camping equipment, vehicle, watercraft, or other conveyance, or personal service for any person to hunt, trap, capture, take, kill, or pursue any game, including fish, and who accompanies that person, either part or all of the way, on an expedition for any of these purposes or supervises a licensed guide or outfitter's assistant in accompanying that person. This does not include a person providing services on real property that the person owns for the primary pursuit of bona fide agricultural interests.

**RULE or REGULATION:** Agency regulations, standards or statements of applicability that implement, interpret, or set law or policy. Agencies are given rulemaking authority through statute.

**SITE OF THE KILL:** the location where a game animal or game bird expires and the person responsible for the death takes physical possession of the carcass.

**WILD ANIMAL:** an animal that is wild by nature as distinguished from common domestic animals, whether the animal was bred or reared in captivity, and includes birds and reptiles.

## List of Acronyms

**ARM:** Administrative Rule of Montana

**CR:** Commission Rule

**CWD:** Chronic Wasting Disease

**DNRC:** Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

**F&W Commission:** Fish and Wildlife Commission

**FAS:** Fishing Access Site

**FWP:** Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**HD:** Hunting District

**HWY:** Highway

**LPT:** License or Permit Type

**MCA:** Montana Code Annotated

**OTC:** Over the Counter

**PTHFV:** Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle

**PTMAE:** Permit to Modify Archery Equipment

**WMA:** Wildlife Management Area

**WRA:** Weapons Restriction Areas

## License & Permit Availability Chart

License Type	Resident Cost	Nonresident Cost	Deadline	Notes
Base Hunting License	\$10.00	\$15.00		Prerequisite for hunting or applying for a permit or license.
Conservation 12-17 & 62+ years	\$4.00	\$10.00		Prerequisite.
Conservation 18-61 years	\$8.00	\$10.00		Prerequisite.
Bow and Arrow License	\$10.00	\$10.00		Required during the Archery Only Season for any species or to archery hunt in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.
Bighorn Sheep – Drawing	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	May 1	There is a \$10 resident/\$50 nonresident nonrefundable application fee required with the application. The license cost must be paid if successful in the drawing.
Bison – Drawing	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	May 1	There is a \$10 resident/\$50 nonresident nonrefundable application fee required with the application. The license cost must be paid if successful in the drawing.
Moose – Drawing	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	May 1	There is a \$10 resident/\$50 nonresident nonrefundable application fee required with the application. The license cost must be paid if successful in the drawing.
Mountain Goat - Drawing	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	May 1	There is a \$10 resident/\$50 nonresident nonrefundable application fee required with the application. The license cost must be paid if successful in the drawing.

## KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT LEAD



- ▶ Lead particles from lead ammunition can be toxic if ingested and can poison wildlife scavenging from gut piles.
- ▶ Hunters can voluntarily choose to use non-lead, copper or other high-weight retention ammunition.
- ▶ To find out more about non-lead ammunition, visit [NonleadPartnership.org](http://NonleadPartnership.org) or [HuntingWithNonLead.org](http://HuntingWithNonLead.org).

\*FWP cannot regulate ammunition according to Montana statute. The law does not prohibit the use of lead ammunition.



## How To Use These Regulations

Montana's vast 147,164 square miles is divided into seven administrative regions, each with a main regional office. Each region is then broken down into hunting districts. The regions are numbered 1 through 7 with the hunting districts in the region corresponding to that number. Example: Region 1 hunting districts start with 1 or 001, Region 2 starts with 2 or 002 etc.



2022 Application/Purchase Deadlines	
<b>Game Animals</b>	
Bighorn Sheep.....	May 1
Bison.....	May 1
Moose .....	May 1
Mountain Goat.....	May 1
Super Tag	
Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Deer, Elk, Moose, Mountain Goat and Mountain Lion .....	June 30
*See species-specific regulations for license purchase restrictions.	

2022 Season Dates
These dates represent the “general” season dates. Check the individual hunting district regulations for the most accurate season dates and regulations.
<b>Game Animals</b>
Bighorn Sheep
archery ..... Sept 3–Sept 14
general ..... Sept 15–Nov 27
Bison ..... Nov 15–Feb 15
Moose ..... Sept 15–Nov 27
Mountain Goat..... Sept 15–Nov 27

Special Drawing Results	
<i>Dates are approximate</i>	
Species	Drawing Results
Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, Bison	Mid-May
SuperTags for: Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, Bison	Early July
Check for drawing results at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">fwp.mt.gov</a>	

## Donation Options

## MONTANA FWP

When purchasing your fishing, hunting and recreation licenses you have the option to donate to different programs. Below is a description of each.

### Wolf Mitigation

Donations will be used by the Montana Department of Livestock to contract for wolf management with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services for flight time, collaring and lethal control of wolves.

### Warm Water Fisheries Enhancement

This program supports projects that improve Montana's warm water fisheries and habitats.

### Hunters Against Hunger

Donations to this program help cover the cost of processing and distributing the meat that hunters donate to feed hungry Montanans. There will be no cost or processing fees to hunters who drop meat off at participating processors. For a list of processors visit [mfbn.org/hunters-against-hunger/](http://mfbn.org/hunters-against-hunger/).

### MT-PLAN

This DNRC grant program facilitates collaboration among recreationists, private landowners, and land management agencies to enhance public access throughout the state.

## Obtain A License Or Permit

- Only one license or permit of any type may be purchased each year, unless otherwise specified and allowed in the regulations, such as a hunter may purchase more than one Deer B license.
- Many licenses or permits may be purchased from license providers or online licensing. Some licenses and permits are available only through a special drawing.
- Refer to the Licenses Available Chart for a complete list of resident and nonresident licenses and application or purchase deadlines.

## Online Licensing

- FWP requires hunters to apply for special permits/licenses online or over the counter at an FWP office. Safeguards with these systems ensure valid applications and your information is immediately entered into the automated system and retained for future license purchases or applications
- You may apply for permits and/or licenses and purchase many general hunting licenses from FWP Online Licensing between approximately 5:00a.m. and 11:45p.m., Montana local time, 7 days a week within applicable sales dates.
- Go to [ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov) and follow the instructions.
- Online purchases must be made by using a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express or debit card.
- Montana residents can purchase their first resident licenses online through the online licensing system (OLS) or at any provider providing they have a valid Montana Driver's license issued at least 6 months prior.
- All license purchases and applications are final and cannot be changed or withdrawn. (MCA 87-6-102)

## Residency

- It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license (MCA 87-6-302).

## Resident (MCA 87-2-102)

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, you must:
  - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
  - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
  - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
  - not possess (or have applied for) any current resident hunting, fishing, or

trapping privileges in another state or country;

- file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
  - claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
  - is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card per MCA 87-2-106.
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

## Nonresident (MCA 87-2-506)

- Montana's nonresident guests are eligible to purchase or apply for most Montana fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the special license and/or permit quota for a district. The Licenses Available Chart provides details.
- Nonresident unmarried minors, at least 12 but not older than 17 years of age, can hunt and fish in Montana as a resident if the minor's parents, legal guardian, or parent with joint custody, sole custody, or visitation rights is a legal resident of Montana.

## Armed Forces (MCA 87-2-102)

A member of the regular armed forces of the United States, a member's spouse or dependent who resides in the member's household, or a member of the armed forces of a foreign government attached to the regular armed forces of the United States is considered a resident for Montana hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses if:

- the member is a Montana resident as listed above and continues to meet the residency criteria of income tax filing and voter registration, the member is not required to meet the other residency criteria in 87-2-102 and may hold resident licenses in another state or country; or,
- the member is currently stationed in and assigned to active duty in Montana, has resided in Montana for at least 30 days, and presents official assignment orders and a certificate verifying successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from any state or province.

## Prerequisites

### Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Pass (AISPP) (MCA 87-2-130)

Required in addition to a fishing license if you are 16 or older.

Supports the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Inspection Program. Learn more at: [CleanDrainDryMT.com](https://CleanDrainDryMT.com)

### Base Hunting License (MCA 87-2-116)

This is an annual fee and will be charged at the time the hunter purchases or applies for his/her first hunting license (including upland and migratory bird). This license includes the hunting access enhancement fee.

### Conservation License (MCA 87-2-201)

- Each license year, a new Conservation License is required to purchase any fishing, trapping or hunting license(s), or to apply for special licenses/permits. The Montana license year begins on March 1 and runs through the last day of February of the following year.
- In compliance with the Federal Welfare Reform Laws, Montana law requires each resident and nonresident hunter, including youth, to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number when purchasing a Conservation License.

## Hunter Education

### Hunter Education Requirements (MCA 87-2-105)

- If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

### Bow and Arrow License Requirements (MCA 87-2-708)

- A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license is required during the bighorn sheep Archery Only Season.

### Bowhunter Education Requirements (MCA 87-2-105)

- To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:
  - Provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
  - Provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.

### Duplicate Certificates

Bowhunter or hunter education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at: [fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter](https://fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter)

## License Types

### Conservation License

Prerequisite for all resident and nonresident licenses. It includes the state lands recreation license, which is required for hunting, fishing and trapping purposes on State School Trust Lands.

### General License

There are no general licenses available for moose, sheep, goat, or bison. Resident general licenses for other species may be purchased from any FWP License Provider or online at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov). They are available to all residents and may be used throughout the state according to the regulations. Nonresidents may apply for/purchase certain general licenses specified for nonresidents in the Licenses Availability Chart. Please refer to the hunting district regulations to see how, when and where a general license may be used in each hunting district or portion of a hunting district.

### Hunting License

- A hunting license authorizes the holder to hunt the species identified on the license according to the regulations.
- Some licenses are valid only in a portion or portions of a hunting district. Carefully review the legal description of the district for which you are applying. A copy of the "portion of district" legal description is available: online at [fwp.mt.gov](https://fwp.mt.gov), click on "hunt planner"; OR by mail from the FWP Wildlife Division, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, or email [fwpwild@mt.gov](mailto:fwpwild@mt.gov).

### Replacement License (MCA 87-2-104)

Replacements of lost, stolen, or destroyed licenses or permits may be purchased in person at FWP offices or FWP License Providers. A second replacement license for the same species within a two-year period may only be purchased at an FWP office. A fee of \$5 per license will be charged for each replacement license.

#### It is unlawful to:

- Swear or affirm to a false statement in order to obtain a replacement license.
- Possess an original as well as a replacement license(s). If the original is found, it must be returned to FWP at any regional office.
- Allow a license of any type to be used by another person.
- The department will issue a replacement license when an animal is deemed unfit for human consumption due to disease or prior injury. To obtain a replacement license, permit, or tag pursuant to this subsection, the person:
  - Shall surrender the entire animal determined to be unfit for human consumption; and
  - May choose to be issued the replacement for the same license year or the next license year.

- The hunter must personally appear at a department regional or area office or at headquarters in Helena, Montana during normal operating hours to request a replacement license.

### Special License

- A special license is generally available through the special drawing process. It allows you to hunt in an otherwise restricted area, time period or for a restricted species, usually for a specific sex and age class of animal.

### Unlimited Bighorn Sheep

#### Over-the-Counter License

- Certain bighorn sheep hunting districts have unlimited (one per hunter) licenses available for purchase over-the-counter or via a special drawing. Those hunting districts with unlimited license opportunities have limited sheep harvest quotas of two legal rams per district. Once the quota is approached, or met, the district will close upon 48 hours notice.
- The license purchase deadline is May 1.
- If you purchase an unlimited over-the-counter license, you cannot apply for the same species through the special drawing process.

### SuperTag Lottery (MCA 87-1-271)

Open to residents and nonresidents.

**Deadline to Purchase  
SuperTag Chances  
(\$5 each)  
June 30**

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the online licensing system at [fwp.mt.gov](https://fwp.mt.gov).
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.

## Availability of Licenses & Permits

You can purchase your fishing license, hunting license(s) and apply for special drawings online

[ols.fwp.mt.gov](https://ols.fwp.mt.gov)

- FWP requires hunters to apply for special permits/licenses online or over the counter at an FWP office. Safeguards with these systems ensure valid applications and your information is immediately entered into the automated system and retained for future license purchases or applications.
- Online applications must be submitted by approximately 11:45 p.m. (MDT) on May 1.
- Both resident and nonresident hunters are eligible to apply for most of the licenses awarded through the special drawings. By state law, nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the special license and/or permit quota.
- Drawings are based upon the final quotas adopted by the F&W Commission, which may differ from the quotas listed in the hunting district regulations.
- For specific license/permit opportunities, please refer to the hunting district (HD) regulations where you will find a complete listing of all available hunting opportunities for each HD.

### Bonus Points (MCA 87-2-117)

**Bonus Points can increase your chances to draw a license or permit.**

- Bonus points essentially offer you additional drawing chances and are used for first-choice drawings only.
- Existing bonus points will be mathematically "squared" prior to the drawing. That means if you already have 3 "base" bonus points those will be "squared" and you'll then have 9 bonus points going into the drawing.
- If you wish to participate in the Bonus Point program (to use or gain points), make sure to select "YES" on the Bonus Point question under each species application. The \$20 (nonresident) or \$2 (resident) Bonus Point fee for each license/permit type will be added to your total.
- If you're unsuccessful, you'll be awarded an additional base bonus point for next year's drawing.
- Bonus points are nontransferable; they cannot be transferred between the species drawings or individuals.
- The base bonus points for party applications are the average of their individual base bonus points rounded to the nearest whole number.
- To purchase a bonus point, applicants must be of eligible age to apply for licenses or permits. Any youth who no longer qualifies will not lose accumulated points.

## Fees and Refunds

- In addition to the cost of each moose, bighorn sheep, bison or mountain goat permit or license, there is a \$10 resident or \$50 nonresident nonrefundable application fee for each license or permit you apply for.
- In some situations, FWP may refund resident or nonresident – in full or in part – fees for licenses and/or special drawings.
  - The appropriate documentation (death certificate, medical statement, etc.) must accompany the unused license(s) and a signed request form certifying the license(s) has not been used. Nonresident license holders should call 406-444-2950 for information.

Reason	Deadline	Refund
Death of licensee	12/31/21	100%
Death of immediate family member	12/31/21	90%
Medical emergency	12/31/21	90%

- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities, contact any FWP office or check the FWP website at: [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)

## Hunters with a Disability

### Resident With a Disability Conservation License (MCA 87-2-803)

- Certification for “special considerations” are lifetime certifications and do not need to be renewed annually.
- For applications, detailed eligibility requirements, and information on licenses and permits for hunters with disabilities contact any FWP office. See contacts on page 46.

### Permit To Hunt From a Vehicle (PTHFV) (MCA 87-2-803)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially nonambulatory, as defined by State Law, may apply for a PTHFV.
- Specific PTHFV field regulations apply. A copy of these regulations will be provided at the time of certification. Noncompliance may result in loss of this privilege.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

### Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE)

- Residents and nonresidents certified as permanently and substantially disabled, as defined by FWP rules, may apply for a PTMAE. The PTMAE allows a person with a disability to use archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds, and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability.
- Arrows are not exempt, and must meet

requirements for the Archery Only Season.

- This permit does not entitle the holder to use a crossbow during the Archery Only Season.
- The permit only allows modification of legal archery tackle and must be used with a valid Bow and Arrow License and appropriate hunting license.
- The certification is valid for the life of the holder or until changed by the Montana Legislature.

### Certain Combat Disabled Veterans (MCA 87-2-817)

- A veteran with certain combat-connected injuries may be entitled to half-priced licenses for deer and antelope. Up to 50 licenses will be issued annually. Contact FWP Licensing for details at 406-444-2950.

## Youth Hunter

A Youth Hunter is a resident or nonresident 12-17 years of age, or who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2023, who has successfully completed hunter education. A Youth Hunter may hunt any game species except spring turkey and spring black bear for which their license is valid, after August 15 of the 2022 license year. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of license purchase.

## Youth Hunter

Age	Opportunities and Special Requirements
Available To Resident & Nonresident	
11	<p>A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2023, may (after completing hunter education):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply for any special drawing, except spring turkey, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application.</li> <li>After August 15, 2022, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season.</li> </ul>
under 14	<p>In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child; OR be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.</p>

## LAWS & RULES

- Statute denoted by MCA.**
- Commission Rule denoted by CR.**
- Administrative Rule denoted by ARM.**

These regulations contain information to safely and lawfully participate in Montana's game animal hunting opportunities.



Hunters who hunt lawfully and responsibly keep Montana's hunting traditions alive.



Don't risk losing the privilege of hunting in Montana.

**Be Safe  
Be Lawful  
Be Responsible!**

### Aircraft- Unlawful Use (MCA 87-6-208)

- It is unlawful for a person to shoot a game animal from an aircraft.
- It is unlawful for a person to use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game animal.
- Aircraft may not be used to locate game animals for the purpose of
  - Hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne or
  - Providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.

### Archery Equipment (MCA 87-6-401, CR)

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of game animals.
- The following criteria define Archery Equipment. It is unlawful to use, while hunting game during any Archery Only Season and in Archery Equipment Only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:

**Hunting Bow:** A hunting bow for game animals shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.

- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand-drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage

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advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.

- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow, and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

**Exception:** Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

- A bow is considered lawful if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
- The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent as advertised by the manufacturer.

**Arrow:** An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges and be at least 7/8 inches at the widest point. Expandable broadheads are lawful as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

**The following are not considered a hunting bow or lawful archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an Archery Equipment Only area or hunting district:**

Crossbow.

Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.

Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.

Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow or arrow that aides in the taking or locating of any game animal or game bird.

**Exception:** Camera devices attached to bows for the sole purpose of filming is allowed.

A bow sight or arrow that uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics. **Exception:** an arrow may have a lighted nock.

### Artificial Light (MCA 87-6-401)

It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infra-red light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game animals.

### Baiting (MCA 87-6-401, CR)

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

### Carcass Disposal (CR)

To prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease, all parts of the head or skull containing brain material and/or the spinal columns of deer, elk, and moose harvested in Montana must be left in the field at the kill site or, if transported for further processing including taxidermy or meat processing, must be disposed of in a class II landfill once that processing is complete.

### Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218)

All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

### Disturbing Traps or Trapped Animals (MCA 87-6-601(5))

A person may not destroy, disturb, or remove any trap or snare belonging to another person or remove wildlife from a trap or snare belonging to another person without permission of the owner of the trap or snare, except that from March 1 to Oct. 1 of each year a person may remove any snare from land owned or leased by the person if the snare would endanger livestock. This requirement does not apply to a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of the officer's duty.

### Dogs (MCA 87-6-404)

It is unlawful for a person to use dogs to chase game animals. Exception: Dogs may be used to hunt mountain lions and spring black bears, see appropriate regulations for rules. Dogs may be utilized to recover or locate wounded game animals, but handlers shall maintain physical control of the dog at all times by means of a maximum 50-foot lead attached to the dog's collar or harness.

### Evidence of Sex (MCA 87-6-406)

A person who kills a game animal in this state shall retain evidence of sex of the animal with the carcass until it is processed. The provisions of this section do not apply to a game animal harvested using a license with which either sex of the animal may be taken. Evidence of sex does not need to be naturally attached. A person who kills a game animal in a hunting district where the harvest is limited by the animal's antler point or horn size shall retain the antlers or horns until the carcass is processed.

### Firearms

- Firearms, including rifles, handguns, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, and muzzleloaders; archery equipment; and crossbows are lawful for taking game

animals. All other methods of take are prohibited.

- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation or magazine/round capacity restrictions for the taking of game animals.
- Rifle scopes with illuminated reticles, built-in range finding capabilities, and "red dot" scopes are lawful for the taking of game animals.
- EXCEPTION: See bison exception on page 43.

### Glandular Scents ((ARM 12.6.1016, 12.6.1017)( MCA 87-6-101))

Artificial and Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) approved natural glandular scents may be used by hunters for the purpose of masking human odor. Urine-based and natural glandular scents are approved by the F&W commission for the purposes of attracting game animals (except black bears) and game birds if they:

- originate from a state or province not listed below as having documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease or
- originate from a facility which is approved by the F&W commission as certified by the Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) and displays the required marks on the product packaging.



The following states have documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The following Canadian provinces have documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease: Alberta, Quebec, and Saskatchewan.

### Hunter Harassment (MCA 87-6-215)

It is unlawful to:

- Intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal.
- Disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal.

### Hunter Orange Requirement (MCA 87-6-414)

**Firearm Hunters:** Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times (see the following exception).

**Archery Hunters:** A licensed bowhunter pursuing deer, elk and/or antelope during the Archery Only Season or in an archery only hunting district is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement, even if there is a concurrent firearm season in that hunting district or portion of district. However, bowhunters hunting during any portion of the general (firearm) season for deer, elk, antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, bison, black bear, and/or mountain lion must always wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) above the waist, visible at all times.

## **Hunting Hours (CR)**

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 51.

## **Incidental Harvest Resulting in an Unlawfully Taken Animal**

If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an unlawfully taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

## **> Hunters should field dress the animal but DO NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.**

## **Indian Reservations**

- The F&W Commission has by rule, closed all lands within the exterior boundaries of Montana's Indian Reservations to the hunting of game animals with the use of state licenses unless provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana.
- Currently, there are no cooperative agreements between FWP and any of the Tribal Governments in Montana and as such the season for the hunting of game animals, by nonmembers, with a state license is closed. Please contact FWP for further information.

## **Inspection by Warden**

## **(MCA 87-1-502, 87-6-218)**

Game animals, game and nongame birds, fish, and furbearers taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

## **Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)**

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is unlawful for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

## **Kill Site Verification (ARM 12.6.1005)**

At the request of a Department Game Warden, it is required to return to the kill site of any game animal, game bird, wolf, or furbearer that has been hunted or trapped.

## **Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-415)**

A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt furbearers, game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property without first obtaining permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents. Regardless of whether the land is posted or not, hunters must have permission from the land owner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

For the purposes of this section, the term "hunt" has the same meaning as provided in **87-6-101** and includes entering private land to: (a) retrieve wildlife; or (b) access public land to hunt.

## **License and Permit Possession/Use (MCA 87-6-304, MCA 87-6-305)**

- A person may not apply for, purchase, or possess more than one license, permit, or tag of any one class or more than one special license for any one species. This provision does not apply to more than one license, permit or tag authorized by the Commission.
- A person may not hunt in this state unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- A person may not refuse to exhibit a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a warden or other officer requesting to see it.
- A person may not at any time alter or change a license in any material manner or loan or transfer any license to another person.
- A person other than the person to whom a license is issued may not use the license.
- A person may not attach the person's license to a game animal killed by another person.
- A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a hunting license or permit if the person knowingly carries or has physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit.
- This does not apply: to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person; and when a properly obtained and validated license or permit is attached to a lawfully killed game animal.

## **License Validation/Tagging**

## **(MCA 87-6-411)**

- When a person kills a game animal, the person shall, before the carcass is removed from or the person leaves the site of the kill, take physical possession of the game animal by:
  - electronically validating the license or tag or
  - cutting out from the license or tag the date the animal was killed and attaching the license or tag to the animal.
- A license or tag that is not electronically validated must be kept attached to the carcass as long as any considerable portion of the carcass remains unconsumed.
- A person may not fail to keep the license or tag attached to the game animal or portion of the game animal while the animal is possessed by the person unless the license or tag was electronically validated.
- A person may not tag a game animal with or electronically validate a license or tag that is restricted to a hunting district other than the hunting district where the game animal was killed.

## **Littering (MCA 75-10-212)**

A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes, while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing, or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

## **Marked or Radio-Collared Animals (CR)**

It is lawful to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP office.

## **Motion-Tracking Devices (MCA 87-6-401)**

It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to use any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter.

Motion tracking devices are defined by F&W Commission as remote operated camera or video devices capable of transmitting real time information, pictures or videos; seismic devices; thermal imaging devices; and satellite and radio telemetry devices.

A radio-tracking collar attached to a dog that is used by a hunter engaged in lawful hunting activities is not considered an unlawful motion-tracking device.

## **Motorized Vehicles (MCA 87-6-405)**

It is unlawful for anyone to:

- hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- use a motorized vehicle to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
- While hunting a person may not use a motor driven vehicle off-road on state land.
- use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land. For more information related to state school trust lands, see page 22.
- use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.

## **Off Road- Federal lands (CR)**

- A person may not operate, on federal public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All Federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

## **Boats (MCA 87-6-207)**

- A person may not use a motorboat or a sailboat as defined in MCA 23-2-502

for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any upland game bird, migratory bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal until the motor is shut off or the sails are furled and the progress of the vessel has ceased.

#### **Muzzleloader Heritage Hunting Season**

**Lawful Weapons 87-1-304(9):** Plain lead projectiles and a muzzleloading rifle that is charged with loose black powder, loose pyrodex, or an equivalent loose black powder substitute, and ignited by a flintlock, wheel lock, matchlock, or percussion mechanism using a percussion or musket cap. The muzzleloading rifle must be a minimum of .45 caliber and may not have more than two barrels. Additionally, 87-6-401(1), a hunter may not use a muzzleloading rifle that requires insertion of a cap or primer into the open breech of the barrel, is capable of being loaded from the breech, or is mounted with an optical magnification device. Use of prepared paper or metallic cartridges, sabots, gas checks, or other similar power and range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm is also prohibited.

#### **Off-Highway Vehicles (including ATV, UTV and dirt bikes)**

**Residents (MCA 23-2-804, 23-2-111) –** OHVs must be registered with the county treasurer and display a current off-highway permanent registration decal to be used for off-road recreation on public lands (trails, frozen lakes, reservoirs). To be used on roads (county, Forest Service, etc.), an OHV must be registered with the county treasurer and display a license plate and street-legal modifications. Resident hunters utilizing “summer motorized recreation trails” must also purchase a summer motorized recreation trail pass (decal) at a cost of \$20, valid for 2 years and expires on December 31 of the second calendar year. All decals must be affixed in a conspicuous place on the OHV.

**Nonresidents (MCA 23-2-814) –** OHVs that are owned by a nonresident may not be operated by a person anywhere in Montana unless a nonresident temporary-use permit is obtained. Permits are good for one calendar year, cost \$35 and can be purchased from local vendors (stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvProgram.html, OHV Permits and Laws), at FWP offices or online at app.mt.gov/als. Contact Montana State Parks OHV Program at 406-444-3750.

#### **Outfitters and Guides (MCA 37-47-301)**

A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.

- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

#### **Possession of Wildlife Parts (MCA 87-6-202)**

A person may not possess, ship, or transport all or part of any game fish,

bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal that was unlawfully killed, captured, or taken, whether killed, captured, or taken in Montana or outside of Montana. “Possess” includes the act of killing, capturing, or taking a game fish, bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal regardless of whether the person takes or retains physical possession of the fish, bird, or animal.

This section does not prohibit the possession, shipping, or transportation of:

- hides, heads, or mounts of lawfully killed, captured, or taken game fish, birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals, except that the sale or purchase of a hide, head, or mount of a grizzly bear is prohibited, except as provided by federal law;
- naturally shed antlers or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been unlawfully killed, captured, or taken or accidentally killed;
- the bones of an elk, antelope, moose, or deer that has died from natural causes and that has not been unlawfully killed, captured, or taken or accidentally killed;

#### **Vehicle Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit (MCA 87-3-145) (ARM 12.3.186)**

Carcasses and parts of elk, deer, antelope and moose killed in vehicular collisions may be taken and possessed but only with a Vehicle-Killed Wildlife Salvage Permit. No other game animals may be salvaged by this permit.

#### **Recovery and possession of horns and skulls from mountain sheep that died of natural causes (MCA 87-3-315)**

A person may recover and possess the horn or horns and attached skull, or portion thereof, of a mountain sheep that died of natural causes and was not purposefully or accidentally killed, captured, or taken, including due to being struck by a vehicle.

Horns and skulls recovered must be reported to the department within 48 hours and presented to the department for inspection and placement of a permanent pin in a horn within 10 days. The fee for the pin is \$25.

This section does not allow the recovery or possession of horns and skulls found in state parks.

#### **Predatory Animals and Nongame Hunting**

Predatory animals and nongame species can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A Conservation License, or a State School Trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predatory animals and nongame species on State School Trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predatory animals and nongame species on private land.

- **Predatory Animals** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise lawfully classified by statute or regulation in Montana.

Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.

#### **Public Roadways (MCA 87-6-403)**

It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel).

#### **Recorded Animal Sounds (MCA 87-6-401)**

It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by state or federal law.

#### **Restitution for Unlawfully Taken Wildlife (MCA 87-6-906, CR)**

Under Montana law, a person convicted, or who was charged and forfeited bond or bail, of unlawfully killing, taking, or possessing game animals shall reimburse the state. The law sets the amount of restitution for a trophy animal under Montana law as:

Bighorn Sheep	\$30,000
Elk	\$8,000
Antlered Deer	\$8,000
Moose	\$6,000
Mountain Goat	\$6,000
Antelope	\$2,000
Grizzly Bear*	\$8,000
*no authorized hunting season	

- The law specifically outlines minimum standards for a trophy under this regulation, but authorizes the F&W Commission to adopt more specific criteria.
- For the purpose of assessing restitution for unlawfully taken trophy wildlife under Montana law, the following are considered “trophy” animals:

**Antelope:** With at least one horn greater than 14 inches in length, as measured along the outside curve from base to tip.

**Elk:** Must meet all three criteria:

- 1) at least six points on one antler, 2) a main beam length on each antler of at least 43 inches, and 3) an inside spread of at least 36 inches.

**OR**

Any elk with at least one six-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 320 points or greater.

**Mule Deer:** Must meet all three criteria:

- 1) at least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) a main beam length on each side of at least 21 inches, and 3) a greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 20 inches.

**OR**

Any mule deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 160 points

or greater.

**White-tailed Deer:** Must meet all three criteria:

- 1) at least four points on one antler (excluding brow tine), 2) a main beam length on each side of at least 20 inches, and 3) a greatest inside spread across the main beams of at least 16 inches.

**OR**

Any white-tailed deer with at least one four-point antler and having a gross/green Boone & Crockett score of 140 points or greater.

- A "point" as defined in these regulations is at least four inches long for elk and at least one inch long for deer, measured from base to tip. Boone & Crockett (B&C) measuring procedures or standards are used for criteria measurement. The official measurements for the purpose of this regulation are those that are taken at the time of confiscation or seizure of the trophy. Any B&C measurements will be considered final when taken by an official B&C scorer, regardless of drying time. If the skullcap of antlers or horns is broken in such a manner to render an official B&C score invalid, three official B&C scorers will estimate a score. The three scores will be averaged and the average score used to determine trophy status in accordance with Montana law.

**Sale of Game Animals (MCA 87-6-206)**

A person may not purposely or knowingly sell, purchase, or exchange all or part of any game fish, bird, game animals, or fur-bearing animals, except that a person may sell, purchase, or exchange:

- Hides, heads, or mounts of game fish, birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals that have been lawfully killed, captured, or taken, except that the sale or purchase of a hide, head, or mount of a grizzly bear is prohibited, except as provided by federal law.
- Naturally shed antlers or the antlers with a skull or portion of a skull attached from a game animal that has died from natural causes and that has not been unlawfully killed, captured, or taken or accidentally killed; for additional exceptions, see 87-6-206 MCA. Sale of meat is not allowed.

**Simulated Wildlife (MCA 87-6-217)**

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute, ARM, or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

**Transport of Wildlife**

- An individual other than the license holder may transport lawfully taken, properly tagged game animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements."
- It is unlawful to ship, possess, transport, or take out of state unlawfully killed game animals.
- It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an unlawfully taken game animal across state boundaries.
- If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products

of live or dead animals) between the United States and any foreign country, you must complete a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declaration form. For further information, contact the USFWS wildlife inspector at 406-335-4350 or [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).

- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.

**Traps (MCA 87-6-601)**

It is unlawful to destroy, disturb, or remove any trap or snare belonging to another person or remove wildlife from a trap or snare belonging to another person without permission of the owner of the trap or snare.

**Two-way Communication (ARM 12.6.1010)**

The use of two-way electronic communication is prohibited:

- While in the act of hunting game animals or wolves to aid in the taking or locating of live animals.
- While in the act of hunting mountain lion or bobcats with dogs, beginning when the dogs are placed or physically released on tracks or a scent trail.
- To avoid game check stations or FWP enforcement personnel.
- To facilitate unlawful hunting activity.

The use of two-way electronic communication for the use of safety or other legitimate purposes is exempt.

Two-way electronic communication includes, but is not limited to, the following; radios (walkie-talkies/CB), cell phones, text messages, and the use of social media or other electronic platforms, applications, or programs.

**Unmanned Aerial Vehicles UAV (CR)**

A UAV/drone may not be used to locate game animals for the purposes of: hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a UAV/drone has been airborne, or providing information for another person for the purposes of; hunting those animals within the same hunting day after the UAV/drone has been airborne.

**Waste of Game (MCA 87-6-205)**

- Hunters, or persons in possession of a game animal or game animal parts, are prohibited from wasting or rendering unfit for human consumption, any part of a game animal that is defined as "suitable for food."
- For game animals (excluding mountain lions), all of the four quarters above the hock, including loin and backstrap, are considered suitable for food.

**Weapons Restriction Areas (CR)**

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

**The following equipment restrictions apply to Weapons Restriction Areas:**

**Archery**

See lawful archery equipment in the "Law & Rules" section.

**Crossbows**

Lawful in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

**Traditional Handguns**

- Are not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- Have a barrel length of less than 10 ½ inches;
- Chamber only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles.

**Muzzleloader** (this definition is strictly for the use of muzzleloaders in weapons restriction areas. See the Muzzleloader Heritage Season Lawful Weapons section on page 16 for information regarding hunting during the Dec 11-19 heritage muzzleloader season)

- Must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel;
- May not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges;
- must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent;
- Must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheellock mechanism;
- Must be a minimum of .45 caliber;
- May have no more than two barrels;
- Must only use plain lead projectiles;
- Sabots or other similar power and range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm are prohibited. "Skirts" or gas checks on the base of a projectile are acceptable.

**Shotgun**

Must be shouldered, breech-loaded, or muzzle-loaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

## Restricted Area Descriptions

Restricted area descriptions include both CLOSED Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

**BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge:** The BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge is closed to hunting.

**Beattie Gulch:** Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice : US Forest Service lands located in the following sections north of Yellowstone National Park in Beattie Gulch, Sec. 7 & 8, T9S, R8E and Sections 12 & 13, T9S, R7E.

**Bowdoin NWR:** Closed to big game hunting. Portions of T31N R31E, T31N R32E, T30N R31E, T30N R32E as posted by refuge regulations. Contact refuge at 654-2863.

**Brinkman Game Preserve:** Closed to the hunting of all species except deer. Except as specifically permitted by the commission for the hunting of deer, no person may carry or discharge firearms within the preserve. See current regulations. The boundary of the Brinkman Game Preserve is as follows: The S½ section 7, and E½, NE¼ section 7, and S½ section 8, and NW¼ section 8, S½ section 9, S½ and E½, NE¼ section 10. All of sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36,; all

in township 29N, range 7E, M.P.M., Liberty County, Montana.

**City of Gardiner No Shooting Zone:** Gardiner Hunting Closure; Closed to all hunting: Beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along said line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the YNP boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Stevens Creek, then northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

**Cooke City Moose Closure Area:** Beginning at the point where U.S. Highway 212 crosses, the Montana-Yellowstone National Park boundary, then north along said boundary to a point one-half mile north of U. S. Highway 212, then east along a line one-half mile north of said highway and parallel to said highway to the Montana-Wyoming border, then west along this border to the Montana-Yellowstone National Park boundary, then north to the point of beginning.

**Deckard Flats:** Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice : Deckard Flats Hunting Closure; Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice: Beginning

at the junction of Yellowstone National Park and Bear Creek, then northeasterly up said creek to the intersection with Palmer Creek, then easterly for 1/10 mile up said creek, then southeasterly to posted line, then southeasterly and easterly along posted line to the intersection with Yellowstone National Park boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Bear Creek, the point of beginning.

**East Ovando Archery-only Area:** Those portions of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 200 with the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwest along said river to the Ovando-Helmville Road, then northwesterly along said Road to Ovando and State Route 200, then easterly along said Route to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, the point of beginning.

**Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area:** Ennis Airport WRA Boundary Description: Beginning at Intersection of Airport Rd and Hwy 287, east on Airport Rd, then continuing east along south boundary of section 32 to the USFS boundary, then north to north boundary of section 29, then west on north boundaries of sections 29 and 30, then south on west boundary of section 30, then west on north boundary of section 36 to Hwy 287, then south along Hwy 287 to point of beginning.

**Flathead Weapons Restriction Area:** That portion of Flathead County lying

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within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 35 and State Route 206, then northerly along State Route 206 to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway onto State Route 40 to US Highway 93, then south on said Highway to Rocky Cliff Drive, then easterly to Demersville Road, then northerly along said road to Foy's Bend Lane, then easterly along said road onto Lower Valley Road to the Bonneville Power Administration powerline at Foy's Bend, then northerly along said powerline across the Flathead River to the easterly shore, then up the most easterly shore of said river to State Route 35 (Old Highway 2 bridge), then easterly along said route to its junction with State Route 206, the point of beginning.

**Freezout Lake WMA, Teton County:** Closed to hunting as posted.

**Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** Beginning at the intersection of Cottonwood Road and Enders Road, continuing southeast from that intersection along Cottonwood Road, north to South 19th, then east on South 19th to Nash Road, then east on Nash Road to Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road, to the National Forest boundary, then east along said boundary to boundary of State Lands Sections 4, 3, 34, 35 and 1 to Bear Canyon Road, then northerly on Bear Canyon Road to the Bear Canyon Interchange with Interstate 90, then northerly to Rocky Creek, northwesterly along Rocky Creek to L Street, then north on L Street to Story Mill Road, then north on Story Mill Road to Deer Creek Drive, northeast on Deer Creek Drive to Lookfar Way, north on Lookfar Way to Rolling Hills Drive, north on Rolling Hills Drive to Sypes Canyon Road, northwesterly on Sypes Canyon Road to Summer Cuttoff Road, then Saddle Mountain Road, then east on Saddle Mountain Road to Bostwick Road, then north along Bostwick Road to Baseline East Road, then west on Baseline East Road to Walker Road, then north on Walker Road to Penwell Bridge Road, then west on Penwell Bridge Road to Wes Davis Road, then north and west on Wes Davis Road to Hamilton Road, then west and north on Hamilton Road to Cactus Road, then west on Cactus Road to Highway 290, then south on Highway 290 to Weaver Road, then west on Weaver Road to Highway 10, then northwesterly on Highway 10 to Heeb Road, then south on Heeb Road to Amsterdam Road, east on Amsterdam Road, to Linney Road, south on Linney Road to Cameron Bridge Road, then east on Cameron Bridge Road to River Road, then south on River Road to Highway 84, then east on Highway 84 to Shedd's Bridge, then south up western most channel of the Gallatin River to Gallatin Gateway Bridge, then east on Gallatin Gateway Road to US Highway 191, then south on US Highway 191

to Cottonwood Road, to point of beginning.

**NOTE:** Sourdough Exclusion Zone from SWRA within HD 309: Beginning at the intersection of Nash and Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road to the USFS boundary, then east, north and east along said boundary in Section 8, then along said boundary in Section 8 to the intersection with State Lands in Section 9, then north along the section line of Sections 4 and 5, then west along section line of Sections 5 and 32 to the intersection with Sourdough Road, then south on Sourdough Road, then west on Nash Road, the point of beginning.

**Gardiner:** Gardiner Hunting Closure. Closed to all hunting: Beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along said line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the YNP boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Stevens Creek, then northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

**Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve:** No hunting. Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge:** Closed to all hunting.

**Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir:** The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in Lewis and Clark County of the Helena Valley as posted. (This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

**Jeffers Weapons Restriction Area:** Beginning at the intersection of Highway 287 and the south access to Jeffers Loop road at milepost 47.1, then north along the access road until the junction with Jeffers Loop Road, then easterly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Loop Road South, then northerly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Road, then west along Jeffers Road to its intersection with the entrance to Valley Garden Fishing Access Site, then westerly along the south boundary of the Valley Garden Fishing Access Site to its junction with the west bank of the Madison River, then southwesterly along the west bank of the Madison River to its intersection with Highway 287, then southeast along Highway 287 until the point of beginning.

**Lee Metcalf Refuge:** Legal description, map and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.

**Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area:** Restricted to ArchEquip Only. That Portion of Lincoln County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road #4813, then southerly on Road #4813 to National Forest Road #533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

**Lincoln Closed Area:** Closed to all big game hunting. Section 24, T14N, R9W, shall be closed to big game hunting. This comprises the area around the town of Lincoln.

**Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Portions open to big game hunting per refuge regulations.

**Milk River WMA:** Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only as posted and as described under current regulations.

**Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader. That portion of Jefferson County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Boulder, then east along Muskrat Lane to the intersection of Upper Valley Road, then north along said road to the intersection of Sloan Lane, then west along said lane to the Interstate 15 frontage road, then west to Interstate 15, then south along said interstate to Boulder, the point of beginning. Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only.

**Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon:** FWP property in sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, T7S, R9W.

**Prison Ranch Archery Only Area:** The following MCE Ranch lands are open to hunting of big game only with Lawful Archery Equipment as outlined in the hunting regulations provided by Montana FWP: Beginning at the junction of the Old Stage Road (county road) and Elk Ridge Road (Forest Service Road 5149) in Section 22, T8N, R10W and proceeding west along the Elk Ridge Road to the Power Line Road (prison fence line) in the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, T8N, R10W, then south along the Power Line Road (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of the prison fence in Section 28, T7N, R10 W, then east along the south boundary Section 28, T7N, R10W (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of Section 27, T7N, R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 34, T7N, R10W, then east to the southeast corner of Section 34, T7N R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 2, T6N, R10W, then east along the prison fence line to the Dempsey Lake Road (county road), then northeasterly along Dempsey Lake Road (prison fence line) to the southeast corner of Section 36 T7N R10W, then north along the prison fence line on east edge of Section 36 and 25, T7N, R10W to corner of the prison fence line in Section 25, T7N, R10W, then east along prison fence line in N2 Section 30, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line at Lake Hill Road (county road); then north approx. 1/2 mile along the east side of Sections 30 and 19, T7N, R9W to the corner of prison fence line on the eastern edge of Section 19, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence west and northerly in Sections 19 and 18 T7N R9W to the northeast corner of Section 18, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence east approx. 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of Section 8, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence north approx. 1/2 mile to the junction of the airport fence, then proceeding northwesterly, follow the fence bordering the airport, golf course and National Guard Armory through Sections 8, 5 and 6, T7N, R9W to the Old Stage Road (county road), then follow the Old Stage Road northwest through Sections 36, 26, and 22, T8N, R10W to the junction of the Elk Ridge Road (USFS Road 5149), the point of beginning.

**Rookery WMA (as posted):** Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader.

**Seeley Lake Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting. That portion of Missoula County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at a point where US Forest Service land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, then east on the boundary between US Forest Service and private land, then north on same boundary to the section line between Sections 17 and 20, then east on said section line and east on north line of Section 21, T17N, R15W to State Route 83, then south on State Route 83 to Riverview Drive in Section 3, T16N, R15W, then west on Riverview Drive to Snowmass Drive in Section 9, T16N, R15W, then north on Snowmass Drive to section line between Sections 4 and 5, T16N, R15W, then north on said section line to Clearwater River, then north along west shore of Clearwater River to Boy Scout Road in Section 33, T17N, R15W, then west and north on said road to where USFS land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, the point of beginning.

**Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area:** Closed to all hunting per refuge regulation: Portions of Section 36, T22N, R24E and Sections 31 and 32, T22N, R25E, as posted.

**Sun River Game Preserve:** No hunting. Beginning at a point on the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, due south of the head or source of the South Fork of the Sun River, in what will be, when surveyed, Section 8, T18N of R10W, Montana meridian, then due north from the crest of the Continental Divide to the head of the south fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the South Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its confluence with the North Fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the North Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its head or source, then due north to the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, then along said crest southwesterly and southerly (the western boundary of the Sun River

Game Preserve) to the place of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all that territory lying between the South Fork of the Sun River and the North Fork of the Sun River on the east and the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains on the west.

**Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA), Teton County:** All in T24N, R5W legally described as: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and W1/2 of Section 13.

**Townsend Weapons Restriction Area:** Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 12 and Route 284 then northerly along said route to its intersection with Riley Road, then west along said road to the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area boundary fence as signed, then northerly and westerly along said boundary fence to the end of said boundary fence in Section 28, T8N, R2E, near Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then westerly across said reservoir to Hahn Road, then westerly along said road to US Highway 287, then south along said highway to its intersection with the Kimber Gulch Road, then westerly along said road to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then southerly along said railroad tracks to their intersection with Springville Lane, then westerly and southerly along said lane to its intersection with the Indian Creek Road, then southerly along the west boundary of Sections 25 and 36 in T7N, R1E to the SW corner of Section 36, then easterly along the southern boundary of Section 36 and easterly along the southern boundary of Section 31 in T7N, R2E to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Lower Deep Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with Jack Farm Road, then northwesterly along said road to its intersection with Cemetery Road, then east and north along said road to its intersection with US Highway 12, then east along said highway to its intersection with Route 284, the point of beginning.

**Yellowstone River Islands restricted to ArchEquip Only:** Islands in the Yellowstone River between the East Park Street Bridge at Livingston and one mile downstream of US Highway 89 Bridge.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Hunter Land Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

### Block Management

The Block Management Program is a public hunting access program in which FWP enters into contractual agreements with private landowners (and sometimes public land management agencies) about how free public hunting access will be permitted and managed on enrolled lands. Through the contractual agreement, a private landowner agrees to allow public hunting on enrolled lands under specified conditions, and FWP agrees to assist the landowner by enforcing the ranch rules adopted through the Block Management contract. FWP annually publishes a Hunting Access Guide by August 15 that lists the Block Management Areas (BMAs) enrolled for that year and explains how to gain access to them. For general information about the program, contact FWP at 406-444-2612.

### Fishing Access Sites

Many of Montana's Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore](http://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore) for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

### Indian Reservation Trust Lands

Some reservations may offer game animal hunting opportunities with the use of tribal licenses to non-members. Please contact the appropriate Tribal Government. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 46 for contact information.

### Montana State Parks

Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however, certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at [stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov) for site-specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

### Private Land Access

Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land. See above for information on FWP's Block Management Program.

### Public Land Access

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
  - National Parks and other areas administered by the National Park Service.
  - National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting. More restrictive regulations

may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. Please inquire at the local refuge office.

- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.
- It is unlawful to post, place signs or mark state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.

### Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

### State Game Preserves

State Game Preserves may or may not be open to hunting. See Restricted Area Descriptions, see pages 18-20.

### State School Trust Lands

Additional information, including closures and restrictions, is available from the DNRC at 406-444-2074

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands for related activities during applicable seasons. Additional permitting is required through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for trapping on trust lands.
- Overnight use must not exceed the following limits: two consecutive days on leased land, 16 consecutive days within designated campgrounds or on unleased land. Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open. This restriction applies to all activity including game retrieval.
- Firearms may not be discharged upon trust lands within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings on state trust lands without permission of the inhabitant.
- Open fires are prohibited outside of fire pits within designated campgrounds.

### Other State Lands

Obtain permission from the appropriate land management agency.

### State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the game animals hunting season. WMAs with game animal winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

**Exception:** There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office on page 42 for contact numbers or visit the FWP website at: [fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management-areas](http://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management-areas)

### Stream Access Law

The Stream Access Law does not allow for the hunting of game animals between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers without landowner permission.

### Other Information

#### Donate Hunting License to Disabled Military Service Member or Veteran (MCA 87-2-815)

Residents and nonresidents can donate their Montana hunting license to a disabled military veteran or disabled active duty service member who is working with an organization that uses hunting as part of the rehabilitation process. The disabled person who receives the license will be a Purple Heart recipient and have a 70 percent or greater disability rating. Visit the website for more information:

[fwp.mt.gov/hunt/licensingbasics](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/licensingbasics)

**Feral Swine** cause extensive damage to domestic and native habitats, wildlife, and livestock throughout much of the United States. To prevent the introduction of feral swine into Montana, the 2015 Legislature has prohibited the transportation, possession, hunting, trapping, or killing of feral swine. If you see or know of any feral swine in Montana please contact the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-2976.

#### Game Damage Hunt Roster Rules

- The game damage hunt roster is a randomized list of hunters' names. If FWP identifies a need to implement a game damage hunt, the game damage hunt roster will be used to select hunters. Selected hunters will be contacted by FWP.
- Sign up for the game damage hunt roster is from June 15–July 15, 2022, and only on the FWP website through MyFWP.

#### Harvest Survey

Montana FWP conducts an annual telephone survey to gather hunting and harvest information from Montana hunters. Telephone interviewers call mid-week evenings and weekends to speak to hunters one-on-one to get the most accurate information possible. Wildlife managers use the results to evaluate hunting seasons and set quotas, season dates and other regulations.

#### Hunters Against Hunger

When you purchase a Montana hunting license, you'll have an opportunity to make a donation of \$1 or more to Hunters Against Hunger. Contributions help pay for butchering and distribution of processed game donated to food banks.

#### Weed Control and Weed Seed Free Hay

Montana requires use of certified weed seed free hay, grain, straw, mulch, cubes, and pelletized feed on state and federal lands. For further information, contact the Department of Agriculture at 406-444-3144.

## Montana is Bear Country

### Be Bear Aware!

Black bear hunters must be able to tell the difference between a grizzly and a black bear because grizzly bears cannot be lawfully hunted in Montana.

Three simple rules will help you make the right decision:

1. Learn how to identify bears.
2. Be absolutely sure of your target.
3. If in doubt, don't shoot.

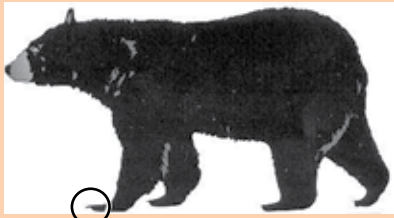
#### Look for a combination of characteristics.

#### Their color and body size can be misleading!

Tall pointed  
ears

No shoulder hump

Straight  
face  
profile



Short  
claws

### BLACK BEAR

Short,  
rounded, ears

Shoulder hump

Dished  
face  
profile



Long  
claws

### GRIZZLY BEAR

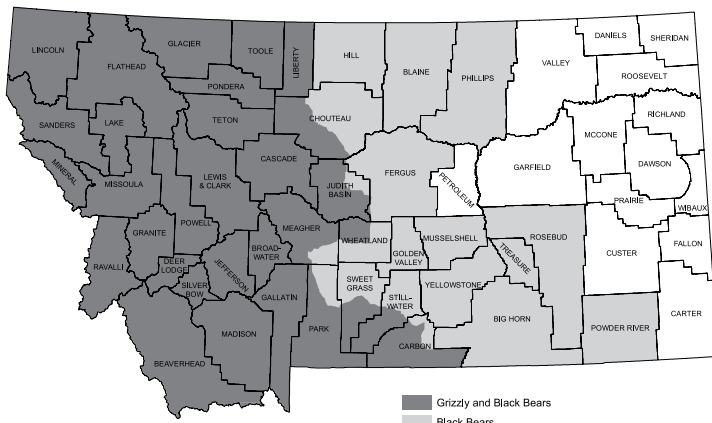
Mandatory bear identification testing is required to purchase a black bear license. Check FWP's website:

[fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)

### Carry Bear Spray and Know How To Use It!

- Hunting puts you at risk of encountering a bear. Calling game and using scents may attract bears.
- If you hunt alone, let someone know about your plans. If you feel uneasy hunting alone, hunt with a partner.
- Pay attention to fresh bear sign. Communicate with others and let them know when bears have been seen and/or fresh sign observed.
- Some bears may move in the direction of a gunshot because they learned to associate the sound with a gut pile or carcass.
- The golden rule is "get the game animal out of the area as quickly as possible." The longer a carcass remains lying on the ground, hung up in camp, or stored in the back of a truck, the more likely it will be discovered by a bear.
- Carcasses left for a period of time require special care. Carry a colored, lightweight tarp or space blanket. Put the guts on the tarp and drag them a few hundred feet away from the carcass.
- Locate an observation point 200 yards (if possible) away from the carcass with a clear line of sight.
  - When returning, approach the observation point carefully. Yell or whistle repeatedly. With binoculars study the scene from the observation point and scan the area for the carcass and any movement. If a bear is at the site and refuses to leave or the meat has been covered up with debris by a bear, report the incident to FWP.
  - Do not attempt to frighten away or haze a bear, especially a grizzly.
- Bears are opportunists and change their behavior to take advantage of new food sources. Always assume that grizzlies are in the area and make sure your camps, cabins, and homes are bear proof, and that bear attractants are unavailable or contained.
- Mentally rehearse a worst-case scenario with encountering a bear. "If the mind has never been there before, the body does not know how to respond." The following is a list of recommended responses to minimize the likelihood of attack or chances of human injury:
  - Make certain you have bear spray at the ready and know how to use it. In sudden grizzly encounters, bear spray has proven effective. Bears sprayed in the face at close range often stop attacking.
  - Always maintain a safe distance from bears.
  - Stay calm, speak softly, behave in a non-threatening manner.
  - Immediately pick up small children and stay in a group.
  - Throw an object (like a hat or gloves) on the ground as you move away to distract the animal's attention.
  - Slowly back away, if possible. Keep a distance of at least 100 yards.
  - Do not run from a bear. Running may trigger a natural predator-prey attack response, and a bear can easily outrun the world's fastest human.
  - Don't climb a tree unless you are sure you can get at least 10' from the ground before the bear reaches you. Many experts recommend against climbing trees in most situations.
- Report encounters with grizzly bears to FWP at 1-800-TIP-MONT, U.S. Forest Service, or one of the nearest FWP bear management specialists listed below:
  - Rory Trimbo, Anaconda, MT 406-465-9343
  - Jeremiah Smith Bozeman, MT 406-577-7877
  - Wesley Sarmento, Conrad, MT 406-450-1097
  - TBD, Kalispell, MT 406-250-1265
  - Kim Annis, Libby, MT 406-293-4161 x207
  - James Jonkel, Missoula, MT 406-542-5508 or 406-544-1447
  - Kylie Kembel, Red Lodge, MT 406-850-1131
  - Chad White, Choteau, MT 406-466-5100
  - Eli Hampson, Missoula, MT 406-210-3213
- In an actual emergency, phone 9-1-1. Seeing a grizzly is not necessarily a reportable encounter or an emergency. Report encounters where the bear displayed aggressive or defensive behavior toward people, livestock or pets.

### General Distribution of Bears in Montana



For more information visit:  
[fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/livingWithWildlife/beBearAware/](http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/livingWithWildlife/beBearAware/)

## Recognizing A Wolf

**Coyote**



- 1.5 feet tall
- 4 feet long
- 30-40 pounds
- Narrow snout
- Pointed ears
- Color light gray to brown
- Track 2.5 inches wide, 2 to 2.5 inches long
- Claws evident

**Wolf**



- 2.5 feet tall
- 5-6 feet long
- 70-120 pounds
- Broad snout
- Round ears
- Color light gray to black
- Long, low howl
- Track 4.5 inches wide, 5 to 5.5 inches long
- Claws evident

## What Should I Know About Wolves in Montana?

For the latest information about wolves and their management, go to FWP's website at: [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf).

### Wolves and Game Animals

- Wolves eat deer, elk, and other game animals. In Montana, elk numbers in some areas have declined and so has hunter opportunity, due in part to wolf activity. Yet in other areas where wolves and elk interact, elk numbers are stable or increasing.
- When wolves are in an area, deer and elk use their habitats differently, often seeking greater cover. Hunters may need to adjust their strategies.
- FWP is increasing monitoring and research efforts to learn more about how wolves and game animals interact in different places, and what that means for hunters.

### Montana Wolf Basics

- Pack territories can cover 200 square miles or more.
- Packs range from two to 14 animals, averaging about six.
- Wolves often travel separately or in smaller groups.
- Wolves travel widely throughout their territory in the fall.
- Wolves travel on roads and trails regularly.

### Hunters Can Help FWP Monitor Wolves

Information provided by hunters during the annual harvest survey will help in the management of wolves. Your information helps FWP know more about wolf numbers and distribution in Montana.

### To Report a Dead Wolf or Possible Unlawful Activity, Contact:

- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks:  
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## Moose • Bighorn Sheep • Mountain Goat Drawing Statistics

The statistics on this page are from the 2021 Drawings. The final license/permit quotas may differ from the quotas reflected in the 2022 printed regulations. The quotas listed in the printed regulations are the “proposed” quotas as adopted at the February F&W Commission meeting. The F&W Commission final-adopted quotas in July are based on winter and spring survey efforts and are the final quotas used to complete the actual drawing. These statistics reflect combined resident and nonresident first choice districts. These statistics do not reflect the use of bonus points or the nonresident limit of no more than 10% of the quota of licenses. For more detailed statistics on resident/nonresident numbers and district-specific bonus point information, visit our website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fwpub/drawingStatistics](http://myfwp.mt.gov/fwpub/drawingStatistics)

Key: LPT = License/Permit Type. The first three digits most often represent the hunting district number.

Apps = Total number of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants.

Succ = Total number of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

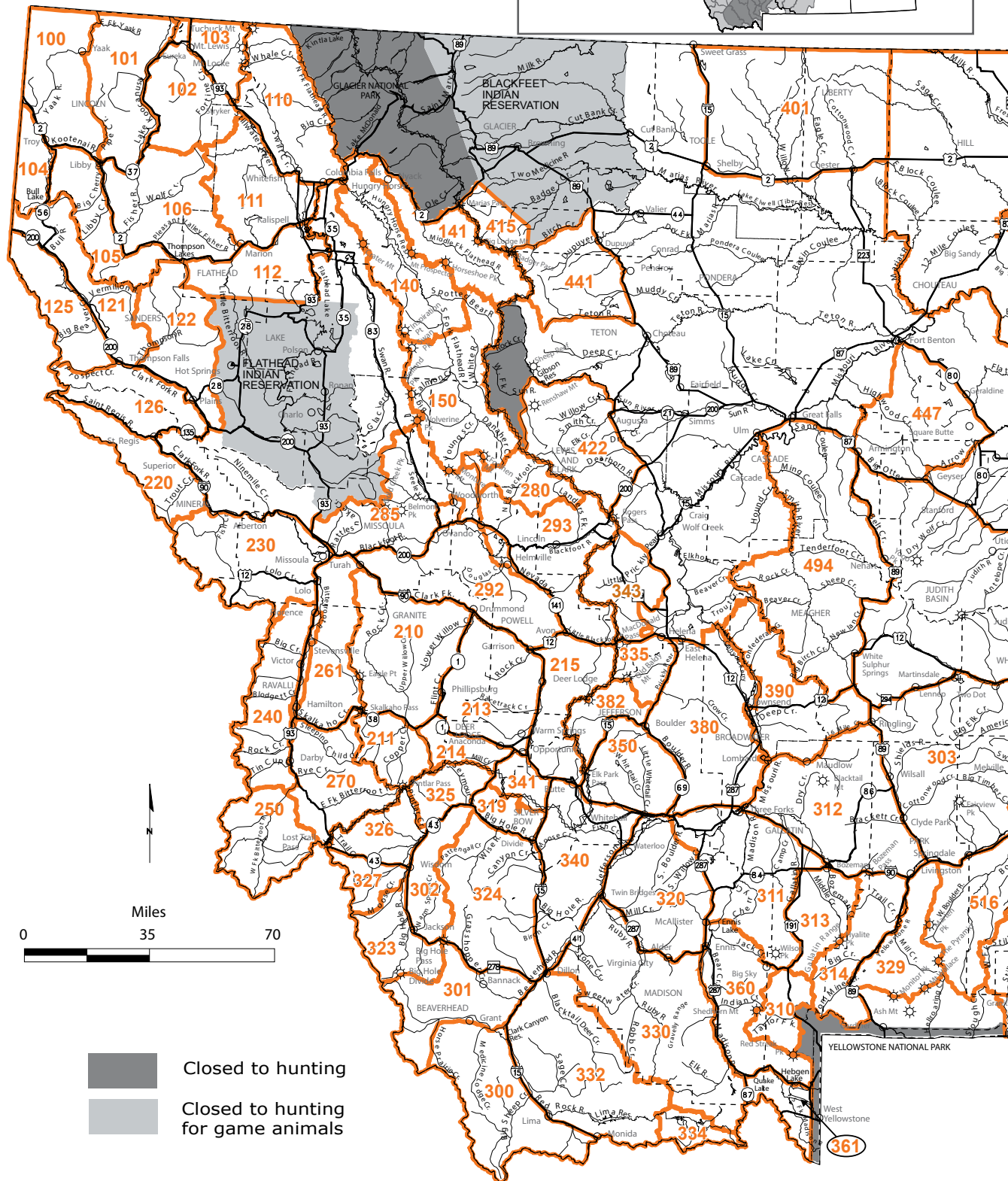
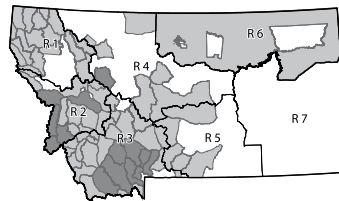
% Succ = Percentage of resident and nonresident 1st-choice applicants that were successful.

MOOSE							
LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ	LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
100-50	687	12	1.75	319-50	166	1	0.6
101-50	524	12	2.29	320-00	172	3	1.74
102-50	511	8	1.57	320-50	715	4	0.56
103-50	193	3	1.55	322-50	126	2	1.59
104-50	133	5	3.76	323-00	159	7	4.4
105-50	393	12	3.05	323-50	656	7	1.07
106-50	799	12	1.5	324-00	42	1	2.38
110-50	700	10	1.43	324-20	62	1	1.61
111-50	890	10	1.12	324-50	493	4	0.81
112-50	304	3	0.99	325-00	60	2	3.33
121-50	240	2	0.83	325-50	425	5	1.18
122-50	665	4	0.6	326-50	389	5	1.29
125-50	511	3	0.59	327-50	211	3	1.42
126-50	129	1	0.78	329-50	132	2	1.52
140-50	122	2	1.64	330-00	89	2	2.25
141-50	138	2	1.45	330-50	468	3	0.64
150-50	65	1	1.54	331-00	155	6	3.87
210-50	650	4	0.62	331-50	1506	8	0.53
211-50	251	2	0.8	332-00	97	6	6.19
213-50	417	4	0.96	332-50	985	8	0.81
214-50	138	1	0.72	333-00	34	2	5.88
215-50	183	1	0.55	333-50	214	2	0.93
220-50	301	3	1	334-00	149	8	5.37
230-50	637	4	0.63	334-50	1626	7	0.43
240-50	206	3	1.46	335-50	197	2	1.02
261-50	193	2	1.04	340-00	80	2	2.5
270-50	489	3	0.61	340-50	579	4	0.69
280-50	51	1	1.96	341-50	231	3	1.3
285-50	151	1	0.66	343-50	190	1	0.53
291-50	59	1	1.69	350-50	118	2	1.69
292-50	162	2	1.23	361-51	196	4	2.04
293-50	536	2	0.37	380-00	102	3	2.94
300-00	134	2	1.49	380-50	1133	5	0.44
300-50	1684	6	0.36	382-50	109	2	1.83
301-00	64	2	3.12	390-50	249	2	0.8
301-50	398	4	1.01	398-50	213	3	1.41
302-00	42	1	2.38	401-20	235	2	0.85
302-50	160	2	1.25	415-50	87	1	1.15
303-00	70	1	1.43	441-20	297	1	0.34
303-50	435	3	0.69	447-50	180	1	0.56
309-50	153	1	0.65	494-20	889	4	0.45
310-50	484	1	0.21	496-20	745	4	0.54
311-50	410	5	1.22	513-50	204	1	0.49
312-50	573	4	0.7	514-50	1166	6	0.51
314-50	148	2	1.35	516-50	246	2	0.81
315-50	237	2	0.84	600-20	1268	9	0.71

BIGHORN SHEEP			
LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
100-20	558	4	0.72
102-20	171	1	0.58
121-20	463	1	0.22
123-20	933	4	0.43
124-20	1243	6	0.48
124-30	51	2	3.92
203-20	942	3	0.32
203-30	73	2	2.74
210-20	297	1	0.34
212-20	287	1	0.35
214-60	859	2	0.23
216-20	293	1	0.34
216-30	33	1	3.03
250-20	166	2	1.2
250-60	91	1	1.1
261-20	377	2	0.53
270-20	1006	3	0.3
300-60	88	88	100
301-20	701	7	1
302-20	503	6	1.19
303-60	74	74	100
304-20	95	1	1.05
330-10	425	1	0.24
340-20	816	1	0.12
380-10	435	1	0.23
421-20	679	1	0.15
422-20	695	3	0.43
423-20	224	2	0.89
424-20	659	2	0.3
441-20	149	1	0.67
455-20	473	2	0.42
482-20	6778	20	0.3
482-30	194	20	10.31
500-60	70	70	100
501-60	65	65	100
502-60	54	54	100
503-20	352	3	0.85
620-20	357	1	0.28
622-20	4363	10	0.23
622-30	118	20	16.95
680-20	7425	25	0.34
680-30	139	40	28.78
680-31	83	40	48.19

MOUNTAIN GOAT			
LPT	Apps	Succ	% Succ
100-20	968	2	0.21
101-20	209	1	0.48
133-20	217	1	0.46
140-20	518	1	0.19
142-20	111	1	0.9
150-20	177	1	0.56
240-20	736	1	0.14
312-20	719	1	0.14
313-20	2892	15	0.52
313-30	129	5	3.88
314-20	1933	30	1.55
316-20	542	12	2.21
320-20	798	3	0.38
323-20	1773	38	2.14
324-20	388	6	1.55
325-20	265	6	2.26
326-20	171	2	1.17
327-20	157	2	1.27
329-20	515	15	2.91
330-20	141	1	0.71
331-20	676	3	0.44
350-20	860	1	0.12
361-20	124	3	2.42
362-20	316	6	1.9
393-20	2603	6	0.23
415-20	195	1	0.51
447-20	1278	1	0.08
453-20	406	1	0.25
514-20	198	2	1.01
517-20	524	4	0.76
518-20	445	3	0.67
519-20	69	1	1.45
521-20	160	4	2.5

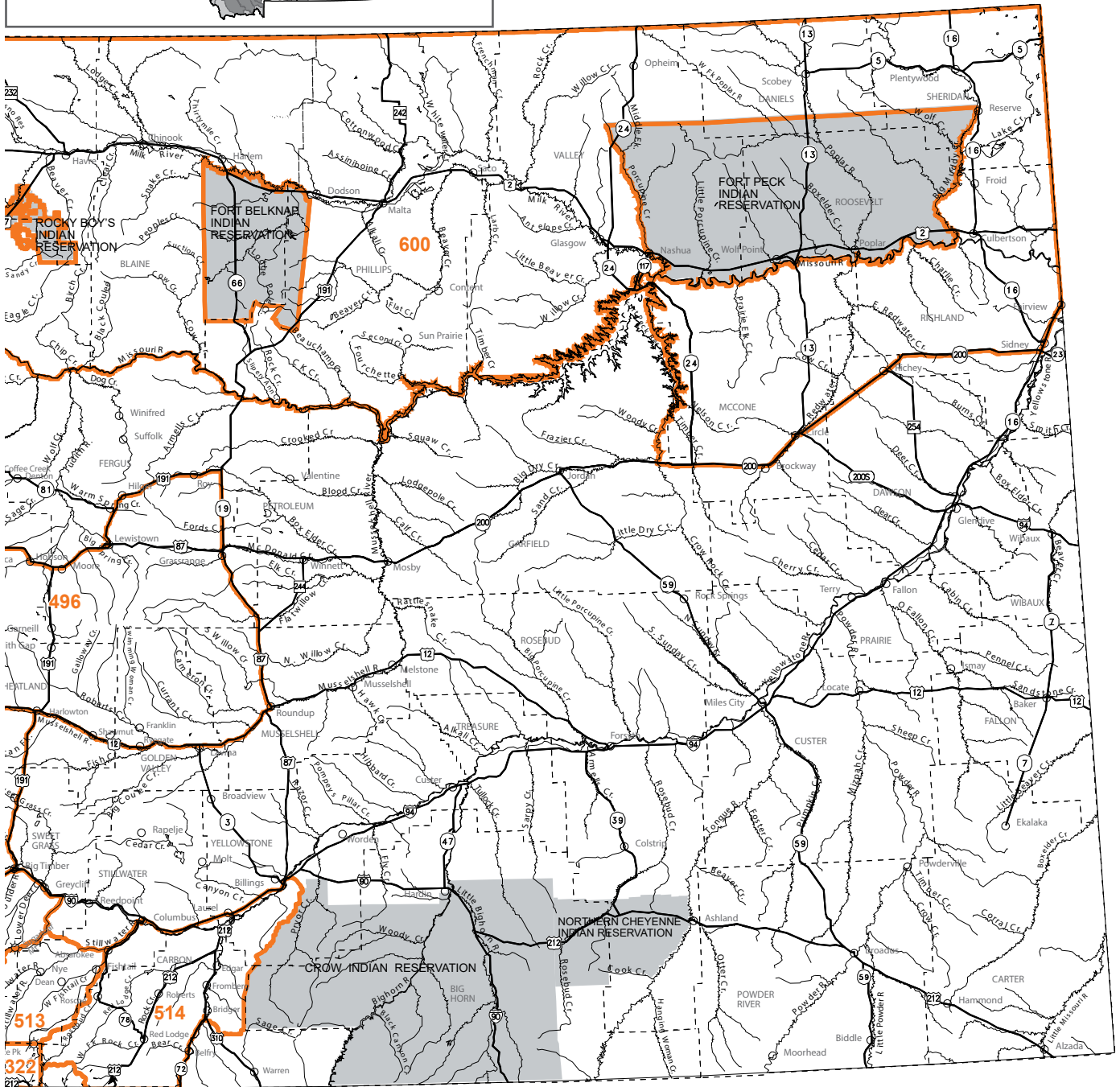
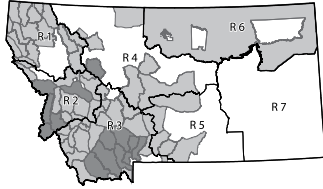
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## Moose Specific Information

### Definitions

- Antlered Bull - any moose having an antler or antlers of at least four inches in length measured from the top of the skull.
- Antlerless - a female or juvenile male with an antler or antlers less than four inches in length measured from the top of the skull. FWP suggests hunters not take a moose with a calf at side.
- Either sex - any moose.

### Licenses and General Information

- An applicant who receives a moose license is not eligible to apply for or receive another license for moose for the next succeeding 7 years (see 7 Year Wait chart).
- License holders may legally take one moose subject to all specifications on the license issued.

#### 7 Year Wait

Year License Drawn	Year May Reapply
2014	2022
2015	2023
2016	2024
2017	2025
2018	2026
2019	2027
2020	2028
2021	2029

## SuperTag Lottery for Moose



- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and/or mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- The moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the Internet.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information, visit FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

### Moose License Auction

- Legislation authorizes the Fish & Wildlife Commission to provide for the auction of one moose license each year. This license authorizes the hunter to take an antlered bull moose in any open district of his/her choice. If this license holder is successful, the moose will not be counted against the district quota. License holders may hunt only in areas open to moose hunting.
- The auction is held annually during the winter by a conservation organization that is preselected by the F&W Commission.
- Money raised through the license auction is used for management of moose.

## Moose HD Regulations

Residents are eligible to apply for any of the following licenses. Nonresidents are restricted to certain districts. Nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of a region's quota. **Districts where nonresidents may apply are listed on the moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat nonresident worksheet, but may change when final quotas are set in June.**

Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Number of Licenses	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 1</b>						
100 - West Yaak	100-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	12	Sep 15-Nov 27	
101 - Purcell	101-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	12	Sep 15-Nov 27	
102 - Eureka	102-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	8	Sep 15-Nov 27	
103 - Ten Lakes	103-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
104 - West Cabinet Mountains	104-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	5	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: Limited access may make moose difficult to find.						
105 - East Cabinet Mountains	105-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	12	Sep 15-Nov 27	
106 - Fisher River	106-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	12	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 106 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area						
110 - North Fork	110-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	10	Sep 15-Nov 27	
111 - Tally Lake	111-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	10	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 111 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Flathead Weapons Restriction Area						

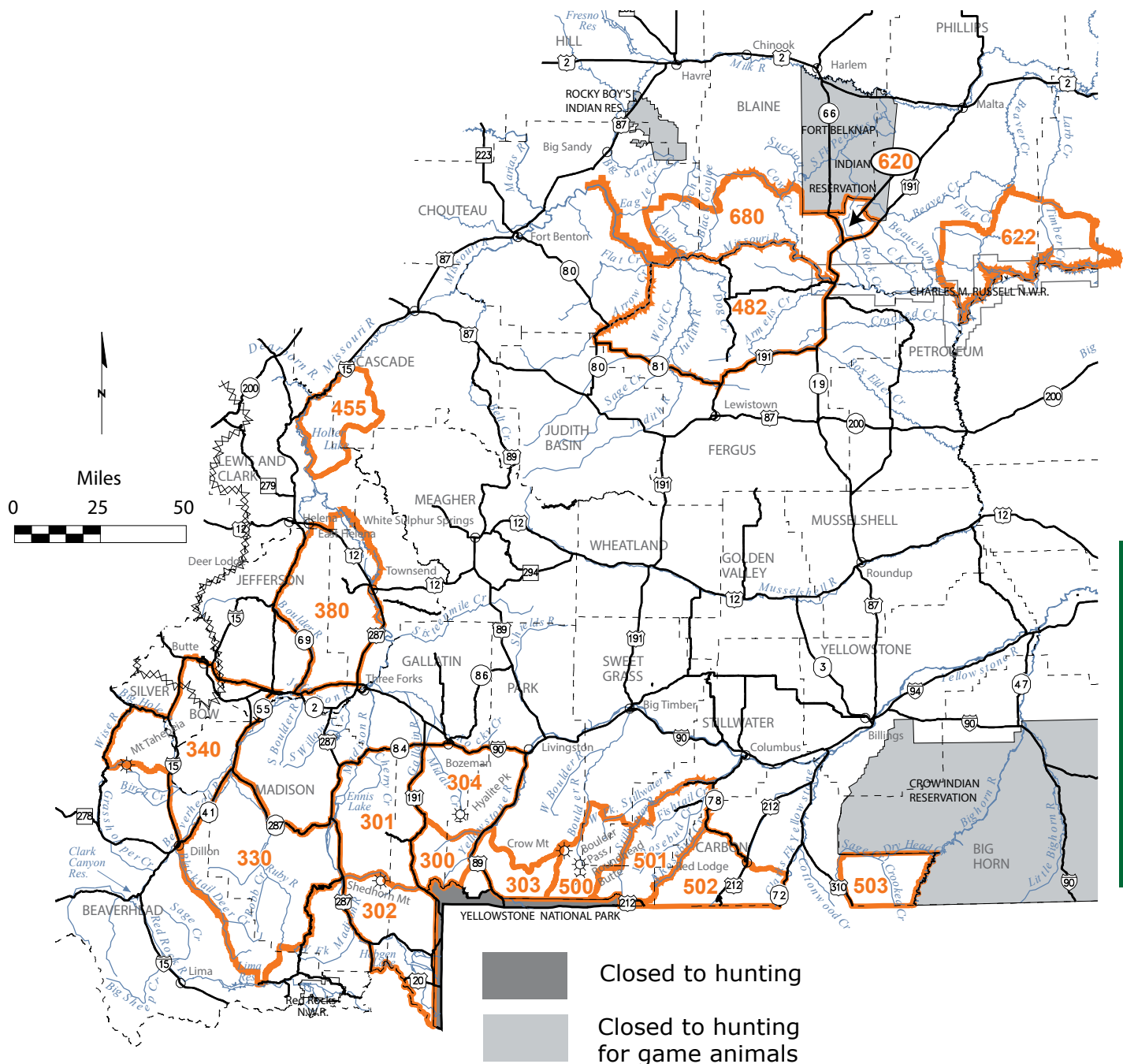
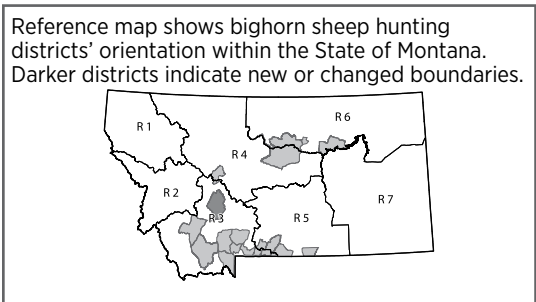
Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Number of Licenses	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 1 Continued</b>						
112 - Blacktail	112-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 112 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Flathead Weapons Restriction Area						
121 - West Clark Fork	121-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
122 - Thompson River	122-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
125 - Black Peak	125-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
126 - CC Divide	126-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
140 - Lower South Fork	140-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
141 - Middle Fork	141-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 141 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge						
150 - Upper South Fork	150-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 2</b>						
210 - Lower Rock Creek-Schwartz Creek	210-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
211 - Upper Rock Creek	211-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
213 - Flint Creek Range	213-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 213 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge; Prison Ranch Archery Only Area						
214 - Mill Creek-Georgetown Lake	214-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
215 - East Deer Lodge	215-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
220 - South Superior	220-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
230 - Lolo - Fish Creek	230-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
240 West Bitterroot	240-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 240 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Lee Metcalf Refuge NOTE: HD 240 Boundary Change						
261 - East Bitterroot	261-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 261 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Lee Metcalf Refuge						
270 - East Fork Bitterroot	270-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 270 Boundary Change						
280 - North Blackfoot	280-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
285 - Lower Blackfoot	285-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 285 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Seeley Lake Game Preserve is closed to all hunting						
292 - Garnet Range	292-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 292 Boundary Change NOTE: HD 292 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) East Ovando Archery-only Area						
293 - Upper Blackfoot	293-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 293 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Lincoln Closed Area						
<b>Region 3</b>						
300 - Medicine Lodge-Lima Peaks	300-00	Antlerless	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	300-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	6	Sep 15-Nov 27	
301 - Horse Prairie	301-00	Antlerless	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	301-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
302 - East Big Hole	302-00	Antlerless	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	302-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	

Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Number of Licenses	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 3 Continued</b>						
303 - Crazy Mountains	303-00	Antlerless	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	303-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
310 - Upper Gallatin	310-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 310 Boundary Change						
311 - Spanish Peaks	311-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 311 Boundary Change						
NOTE: HD 311 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area						
312 - Bridger	312-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 312 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area; Yellowstone River Islands restricted to ArchEquip Only						
313 - Hyalite-Portal	313-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	6	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 313 Boundary Change						
NOTE: HD 313 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area						
314 - Upper Yellowstone-West	314-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	Beattie Gulch portion of HD 314 as posted, subject to closure to all hunting on 24-hour notice.
NOTE: HD 314 Boundary Change						
NOTE: HD 314 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice						
319 - Fleecer	319-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
320 - Tobacco Roots	320-00	Antlerless	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	320-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 320 Boundary Change						
322 - Upper Stillwater	322-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 322 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Cooke City Moose Closure Area						
323 - South Big Hole	323-00	Antlerless	May 1	7	Sep 15-Dec 15	
	323-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	7	Sep 15-Dec 15	
324 - Wise River-Grasshop	324-00	Antlerless	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	324-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Nov 15-Dec 15	Only valid in Grasshopper Drainage portion of HD.
	324-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 324 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon						
325 - Seymour-Deep Creek	325-00	Antlerless	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	325-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	5	Sep 15-Nov 27	
326 - North Fork Big Hole	326-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	5	Sep 15-Nov 27	
327 - Ruby Creek-Yank Swamp	327-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
329 - Upper Yellowstone East	329-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
330 - Gravelly - Ruby	330-00	Antlerless	May 1	8	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	330-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	11	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 330 Boundary Change						
332 - Blacktail - Centennial	332-00	Antlerless	May 1	8	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	332-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	10	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: Boundary Change						
NOTE: HD 332 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon						

Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Number of Licenses	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 3 Continued</b>						
334 - Red Rock-Odell	334-00	Antlerless	May 1	8	Nov 15-Dec 15	
	334-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	7	Sep 15-Nov 27	Red Rock Lakes NWR closed to Moose hunting until Oct. 15
NOTE: Red Rock Lakes NWR - Area Map and Rules available at 406-276-3536						
335 - Helena-South	335-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
340 - Highlands	340-00	Antlerless	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	340-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
341 - High Rye	341-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
343 - Helena - North	343-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
350 - Whitetail-Bull Mountains	350-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
360 - East Madison	360-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 360 Boundary Change NOTE: HD 360 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area; Jeffers Weapons Restriction Area						
361 - Hebgen-Upper Madison	361-51	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
380 - Radersburg	380-00	Antlerless	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	380-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	5	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 380 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area: Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader; Townsend Weapons Restriction Area						
382 - Butte-Basin	382-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
390 - West Big Belt Mountains	390-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 390 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Townsend Weapons Restriction Area						
<b>Region 4</b>						
401 - Sweet Grass Hills	401-20	Either-sex	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
415 - Summit-North Fork Birch Creek	415-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
422 - S. Rocky Mtn. Front	422-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
441 - N. Rocky Mtn. Front	441-20	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
447 - Highwood Mountains	447-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
494 - East Big Belt-West Little Belt Mountains	494-20	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
496 - East Little Belt-Castles-Snowy Mountains	496-20	Antlered Bull	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 5</b>						
513 - Fishtail-Fiddler Creek-Stillwater	513-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
514 - Rock Creek	514-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	6	Sep 15-Nov 27	
516 - Boulder	516-50	Antlered Bull	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 6</b>						
600 - Hi-Line	600-20	Either-sex	May 1	9	Sep 15-Nov 27	



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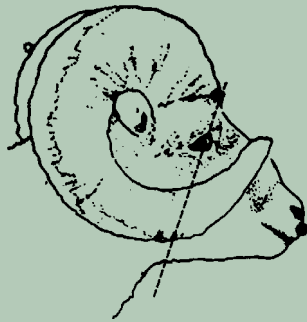
## Bighorn Sheep Specific Information

### Definition

- Adult ewe - a female bighorn sheep - one year old or older. Lambs (young of year) are not included.
- Any ram - a male bighorn sheep - one year old or older
- Either sex - any sheep.
- Legal ram - see below.

### Judging A "Legal Ram" 3/4 Curl

- When a straight line extending from the front base of the horn through any portion of the eye opening intercepts any portion of the horn, the ram is legal. If the horn is not long enough to be intercepted by the line, the ram is not legal.
- Base of the horn shall be considered as the point where the horn meets the hairline of the head. See illustration to the right.
- Determination of a legal ram should be made from a broadside view of the head.



- Unlimited bighorn sheep licenses are available in districts 300, 303, 500, 501, and 502.
- An unlimited bighorn sheep license purchased through the special drawing must be listed as your first and only district choice.
- Unlimited bighorn sheep license districts have harvest quotas and can close a few days after the opening date.
- Licenses are nonrefundable, and a hunter may not change the selected hunting district even if a district closes before the hunter has participated in a hunt.
- An applicant who receives an unlimited legal ram license and harvests a legal ram is not eligible to receive or apply for another bighorn sheep license for the following seven years.
- Unlimited bighorn sheep hunting districts are assigned a harvest quota. Unlimited bighorn sheep license hunting districts will close on a 48-hour notice. When the quota is reached or approached, the bighorn sheep season in that district will close. Any ram harvested by a hunter will be counted against the quota.
- Current quota status may be obtained by calling the appropriate FWP Regional Headquarters during normal business hours or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989.
- The department makes an attempt, through news releases and back-country contacts, to inform hunters of bighorn sheep hunting district closures. However, it is the hunter's responsibility to be aware of season status.

### Licenses & General Information

- License holders may legally take one bighorn sheep subject to all specifications on the license issued.
- A person may recover and possess the horn or horns and attached skull, or a portion thereof, of a mountain sheep that died of natural causes. A person may not possess these parts of a mountain sheep if the mountain sheep was purposefully or accidentally killed, captured, or taken, including being struck by a vehicle. Horns and skulls recovered must be reported to the department within 48 hours and presented to the department for inspection and placement of a permanent pin in a horn within 10 days. The fee for the pin is \$25. Horns and skulls found in state parks may not be recovered or possessed.

- There are limited and unlimited bighorn sheep licenses:

- Limited Licenses - A limited bighorn sheep license is awarded only through the special drawing and is designed to limit the number of hunters in a specific hunting district(s). Hunters may apply for one limited license area only and it must be their first and only district choice, with the exception of an adult ewe which may be listed as a second district choice.

- An applicant who receives a limited either-sex or legal ram license is not eligible to apply for or receive another either-sex or legal ram bighorn sheep license for the next succeeding seven years. (See 7 Year Wait chart regarding limited either sex or legal ram bighorn sheep licenses).

- An applicant who is successful in obtaining a limited ewe license (first or second choice) is not restricted to the seven-year waiting period.

- Unlimited Licenses - Unlimited bighorn sheep licenses have no limit on the number of licenses sold but there is a limit of one per hunter. These licenses may be available from License Providers, including FWP Online Licensing, or the hunter has the option of applying by the May 1 deadline through the drawing process.

#### 7 Year Wait

Year License Drawn	Year May Reapply
2014	2022
2015	2023
2016	2024
2017	2025
2018	2026
2019	2027
2020	2028
2021	2029

### Archery Season

The Archery Only Season is only for limited entry bighorn sheep hunting districts and will run prior to the start of any district's general bighorn sheep season opener. There is no Archery Only Season in CLOSED or unlimited entry districts. A Bow and Arrow (archery) License is required. See page 14 for a description of legal archery equipment.

### SuperTag Lottery for Bighorn Sheep

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and/or mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows the license holder to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- The moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the Internet.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information, visit FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).



### Bighorn Sheep License Auction

- Legislation authorizes the F&W Commission to provide for the auction of one bighorn sheep license each year. This license authorizes the hunter to take a "legal" or greater ram in any open district of his/her choice. If this license holder is successful, the bighorn sheep will not be counted against the hunting district quota. License holders may only hunt in areas open to hunting (i.e., if an unlimited area closes due to reaching the quota, the license holder may not hunt in that area).
- The auction is held annually during the winter by a conservation organization that is preselected by the F&W Commission.
- Money raised through the bighorn sheep license auction is used for management of bighorn sheep.

## Bighorn Sheep Mandatory Reporting and Checking Requirements

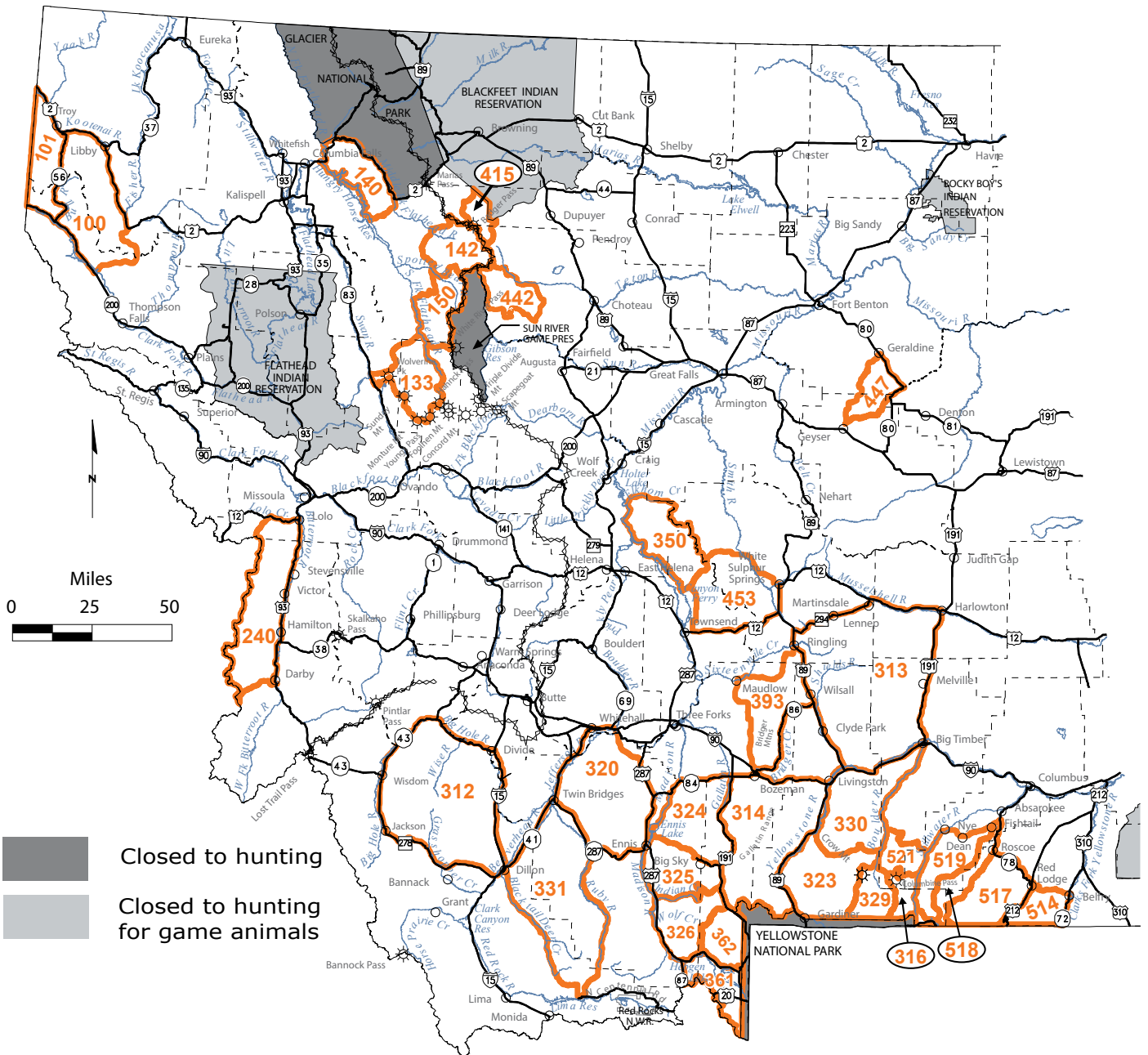
- A hunter harvesting a bighorn ram must personally present the complete head and cape intact within 48 hours to any FWP office, game warden, or designated employee. In the Missouri Breaks (Region 6 and HD 482) and in unlimited districts, the harvested sheep must be presented in the administrative region where the bighorn ram was taken. See page 42 for FWP office phone numbers.
- A hunter harvesting a bighorn sheep with a license valid for a "legal ram" must not alter the head and horns so as to affect determination of legality.
- Bighorn ram horns greater than one-half curl must be plugged or pinned at any FWP office within 10 days after harvest. A listing of designated personnel and phone numbers will be provided to all bighorn sheep license holders.

## Bighorn Sheep HD Regulations



Residents are eligible to apply for any of the following licenses. Nonresidents are restricted to certain districts. Nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of a region's quota. **Districts where nonresidents may apply are listed on the moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat nonresident worksheet, but may change when final quotas are set in June.**

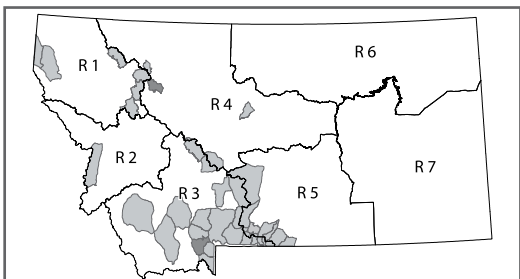
Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Number of Licenses	Archery Only Season Dates	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 1</b>							
100 - Kootenai Falls	100-20	Either-sex	May 1	5	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
102 - Galton Range	102-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
121 - North Clark Fork	121-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
122 - Clark Fork Cutt-Off	122-20	Any Ram	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
123 - Cabinet Mountains	123-20	Either-sex	May 1	4	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
124 - Paradise	124-20	Either-sex	May 1	6	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	124-30	Adult Ewe	May 1	2	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 2</b>							
203 - Grave Creek Range	203-20	Either-sex	May 1	3	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
210 - John Long Range	210-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
214 - South Flint Range	214-60	Legal Ram	May 1	2	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
250 - West Fork Bitterroot	250-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Valid in portion of HD south of Nez Perce Rd and West Fork Rd.
NOTE: Boundary Change							
261 - Skalkaho	261-20	Either-sex	May 1	2	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
270 - East Fork Bitterroot	270-20	Either-sex	May 1	3	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 3</b>							
300 - Gallatin-Yellowstone	300-60	Legal Ram	May 1	Unlimited	-	Sep 01-Sep 10	Harvest quota = 2.
NOTE: Any person harvesting a Bighorn Sheep in this Hunting District must personally report their harvest by calling the Harvest Reporting Line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (397-9453) or (406) 444-0356 or through the MYFWP portal at fwp.mt.gov within 48 hours of the kill. When the quota is reached or approached, the bighorn sheep season in this district will close. For Quota Status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.							
301 - Spanish Peaks	301-20	Either-sex	May 1	7	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
302 - Hilgards	302-20	Either-sex	May 1	6	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Oct 31	This is a remote backcountry unit. Access may be difficult.
303 - South Absaroka	303-60	Legal Ram	May 1	Unlimited	-	Sep 15-Oct 31	Harvest quota = 2. Deckard Flats-Eagle Crk portion of HD 303 as posted, subject to closure to all hunting on 24-hour notice.
NOTE: Any person harvesting a Bighorn Sheep in this Hunting District must personally report their harvest by calling the Harvest Reporting Line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (397-9453) or (406) 444-0356 or through the MYFWP portal at fwp.mt.gov within 48 hours of the kill. When the quota is reached or approached, the bighorn sheep season in this district will close. For Quota Status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989. NOTE: HD 303 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Gardiner closed to all hunting of big game							

Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Number of Licenses	Archery Only Season Dates	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 3 Continued</b>							
304 - Hyalite	304-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	This is a remote backcountry unit. Access may be difficult.
NOTE: HD 304 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area							
330 - Greenhorn Mountains	330-10	Any Ram	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
340 - Highland	340-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
380 - Radersburg	380-10	Any Ram	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 380 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20): Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area (Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader); Townsend Weapons Restriction Area NOTE: Boundary Change							
<b>Region 4</b>							
421 - Deep Creek	421-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
422 - Castle Reef	422-20	Either-sex	May 1	3	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
423 - Gibson Lake North	423-20	Either-sex	May 1	2	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
424 - Ford Creek	424-20	Either-sex	May 1	2	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
441 - North Fork Birch Creek-Teton	441-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
455 - Beartooth WMA-Gates of the Mountains Wilderness Area	455-20	Either-sex	May 1	2	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 455 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve							
482 - Fergus	482-20	Either-sex	May 1	20	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	482-30	Adult Ewe	May 1	40	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 5</b>							
500 - Boulder	500-60	Legal Ram	May 1	Unlimited	-	Sep 15-Nov 27	Harvest quota = 2.
NOTE: Any person harvesting a Bighorn Sheep in this Hunting District must personally report their harvest by calling the Harvest Reporting Line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (397-9453) or (406) 444-0356 or through the MYFWP portal at fwp.mt.gov within 48 hours of the kill. When the quota is reached or approached, the bighorn sheep season in this district will close. For Quota Status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.							
501 - Beartooth Mountains	501-60	Legal Ram	May 1	Unlimited	-	Sep 15-Nov 27	Harvest quota = 2.
NOTE: Any person harvesting a Bighorn Sheep in this Hunting District must personally report their harvest by calling the Harvest Reporting Line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (397-9453) or (406) 444-0356 or through the MYFWP portal at fwp.mt.gov within 48 hours of the kill. When the quota is reached or approached, the bighorn sheep season in this district will close. For Quota Status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.							
502 - Hellroaring	502-60	Legal Ram	May 1	Unlimited	-	Sep 15-Nov 27	Harvest quota = 2.
NOTE: Any person harvesting a Bighorn Sheep in this Hunting District must personally report their harvest by calling the Harvest Reporting Line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (397-9453) or (406) 444-0356 or through the MYFWP portal at fwp.mt.gov within 48 hours of the kill. When the quota is reached or approached, the bighorn sheep season in this district will close. For Quota Status call 1-800-385-7826 or (406) 444-1989.							
503 - Pryor Mountains	503-20	Either-sex	May 1	3	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 6</b>							
620 - Little Rockies	620-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
622 - Middle Missouri Breaks	622-20	Either-sex	May 1	10	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	622-30	Adult Ewe	May 1	20	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
680 - Chouteau-Blaine-Phillips	680-20	Either-sex	May 1	25	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	
	680-30	Adult Ewe	May 1	40	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Only valid east of the Stafford Ferry (Lloyd) Rd.
	680-31	Adult Ewe	May 1	40	Sep 03-Sep 14	Sep 15-Nov 27	Only valid west of the Stafford Ferry (Lloyd) Rd.
NOTE: Public access may be difficult and limited.							




Mtn Goat Districts Map

 Closed to hunting  
 Closed to hunting for game animals



Reference map shows mountain goat hunting districts' orientation within the State of Montana. Darker districts indicate new or changed boundaries.

Map only intended as a guide  
- please refer to the legal descriptions for actual boundaries

 Circled numbers indicate districts with boundaries that may be difficult to locate on this reference map.

## Mountain Goat Specific Information

### Licenses and General Information

- An applicant who receives a mountain goat license is not eligible to apply for or receive another license for mountain goat for the following 7 years (see 7 Year Wait chart).
- License holders may legally take one mountain goat subject to all specifications on the license issued.
- In Regions 1, 2, and 4 it is unlawful to take a female mountain goat accompanying a kid or a female in a group that contains one or more kids.

7 Year Wait	
Year License Drawn	Year May Reapply
2014	2022
2015	2023
2016	2024
2017	2025
2018	2026
2019	2027
2020	2028
2021	2029

### Mountain Goat Mandatory Inspection Requirements

A hunter harvesting a mountain goat must present the complete head with horns attached or the top portion of the skull with horns attached to a department official within 10 days of the date of kill. See page 42 for FWP office phone numbers.

## SuperTag Lottery for Mountain Goat



- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and/or mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- The moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via the Internet.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information, visit FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

## Mountain Goat License Auction

- Legislation authorizes the Fish & Wildlife Commission to provide for the auction of one mountain goat license each year. This license authorizes the hunter to take an either-sex mountain goat in any district of his/her choice. If this license holder is successful, the mountain goat will not be counted against the district quota. License holders may hunt only in areas open to mountain goat hunting.
- The auction is held annually during the winter by a conservation organization that is preselected by the F&W Commission.
- Money raised through the license auction is used for management of mountain goat.

## Mountain Goat HD Regulations

Residents are eligible to apply for any of the following licenses. Nonresidents are restricted to certain districts. Nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of a region's quota. **Districts where nonresidents may apply are listed on the moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat nonresident worksheet, but may change when final quotas are set in July.**

Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply By Date	Number of Licenses	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 1</b>						
100 - Cabinet Mountains	100-20	Either-sex	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
101 - West Cabinet Mountains	101-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
133 - Swan-Clearwater	133-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
140 - Great Northern	140-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 140 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge						
142 - Upper Middle Fork	142-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
150 - Continental Divide	150-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 2</b>						
240 - West Bitterroot	240-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	

Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply By Date	Number of Licenses	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Details and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 3</b>						
312 - Pioneer	312-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 01-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 312 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon						
313 - Crazy Mountains	313-20	Either-sex	May 1	15	Sep 01-Nov 27	
	313-30	Adult Female	May 1	5	Sep 01-Nov 27	
314 - Gallatin Range	314-20	Either-sex	May 1	30	Sep 01-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 314 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice; Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area						
316 - Cooke City	316-20	Either-sex	May 1	12	Sep 01-Nov 27	
320 - Tobacco Root Mountains	320-20	Either-sex	May 1	3	Sep 01-Nov 27	
323 - South Absaroka	323-20	Either-sex	May 1	38	Sep 01-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 323 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Deckard Flats: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice; Gardiner closed to hunting of all big game						
324 - Spanish Peaks	324-20	Either-sex	May 1	4	Sep 01-Nov 27	
325 - Jack Creek-Indian Creek	325-20	Either-sex	May 1	6	Sep 01-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 325 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area						
326 - Taylor-Hilgards	326-20	Either-sex	May 1	4	Sep 01-Nov 27	
329 - Hellroaring-Slough Creek	329-20	Either-sex	May 1	15	Sep 01-Nov 27	
330 - North Absaroka	330-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 01-Nov 27	
331 - Snowcrest Mountains	331-20	Either-sex	May 1	3	Sep 01-Nov 27	
350 - North Big Belt Mountains	350-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 350 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve						
361 - Hebgen-Upper Madison	361-20	Either-sex	May 1	3	Sep 01-Nov 27	
362 - Cabin Creek	362-20	Either-sex	May 1	6	Sep 01-Nov 27	
393 - Bridgers	393-20	Either-sex	May 1	6	Sep 01-Nov 27	
NOTE: HD 393 Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20) Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area						
<b>Region 4</b>						
415 - Birch Creek	415-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
442 - South Teton	442-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
447 - Square Butte	447-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
453 - South Big Belt Mountains	453-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
<b>Region 5</b>						
514 - Line Creek	514-20	Either-sex	May 1	2	Sep 15-Nov 27	
517 - Rock Creek	517-20	Either-sex	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	
518 - Froze-to-Death	518-20	Either-sex	May 1	3	Sep 15-Nov 27	Only valid south of Forest Service Trail 17 (Mystic Lake to East Rosebud Crk Trail)
519 - Fishtail	519-20	Either-sex	May 1	1	Sep 15-Nov 27	
521 - Two Sisters	521-20	Either-sex	May 1	4	Sep 15-Nov 27	



## Bison Specific Information

### Licenses and General Information

- A hunter may hold only one bison license.
- Bison licenses are allotted through a random drawing.
- Hunters must have applied for a bison license by May 1, 2022.
- Successful either-sex bison license applicants:
  - will receive a letter with instructions to view online bison hunter orientation.
  - hunters wishing to use **archery** equipment **MUST** also complete a mandatory archery orientation outlined in the letter sent to successful either-sex applicants.
- Potential second choice hunters will only be contacted in the event of the hunt roster being implemented. Up to 200 second choice state-issued licenses **MAY** be incrementally awarded depending upon bison migration into individual hunting districts. The bison hunt roster is primarily used to issue cow/calf only licenses during the general season, depending on migration. It can also be used for bison damage or management hunts for bull, cow, or calf at any time as needed. All bison second choice applicants are given a roster number. Applicants can visit MyFWP at **fwp.mt.gov** to see their position on the roster. To check the status of the hunt and to see whether the hunt roster has been implemented, please call the bison hotline at 406-577-7889 during the hunt periods.

### Bison Specific Regulations

- To protect public safety and minimize traffic obstructions, no bison hunting is allowed within 100 yards of US HWYs 20, 89, 191, or 287.
- Hunting on national forest lands must follow restrictions in USFS order 36 CFR 261.10 (d) (firearm discharges are prohibited within 150 yards of residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area or across a forest service road or body of water).
- Hunting shall be only by foot or horseback.
- Hunters who harvest a bison shall, upon field dressing the carcass, cut open the rumen and remove and spread its vegetative contents.
- Hunters who harvest a bison near a roadway or any other facility shall remove all unutilized parts of the carcass (entrails, tissues, bones, hides, fetuses, legs, etc.) to an area at least 200 yards from any roadway, dwelling, campground, designated trail or trailhead. These unutilized parts shall be placed in a manner as to be inconspicuous to passersby.
- Bison hunt information is available by calling 1-406-577-7889.

### Firearms (CR)

- The only means of taking allowed are center-fire rifles and/or archery equipment. Crossbows and muzzleloading black powder rifles are not permitted.
- Rifles are restricted to center-fire, 150 grain or larger bullet.
- Hunters wishing to harvest bison with archery equipment must complete the mandatory archery orientation course at: **fwp.mt.gov**

**Mandatory Reporting:** Successful bison hunters must report their harvested bison within 48 hours by calling 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356.

### Information and Recommendations

- Bison can achieve a live weight of up to 2,000 pounds, and can be very difficult for the average person to field dress alone. Participants should bring several people with them, or hire an outfitter to assist with the field dressing and handling of their bison. If participants plan to field dress and load their own animal, axes, knives, saws, and block and tackle may be necessary.
- Due to the bison's immense size and thick hide, palatable meat may spoil quickly without immediate and proper care. It is recommended that bison be skinned and quartered within five hours of the kill. The hide should not be left on the bison overnight, even if it is hanging.

## SuperTag Lottery for Bison



- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances to win a Montana hunting license for antelope, bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and/or mountain lion.
- An individual may be successful in winning one or a combination of these SuperTags per year.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- The moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat 7-year waiting period does not apply to SuperTags.
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## Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Big Game

- To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to humans, follow these proper ways to handle wild meat:
  - Consider every bison to be potentially infected. The results of blood tests show that about 50 percent of the bison are exposed to brucellosis.
  - Always wear protective gloves when dressing carcasses or handling viscera.
  - Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
  - Avoid contact with milk or material from the reproductive tract.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth until you have scrubbed after handling the animal.
  - Individuals with open sores or cuts on their hands should be especially careful.
  - Discard organ meats.
  - Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to your domestic dog, prevent consumption of big game viscera.

## Brucellosis

- Bison in Yellowstone National Park carry bacteria that cause a disease known as brucellosis or Bang's disease. Brucellosis in Yellowstone National Park bison is one of the primary reasons that attempts are being made to control bison in Montana.
- Brucellosis in bison is caused by a bacterium that can also infect humans. In humans, brucellosis is called undulant fever. Symptoms include intermittent fever, chills, night sweats, body aches, poor appetite and weakness. If undulant fever is treated early, it is fairly easy to cure. However, if the disease reaches a chronic stage, treatment is difficult.
- In bison, the bacteria is concentrated in the lymph nodes, reproductive organs and the udder. Cooking destroys bacteria that may be present in the meat. Thus, when thoroughly cooked, the meat is safe to eat.

## Bison Mandatory Reporting Requirement

**Bison Mandatory Reporting Requirement:** Successful bison hunters must report their harvested bison within 48 hours by calling 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356.

### Bison HD Regulations

Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Number of Licenses	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information and/or Restrictions
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#### Region 3

385 - Gardiner Basin Portion AND Absaroka Beartooth Portion (wilderness north of Yellowstone National Park including the upper portions of the Hellroaring and Slough Creek drainages).	385-20	Either Sex	May 1	40	Nov 15-Feb 15	
	385-21	Either Sex	May 1	5	Sep 15-Nov 14	Only valid in the Absaroka Beartooth portion of the HD. This is a wilderness backcountry hunt.
	385-77	Opportunity will vary based on need	May 1	Bison Hunt Roster	Nov 15-Feb 15	Second Choice only license. A bison hunter list will be created from a random drawing of all second choice applicants for HD 385. Hunters may or may not be activated based upon bison presence. A list will be developed from these choices in the sequence drawn and may be used to issue either a bison cow or calf license during the general bison season, depending on migration, or bison damage/management hunts as needed.

NOTE: The Absaroka-Beartooth portion is a very remote wilderness accessible only by foot or horse. Retrieving a harvested bison will present an extraordinary challenge. A mature bull bison can weigh 2,000 pounds and yield 800 pounds of meat. Hunters must be prepared to pack out this amount of meat, as well as the head and hide if desired, and to care for the meat properly in order to avoid spoilage. It is not recommended that hunters attempt this hunt without a string of pack-animals capable of this task and several additional people to assist with processing the harvested animal.

NOTE: Gardiner Hunting Closure - Closed to all hunting; Beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along said line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Stevens Creek, then northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

395 - Madison Watershed Portion AND Gallatin Watershed Portion	395-20	Either Sex	May 1	40	Nov 15-Feb 15	
	395-77	Opportunity will vary based on need	May 1	Bison Hunt Roster	Nov 15-Feb 15	Second Choice only license. A bison hunter list will be created from a random drawing of all second choice applicants for HD 395. Hunters may or may not be activated based upon bison presence. A list will be developed from these choices in the sequence drawn and may be used to issue either a bison cow or calf license during the general bison season, depending on migration, or bison damage/management hunts as needed.

NOTE: The Gallatin Watershed Portion of Bison HD 395 is CLOSED TO HUNTING. See map, legal descriptions and hunting closures in the legal descriptions in these regulations.

NOTE: Restricted Area: No hunting within the city limits of West Yellowstone, no hunting within the fenced boundary of the West Yellowstone airport and closure area to protect eagle-nesting sites on National Forest System Lands on Horse Butte Peninsula as posted from Dec. 1 to Aug. 15.

# HOW TO HUNT SAFELY IN Bear Country



## **Tips on how to prepare for safe outings.**

- Inquire about recent bear activity in the area.
- Carry and know how to use bear spray.
- Let someone know your plans and time frame.
- Travel in groups of three or more people when possible.
- Stay on trails or rural roads.
- Watch for signs of bears such as bear scat, diggings, torn-up logs and turned over rocks, and partly consumed animal carcasses.
- Make your presence known by making noise - talking, singing, carrying a bell - especially when near streams or in thick forest where visibility is low. This can be the key to avoiding encounters. Most bears will avoid humans when they know humans are present.
- Don't approach a bear; respect its space and move off.

## **Hunters**

Bears have expanded to areas where they previously may not have not been. They can now be found throughout Western and Central Montana.

Be aware that the act of hunting puts you at risk of encountering bears and that elk bugling, game calls and cover scents may attract bears.

When hunting, the golden rule is "get the elk or deer out of the area as quickly as possible." The longer a carcass remains lying on the ground, hung up in hunting camp, or in the back of a truck, the more likely it will be discovered by a bear. The sooner elk and deer are taken home the better.

If you must leave the carcass, hang it, in pieces if necessary, at least 10' above the ground. Leave the carcass where you can see it from a distance, and when you return, observe the carcass with binoculars before approaching. If a bear has claimed the carcass, leave the area and report the incident to the proper authorities. It's not worth risking your safety or the bear's safety.

Bears are opportunists and change their behavior in order to take advantage of new food sources. So if you are hunting always assume that bears are in the area and make sure your camps, cabins and homes are bear proof, and that bear attractants are unavailable or contained.



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## 2022 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours



These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of moose, bighorn sheep, bison or mountain goat begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. **(Do not use other sources).**

**ZONE 1: INCLUDES:** Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders counties

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4	7:00	8:09	7:39	7:10	8:23	6:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01	7:57	5:44
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**ZONE 2: INCLUDES:** Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole counties.

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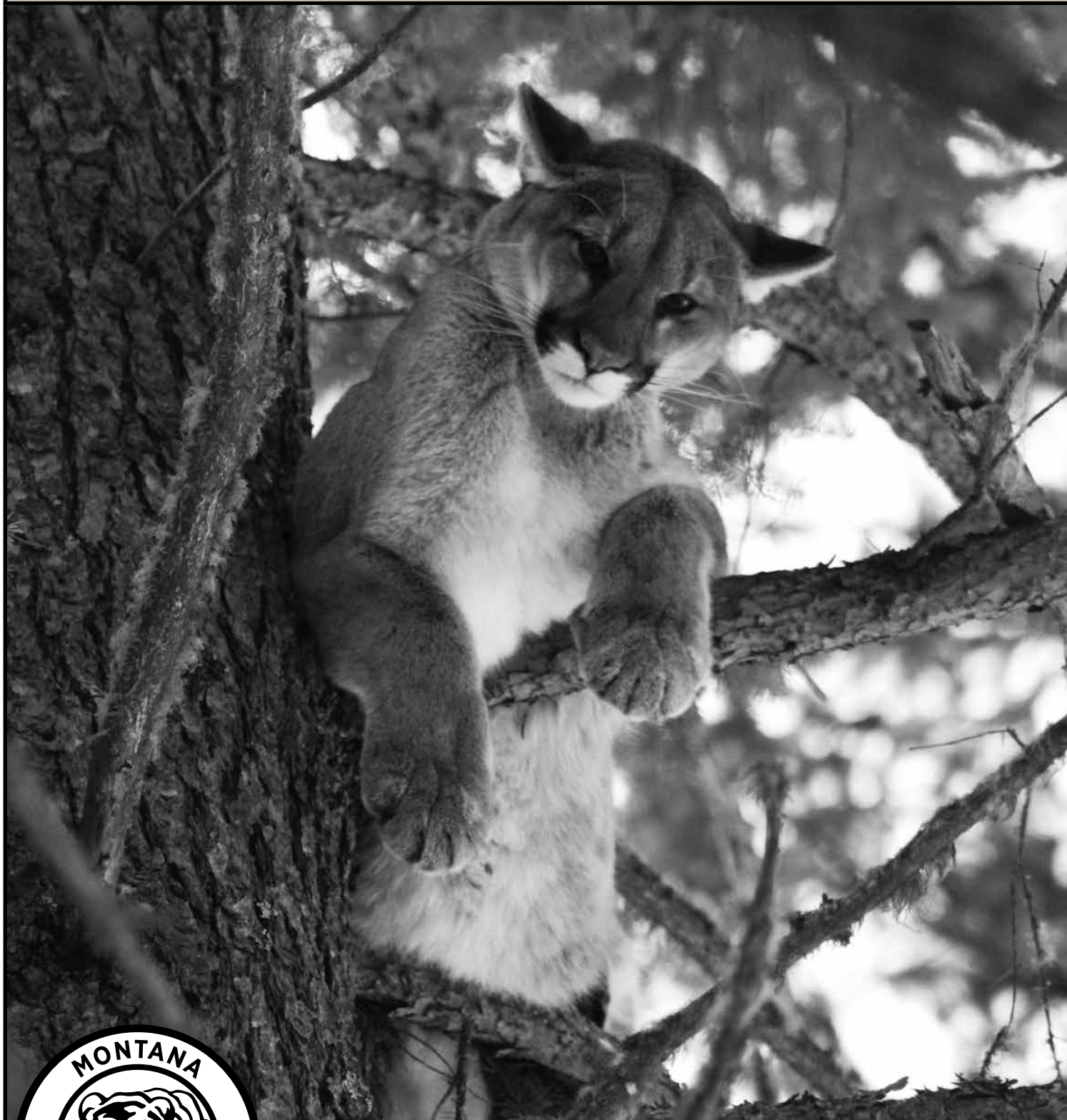
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**2021**

# MOUNTAIN LION

**MONTANA FWP** | Hunting Regulations



Mountain Lion *Puma concolor* | Photo by Cody Allison

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## Highlights/ Reminders

- Deadline to apply for Special Mountain Lion License drawing is July 23.
- Even though the 2021 Mountain Lion season extends into the 2022 license year, the deadline to purchase 2021 licenses is February 28, 2022.

## Regulations Adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 13, 2021, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2021, through April 14, 2022. Final quotas were adopted by the F&W Commission on June 24, 2021. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies' restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under Commission authority. *Henry "Hank" Worsch*, Director. Discrimination Prohibited – State and Federal laws, Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or disability. Anyone believing he or she has been discriminated against (as described above) in any FWP program, activity, or facility may write to FWP Human Resources, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701 or the office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. Any changes made to this printed publication can be found on the FWP website or by inquiring at any local FWP office.

## Obtain a License

- In most of Region 1, resident mountain lion hunting during the Winter Season is by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available.
- In most of Region 2, mountain lion hunting during the early portion of the Winter Season (Dec. 1 – Jan. 31) is by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available. General Mountain Lion License holders may hunt during the Late Winter Season (Feb. 1 – Apr. 14) until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
- In the Missoula Special Management Area within Region 2:
  - **Resident** mountain lion hunting only by General License under a harvest quota. Exception: Special Mountain Lion License holders may hunt mountain lion in the Missoula Special Management Area during the Archery Only and Fall mountain lion seasons.
  - **Nonresident** mountain lion hunting only by Special Mountain Lion License and limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the district quota.
- In Regions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, all hunting districts are quota-based with a General License for residents and nonresidents.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase a Surplus Special Mountain Lion License or a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License. Unsuccessful resident applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase during the hound training season December 2 - April 14 in any valid hunting district statewide.
- If we do not sell all of our Special Mountain Lion Licenses through the drawing process they will be made available as Surplus Special Mountain Lion Licenses. Hunters without a Mountain Lion License and those unsuccessful at the original Special Mountain Lion License drawing are eligible to place their name on the surplus list for a chance at any surplus licenses.

## General Mountain Lion License

- A General Mountain Lion License is available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers, or online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).
- During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district, even if the district is a Special Mountain Lion License district during the Winter Season.
- During the Winter Season, a General Mountain Lion License is valid in all hunting districts with an open harvest quota (excluding Special Mountain Lion License areas).

## License Chart

The following 2021 licenses, for the purpose of mountain lion hunting, chasing and/or resident hound training, are valid March 1, 2021, through the dates listed in these regulations and subject to quota closures. A hunter may purchase only one mountain lion license per year.

LICENSE	REQUIREMENT(S)	COST
Conservation	Required prerequisite and must be carried while hunting or chasing lions.	\$4 Resident 10-17, 62+ \$8 Resident (18-62) \$10 Nonresident
Base Hunting License	Required prerequisite for hunting or applying for a permit or license.	\$10 Resident \$15 Nonresident
General Mountain Lion	Available to resident and nonresident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued. Purchase by February 28, 2022.	\$19 Resident \$320 Nonresident
Bow and Arrow (Archery)	A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license, is required during mountain lion Archery Only Season or to archery hunt mountain lion in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.	\$10 Resident \$10 Nonresident
Resident Hound Training	Available to resident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued. See Youth Hunting Opportunities.	\$5 Resident Only
Special Mountain Lion License	Apply in person at FWP headquarters or online at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">fwp.mt.gov</a> : Online applications ( <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">fwp.mt.gov</a> ) must be completed by 11:45 p.m. MDT on July 23. NOTE: successful applicants must purchase a Special Mountain Lion License by February 28, 2022.	<b>Application fee:</b> \$5 Resident \$5 Nonresident <b>License cost:</b> \$19 Resident \$320 Nonresident
Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License	Only available to unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License. Eligible hunters will receive a letter with purchase details.	\$19 Resident \$320 Nonresident
Nonresident Hound License	Required to hunt with dogs on your own using any lion license.	\$250 Nonresident

- During the Late Winter Season (Feb. 01 - Apr. 14) a General Mountain Lion License is valid in all hunting districts until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.

### Special Mountain Lion License

- A limited number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses are available only through a special drawing. Apply by July 23.
- Applicants must possess a current year Conservation License and a Base Hunting License to apply for a Special Mountain Lion License.
- Bonus points will be offered for Special Mountain Lion License applications.
- Nonresidents are limited to no more than 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses offered.
- A Special Mountain Lion License may be applied for:
  - online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) no later than 11:45 p.m. MDT on July 23, **or**
  - over-the-counter at any FWP Regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT July 23.
- Drawing results will be available during or after July 27.
- Successful Special Mountain Lion License applicants will be notified by mail and must purchase a mountain lion license no later than February 28, 2022.
- During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district.
- During the Winter Season, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used only in a specific hunting district, portion of the hunting district, or a group of hunting districts for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid.

### Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License

- In most Region 2 districts, mountain lion hunting during the early portion of the Winter Season (Dec. 1 - Jan. 31) will be only by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available. Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License holders may hunt during the Late Winter Season (Feb. 1 - Apr. 14) until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase only a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License, valid statewide in the Archery Only Season, in any open districts during the Fall Season Without Dogs, the Late Winter Season (Feb. 1 - Apr. 14) in Region 2 and in the Missoula Special Management Area.
- Unsuccessful resident applicants for Special Mountain Lion Licenses may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase mountain lion and/or bobcat during the hound training season in any valid mountain lion hunting district statewide Dec. 2 - Apr. 14.

### Resident Hound Training License (RHTL)

- Available to resident Conservation License holders.
- Entitles the license holder to use a dog or dogs to aid in chasing mountain lions and/or bobcat in all valid mountain lion hunting districts in the state, except HD 282, during the hound training season from Dec. 2 - Apr. 14 per MCA 87-2-521.
- A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with only a RHTL. To kill a mountain lion, you must hold a Mountain Lion License. To kill a bobcat, you must hold a Trapping License purchased and validated for bobcat by November 30.
- A resident hunter with a valid Mountain Lion License is not required to have a Resident Hound Training License to chase mountain lion.

### Super Tag Lottery for Mountain Lion

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances per species by June 30 to win a Montana hunting license for a mountain lion as well as antelope, bison, deer, elk, moose, sheep and goat.
- Each Super Tag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).
- Proceeds from the sale of Super Tag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information, visit FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

### Nonresident Hound License

- For nonresidents to use dogs for hunting mountain lions they must be on an outfitted trip with a licensed Montana outfitter/guide or have one of the Nonresident Hound Licenses in addition to a

Mountain Lion License. To apply for a Nonresident Hound License the nonresident must already hold a Mountain Lion License. You must hold a Mountain Lion License valid in at least a portion of the hound area you are applying for. If unsuccessful in the hound drawing, FWP will refund the Hound License fee of \$250, but not the prerequisite Mountain Lion License fee of \$320.

- Nonresident Hound License Drawing. Applications for the Nonresident Hound License will be available starting July 28. The deadline to apply for it will be August 18, and the drawing will be August 20. To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must have purchased one of the four types of Mountain Lion License.
- Options for General Mountain Lion License holders. Those with a General Mountain Lion License may apply for any of the hound licenses except the three Region 1 areas that include only drawing districts. In the fourth Region 1 district grouping, if successful they could only hunt in the quota only areas until quotas are filled or until the season is closed. For Region 2 areas, if successful they could not hunt the Winter Season, but could hunt the Late Winter Season until quotas are filled or until the season is closed in any of the districts within that area at that time. For the remaining hunt areas, if successful they can hunt in any of the districts within that area that have open quotas.
- Options for Special Mountain Lion License or Surplus Special Mountain Lion Holders. Those with a Special Lion License for a specific district or districts can only apply for a Nonresident Hound License in an area that includes that hunting district or districts. If successful in the Nonresident Hound License drawing, they could hunt on their own with hounds in that specific district or districts on the Special Lion License. If unsuccessful in the Hound License drawing, they can only hunt with hounds with an outfitter and only in that district or districts.
- Options for Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License Holders. Those with a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License (those who were unsuccessful at a Special Lion License drawing, and who did not purchase a Surplus Special Mountain Lion License) can only apply for one of the four areas (grouping of districts) in Region 2. If successful, they could not hunt the Winter Season but could hunt the Late Winter Season until quotas are filled or until the season is closed in any of the districts within that area at that time. If unsuccessful, in the Hound License drawing they could only hunt with hounds with an outfitter, and only for the Late Winter Season in Region 2 until quotas are filled or until the season is closed in any of the districts within that area at that time.
- Rules and Restrictions. To be eligible to apply for the nonresident hound license, the applicant must be 18, or turn 18 by April 14, 2022. The holder of a Nonresident Hound License may not assist another person in the pursuit of a lion for harvest. Any area restrictions on the Mountain Lion License and the Nonresident Hound License both apply as well as quota restrictions in quota areas.

### Residency

It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or replacement resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license (MCA 87-6-302)

### Resident (MCA 87-2-102)

- To be a lawful Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, you must:
  - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
  - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
  - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
  - not possess (or have applied for any) current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
  - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
  - Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
  - A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
    - > claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
    - > is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property

in Montana.

- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC), or a valid Tribal Identification Card (TIC).
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

#### Hunter Education (MCA 87-2-105)

**Hunter Education Requirements** - If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

#### Bowhunter Education Requirements

To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:

- provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.

**Duplicate Certificates** - Bowhunter or hunter education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at:

[myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/hunterEdCert](http://myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/hunterEdCert)

**Youth Hunter** - A resident or nonresident youth who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2022, may hunt any game species for which their license is valid, after August 15, 2021. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

#### Laws & Rules

- Statute denoted by MCA.
- Commission Rule denoted by CR.
- Administrative rule denoted by ARM.

#### Aircraft (MCA 87-6-208)

- It is unlawful for a person to shoot a game animal from an aircraft.
- It is unlawful for a person to use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game animal.
- Aircraft may not be used to locate game animals for the purpose of:
  - hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne, or
  - providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.

#### Archery Equipment (MCA 87-6-401, CR)

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of game animals.
- The following criteria define Archery Equipment. It is unlawful to use, while hunting game during any Archery Only Season and in Archery Equipment Only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:

**Hunting Bow:** A hunting bow for game animals shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.

- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand-drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct

pulling effort by the shooter.

- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow, and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

**Exception:** Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

> A bow is considered lawful if it is at least 28 inches in total length.

> The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent as advertised by the manufacturer.

**Arrow:** An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges and be at least 7/8 inches at the widest point. Expandable broadheads are lawful as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

**The following are not considered a hunting bow or lawful archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an Archery Equipment Only area or hunting district:**

- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow or arrow. **Exception:** Camera devices attached to bows for the sole purpose of filming is allowed.
- A bow sight or arrow that uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics. **Exception:** an arrow may have a lighted nock.

**Artificial Light (MCA 87-6-401)** - It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infra-red light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game animals.

#### Baiting (MCA 87-6-401, CR)

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

**Bobcat and Lynx (MCA 87-2-601, CR)** - Nonresidents may not take bobcats. Lynx are listed as a federally threatened species and there is no open season. It is a violation of both state and federal law to knowingly chase lynx with dogs.

**Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218)** - All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

**Disturbing Traps or Trapped Animals (MCA 87-6-601(5))** - A person may not destroy, disturb, or remove any trap or snare belonging to another person or remove wildlife from a trap or snare belonging to another person without permission of the owner of the trap or snare, except that from March 1 to Oct. 1 of each year a person may remove any snare from land owned or leased by the person if the snare would endanger livestock. This requirement does not apply to a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of the officer's duty.

**Evidence of Sex (MCA 87-6-406)** - A person who kills a game animal in this state shall retain evidence of sex of the animal with the carcass until it is processed. The provisions of this section do not apply to a game animal harvested using a license with which either sex of the animal may be taken. Evidence of sex does not need to be

naturally attached. Evidence of sex of a mountain lion does not need to be retained until a male or female quota or subquota is reached. Once any male or female quota or subquota is reached, evidence of sex must be retained with a mountain lion carcass until it is processed.

**Excess Harvest Resulting in an Unlawfully Taken Animal** - If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an unlawfully taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

**> Hunters should field dress the animal but DO NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.**

## Firearms

- Firearms, including rifles, handguns, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, and muzzleloaders; archery equipment; and crossbows are lawful for taking game animals. All other methods of take are prohibited.
- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation or magazine/round capacity restrictions for the taking of game animals.
- Rifle scopes with illuminated reticles, built-in range finding capabilities, and "red dot" scopes are lawful for the taking of game animals.

## Glandular Scents ((ARM 12.6.1016, 12.6.1017)( MCA 87-6-101))

Artificial and Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) approved natural glandular scents may be used by hunters for the purpose of masking human odor. Urine-based and natural glandular scents are approved by the F&W commission for the purposes of attracting game animals (except black bears) and game birds if they:

- originate from a state or province not listed below as having documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease or
- originate from a facility which is approved by the F&W commission as certified by the Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) and displays the required marks on the product packaging.



The following states have documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The following Canadian provinces have documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease: Alberta, Quebec, and Saskatchewan.

## Harvest Limit

- A hunter may take one legal mountain lion per license year.

## Hunter Harassment (MCA 87-6-215)

It is unlawful to:

- Intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal.
- Disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal.

**Hunting Hours (CR)** - Authorized hunting hours for the taking of game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 15.

**Hunter Orange Requirement (MCA 87-6-414)** - A person may not hunt any game animals in this state or accompany any hunter as an outfitter or guide under any of the provisions of the laws of this state without wearing as exterior garments, above the waist, a total of not less than 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material visible at all times while hunting.

- This section does not apply to a person hunting with a bow and arrow during the special archery season; or hunting wolves outside the general deer and elk season as authorized by commission rules. However, bowhunters hunting wolf during any portion of the general (firearm) seasons for deer, elk, antelope, moose, sheep, mountain goat, black bear, mountain lion must meet the hunter orange requirement while hunting.

## Indian Reservations

- The F&W Commission has by rule, closed all lands within the exterior boundaries of Montana's Indian Reservations to the hunting of game animals with the use of state licenses unless provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana.
- Currently, there are no cooperative agreements between FWP and

any of the Tribal Governments in Montana and as such the season for the hunting of game animals, by nonmembers, with a state license is closed. Please contact FWP for further information.

**Inspection by Warden (MCA 87-1-502, 87-6-218)** - Game animals, game and nongame birds, fish, and furbearers taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

**Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)** - Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is unlawful for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

**Kill Site Verification (ARM 12.6.1005)** - At the request of a Department Game Warden, it is required to return to the kill site of any game animal, game bird, wolf, or furbearer that has been hunted or trapped.

**Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-415)** - A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt furbearers, game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property without first obtaining permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents. Regardless of whether the land is posted or not, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

For the purposes of this section, the term "hunt" has the same meaning as provided in 87-6-101 and includes entering private land to: (a) retrieve wildlife; or (b) access public land to hunt.

## License and Permit Possession/Use (MCA 87-6-304)

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt for any game animal unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- Refuse to produce a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a game warden.
- Alter or change a license in any material manner.
- Loan or transfer any license to another person.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Attach the person's license to a game animal killed by another person.

Have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit. This prohibition does not apply to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.

## License Validation/Tagging (MCA 87-6-411)

- A hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal before the carcass is removed from the site of the kill, or before the hunter leaves the site of the kill.
- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):



- The triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely cut out and removed.
- The properly validated license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed.

**Littering (MCA 75-10-212)** - A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes, while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing, or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

**Marked or Radio-Collared Animals (CR)** - It is lawful to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

**Motion-Tracking Devices (MCA 87-6-401)** - It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to use any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter. Motion tracking devices are defined by the F&W Commission as remote operated camera or video devices capable of transmitting real time information, pictures or videos; seismic devices; thermal imaging devices; and satellite and radio telemetry devices.

A radio-tracking collar attached to a dog that is used by a hunter engaged in lawful hunting activities is not considered an unlawful motion-tracking device.

### **Motorized Vehicles (MCA 87-6-405)**

It is unlawful for anyone to:

- hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird from any self-propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- use a motor-driven vehicle off road on state land.
- use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land. For more information related to state school trust lands, see page 13.
- use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.

### **Off Road - Federal lands (CR)**

- operate, on federal public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

### **Boats (MCA 87-6-207)**

- a person may not use a motorboat or a sailboat as defined in 23-2-502 for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any upland game bird, migratory bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal until the motor is shut off or the sails are furled and the progress of the vessel has ceased.

### **Mountain Lion Specific Regulations**

- Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens with spots may not be taken.
  - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

### **Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs)**

**Residents** - OHVs (ATV, UTV, dirtbike) must be registered and display a current Off-Highway decal to be used for off-road recreation on public lands (trails, frozen lakes, reservoirs). To be used on roads (county, Forest Service, etc.), an OHV must have a license plate and street-lawful modifications. Register your OHV with the county treasurer.

**Nonresidents** - OHVs from another state must purchase a nonresident permit to operate (anywhere) in Montana. Idaho and North Dakota residents are exempt. Permits are good for one calendar year, cost \$27, and can be purchased from local vendors ([fwp.mt.gov/activities/off-highway-vehicles](http://fwp.mt.gov/activities/off-highway-vehicles), OHV Permit and Laws), at FWP offices or online at [ols.fwp.mt.gov](http://ols.fwp.mt.gov). Contact Montana State Parks OHV Program at 406-444-3753 or [smcarthur@mt.gov](mailto:smcarthur@mt.gov) with questions.

**Outfitters and Guides (MCA 37-47-301)** - A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.

- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

**Predators and Nongame Hunting** - Predators and nongame species can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A Conservation License, or a State School Trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predators and nongame species on State School Trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.

- **Predators** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).

- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise lawfully classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.
- **Furbearers** are protected game species that may only be taken by residents with a valid Trapping License during prescribed open seasons. State classified furbearers include beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, marten, fisher, wolverine, bobcat, lynx, and swift fox.

**Public Roadways (MCA 87-6-403)** - It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel).

**Recorded Animal Sounds (MCA 87-6-401)** - It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by state or federal law.

**Simulated Wildlife (MCA 87-6-217)** - It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute, ARM, or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

### **Transport of Wildlife**

- An individual other than the license holder may transport lawfully taken, properly tagged game animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements" (see page 4).
- It is unlawful to ship, possess, transport, or take out of state unlawfully killed game animals.
- It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an unlawfully taken game animal across state boundaries.
- If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between the United States and any foreign country, you must complete a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declaration form. For further information contact the USFWS wildlife inspector at 406-335-4350 or [fws.gov](http://fws.gov).
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.

### **Two-way Communication (ARM 12.6.1010)**

The use of two-way electronic communication is prohibited:

- While in the act of hunting game animals or wolves to aid in the taking or locating of live animals.
- While in the act of hunting mountain lion or bobcats with dogs, beginning when the dogs are placed or physically released on tracks or a scent trail.
- To avoid game check stations or FWP enforcement personnel.
- To facilitate unlawful hunting activity.

The use of two-way electronic communication for the use of safety or other legitimate purposes is exempt.

Two-way electronic communication includes, but is not limited to, the following: radios (walkie-talkies/CB), cell phones, text messages, and the use of social media or other electronic platforms, applications, or programs.

**Unmanned Aerial Vehicles UAV (CR)** - It is unlawful for a person to use an UAV/drone for the purposes of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game animal. A UAV/drone may not be used to locate game animals for the purposes of: hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a UAV/drone has been airborne, or providing information for another person for the purposes of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after the UAV/drone has been airborne. UAVs/drones are not allowed to film a hunt.

**Waste of Game (MCA 87-6-205)** - Mountain lion is excluded from being considered "suitable for food." A person that harvests a mountain lion may not abandon the head or hide in the field.

### **Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons**

#### **Archery Only Season Without Dogs: September 4 - October 17, 2021.**

- Resident and nonresident hunters with either a General Mountain Lion License, a Special Mountain Lion License OR a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open district statewide during the Archery Only Season.
- A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license is required during mountain lion Archery Only Season or to archery

- hunt mountain lion in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.
- Use of dogs is prohibited during the Archery Only Season.
- The Archery Only Season for mountain lion will close:
  - With the end of the Archery Only Season or,
  - Earlier upon reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of the total quota or number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses in the district or management unit, or
  - When one mountain lion is taken in those districts or management units with a total harvest quota of less than five mountain lions or less than five Special Mountain Lion Licenses.
- When a district or management unit closes during the Archery Only Season, the Fall Season Without Dogs in that district will not open.
- In General License areas, the Archery Only Season harvest will be deducted from the district or management unit quota and subquota.
- In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the Archery Only Season male or female harvest will be deducted from that district's or management unit's respective male or female mountain lion subquota or quota.

#### **Fall Season Without Dogs: October 23 - December 1, 2021**

- Resident and nonresident hunters with either a General Mountain Lion License, a Special Mountain Lion License OR a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open district or management unit statewide during the Fall Season Without Dogs.
- Use of dogs is prohibited during the Fall Season.
- The Fall Mountain Lion Season will close:
  - With the end of the general deer/elk season, or
  - Earlier upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of the total quota or number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses in the district or management unit, or
  - When one mountain lion is taken in those districts or management units with a total harvest quota of less than five mountain lions or less than five Special Mountain Lion Licenses.
- In general license areas, the combined Archery Only Season harvest and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest will be deducted from the district or management unit quota and subquota.
- In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs male and female mountain lion harvest will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion subquota or quota.

#### **Winter Season: December 01, 2021 - April 14, 2022**

- When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district or management unit will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- General Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in any open General Mountain Lion License hunting district or management unit during the Winter Season.
- Special Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the hunting district, portion of the district, or group of districts (management unit) for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season.
- Nonresident lion hunters have further restrictions, see additional information under Nonresident Hound License on page 3.

#### **Late Winter Season: February 01, 2022 - April 14, 2022**

- General Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in any open Region 2 General Mountain Lion License hunting district or management unit during the Late Winter Season. License holders must check the quota status before hunting in a Late Winter Season. The season will not open if Special Mountain Lion License holders fill the quota by February 1.
- Region 2 hunting districts or management units with Special Mountain Lion Licenses are open to Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License holders for this late portion of the Winter Season until the harvest quota is reached.
- When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- Special Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the hunting district, portion of the district, or group of districts (management unit) for which the Special Mountain Lion

- License is valid during the Winter Season or Late Winter Season.
- Nonresident lion hunters have further restrictions, see additional information under Nonresident Hound License on page 3.

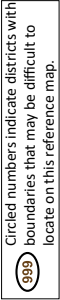
#### **Winter Season and Late Winter Season General License Harvest Quotas**

- Mountain lion quotas fill quickly in some hunting districts or management units so hunters should check harvest closure information frequently.
- When the subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- When the total quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice to the harvest of all mountain lions, but no later than April 14.
- The Fish & Wildlife Commission has authorized the department to initiate closure prior to reaching the total quota or subquota when conditions or circumstances indicate the total quota or subquota may be reached within the 24-hours closure notice period.

#### **Hound Training Season: December 2, 2021 - April 14, 2022**

- A hunter with a Resident Hound Training License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district or management unit statewide from December 2 - April 14.
- A resident hunter with a valid General Mountain Lion License, Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district or management unit statewide December 2 - April 14.
- A resident hunter with a valid General Mountain Lion License may lawfully harvest a mountain lion with dogs in any open general license hunting district or management unit during the Winter or Late Winter Seasons.
- A hunter with a valid Special Mountain Lion License may lawfully harvest a mountain lion with dogs only in the hunting district or management unit for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season. **Exceptions:** hunting district 150 is open to the use of dogs September 15 - April 14.
- A resident hunter with a valid Mountain Lion License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district or management unit statewide December 2 - April 14. **Exceptions:** hunting district 150 is open to the use of dogs September 15 - April 14.
- A hunter with a valid Resident Hound Training License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district or management unit statewide December 2 - April 14. A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with a Resident Hound Training License.
- Authorized **mountain lion and bobcat hunting and chasing** hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset.
- Nonresidents may not hunt or chase bobcat. Residents must possess a valid General Trapper License to hunt and chase bobcat or a Resident Hound Training License to chase bobcats. See the Furbearer and Trapping Regulations for more information.
- Permission is required to release dogs or chase mountain lions on private land.
- It is prohibited for a dog owner or mountain lion hunter to release dogs on a mountain lion track, or allow dogs to chase a mountain lion, or hold a mountain lion at bay during any period of the day or year when the season is not open to hunting or chasing mountain lions. Legitimate attempts to retrieve loose dogs after legal hunting hours does not constitute a violation of this rule.
- Persons handling dogs in the field are required to:
  - Have a valid resident General Mountain Lion License if hunting or chasing, **or**
  - Have a valid resident Special Mountain Lion License if hunting or chasing, **or**
  - Have a valid resident Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License if hunting or chasing, **or**
  - Have a Resident Hound Training License to only chase.
  - Nonresidents must also have a Nonresident Hound License
- Outfitters and guides will be eligible to handle hounds with only a valid Conservation License and a valid Montana outfitter or guide license in their possession. Guides will also be required to provide the license number of the outfitter on whose license they are guiding if required to do so by an FWP employee.

## Mountain Lion Hunting District Map



# Mountain Lion Management Unit Harvest Quotas and Regulations

## Region 1

LMU	Archery/ Fall Season Either Sex Lion Harvest Quota*	Archery/Fall Season Without Dogs Archery Sept 4 - Oct 17 Fall Oct 23 - Dec 1 License Type Required	Winter Quota Either Sex	Winter Season Dec 1 - Apr 14 License Type Required	Special License Number Female must be 1st choice only	Number of Special Licenses Issued	Nonresident Hound License Needed	Number of Hound Licenses
HD 100	5	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	100-01(M) 100-02(F)	12(M) 12(F)	194-00	2
HD 101	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	101-01(M) 101-02(F)	5(M) 7(F)	195-00	2
HD 102	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	102-01(M) 102-02(F)	5(M) 7(F)	195-00	2
HD 103 NOTE: Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area restricted to ArchEquip only.	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	103-01(M) 103-02(F)	7(M) 5(F)	194-00	2
HD 104	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	104-01(M) 104-02(F)	7(M) 5(F)	194-00	2
HD 109	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	109-01(M) 109-02(F)	4(M) 4(F)	195-00	2
HD 110	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	110-01(M) 110-02(F)	4(M) 4(F)	195-00	2
HD 120	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	120-01(M) 120-02(F)	4(M) 7(F)	197-00	2
HD 121	6	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	121-01(M) 121-02(F)	10(M) 20(F)	196-00	2
HD 122	4	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	122-01(M) 122-02(F)	7(M) 12(F)	196-00	2
HD 123	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	123-01(M) 123-02(F)	4(M) 7(F)	196-00	2
HD 124	2	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	124-01(M) 124-02(F)	3(M) 6(F)	196-00	2
HD 130	3	Any Lion License	-	Special License Only	130-01(M) 130-02(F)	5(M) 9(F)	197-00	2
HD 140	2	Any Lion License	10	General Lion License	-	-	197-00	2
HD 141	1	Any Lion License	6	General Lion License	-	-	197-00	2
HD 150	1	Any Lion License	7	General Lion License	-	-	197-00	2
Archery Season Sep 4 - Sep 14 Winter Season Sep 15 - Apr 14	Unlimited	Any Lion License	Unlimited	General Lion License	-	-	197-00	2
* Region 1: During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General License, a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district but the district will close when the harvest reaches a number nearest to 20 percent of the quota. A Region 1 Male and Female Special Mountain Lion License is valid for either sex during the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs								

## Region 2

LMU	Archery/ Fall Season Either Sex Lion Harvest Quota*	Archery/Fall Season Without Dogs Archery Sept 4 - Oct 17 Fall Oct 23 - Dec 1 License Type Required	Female Winter Quota	Male Winter Quota	Winter Season Dec 1 - Apr 14 License Type Required	Special License Number	Number of Special Licenses Issued	Late Winter Season Feb 1 - Apr 14 License Type Required	Nonresident Hound License Needed	Number of Hound Licenses
Resident only Missoula Special Management Area (MSMA) Portions of HDs 201, 203, 204, 260, 283, & 292	5	Any Lion License	12	13	Any General Lion License	-	-	-	294-00	2
Nonresidents only Missoula Special Management Area (MSMA) Portions of HDs 201, 203, 204, 260, 283, & 292		Any Lion License			Special License Only	201-00	2	-	294-00	2
HD 200 & 201 excluding MSMA	4	Any Lion License	7	13	Special License Only	200-00	20	Any General Lion License	294-00	2
HDs 202 & 203 excluding MSMA	6	Any Lion License	10	20	Special License Only	202-00	30	Any General Lion License	294-00	2
HD 210	1	Any Lion License	1	3	Special License Only	210-00	4	Any General Lion License	296-00	2
HDs 211 & 216	2	Any Lion License	3	5	Special License Only	211-00	8	Any General Lion License	296-00	2
HDs 212, 213, & 217	1	Any Lion License	1	5	Special License Only	212-00	6	Any General Lion License	296-00	2

## Region 2 Continued

LMU	Archery/ Fall Season Either Sex Lion Harvest Quota*	Archery/Fall Season Without Dogs Archery Sept 4 - Oct 17 Fall Oct 23 - Dec 1 License Type Required	Female Winter Quota	Male Winter Quota	Winter Season Dec 1 - Apr 14 License Type Required	Special License Number	Number of Special Licenses Issued	Late Winter Season Feb 1 - Apr 14 License Type Required	Nonresident Hound License Needed	Number of Hound Licenses
HD 214	1	Any Lion License	1	2	Special License Only	214-00	3	Any General Lion License	296-00	2
HD 215	1	Any Lion License	1	3	Special License Only	215-00	4	Any General Lion License	296-00	2
HDs 204, 260, 261, & 262 (excluding MSMA)	1	Any Lion License	2	4				Any General Lion License	295-00	2
HD 240	1	Any Lion License	3	4	Special License Only	204-00	31	Any General Lion License	295-00	2
HD 250	2	Any Lion License	3	5				Any General Lion License	295-00	2
HD 270	2	Any Lion License	5	6				Any General Lion License	295-00	2
HD 280, 281, 284, 293 & portion of 298 east of State Route 141	2	Any Lion License	3	5	Special License Only	280-00	8	Any General Lion License	297-00	2
HD 282	Closed									
HDs 283 & 285 (excluding MSMA)	2	Any Lion License	4	7	Special License Only	283-00	11	Any General Lion License	297-00	2
HDs 290, 291, 292 & portion of 298 west of State Route 141 (excluding MSMA)	2	Any Lion License	3	7	Special License Only	290-00	10	Any General Lion License	297-00	2

\* Region 2: During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General License, a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district but the district will close when the harvest reaches a number nearest to 20 percent of the quota. In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the combined Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs male and female mountain lion harvest from all license holders will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion quotas.

## Region 3

LMU	Archery/Fall Season Either Sex Lion Harvest Quota*	Archery/Fall Season Without Dogs Archery Sept 4 - Oct 17 Fall Oct 23 - Dec 1 License Type Required	Either Sex Winter Quota	Female Winter Quota	Male Winter Quota	Winter Season Dec 1 - Apr 14 License Type Required	Nonresident Hound License Needed	Number of Hound Licenses
HDs 300, 302, 328, 329	2	Any Lion License	10	5	-	General Lion License	395-00	2
HD 301	2	Any Lion License	8	4	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HD 309 (see restricted area descriptions) Fall Season without dogs in HD 309 Sept 5 - Dec 1	1	Any Lion License	5	-	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HDs 310, 311, 360, 361, 362 NOTE: Excluding Spanish Peaks portion of HD 311. See Legal description.	2	Any Lion License	10	3	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HD 311 Spanish Peaks Portion	1	Any Lion License	7	-	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HDs 312 & 393	2	Any Lion License	9	4	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HDs 313 & 316	1	Any Lion License	4	1	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HD 314	1	Any Lion License	6	2	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HD 315	1	Any Lion License	3	1	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HD 317	1	Any Lion License	4	2	-	General Lion License	396-00	2
HDs 318 & 335	1	Any Lion License	6	2	-	General Lion License	394-00	2
HDs 319 & 341	1	Any Lion License	4	2	-	General Lion License	395-00	2
HDs 320 & 333	1	Any Lion License	4	1	-	General Lion License	395-00	2

**Turn In Poachers. Enough is Enough! Make the call: 1-800-TIP-MONT**

# Region 3 Continued, Regions 4, 5, 6, & 7

LMU	Archery/Fall Season Either Sex Lion Harvest Quota*	Archery/Fall Season Without Dogs Archery Sept 4 - Oct 17 Fall Oct 23 - Dec 1 License Type Required	Either Sex Winter Quota	Female Winter Quota	Male Winter Quota	Winter Season Dec 1 - Apr 14 License Type Required	Nonresident Hound License Needed	Number of Hound Licenses
HDs 321, 332, & 334	1	Any Lion License	3	1	-	General Lion License	395-00	2
HDs 322, 326, & 330	1	Any Lion License	6	2	-	General Lion License	395-00	2
HD 323, 324, 325, & 327	1	Any Lion License	6	2	-	General Lion License	395-00	2
HD 331	1	Any Lion License	5	2	-	General Lion License	395-00	2
HDs 339, 343, & 388 (see restricted area descriptions)	2	Any Lion License	8	2	-	General Lion License	394-00	2
HD 340	1	Any Lion License	3	1	-	General Lion License	395-00	2
HDs 350 & 370	1	Any Lion License	3	1	-	General Lion License	394-00	2
HD 380	1	Any Lion License	5	2	-	General Lion License	394-00	2
HDs 390 & 391	2	Any Lion License	11	5	-	General Lion License	394-00	2
HD 392	1	Any Lion License	4	1	-	General Lion License	394-00	2
*Region 3: Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female) and from the female subquota. The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of a district total quota.								
HDs 400, 401, 403, 406, 415, & 441	1	Any Lion License	-	1	2	General Lion License	494-00	2
HDs 404, 421, 444, & 450	1	Any Lion License	-	3	3	General Lion License	494-00	2
HDs 405, 447, & 471	1	Any Lion License	-	3	5	General Lion License	495-00	2
HDs 410, 417, 419, & 426	3	Any Lion License	-	8	5	General Lion License	495-00	2
HDs 411 & 412	3	Any Lion License	-	8	5	General Lion License	495-00	2
HDs 413 & 432	2	Any Lion License	-	5	5	General Lion License	495-00	2
HDs 416, 446, 451, 452, & 454	3	Any Lion License	-	7	6	General Lion License	495-00	2
HDs 418, 420, & 448	2	Any Lion License	-	5	5	General Lion License	495-00	2
HDs 422, 423, 424, 425, & 442	3	Any Lion License	-	5	7	General Lion License	494-00	2
HDs 445 & 455	3	Any Lion License	-	8	6	General Lion License	495-00	2
*Region 4: Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female). The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of a male or female quota. When the male or female quota is reached in a hunting district(s), the mountain lion season for that quota in that hunting district(s) will close upon 24-hours notice.								
HDs 500, 502, 530, 570, 575, & 590	5	Any Lion License	23	-	-	General Lion License	594-00	2
HD 510	1	Any Lion License	4	2	-	General Lion License	595-00	2
HD 511	1	Any Lion License	4	2	-	General Lion License	594-00	2
HD 520	1	Any Lion License	5	2	-	General Lion License	595-00	2
HD 540	1	Any Lion License	5	3	-	General Lion License	594-00	2
HD 560	2	Any Lion License	8	4	-	General Lion License	595-00	2
HD 580	1	Any Lion License	6	3	-	General Lion License	594-00	2
HD 690	2	Any Lion License	8	2	-	General Lion License	694-00	2
Region 6 except HD 690	1	Any Lion License	4	2	-	General Lion License	695-00	2
Region 7	9	Any Lion License	45	-	-	General Lion License	794-00	2
*Regions 5, 6 & 7: Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female) and from the female subquota when applicable. The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of a district total quota. When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district(s), the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district(s) will close upon 24-hours notice.								

## Procedures to Follow After Harvesting a Mountain Lion

### Mandatory Reporting Requirements

- Hunters must personally report their mountain lion kill within 12 hours by calling the mountain lion reporting line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356. Hunters are required to provide: name, telephone number, ALS number, species, date of harvest, HD, specific location (township, range, and section, TRS), and sex when reporting a mountain lion harvest. Hunters could also report their harvest online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) through myfwp.
- Within ten (10) days of harvesting a mountain lion, the successful hunter must present the hide and skull to a Montana FWP official. The hide and skull **must** be presented in a condition that allows full inspection and tooth collection (i.e. unfrozen) for the purpose of:
  - inspection and registration of kill.
  - verification of sex.
  - removal of a tooth for aging purposes.
  - issuance and attachment of a hide tag. The hide tag must thereafter remain attached to the hide until tanned.

A person licensed to hunt and authorized to possess a carcass of a game animal that requires mandatory department biological inspection may, after validating and attaching the license or tag in accordance with 87-6-411, transfer possession of all or part of that game animal to any person at any time after leaving the site of the kill, provided a statement of possession has been completed. The statement of possession must be on a form prescribed by the department and signed by the licensed person and the person or persons receiving possession, and must accompany the carcass or portion of carcass presented for inspection.

**REMINDER:** The hunter must still personally report their harvest by phone as required even if a transfer form is completed.

### Harvest Reporting and Status/Closure Information

- To report a harvest, call 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356 or at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) through myfwp.
- Harvest status/closure may be obtained:
  - by calling 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989 for statewide information or,
  - by checking the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) available 24 hours a day.
- The toll-free line and FWP website are updated daily by 1 p.m. MST.

### Trichinella in Mountain Lions

Trichinella is a parasite of mammals and some birds. Immature parasites develop cysts in the muscle of the host animal and are transmitted to a new host when infected meat is eaten raw or undercooked. Wild animals rarely show signs of infection. Humans and domestic dogs or cats can become infected with Trichinella by consuming raw or undercooked meat from an infected animal. Symptoms of infection vary and may be severe. All bear and mountain lion meat should be treated as if it were infected. Freezing will not kill the organism; however, cooking at temperatures above 165 degrees Fahrenheit will kill the parasite. Many processing techniques (jerky and smoked meats) may not reach the proper temperature. FWP recommends that all mountain lion and bear meat be well cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees before consumption by humans or pets. FWP does not offer Trichinella testing. For further information, call the FWP lab at 406-994-6357.

### Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Game Animals

To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to humans, follow these proper ways to handle wild meat:

- Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
- Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- Cook all meat until well done before consuming.

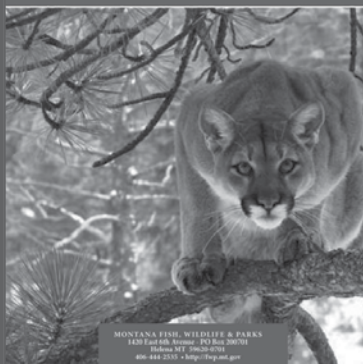
To minimize the risk of disease or parasite transmission to your domestic dog, prevent the consumption of game animal viscera.

## Lion Hunters:

### Know How to Release Your Dogs from Snares and Traps:

For more information, go to the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping) and click on the links under "Helpful Information."

#### Mountain Lion Identification Course



The **Mountain Lion Identification Program** is a voluntary training program available to anyone who is interested in mountain lion ecology and/or who wants to hunt mountain lions.

The course:

- presents information about mountain lion biology;
- explains how to determine the gender of a mountain lion; and
- Presents some of Montana's laws and regulations pertaining to mountain lion hunting.

For more information, go to:

[fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/mountain-lion-identification](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/mountain-lion-identification)

## Hunter Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

### Federal Land Access

- National Parks Service: National Parks are closed to hunting. For other lands administered by the National Park Service, please contact the specific site managers for additional information.
- National Wildlife Refuges – More restrictive regulations, including species-specific restrictions and closures, may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. Contact the specific refuge and/or visit [fws.gov/refuges](https://fws.gov/refuges) for additional information.
- U.S. Forest Service: Area-specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate Regional Forest Service Office.
- Bureau of Land Management: Area-specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate BLM Field Office.
- Other Federal lands: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the local federal land management agency office.

Unlawful Posting of State or Federal Land (MCA 45-8-115) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly post land that is under the ownership or control of the state or federal government to restrict access or use of state or federal land.

### Fishing Access Sites

Many of Montana's Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore](https://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore) for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

### Indian Reservation Trust Lands

Some reservations may offer game animal hunting opportunities with the use of tribal licenses to non-members. Please contact the appropriate Tribal Government. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 16 for contact information.

### Montana State Parks

Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at [fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/](https://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/) for site-specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

### Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

### State Game Preserves

See Restricted Area Descriptions.

### State School Trust Lands

Additional information, including closures and restrictions, is available from the DNRC at 406-444-2074

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands for related activities during applicable seasons. Additional permitting is required through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for trapping on trust lands.
- Overnight use must not exceed the following limits: two consecutive days on leased land, 16 consecutive days within designated campgrounds or on unleased land.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open. This restriction applies to all activity including game retrieval.
- Firearms may not be discharged upon trust lands within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings on state trust lands without permission of the inhabitant.
- Open fires are prohibited outside of fire pits within designated campgrounds.

### State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the game animal hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December

1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA-specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 16 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website: [fwp.mt.gov](https://fwp.mt.gov)

### Stream Access Law

The Stream Access Law does not allow for the hunting of game animals between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers without landowner permission.

## Restricted Area Descriptions

Restricted area legal descriptions include both Closed Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

**HD 309 Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** Mountain lion hunting is restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only, EXCEPT on some private lands which are excluded from the weapons restrictions. See legal description in 2021 Deer • Elk • Antelope regulations. Map available at FWP-R3 HQ 406-994-4042, in Bozeman.

**Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** That portion of Deer/Elk HD 388 west of the following boundary: From the intersection of US Highway 12-287 and Lake Helena Drive, then north on said drive to the south shore of the Causeway Arm, then north and east on said shore to Hauser Lake.

**Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area:** That Portion of Lincoln County lying within the following boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road 4813, then southerly on Road 4813 to National Forest Road 533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

## Mountain Lion Hunting Districts Legal Descriptions

Legal descriptions for the 2021 Mountain Lion Hunting Districts are the same as the 2021 Legal Descriptions for the Deer/Elk Hunting Districts and Weapons Restriction Areas found in the 2021 Legal Descriptions document and on the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov](https://fwp.mt.gov)

### Missoula Special Management Area for Mountain Lion –

The Missoula Special Management Area includes portions of hunting districts 201, 203, 204, 260, 283 and 292, in portions of Mineral, Missoula, Sanders, Granite, Ravalli and Powell Counties. A map and legal description is available from the Missoula FWP office (406-542-5500).

### Spanish Peaks Portion of HD 311 for Mountain Lion –

Those portions of Gallatin County within the following boundary: Beginning at the confluence of Cascade Creek and the Gallatin River, then southerly up the Gallatin River to its intersection with Dudley/Creek-West Fork Gallatin divide near Big Sky junction (U.S. Highway 191 and Route 64), then northwesterly up said divide to Wilson Peak, then northeasterly along the Dudley Creek-Hell Roaring Creek divide to Trail 481, then easterly along said trail to Table Mountain, then northerly along the Lava Lake Trail (Trail numbers 445 and 77) to the mouth of Cascade Creek and the Gallatin River, the point of beginning.

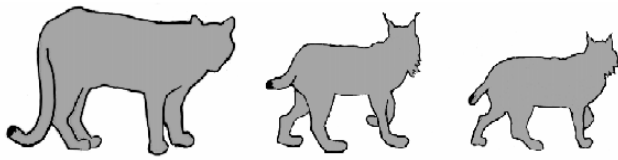
## Hunters with a Disability

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:

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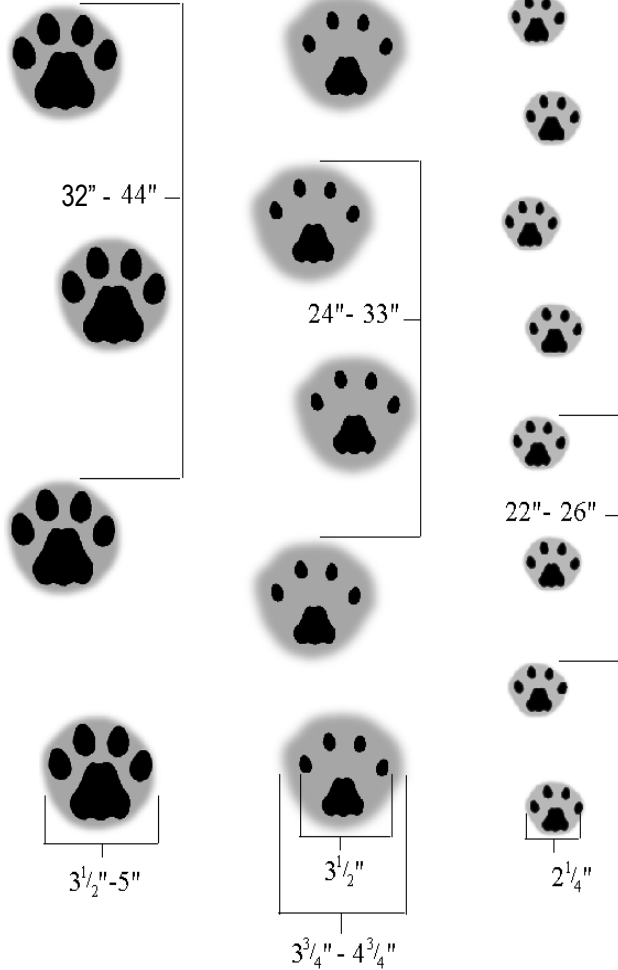
## Cat Identification



Mountain Lion

Lynx

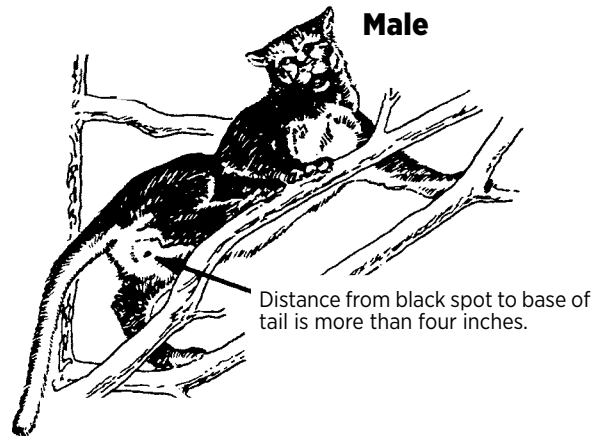
Bobcat



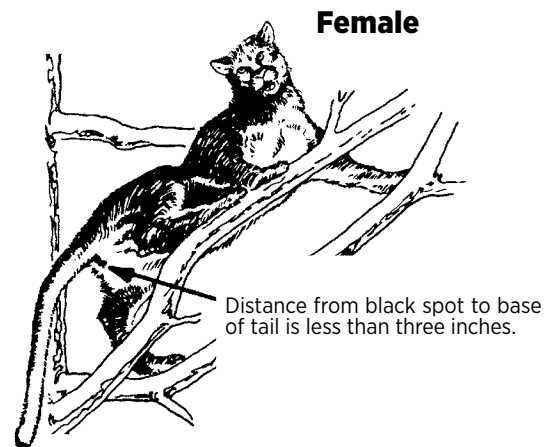
- Note differences in tail length of mountain lion and black markings on tip of lynx and bobcat tails.
- Lynx ear tufts are longer than bobcat ear tufts.
- Mountain lion and lynx foot sizes are similar; bobcat is much smaller.
- Tracks are shown with shaded area representing impression of hair in the snow.
- Note track size and stride length differences between species.

## Sex Determination of Mountain Lion

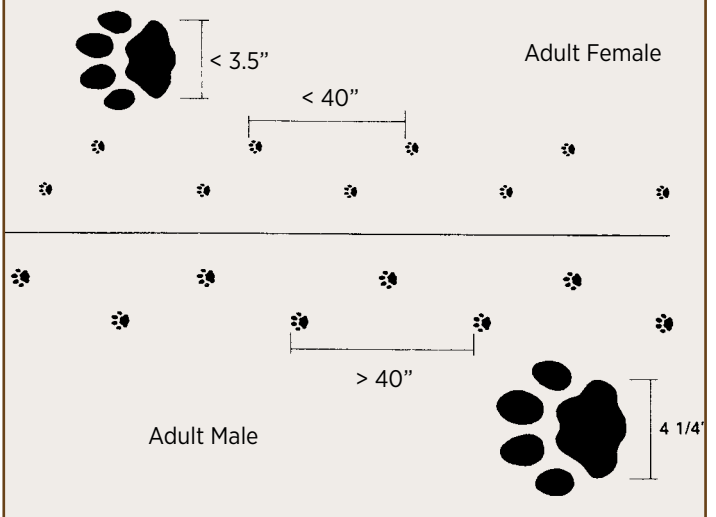
Male adult and subadult lions have a conspicuous black spot, about one inch diameter, surrounding the opening to the penis sheath behind the hind legs and about four to five inches below the base of the tail.



Female adult and subadult lions may have black fur surrounding the vulva and located about three inches or less from the base of the tail.



## Pad Width & Stride Length - potential indicators of sex



# 2021-2022 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of mountain lion begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. (Do not use times from other sources).



## ZONE 1 INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders counties

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## ZONE 2 INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole counties.

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## Highlights & Reminders

- Persons can take up to 20 wolves with no more than 10 via hunting and no more than 10 via trapping (maximum harvest of 20 wolves per person). For hunting a separate license is required for each wolf. For trapping, only a Trapping License is required.
- Two swivels, including a center swivel on the base of the trap, will be required for all ground set foothold traps. For details, visit: [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping)
- Collared wolves can be lawfully taken, but they provide important information for monitoring populations and managing livestock depredations.
- A wolf harvest must be reported within 24 hours.

## Hunting

- Electronic calls can be used for wolf hunting.
- Baiting is now legal for the hunting of wolves. Baiting restrictions apply within Lynx Protection Zones. See page 14
- Wolves can be hunted on private lands outside of daylight hours with the use of artificial lights, thermal imaging technology, or night vision scopes. Night hunting on public lands is prohibited.

## Trapping

- Snares are a lawful method of trapping during the wolf trapping season. Snaring is permitted on public and private lands consistent with trapping season dates, **EXCEPTION:** Snaring is not allowed on public lands within the Lynx Protection Zones (LPZs). Additional snare regulations are on page 6.
- The trapping season in and near occupied grizzly bear habitat as depicted on the map on page 14 and described on page 6 is December 31, but could be adjusted to as early as November 29 based on conditions. Check FWP website for any adjustments.
- WMU 313 is closed to wolf trapping in the Deckard Flats to Trail Creek Wolf Trapping Closure Area.
- Wolf trap pan tension must be at least 10 pounds in Regions 1,2,3,4, and 5.
- Trappers must immediately dispatch a trapped wolf by gunshot – unless otherwise authorized not to do so by FWP prior to wolf-trapping efforts.

## Regulations Adopted by Fish & Wildlife Commission

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on August 20 and October 28, 2021, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid from the date of adoption, through March 15, 2022. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies' restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under Commission authority. *Henry "Hank" Worsech*, Director. Discrimination Prohibited – State and Federal laws, Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or disability. Anyone believing he or she has been discriminated against (as described above) in any FWP program, activity, or facility may write to FWP Human Resources, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701 or the office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. Any changes made to this printed publication can be found on the FWP website or by inquiring at any local FWP office.

## Definitions

**Bait (CR)** - bait is defined as the meat or viscera of a mammal, bird or fish, or any part thereof more than one pound in weight. Bleached bones are excluded.

**Center Swivel (CR)** - A swivel located on the underside of the trap as near the center of the base plate as reasonably possible. The swivel can be attached directly to the base plate at the center, attached to a D-ring centered on the base plate, or can be included in the chain at a point no more than 5 normal chain links from a centered D-ring or base plate attachment point at the center.

**Excess Take (CR)** - The take of a legally harvestable species after the season is closed or an individual's possession limit has been met.

**Ground Set (CR)** - Any trap originally set in or on the land (soil, rock, etc.). This includes any traps elevated less than 48 inches above the natural ground or current snow level.

## License Chart

The following licenses, for the purpose of wolf hunting, are valid March 1, 2021, through the dates listed in these regulations.

LICENSE	REQUIREMENTS	COST
<b>Base Hunting License</b>	Annual fee charged at the time the hunter purchases their first hunting license.	<b>\$10</b> Resident
		<b>\$15</b> Nonresident
<b>Conservation License</b>	Required prerequisite at the time the hunter purchases their first hunting or fishing license.	<b>\$4</b> Resident 12-17, 62+
		<b>\$8</b> Resident
		<b>\$10</b> Nonresident
<b>Wolf License without a Sportsmans or Combination License</b>	Must be purchased by Feb. 28, 2022. A wolf-hunting license purchased after August 31 may not be used until 24 hours <u>after</u> the license is issued. Maximum of 10 per person.	<b>\$12</b> Resident
		<b>\$50</b> Nonresident
<b>Wolf License with a Sportsmans or Combination License</b>	Only valid for the first wolf license purchased after purchasing a sportsman or combination license. Must select "discounted" wolf license.	<b>\$10</b> Resident
		<b>\$25</b> Nonresident
<b>General Trapping License Resident</b>	Available to resident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older. Allows license holder to trap wolves. Completion of either the Idaho or Montana wolf-trapping certification class is mandatory.	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Landowner Trapping License Resident</b>	Applicant must give legal description of owned or leased land, name, address, and resident ALS number. License holder restricted to trapping and hunting only on their owned property and leased lands. Completion of either the Idaho or Montana wolf trapping certification class is mandatory. <b>Issued only through FWP offices.</b>	<b>\$1</b>
<b>Nonresident Trapping License</b>	Available only to nonresident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older, whose state of residence has nonresident trapper licenses available to Montana trappers. Completion of either the Idaho or Montana wolf-trapping certification class is mandatory. <b>Issued only through FWP offices.</b> Valid only for predatory animals and nongame wildlife, including wolves.	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Bow and Arrow (Archery)</b>	A Bow and Arrow License plus the proper hunting license are required during wolf Archery Only Season.	<b>\$10</b> Resident
		<b>\$10</b> Nonresident
<b>Special DNRC Recreational Use License</b>	Required to trap on state school trust lands. Contact Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to apply for this license (406-444-9726). Apply by Sept. 30.	Free

## Hunter with a Disability

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:

MonTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute  
29 McGill Hall  
Missoula, MT 59803  
(406) 243-5751

[montech.ruralinstitute.umd.edu](http://montech.ruralinstitute.umd.edu)

**Legal Wolf** – Any male or female wolf, including young-of-the-year.

**Non-target Capture (CR)**- Capture of any animal that cannot be lawfully trapped, including domestic animals.

**Relaxing Snare** – A relaxing snare has a snare lock that allows the snare loop to release constriction pressure on the captured animal when the cable is not taut (e.g., when the animal stops pulling, it will loosen). This means that the locking device on the snare cable operates both ways allowing the snare cable to move back and forth to some degree. Locks that only close or that use springs or other powering devices to hold them closed are not considered relaxing snares. See page 15 for examples of relaxing snares.

**Trap (MCA 87-6-101)** – to take or harvest or participate in the taking or harvesting of any wildlife protected by the laws of the state by setting or placing any mechanical device, snare, deadfall, pit, or device intended to take wildlife or to remove wildlife from any of these devices.

**Wolf Management Unit (WMU)** – Areas that define Montana's wolf-hunting and trapping districts as specified under "Wolf Management Unit (WMU) Legal Descriptions."

### Obtain a License

Persons can take up to 20 wolves with no more than 10 via hunting and no more than 10 via trapping (maximum harvest of 20 wolves per person). For hunting, a separate license is required for each wolf. For trapping, only a trapping license is required. Completion of mandatory wolf trapping certification is required to trap wolves.

- A Wolf License is available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers, and online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).
- A Wolf License must be purchased by February 28, 2022.
- A Wolf License purchased after August 31 may not be used until 24 hours after the license is issued.
- The Conservation License allows hunters, anglers, and trappers access to all legally accessible state school trust lands. Contact a DNRC office for regulations.

### Licensing – Youth Hunting Opportunities

A resident or nonresident youth 12 years of age or older may hunt any game species for which their license is valid. Those who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2022, may hunt any game species, for which their license is valid, after August 15 of the 2021 license year. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

- Apprentice Hunters - are not eligible to hunt wolves. Visit [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) for details.
- In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

### Residency

It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

#### Resident

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:
  - Claim Montana as your principal or primary home or place of abode
  - Have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license
  - Register your vehicle(s) in Montana
  - Be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote
  - Not possess current (or have applied for any) resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country
  - File Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in

Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).

- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License, you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC), or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC has been issued for less than six months, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose.

### Hunter/Trapper Education Requirements

#### Hunter Education for Firearm and Archery

- If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana Hunter Safety and Education Course (or an approved Hunter Safety Course from any other state or province) prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.
- Bowhunter requirements - in order to purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow license, a hunter must provide a certificate of completion of a National Bowhunter Education Course or provide any prior year's archery license from any state or province.
- Montana law requires members of the armed forces and their dependents stationed in Montana to present a Montana hunter education certificate or similar certificate from any state or province when purchasing any Montana hunting license.
- Duplicates – Montana certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website.

**Wolf Trapper Certification** – A person must attend and complete a wolf-trapping certification class before setting any trap for a wolf. Completion of either the Idaho or Montana wolf-trapping certification class will be recognized as meeting this requirement. A certificate will be awarded to those completing the Montana trapping certification class. This certification must be in possession of any person setting wolf traps and/or harvesting a wolf by trap.

### LAWS AND RULES

#### Lawful Methods for Hunting Wolves MCA 87-6-401, CR

- Statute denoted by MCA.
- Commission Rule denoted by CR.
- Arm Rule denoted by ARM.

As a species in need of management, wolves may only be taken by hunting (firearms or archery) or trapping during the designated seasons.

#### Archery Equipment (CR)

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of wolves.
- The following criteria define Archery Equipment: It is unlawful to use, while hunting game during any Archery Only Season and in Archery Equipment Only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:

Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for wolves shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.

- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.
- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power

of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

**Exception:** Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

> A bow is considered legal if it is at least 28 inches in total length.

> The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent as advertised by the manufacturer.

**Arrow:** An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.

- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.

- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges and be at least 7/8 inch at the widest point. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inch at the widest point and weigh no less than 70 grains.

- Arrows equipped with lighted nocks are allowed

The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an Archery Equipment Only area or hunting district:

- Crossbow

- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.

- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.

- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow or arrow. **Exception:** Camera devices attached to bows for the sole purpose of filming is allowed.

- A bow sight or arrow that uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics. **Exception:** an arrow may have a lighted nock.

**Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218)** - All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have nothing to be checked.

**Disturbing Traps or Trapped Animals (MCA 87-6-601(4))** - A person may not destroy, disturb, or remove any trap or snare belonging to another person or remove wildlife from a trap or snare belonging to another person without permission of the owner of the trap or snare, except that from March 1 to Oct. 1 of each year a person may remove any snare from land owned or leased by the person if the snare would endanger livestock. This requirement does not apply to a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of the officer's duty.

**Excess Take Resulting in an Unlawfully Harvested Animal (CR)** - Excess take is defined as the take of a legally harvestable species after the season is closed or an individual's possession limit has been met.

- Hunters: If you or a member of your hunting party shoots a wolf that results in an unlawfully taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions. DO NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.

- Trappers: If a wolf trapper catches a wolf beyond the legal limit, the wolf must be released. FWP requests to be contacted to assess the potential to fit the wolf with a radio collar for management purposes.

**Exposed Carcass or Baiting (CR)** - Baiting is allowed for the hunting of wolves. No trap or snare may be set within 30 feet of an exposed carcass or bait that is visible from above. Restrictions apply within Lynx Protection Zones, see page 14.

## Firearms (CR)

- Firearms, including rifles, handguns, muzzleloaders and shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs; archery equipment; and crossbows are lawful for taking wolves. All other methods of take are prohibited.

- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation or magazine/round capacity restrictions for the taking of wolves.

- Rifle scopes with illuminated reticles, built-in range -finding capabilities, and "red dot" scopes are lawful for the taking of wolves.

## Hunter Harassment (MCA 87-6-215)

It is unlawful to:

- intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal.
- disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal.

**Hunting Hours (CR)** - Authorized hunting hours for the taking of wolves on public lands begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 15.

**Hunter Orange Requirement (MCA 87-6-414)** - A person may not hunt any game animals in this state or accompany any hunter as an outfitter or guide under any of the provisions of the laws of this state without wearing as exterior garments, above the waist, a total of not less than 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material visible at all times while hunting. This section does not apply to a person hunting with a bow and arrow during the special archery season; or hunting wolves outside the general deer and elk season as authorized by commission rules. However, bowhunters hunting wolf during any portion of the general (firearm) seasons for deer, elk, antelope, moose, sheep, mountain goat, black bear, mountain lion must meet the hunter orange requirement while hunting.

## Indian Reservations

- The F&W Commission has by rule, closed all lands within the exterior boundaries of Montana's Indian Reservations to the hunting of wolves with the use of state licenses unless provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana.

- Currently, there are no cooperative agreements between FWP and any of the Tribal Governments in Montana and as such the season for the hunting of wolves, by nonmembers, with a state license is closed. Please contact FWP for further information.

**Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)** - Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges. It is unlawful for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish, or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag, or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

**Kill Site Verification (ARM 12.6.1005)** - At the request of a department Game Warden, it is required to return to the kill site of any game animal, game bird, wolf, or furbearer that has been hunted or trapped.

**Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-415)** - A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt furbearers, game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property without first obtaining permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents. Regardless of whether the land is posted or not, hunters must have permission from the land owner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property.

For the purposes of this section, the term "hunt" has the same meaning as provided in **87-6-101** and includes entering private land to: (a) retrieve wildlife; or (b) access public land to hunt.

## License and Permit Possession and Use MCA 87-6-301-314

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt for any wolf unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.

- Refuse to produce a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a game warden.

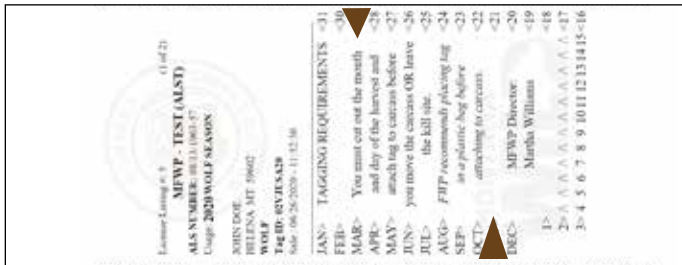
- Alter or change a license in any material manner.

- Loan or transfer any license to another person.

## Private Lands – Night Hunting

- Wolves may be hunted on private lands at all hours of the day or night.
- For night hunting on private lands, the use of artificial light, night vision scopes, infrared and thermal imaging technology is allowed.

- Use a license issued to another person.
- Attach the person's license to a wolf killed by another person.
- Have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit. This prohibition does not apply to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.



### License Validation and Tagging

- A hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal before the carcass/hide is removed from the site of the kill or before the hunter leaves the site of the kill.
- To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):
- The triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely cut out and removed.

**Littering (MCA 75-10-212)** - A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

**Marked or Radio-Collared Animals (CR)** - It is lawful to shoot wolves that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags, and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP office.

### Motorized Vehicles (MCA 87-6-405)

It is unlawful for anyone to:

- Use a motor-driven vehicle off road on state land.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land. For more information related to state school trust lands, see page 13.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.

#### Off Road - Federal lands (CR)

- Operate, on federal public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

### Outfitters and Guides (MCA 37-47-301)

- A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.
- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

**Predators and Nongame Hunting** - Predators and nongame species are unprotected by federal and/or state law or regulation and can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. The State Lands Recreational License is included in the Conservation License for the purpose of hunting, fishing, and trapping and is required to hunt predators and nongame species on state school trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.

- **Predators** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).

- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise legally classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.

**Recorded Animal Sounds** - It is lawful to use recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of wolves.

### Transport of Wildlife

- An individual other than the license holder may transport lawfully taken, properly tagged wolves.
- It is unlawful to ship, possess, transport, or take out of state unlawfully killed wolves.
- It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an unlawfully taken game animal across state boundaries.
- If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between the United States and any foreign country, you must complete a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declaration form. For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife inspector at 406-335-4350 or fws.gov.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's Wildlife Division.

### Two-way Communication (ARM 12.6.1010)

The use of two-way electronic communication is prohibited:

- While in the act of hunting game animals or wolves to aid in the taking or locating of live animals.
- While in the act of hunting mountain lion or bobcats with dogs, beginning when the dogs are placed or physically released on tracks or a scent trail.
- To avoid game check stations or FWP enforcement personnel.
- To facilitate unlawful hunting activity. The use of two-way electronic communication for the use of safety or other legitimate purposes is exempt.

Two-way electronic communication includes, but is not limited to, the following; radios (walkie-talkies/CB), cell phones, text messages, and the use of social media or other electronic platforms, applications, or programs.

**Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (CR)** - The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for the purposes of hunting wolves is prohibited.

**Waste of Game** - Wolves are excluded from being considered as "suitable for food." The remaining carcass may be taken in possession or be left in the field as per Montana law.

### Wolf Trapping Laws and Rules

**Capture of Domestic Dogs (CR)** - To improve the understanding of accidental dog captures in traps, trappers must report such captures, excluding a trapper's dog, to an FWP regional office within 24 hours of identifying the capture.

#### Checking and Placing Traps (CR)

- Wolf traps shall be visually checked at least once every 48 hours.
- Wolf traps must be removed within 24 hours of capturing an individual trapper's last legally harvested wolf.
- Failure to pick up traps at the end of the trapping season or attending them in a manner that wastes animals constitutes a misdemeanor per Montana law.
- A trapper must immediately dispatch any uncollared wolf captured that may be legally possessed.
- A trapper with an unfilled bag limit may release an uninjured collared wolf.

**Closures (CR)** - see page 8 for details.

**Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-601)** - Trappers must obtain permission of the landowner, lessee, or their agent before trapping on private land.

**Lynx Season Closed (CR)** - Trapped lynx that are uninjured must be released immediately and the incident must be reported to a designated FWP employee within 24 hours of release. If a lynx is injured, trappers must immediately notify a designated FWP employee or an FWP regional office, to determine disposition and/or collection of the animal.

**Non-target Capture Requirement (CR)** - The capture of any animal that cannot be lawfully trapped or snared, including domestic animals, must be reported to FWP within 24 hours. Any such animal that is uninjured must be released prior to the trapper leaving the

trap site. If unable to safely release the animal, call FWP. Exception: Any such animal that is injured or dead must promptly (with little or no delay) be reported to FWP to determine disposition and/or collection of the animal. Animals that may be lawfully trapped or snared are furbearers or wolves for which the season is open and an individual possession limit has not been reached, nongame wildlife and predators. A trapper may NOT trap any game animal, game bird or migratory bird.

**Occupied Dwellings (CR)** – Killing ground sets, including all snares, set for animals larger than ground squirrels are unlawful within 1,000 feet of an occupied dwelling without written notification to the inhabitant.

**Setbacks (CR)** - see page 8 for details.

**Snares (CR)** - Snares are a lawful method of trapping during the wolf trapping season. Snaring is permitted on public and private lands consistent with trapping season dates, **EXCEPTION:** Snaring is not allowed on public lands within the Lynx Protection Zones (LPZs). Snares must be equipped with a loop stop that will close to a loop no smaller than 2.5 inches in diameter (stop placed at no less than 8 inches from end of loop). Snares must have a breakaway device rated at 1,000 lbs. or less installed on the loop end. Snares must be placed such that the bottom of the snare loop is at least 18 inches above the surface. Power-assisted (e.g., spring-loaded) snare locks are prohibited on wolf snares on public lands.

**Trap Identification (MCA-87-6-601(1)(a))** - A person may not use a trap or snare for the purpose of trapping or snaring a fur-bearing animal, a predatory animal, or a nongame species unless: the trap or snare is tagged with a numbered metal device identifying tag bearing an individual identifying number issued by the department or the owner's name, and address, and telephone number unless the person is trapping or snaring on the person's land or an irrigation ditch right-of-way contiguous to the person's land.

**Trapped Wolves (CR)** – Trappers must immediately dispatch wolves via gunshot. Trappers will be allowed to dispatch trapped wolves during all hours, including night time. You cannot "high-grade" your take by releasing a wolf that you do not want. If the wolf is radio-collared, see the section "Marked or Radio-Collared Animals."

**Traps (CR)** - Foothold traps are lawful methods during the wolf trapping season. The inside jaw spread of foothold traps must not exceed 9 inches. A minimum trap pan tension setting of 10 pounds is required in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. Two swivels, including a center swivel on the base of the trap, are required for all ground set foothold traps. The swivel can be attached directly to the base plate at the center, attached to a D-ring centered on the base plate, or can be included in the chain at a point no more than 5 normal chain links from a centered D-ring or base plate attachment point at the center. Conibears may not be used to take wolves.

## Procedures to Follow After Harvesting a Wolf

### Reporting Requirements

- All successful wolf hunters and trappers must personally report their wolf kill within 24 hours regardless of their intent to retain possession of the hide and skull by calling the Wolf Reporting Number at 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356 so that FWP can monitor harvest. Hunters and trappers are required to provide: name, telephone number, ALS number, species, date of harvest, WMU, specific location (legal description), and sex when reporting a wolf harvest. Hunters could also report their harvest online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) through myfwp.
- When reporting a wolf harvest, it is unlawful to subscribe to or make any statement that is materially false.

### Wolf 24-hour Harvest Reporting

**1-877-FWP-WILD (397-9453) or 406-444-0356 or at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) through myfwp**

- Successful hunters in backcountry areas will be allowed to report a wolf harvest within 24 hours of reaching a trailhead.
- A hunter or trapper that lawfully harvests a wolf and wishes to retain possession of the hide and skull, or captures a wolf that must be dispatched, is required to present the hide and skull to a designated FWP employee **within 10 days** after harvest for the purpose of:
  - Inspection and registration of kill
  - Tagging the hide. The hide tag must thereafter remain attached to the hide until tanned.
- Any hide or skull not presented or registered to FWP personnel

within 10 days of harvest is subject to confiscation.

- A person licensed to hunt and authorized to possess a carcass of a wolf that requires mandatory department biological inspection may, after validating and attaching the license or tag in accordance with 87-6-411, transfer possession of all or part of that wolf to any person at any time after leaving the site of the kill, provided a statement of possession has been completed. The statement of possession must be on a form prescribed by the department and signed by the licensed person and the person or persons receiving possession, and must accompany the carcass or portion of carcass presented for inspection.

**REMINDER:** The hunter must still personally report their harvest by phone as required even if a transfer form is completed.

- It is unlawful for anyone to possess, ship, transport, sell, or purchase any wild wolf harvested in Montana, or part thereof, unless the animal has been tagged as prescribed.
- A hunter or trapper that lawfully harvests a wolf and does not wish to retain possession of the hide and skull, is still required to call the wolf reporting number within 24 hours as described above and personally present (by direct communication in person or on the phone) the above harvest information to a designated FWP employee within 10 days after harvest.

## Harvest Monitoring and Closure

### Harvest Monitoring:

**Harvests will be updated on the MTFWP website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/speciesHuntingGuide?wmrSpeciesCd=GW](http://myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/speciesHuntingGuide?wmrSpeciesCd=GW) between 11am and 1 pm daily.**

- A harvest of 450 wolves shall initiate a commission review with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to hunting and trapping regulations. Thereafter the commission shall be similarly re-engaged at intervals of additional 50 wolves harvested, if season adjustments allow for additional wolf harvest. The following harvests by any Region alone shall initiate a commission review:
  - Region 1: 195 wolves, Region 2: 116 wolves, Region 3: 82 wolves, Region 4: 39 wolves, Region 5: 11 wolves, Region 6: 3 wolves, Region 7: 4 wolves
- A non-target capture of one lynx or one grizzly bear shall initiate a commission review with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to trapping regulations. The commission shall be similarly re-engaged for any additional non-target capture of lynx or grizzly bear.

## Wolf Hunting and Trapping Seasons

Resident and nonresident hunters and trappers may harvest any wolf in any open WMU statewide during the archery only, general and trapping seasons. A person can take up to 20 wolves with no more than 10 via hunting and no more than 10 via trapping (maximum harvest of 20 wolves per person). For hunting, a separate license is required for each wolf. For trapping, only a Trapping License is required.

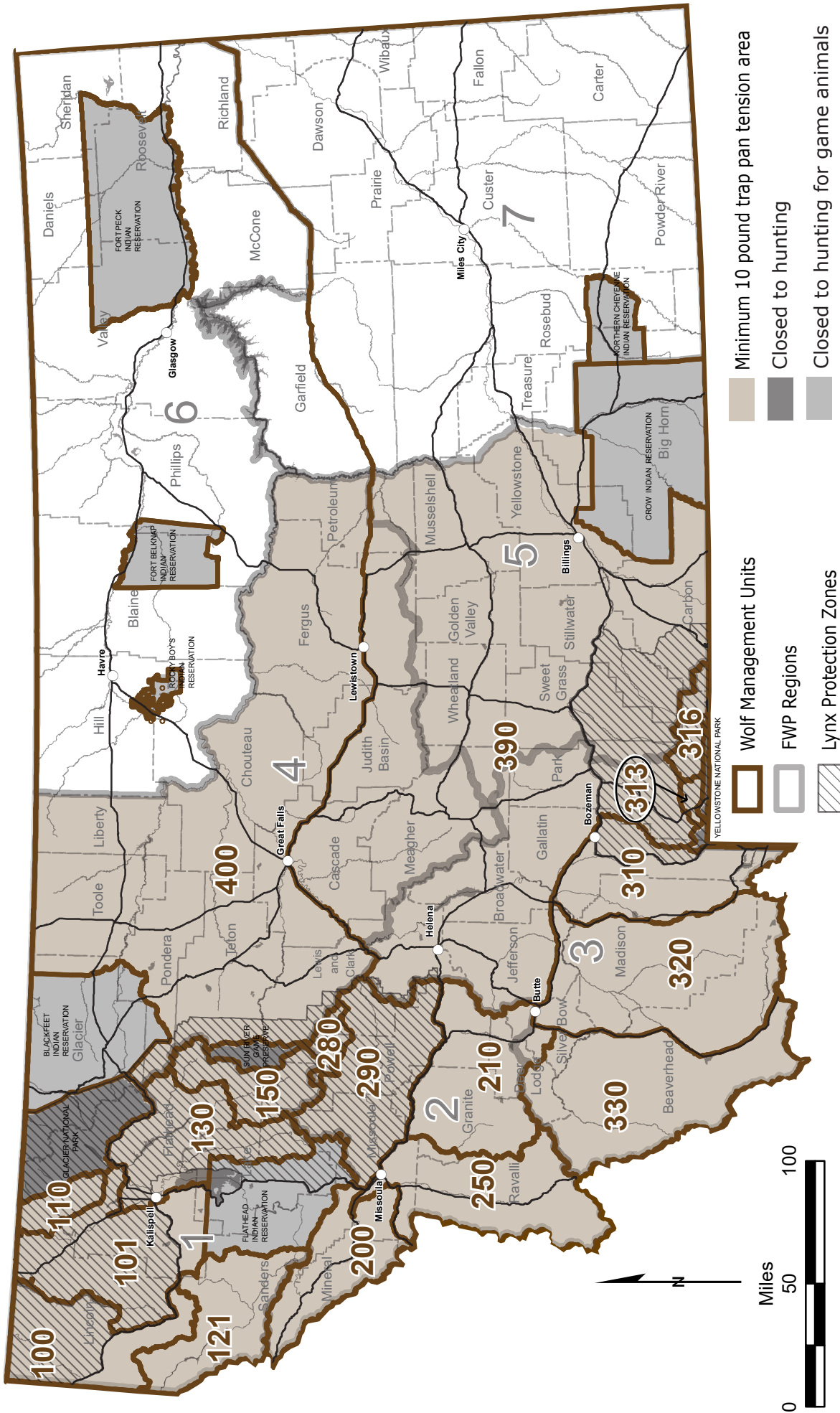
**Archery Only Season: September 4 - September 14, 2021**

**General Season: September 15 - March 15, 2022**

**Trapping Season:** Season dates for trapping wolves will be the first Monday after Thanksgiving to March 15 for the entire state. For those districts in and near occupied grizzly bear habitat as depicted on the map on page 14, the department will apply a floating open season date that could start the Monday after Thanksgiving (November 29, 2021), or any day thereafter as determined by the department based upon a real time reading of conditions. If the department does not select a date prior to December 31, then the season will open on December 31 and close on March 15. For more information see [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf). In and near occupied grizzly bear habitat is defined as the following (map on page 14):

- Wolf Management Units 100, 101, 110, 121, 130, 150
- That portion of WMU 200 that includes the Ninemile watershed north of I-90.
- WMUs 210, 280, 290, 310, 313, 316, 320.
- The western portion of WMU 390 (west of Hwy 310, South of I-90, and west of I-15/Hwy 69).
- The western portion of WMU 400 (north and west of I-15/Hwy 87, west of Hwy 223 between Fort Benton and Hwy 2 at Chester, south of Hwy 2 between Chester and I-15 at Shelby, and west of I-15 between Shelby and the Canadian border).

# Wolf Management Units (WMU)



## CLOSURES

All National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and Indian Trust or Tribal Trust lands are closed to trapping except as otherwise specified. For information or permits to trap on National Wildlife Refuges, contact the local refuge manager.

### Region 1 Closures

- Mule Pasture recreation area, Thompson Falls.
- Finely Flats recreation area, between Thompson Falls and Trout Creek.
- Trout Creek recreation area near Trout Creek.
- Trout Creek administrative and recreation site, Trout Creek.
- Bend Ranger Station- forest service rental cabin and recreation area in the Thompson River Drainage.
- Sheldon Flats recreation area, Libby.
- Flower Creek recreation area, south of Libby.
- Bear Creek Ski Area, south of Libby.
- Round Meadow Ski Area- North of Kalispell on Star Meadow Road.
- Blacktail Ski Area, in Lakeside.
- Schnaus Rental Cabin-Sonderson Meadow - North Fork of the Flathead.
- Cedar Flats Recreation Area, north of Columbia Falls.

### Region 2 Closures

- Lake Como Ski Area - Ground sets are unlawful from Dec. 1 to March 31. The area is defined as that portion of the Bitterroot National Forest, and Ravalli County, lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Forest Service Roads (FS) 550 and 550A, then south and west on FS 550A to its junction with FS 13201, then north on said road to its junction with FS 550, then east on said road to its junction with FS 550A, the point of beginning.
- Blue Mountain and Pattee Canyon Recreation Areas, the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area (that portion lying outside and excluding the Rattlesnake Wilderness Area), and the Bass Creek Recreation Area are closed to furbearer trapping. For information or maps of these Special Recreation Areas, contact the local US Forest Service Office.
- Deer and Elk Hunting District 282 is closed to the Bobcat Hound Training Season.

## SETBACKS

**Trapping on Public Land** - The following regulations and setbacks apply to all public, federal, and state lands for the trapping of wolves at any time.

- **Campgrounds and Recreational Sites** - Ground sets are prohibited within 1,000 feet of a designated campground or recreation site that is accessible by a highway vehicle. This includes areas such as, but not limited to, boat ramps or fishing access sites that have construction improvements or are accessible by a highway vehicle at any time of the year.
- **Public Land Trailheads (CR)** - On public land, foothold traps are prohibited within 1,000 feet of a designated or marked trailhead that is accessible by a highway vehicle at any time of the year.
- **Expanded Setbacks along High Recreational Use Trails and Roads** - A 500-foot setback from both edges of the trails and roads listed in this table under expanded setbacks by region/trapping district is required for all ground set traps in regions/trapping districts 1 and 3.
- **Roads and Trails** - Ground sets require a 150-foot setback from the edge of roads and hiking trails that are designated by administrative signs or numbers. Exception: Roads closed year-round to motor vehicle and OHV use are not subject to these setbacks, for instance, Kelly-humped roads that are inaccessible to motor vehicle and OHV use but are lawfully accessible by snowmobile.

## NO SETBACKS REQUIRED

### Trapping District 1

All of Sanders County (unless designated as a no trapping area or maintaining current setbacks) and southern portions of Lincoln County south of Highway 2 to Big Cherry Creek, then west following Big Cherry Creek to the intersection of Lincoln and Sanders County lines. These no setback areas supersede any setback required otherwise described on this page.

**Exceptions - Maintain current setbacks of 50 ft for furbearers and 150 ft for wolf at:**

- Trout Creek-Hope Valley Road from the forest service boundary to the junction of East Fork Trout Creek and Granite Creek. Maintained road for public access in the winter. West of Trout Creek.
- Prospect Creek Road from end of snow maintenance to junction of Prospect Creek and Demont Creek, west of Thompson Falls.
- Forest Service Roads #7507 and #340 in the Baldy Lake area north of Plains. Snowmobile and ski area.

## EXPANDED SETBACKS BY REGION/TRAPPING DISTRICT (TD)

### Trapping District 1

- Big Fork Nordic Trail
- Eureka Rails to Trails
- Whitefish Legacy Trail

### Trapping District 3

Hyalite Area	Bozeman Face Trails	West Bridger Mountains	Gallatin Canyon	Paradise Valley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lick Creek/Wildhorse Trail #452</li> <li>- History Rock Loops Trail #424</li> <li>- Blackmore Loops Trail #423</li> <li>- Crescent Lake Trail #213</li> <li>- West Shore Trail #431</li> <li>- E. Fork Road/Palisade Trail #433</li> <li>- Grotto Falls Trail #432</li> <li>- Moser/Buckskin Road Loop</li> <li>- Maxy Loop Trail #62</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bozeman Creek/Moser winter Trail #850 &amp; #851</li> <li>- South Cottonwood winter Trail #852</li> <li>- Bear Canyon Winter Trail #848</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "M" trails #538, #511, #512 and #513 in Sec 27 T1S, R6E</li> <li>- Sypes Trail #531</li> <li>- Middle Cottonwood Trail #586</li> <li>- Truman Gulch Trail #535</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Porcupine Trail #34</li> <li>- Beehive Basin Winter Trail #861</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mill Creek Trail #945</li> <li>- Suce Creek Trail #44</li> </ul>

## Hunter and Trapper Land Access

### Federal Land Access

- National Parks Service: National Parks are closed to hunting. For other lands administered by the National Park Service, please contact the specific site managers for additional information.
- National Wildlife Refuges – More restrictive regulations, including species specific restrictions and closures, may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. Contact the specific refuge and/or visit [fws.gov/refuges](https://www.fws.gov/refuges) for additional information.
- U.S. Forest Service: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate Regional Forest Service Office.
- Bureau of Land Management: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate BLM Field Office.
- Other Federal lands: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the local federal land management agency office.

Unlawful Posting of State or Federal Land (MCA 45-8-115) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly post land that is under the ownership or control of the state or federal government to restrict access or use of state or federal land.

**Fishing Access Sites** - Many of Montana's Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities; however, certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at [myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore](https://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore) for site-specific information, opportunities, and restrictions.

**Indian Reservation Trust Lands** - Some reservations may offer game animal hunting opportunities with the use of tribal licenses to non-members. Please contact the appropriate Tribal Government. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 16 for contact information.

**Montana State Parks** - Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however, certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Parks website at [fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/](https://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/) for site-specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

**Private Land Access** - Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.

**Railroad Access** - Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

**State Game Preserves** - See Restricted Area Descriptions.

### State School Trust Lands

Additional information, including closures and restrictions, is available from the DNRC at 406-444-2074

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands for related activities during applicable

seasons. Additional permitting is required through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for trapping on trust lands.

- Overnight use must not exceed the following limits: two consecutive days on leased land, 16 consecutive days within designated campgrounds or on unleased land.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open. This restriction applies to all activity including game retrieval.
- Firearms may not be discharged upon trust lands within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings on state trust lands without permission of the inhabitant.

Open fires are prohibited outside of fire pits within designated campgrounds.

**State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)**- FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the game animal hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later,

### Special Regulations

Fish, Wildlife & Parks-owned Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are generally open to trapping, although special regulations apply to most WMAs. Contact the local WMA manager or FWP regional office for information on how to obtain permission to trap on WMAs in the state. The following WMAs have special regulations in effect that require wolf trappers to apply for a special permit by September 15 to trap all or a portion of the area.

### Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area

The Blackfoot-Clearwater has one (1) wolf trapping unit. One trapper will be selected by random drawing each season and permitted to trap up to one limit of wolves. Trapping will be permitted for wolf only; no other furbearing or predatory species may be taken within the wolf trapping unit. Because the trapping unit is within the WMA's winter closure area, all trapping activity will be limited to nonmotorized travel only. In addition, because the wolf trapping unit includes state school trust land, trappers are reminded to obtain a Special Recreational Use License (application deadline September 30) from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) prior to trapping on school trust lands. Applicants must possess a valid Trapper License and a valid wolf trapping certification number to apply for this permit. Applicants must submit their name, address, phone number, and ALS number by September 15 to:

Scott Eggeman, Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
3201 Spurgin Road,  
Missoula, MT 59801

### Fish Creek Wildlife Management Area

The Fish Creek Wildlife Management Area is divided into seven (7) trapping units. Permitted trappers will be selected by random drawing. Trappers will be able to select a unit to trap in the order that names are drawn. Each selected trapper shall be permitted to trap one limit of furbearers and wolves, excluding beaver (the entire Fish Creek drainage is closed to beaver trapping). Trappers may also take predatory species within their permitted unit. Note: Because Trapping Unit #5 is within the WMA's winter closure area, trapping activity within Trapping Unit #5 will be limited to nonmotorized travel only after December 1. In addition, because Trapping Units #1 - #7 include state school trust land, trappers are reminded to obtain a Special Recreational Use License (application deadline September 30) from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) prior to trapping or snaring on School Trust Lands. All applicants must possess a valid Trapper License and, if they wish to trap wolves, a valid wolf trapping certification number to apply for this permit. Applicants must submit their name, address, phone number, and ALS number by September 15 to:

Liz Bradley, Fish Creek WMA  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
3201 Spurgin Road  
Missoula, MT 59804

### Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area

The Mt. Haggin WMA consists of four (4) trapping units where a quota of four (4) licensed trappers shall be permitted to trap a limit of furbearers and wolves each, including ten (10) beaver. Trappers will be selected by a random drawing. Trappers will be able to select an area to trap in the order that names are drawn. The last trapper selected will be assigned the remaining trapping area. Permission to trap wolves on Mt. Haggin WMA is extended only to those trappers that were successful in the drawing. Note: Because Trapping Unit #4 is within the winter closure area of the WMA (closed to all motorized travel December 2 – May 15), trapping activity in this unit will be limited to nonmotorized travel only after December 1. In addition, because Trapping Units #3 and #4 include state school trust land, trappers are reminded to obtain a Special Recreational Use License (application deadline September 30) from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) prior to trapping on school trust lands. Trappers wishing to take predators must contact Vanna Boccadori for a predator permit. The predator permit is valid for animals classified as predators only (i.e. coyotes)—it does NOT apply to wolves. All applicants must possess a valid Trapper License and, if they wish to trap wolves, a valid wolf trapping certification number to apply for this permit. Applicants must submit their name, address, phone number, and ALS number by September 15 to:

Vanna Boccadori,  
Mt. Haggin WMA  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
1820 Meadowlark Lane  
Butte, MT 59701

### Spotted Dog Wildlife Management Area

- The Spotted Dog area has one (1) wolf trapping unit. One trapper will be selected by random drawing each season and permitted to trap up to one limit of wolves. Trapping will be permitted for wolf only; no other furbearing or predatory species may be taken within the wolf trapping unit. Because the trapping unit is within the WMA's winter closure area, all trapping activity will be limited to non-motorized travel only (except for access across the groomed snowmobile Route 314, which is open to over-the-snow vehicles). In addition, because the wolf trapping unit includes state school trust land, trappers are reminded to obtain a Special Recreational Use License (application deadline September 30) from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) prior to trapping on school trust lands. Applicants must possess a valid Trapper License and a valid wolf trapping certification number to apply for this permit. Applicants must submit their name, address, phone number, and ALS number by September 15 to:

FWP Region 2  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
3201 Spurgin Road  
Missoula, MT 59804

### Wolf Parasites

**Mange** - Some wolves have mange - a skin parasite that results in the loss of fur on the wolf. In mild cases, the wolf can lose hair on its tail, lower belly, or the lower parts of its legs. In severe cases, a wolf can lose hair across a large part of its body. Hunters can visually scan a wolf to see if it shows signs of hair loss. If it does, you may choose to not take the animal, as its fur will likely not be in prime condition for tanning. If you shoot a wolf that does show signs of mange, tag the animal and report the kill to FWP. You may be issued another Wolf License.

**Tape Worm** - Wolves commonly carry tapeworm in their intestinal tract called Echinococcus granulosus. There is some risk of humans becoming infected with this parasite. Hunters should wear gloves when field dressing a wolf, coyote, or fox carcass, and wash hands and firearms thoroughly, since they may have come into contact with contaminated feces or fur. When skinning any animal, use common sense precautions: wear rubber (latex) gloves, minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues, and wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing. Carry and use hand sanitizer.

- For more information visit the FWP website at: [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf)

### Weapons Restriction Areas

Weapons restrictions are in effect in some hunting districts. Such restrictions are stated in the license/permit description and/or with a specific date range.

The following equipment restrictions apply to Weapons Restriction Areas:

#### Archery

See legal archery equipment in the "Lawful Methods of Hunting" section on page 3.

#### Crossbows

Legal in weapons restriction areas unless exception noted in specific hunting district regulations.

#### Muzzleloader

- must not be capable of being loaded from the breech of the barrel
- may not be loaded with any pre-prepared paper or metallic cartridges
- must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent
- must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheellock mechanism
- must be a minimum of .45 caliber
- may have no more than two barrels
- must only use plain lead projectiles
- Sabots or other similar power and range-enhancing manufactured loads that enclose the projectile from the rifling or bore of the firearm are prohibited. "Skirts" or gas checks on the base of a projectile are acceptable.

#### Traditional Handguns

- are not capable of being shoulder mounted;
- have a barrel length of less than 10½ inches;
- chamber only a straight wall cartridge, not originally developed for rifles

#### Shotgun

Must be shouldered, breech-loaded or muzzle-loaded firearm with a smooth bore and/or rifled barrel and/or rifled choke device designed to fire shot or slugs.

### Restricted Area Legal Descriptions

**BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge:** The BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge is closed to hunting.

**Brinkman Game Preserve:** The S1/2 Section 7, and E1/2, NE1/4 Section 7, and S1/2 Section 8, and NW 1/4 Section 8, S1/2 Section 9, S1/2 and E1/2, NE 1/4 Section 10. All of sections 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36; all in T29N, R7E, M.P.M. Liberty County.

**Deckard Flats to Trail Creek Wolf Trapping Closure Area:** The following described area is closed to all wolf trapping: Those portions of Park County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the confluence of the Yellowstone River and Little Trail Creek northwest of Gardiner, then northeasterly along Little Trail Creek up to its headwaters, then easterly to the USFS Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, then easterly along said boundary to the North Fork of Bear Creek, then southeasterly

along said creek to its confluence with Bear Creek, then northerly along said creek to the confluence of Pine Creek, then easterly along said creek to the intersection with the USFS Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, then southerly along said boundary to the boundary with Yellowstone National Park, then westerly along said boundary to the confluence of the Yellowstone River and Reese Creek west of the town of Gardiner, then westerly along the Yellowstone River to its confluence with Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

**Flathead Weapons Restriction Area:** That portion of Flathead County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 35 and State Route 206, then northerly along State Route 206 to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway onto State Route 40 to US Highway 93, then south on said highway to Rocky Cliff Drive, then easterly to Demersville Road, then northerly along said road to Foy's Bend Lane, then easterly along said road onto Lower Valley Road to the Bonneville Power Administration powerline at Foy's Bend, then northerly along said powerline across the Flathead River to the easterly shore, then up the most easterly shore of said river to State Route 35 (Old Highway 2 bridge), then easterly along said route to its junction with State Route 206, the point of beginning.

**Freezout Lake WMA, Teton County:** As posted.

**Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area (GVWRA):** Rifles may not be used to hunt wolves in the GVWRA. Beginning at the intersection of Cottonwood Road and Enders Road, continuing southeast from that intersection along Cottonwood Road, north to South 19th, then east on South 19th to Nash Road, then east on Nash Road to Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road, to the National Forest Boundary, then east along said boundary to boundary of State Lands Sections 4, 3, 34, 35 and 1 to Bear Canyon Road, then northerly on Bear Canyon Road to the Bear Canyon Interchange with Interstate 90, then northerly to Rocky Creek, northwesterly along Rocky Creek to L Street, then north on L Street to Story Mill Road, then north on Story Mill Road to Deer Creek Drive, northeast on Deer Creek Drive to Lookfar Way, north on Lookfar Way to Rolling Hills Drive, north on Rolling Hills Drive to Sypes Canyon Road, northwesterly on Sypes Canyon Road to Summer Cuttoff Road, then Saddle Mountain Road, then east on Saddle Mountain Road to Bostwick Road, then north along Bostwick Road to Baseline East Road, then west on Baseline East Road to Walker Road, then north on Walker Road to Penwell Bridge Road, then west on Penwell Bridge Road to Wes Davis Road, then north and west on Wes Davis Road to Hamilton Road, then west and north on Hamilton Road to Cactus Road, then west on Cactus Road to Highway 290, then south on Highway 290 to Weaver Road, then west on Weaver Road to Highway 10, then northwesterly on Highway 10 to Heeb Road, then south on Heeb Road to Amsterdam Road, east on Amsterdam Road, to Linney Road, south on

Linney Road to Cameron Bridge Road, then east on Cameron Bridge Road to River Road, then south on River Road to Highway 84, then east on Highway 84 to Shedd's Bridge, then south up western most channel of the Gallatin River to Gallatin Gateway Bridge, then east on Gallatin Gateway Road to US Highway 191, then south on US Highway 191 to Cottonwood Road, to point of beginning.

**NOTE: Sourdough Exclusion Zone from SWRA within HD 309:** Beginning at the intersection of Nash and Sourdough Canyon Road, then south on Sourdough Canyon Road to the USFS boundary, then east, north and east along said boundary in Section 8, then along said boundary in Section 8 to the intersection with State Lands in Section 9, then north along the section line of Sections 4 and 5, then west along section line of Sections 5 and 32 to the intersection with Sourdough Road, then south on Sourdough Road, then west on Nash Road, the point of beginning.

**Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve:** Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge:** Closed to all hunting.

**Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir:** The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in Lewis and Clark County of the Helena Valley as posted. (This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting).

**Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** That portion of Deer/Elk HD 388 west of the following boundary: From the intersection of US Highway 12-287 and Lake Helena Drive, then north on said drive to the south shore of the Causeway Arm, then north and east on said shore to Hauser Lake.

**Kuhns WMA:** Legal description and map available from FWP Region 1, Kalispell office 406-752-5501.

**Lee Metcalf Refuge:** Legal description, map and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.

**Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area:** That portion of Lincoln County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east

on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road #4813, then southerly on Road #4813 to National Forest Road #533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-to-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

**Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area:** (Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader): That portion of Jefferson County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Boulder, then east along Muskrat Lane to the intersection of Upper Valley Road, then north along said road to the intersection of Sloan Lane, then west along said lane to the Interstate 15 frontage road, then west to Interstate 15, then south along said interstate to Boulder, the point of beginning. Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only.

**Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon:** Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, T7S, R9W.

**Prison Ranch Archery Only Area:** The following MCE Ranch lands are open to hunting of big game only with Lawful Archery Equipment as outlined in the hunting regulations provided by Montana FWP: Beginning at the junction of the Old Stage Road (county road) and Elk Ridge Road (Forest Service Road 5149) in Section 22, T8N, R10W and proceeding west along the Elk Ridge Road to the power line road (prison fence line) in the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, T8N, R10W, then south along the power line road (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of the prison fence in Section 28, T7N, R10 W, then east along the south boundary Section 28, T7N, R10W (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of Section 27, T7N, R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 34, T7N, R10W, then east to the southeast corner of Section 34, T7N R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 2, T6N, R10W, then east along the prison fence line to the Dempsey Lake Road (county road), then northeasterly along Dempsey Lake Road (prison fence line) to the southeast corner of Section 36 T7N R10W, then north along the prison fence line on east edge of Section 36 and 25, T7N, R10W to corner of the prison fence line in Section 25, T7N, R10W, then east along prison fence line in N2 Section 30, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line at Lake Hill Road (county road); then north approx. 1/2 mile along the east side of Sections 30 and 19, T7N, R9W to the corner of prison fence line on the eastern edge of Section 19, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence west and northerly in Sections 19 and 18 T7N R9W to the northeast corner of Section 18, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence east approx. 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of Section 8, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence north approx. 1/2 mile to the junction of the airport fence, then proceeding northwesterly, follow the fence bordering the airport, golf course and National Guard Armory through sections 8, 5 and 6, T7N, R9W to the Old Stage Road (county road), then follow the

Old Stage Road northwest through Sections 36, 26, and 22, T8N, R10W to the junction of the Elk Ridge Road (USFS Road 5149), the point of beginning.

**Seeley Lake Game Preserve:** Closed to all hunting. That portion of Missoula County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at a point where US Forest Service land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, then east on the boundary between US Forest Service and private land, then north on same boundary to the section line between Sections 17 and 20, then east on said section line and east on north line of Section 21, T17N, R15W to State Route 83, then south on State Route 83 to Riverview Drive in Section 3, T16N, R15W, then west on Riverview Drive to Snowmass Drive in Section 9, T16N, R15W, then north on Snowmass Drive to section line between Sections 4 and 5, T16N, R15W, then north on said section line to Clearwater River, then north along west shore of Clearwater River to Boy Scout Road in Section 33, T17N, R15W, then west and north on said road to where USFS land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, the point of beginning.

**Slippery Ann Elk Viewing Area:** Closed to all hunting per refuge regulation: Portions of Section 36, T22N, R24E and Sections 31 and 32, T22N, R25E, as posted.

**Townsend Weapon Restriction Area:** Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 12 and Route 284, then northerly along said route to its intersection with Riley Road, then west along said road to the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area boundary fence as signed, then northerly and westerly along said boundary fence to the end of said boundary fence in Section 28, T8N, R2E, near Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then westerly across said reservoir to Hahn Road, then westerly along said road to US Highway 287, then south along said highway to its intersection with the Kimber Gulch Road, then westerly along said road to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then southerly along said railroad tracks to their intersection with Springville Lane, then westerly and southerly along said lane to its intersection with the Indian Creek Road, then southerly along the west boundary of Sections 25 and 36 in T7N, R1E to the SW corner of Section 36, then easterly along the southern boundary of Section 36 and easterly along the southern boundary of Section 31 in T7N, R2E to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Lower Deep Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with Jack Farm Road, then northwesterly along said road to its intersection with Cemetery Road, then east and north along said road to its intersection with US Highway 12, then east along said highway to its intersection with Route 284, the point of beginning.

**Yellowstone River Islands:** Restricted to ArchEquip Only – islands in the Yellowstone River between the East Park Street Bridge at Livingston and one mile downstream of US Highway 89 Bridge.

## Wolf Management Unit (WMU) Legal Descriptions

**WMU 100 Purcell:** That portion of Lincoln County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning where the Montana-Idaho-Canadian border meets at the northwest corner of Montana, then easterly along the Canadian border to the east shore of Lake Koocanusa (Kootenai River), then southerly along said shore to Libby Dam and the east shore of the Kootenai River, then southerly along and westerly along said shore of the Kootenai River to US Highway 2 in Libby, then southerly and easterly along said highway to USFS Road 9991 between Upper and Lower Thompson Lakes, then southerly along said road to USFS Road 6769, then southerly and westerly along said road to the hydrologic divide, T26N, R27W, S30, then first south, then generally west and north along said county line to the Montana-Idaho border, then northerly along said border to where the Montana-Idaho-Canadian border meets, the point of the beginning.

**WMU 101 Salish:** Those portions of Lincoln and Flathead counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning where the east shore of Lake Koocanusa and the Canadian border meet, then easterly along said border to the Whitefish Divide, T37N, R24W, S4, then southerly along said divide to the top of Big Mountain and the head of Canyon Creek, then down Canyon Creek to the North Fork of the Flathead River, then southerly along said river to the Flathead River, then westerly along said river to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway to 12th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, then northerly to Tamarack Lane, then westerly to East Edgewood Drive and continue westerly to East 2nd Street, Whitefish, then south and westerly to US Highway 93, then west and northerly along said highway to Farm-to-Market Road, then southerly along said road to West Spring Creek Road across US highway 2 on to Dern Road then east on Whalebone Drive to Foy's Lake Road, then southerly along said highway to the Somers Fishing Access Site and the north shore of Flathead Lake, then west and southerly along said shore to the Flathead Indian Reservation Boundary, then west along said boundary to USFS Trail 290, then westerly along said trail to USFS Trail 132, then westerly along said trail to USFS Trail 137 and Schroeder Creek Road to the Thompson River County Road, then northerly long said road to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway to the south shore of the Kootenai River in Libby, then easterly and northerly along said shore to Libby Dam and the east shore of Lake Koocanusa (Kootenai River), then northerly along said shore to the Canadian border, the point of the beginning.

**WMU 110 North Fork:** Those portions of Lincoln and Flathead Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning on the U.S./British Columbia border west of Frozen Lake, proceeding southerly along the Whitefish Divide to the top of Big Mountain, then proceeding easterly from the top of Big Mountain down Canyon Creek to the North Fork of the Flathead River, then northerly up the middle of the North Fork of the Flathead River to the U.S./British Columbia border, then westerly along the U.S./British Columbia border to the Whitefish Divide, the point of beginning.

**WMU 121 Lower Clark Fork North:** Those portions of Lincoln and Flathead Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning where the Sanders-Lincoln County line intersects the Idaho border, then easterly along said county boundary line through Silver Butte Pass, Willow Creek Pass and Davis Peak to USFS Road 6769, T26N, R28W, S12, then northeasterly along said road to US Highway 2, then easterly along said highway to the Thompson River County Road, then southerly along said road to the Schroeder Creek Road and USFS Trail 137, then easterly along said road and trail to USFS Trail 132, then southeasterly to USFS Trail 290, then along said trail to the Flathead Indian Reservation Boundary, then southerly along said boundary to the Sanders County Line, then

westerly along said line to the Clark Fork-Ninemile Divide, then westerly along said divide to USFS Trail 242, then northerly along said trail to the Clark Fork River, then southwesterly up said river to USFS Trail 1714, then northerly along said trail to USFS Road 7592, then north and westerly along said trail through Compest Peak to the Mineral-Sanders County Line, then westerly along said line to the Montana-Idaho border, then northwesterly along said border to the Sanders-Lincoln County Line, the point of beginning.

**WMU 130 Flathead-Swan:** Those portions of Flathead, Lake, and Missoula Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning where US Highway 93 and Farm-to-Market Road meet northwest of Whitefish, then southerly along Farm-to-Market Road to West Spring Creek Road across US Highway 2 on to Dern Road then east on Whalebone Drive to Foy's Lake Road, then southerly along said highway to the Somers Fishing Access Site and the north shore of Flathead Lake, then easterly and southerly along said shore to the Flathead Indian Reservation boundary, then easterly and southerly along said boundary to the Clearwater River/Swan River Divide, Section 27, T18N, R17W, then northeasterly along said divide (Flathead NF/Lolo NF boundary) to the Swan Divide at Wolverine Peak, then northerly along said divide to Inspiration Point and the Middle Fork Creek/Inspiration Creek Divide, then northeasterly along said creek divide to USFS Trail 218, then easterly along said trail to USFS Trail 226 (Picture Peak Trail), then easterly along said trail to USFS Trail 107 near Picture Peak, then northerly along said trail to the south side of Sarah Peak, then easterly along the main creek to the South Fork Flathead River and the mouth of Mid Creek/USFS Trail 103, then northeasterly along said trail to USFS Trail 89 at Mid Mtn., then easterly and northerly along said trail to USFS Trail 83 (near Silvertip Cabin), then northwesterly along said trail to USFS Trail 43, then northwesterly along said trail to USFS Trail 327 east of Whitcomb Peak, then northwesterly along said trail to USFS Trail 81, then northerly along said trail to USFS Trail 155, then easterly along said trail to USFS Trail 154, then northeasterly along said trail to USFS Trail 179, then northeasterly and northerly along said trail to the Continental Divide (east of Big Lodge Mountain), then northerly along said divide to the Glacier National Park Boundary (near Marias Pass), then southwesterly and northwesterly along said boundary to where the Middle Fork and the North Fork of the Flathead River meet to form the Flathead River, then westerly along said river to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway to 12th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, then northerly to Tamarack Lane, then westerly to East Edgewood Drive and continue westerly to East 2nd Street, Whitefish, then south and westerly to US Highway 93, then west and northerly along said highway to Farm-to-Market Road, the point of beginning.

**WMU 150 Bob Marshall:** Those portions of Flathead, Missoula, Powell and Lewis and Clark Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Inspiration Point on the Swan Divide and the Middle Fork Creek/Inspiration Creek Divide, then Northeasterly along said creek divide to USFS Trail 218, then easterly along said trail to USFS Trail 226 (Picture Peak Trail), then easterly along said trail to USFS Trail 107 near Picture Peak, then northerly along said trail to the south side of Sarah Peak, then easterly along the main creek to the South Fork Flathead River and the mouth of Mid Creek/USFS Trail 103, then northeasterly along said trail to USFS Trail 89 at Mid Mtn., then easterly and northerly along said trail to USFS Trail 83 (near Silvertip Cabin), then northwesterly along said trail to USFS Trail 43, then northwesterly along said trail to USFS Trail 327 east of Whitcomb Peak, then northwesterly along said trail to USFS Trail 81, then northerly along said trail to USFS Trail 155, then easterly along said trail to USFS Trail 154, then northeasterly along said trail to USFS Trail 179, then northeasterly and northerly along said trail to the Continental Divide (east of Big Lodge Mountain), then Southerly along said divide to the Lolo NF/ Flathead NF Boundary at Triple Divide

Peak, then westerly along said boundary to the Swan Divide at Wolverine Peak, then northerly along said divide to Inspiration Point, the point of beginning.

**WMU 200 Lower Clark Fork South:** Those portions of Mineral, Sanders and Missoula Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Flathead Indian Reservation Boundary near Evaro, then south along US Highway 93 to its junction with Interstate 90, then northwesterly along said interstate to the first bridge over Clark Fork River west of Frenchtown (second bridge east of Alberton), then easterly along the west and south side of said river to the old Harpers Bridge and County Road 30 (Big Flat Road), then southerly along said road to its junction with the Blue Mountain Road, then south along said road to its junction with US Highway 93, then south along said highway to Lolo, then westerly along US Highway 12 to the Montana-Idaho border (Lolo Pass), then northwest along said border to Lookout Pass, then northerly along said border to the Mineral-Sanders County Line, then in an easterly and southerly direction along said county line (C-C Divide) to USFS Trail 404 near Combust Peak, then easterly on said trail to the Miller Creek Loop USFS Road 7592, then easterly along said road to its junction with USFS Trail 415, then easterly on said trail to its junction with USFS Trail 1714, then southerly on said trail to the Clark Fork River, then easterly along said river downstream to Cascade Campground, then south along USFS Trail 242 to Ninemile-Seigel Creek Divide (Sanders-Mineral County Line), then easterly along said divide crossing Seigel Pass to the Flathead Indian Reservation Boundary, then southeasterly along said reservation boundary and divide to Evaro, the point of beginning.

**WMU 210 Bitterroot/Upper Clark Fork:** Those portions of Granite, Powell, Deer Lodge, and Silver Bow counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Rock Creek Interchange on Interstate Highway 90 (I-90), then easterly along I-90 to its junction with US Highway 12 at Garrison, then east along said highway to the Continental Divide at MacDonald Pass, then southerly along said divide to Interstate Highway 15 (I-15) at Elk Park Pass, then south along I-15 to its junction with I-90, then west along I-90 to its junction with I-15 (west of Rucker), then south on I-15 to USFS Road 96 (Divide Creek Road), then westerly along said road to Fleecer Ridge, then northerly along said ridge to the Continental Divide at Burnt Mountain, then westerly along said divide to the head of American Creek, then northwesterly down said creek to State Route 274, then northerly along said route to the Continental Divide, then westerly along said divide to the Rock Creek-Bitterroot River Divide at West Pintler Peak, then northerly along said divide to USFS Trail 215, then east along said trail to Eagle Creek Cable Crossing and Rock Creek Road, then north along said road to the Rock Creek Interchange on I-90, the point of beginning.

**WMU 250 West Fork Bitterroot:** Those portions of Ravalli, Missoula and Granite Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Montana/Idaho border on US Highway 93 at Lost Trail Pass, then southwesterly, northerly and westerly along said border to US Highway 12 at Lolo Pass, then easterly along said highway to its junction with US Highway 93 at Lolo, then north on said highway to the Blue Mountain Road, then northwesterly along said road to Big Flat Road, then northwesterly along said road to Deep Creek then east down said creek to the west shoreline of the Clark Fork River, then northerly and westerly down said shoreline to the first Interstate Highway 90 bridge west of the Ninemile Interchange, then southeasterly along said highway to the Rock Creek Interchange, then south along Rock Creek Road to Eagle Creek Cable Crossing, then west on USFS Trail 215 to the Rock Creek-Bitterroot River Divide, then southerly along said divide to the Continental Divide (at West Pintler Peak), then southwesterly along said divide to the Montana-

Idaho border, then westerly long said border to US Highway 93, the point of beginning.

**WMU 280 North Blackfoot:** Those portions of Powell and Lewis and Clark Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning on Monture Creek Trail 27 at its junction with Falls Creek Trail 16, then north along Monture Creek Trail 27 to Center Creek Trail 463, then west along said trail to Center Creek Trail 246, then west along said trail to Youngs Pass and the Flathead-Blackfoot Divide, then northeast along said divide to Triple Divide Mountain and the Continental Divide, then southeasterly along said divide to Falls Creek (of the Landers Fork of the Blackfoot River), then southwest along said creek to the Sanders Fork, then up said river to Heart Lake Trail 478, then southerly along said trail to its intersection with Trail 481 at Heart Lake, then westerly along Trail 481 to Red Mountain-Ringeye Creek Trail 423, then southwesterly along said trail to Red Mountain, then southwesterly along the Scapegoat Wilderness Boundary (divide between Copper and Beaver Creeks on the south and East Fork of North Fork Blackfoot River on the north) to Arrastra Mountain then northwest along Scapegoat Wilderness Boundary to Windy Pass Trail 484, then southwesterly along said trail to the Bear Creek North Fork Blackfoot Trail 17, then northwesterly along said trail to its intersection with North Fork Blackfoot Trail 32, then southwesterly along said trail to North Fork Blackfoot Trailhead and Lake Creek Trail 61, then northwest along said trail to its junction with Trail 16 near Lake Otatsy, then northwesterly along said trail through Camp Pass to Monture Creek Trail 27, the point of beginning.

**WMU 290 Blackfoot:** Those portions of Granite, Lewis and Clark, Missoula and Powell Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Missoula, then northwest along Interstate 90 to US Highway 93, then north on said highway to the Flathead Indian Reservation boundary near Evaro, then northeast and north along said boundary to the Swan-Clearwater Divide, then northeast along said divide, crossing State Route 83 to Wolverine Peak, then southeast along the Flathead-Blackfoot River Divide to USFS Trail 246 (Youngs Pass), then east along said trail to Center Creek Trail 463, then east along said trail to Monture Creek Trail 27, then south on Monture Creek Trail 27 to Falls Creek Trail 16, then easterly along said trail through Camp Pass to Lake Creek Trail 61 near Lake Otatsy, then southeasterly along said trail to the North Fork Blackfoot Trailhead, then north on North Fork Blackfoot Trail 32 to Bear Creek-Northfork Blackfoot Trail 17, then southeasterly along said trail to its intersection with Windy Pass Trail 484, then northeasterly, along said trail to Windy Pass, then southeasterly along the Scapegoat Wilderness Boundary to Arrastra Mountain, then northeasterly along Scapegoat Wilderness Boundary to Red Mountain, then northeasterly on Red Mountain-Ringeye Creek Trail 423 to its junction with Webb Lake Trail 481, then east along said trail to its junction with Heart Lake-Bighorn Creek Trail 478 near Heart Lake, then north along said trail to Landers Fork River, then southeasterly along said river to Falls Creek (of the Landers Fork River), then northeasterly along said creek to the Continental Divide, the southeast along said divide to Rogers Pass and the Continental Divide, then south along said divide to MacDonald Pass, then west along US Highway 12 to its junction with Interstate 90 at Garrison, then west on said interstate to Missoula, the point of beginning.

**WMU 310 Gallatin-Madison:** Those portions of Gallatin, Madison and Park Counties within the following boundary. Beginning at the Montana-Idaho border at Reynolds Pass, then northerly along Highway 87 to the junction with Highway 287, then northerly along Highway 287 to the junction with Interstate 90 at Three Forks, then easterly along Interstate 90 to the Meadow Creek Road, then southerly along the Meadow Creek Road to the Goose Creek Road, then southerly along the Goose

Creek Road to the Gallatin- Yellowstone Divide near the Old Cooper Reservoir, then south along the Gallatin-Yellowstone Divide to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then westerly and southerly along the Yellowstone National Park boundary to the Montana-Idaho border, then northwesterly along the Montana-Idaho border to Reynolds Pass, the point of beginning.

**WMU 313 Gardiner:** Those portions of Park county lying within the following described boundary: beginning at the intersection of the Cottonwood-Hellroaring Creek divide and Yellowstone National Park Boundary, then westerly along said boundary to USFS Trail #106, then northeasterly along said trail to the head of Mill Creek, then northeasterly along said creek to Cinnabar Creek, then easterly along said creek to the Yellowstone River, then northerly along said river to Cedar Creek, and then easterly along said creek to USFS Trail #72 at the head of Cedar Creek, then easterly along said trail to the Cedar-Bear Creek Divide, then easterly along said divide to Monitor Peak, then southeasterly along the Mill-Hellroaring-Bear Creek divide to Ash Mountain, then southerly along Crevice-Hellroaring Creek divide and Cottonwood-Hellroaring Creek divide to the Yellowstone National Park Boundary, the point of the beginning.

**WMU 316 Absaroka:** Those portions of Carbon, Sweet Grass and Park Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of the Montana-Wyoming border and the Custer-Gallatin National Forest boundary southeast of Albino Lake, then northerly and westerly along said boundary to Granite Mountain, then north one-half mile to the Stillwater County Line, then west along said county line to the Custer-Gallatin National Forest Boundary near Timberline Mountain, then northerly along said boundary to the Slough Creek-Boulder River Divide near Columbine Pass, then southwesterly along the Boulder River-Slough Creek Divide and northwesterly along the Boulder River-Buffalo Fork Divide and the Hellroaring Creek-Boulder River Divide to the Hellroaring-Mill Creeks Divide near Crow Mountain, then southwesterly along the Mill-Hellroaring Creeks Divide to the Bear-Hellroaring Creeks Divide to Ash Mountain, then southerly along the Crevice-Hellroaring Creeks Divide to the Crevice-Cottonwood Creeks Divide to the Yellowstone National Park Boundary, then easterly and southerly along said boundary to the Montana-Wyoming border, then easterly along said border to the Custer-Gallatin National Forest boundary southeast of Albino Lake, the point of beginning. WMU 316 encompasses deer/elk hunting district 316.

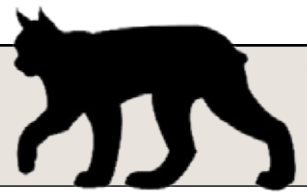
**WMU 320 Highlands-Tobacco Roots-Gravelly-Snowcrest:** Those portions of Beaverhead, Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison and Silver Bow counties within the following boundary. Beginning at the Montana-Idaho border at Monida Pass, then northerly along Interstate 15 to the junction with Interstate 90 at Rocker, then easterly along Interstate 90 to the junction with Highway 287 at Three Forks, then southerly along Highway 287 to the junction with Highway 87, then southerly along Highway 87 to the Montana-Idaho border at Reynolds Pass, then westerly along the Montana-Idaho border to Monida Pass, the point of beginning.

**WMU 330 Big Hole/Tendoy:** Those portions of Silver Bow, Beaverhead, and Deer Lodge Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of USFS Road 96 (Divide Creek Road) and Interstate Highway 15 (I-15, south of Rocker), then southerly along said highway to the Montana-Idaho border (Continental Divide), then west and northerly along said border/divide to its junction with the boundary between Ravalli and Beaverhead Counties (in Sec 3, T2S, R19W), then continuing northeasterly along said divide to State Route 274, then southerly along said route to American Creek, then southeasterly up said creek to its head at the Continental Divide, then easterly along said divide to Fleecer Ridge at

Burnt Mountain, then southerly along said ridge to USFS Road 96, then easterly along said road to its junction with I-15, the point of beginning.

**WMU 390 South Central Montana:** Those portions of Silverbow, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Cascade, Meagher, Gallatin, Park, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Carbon, Golden Valley, Fergus, Petroleum, Musselshell, Yellowstone, Big Horn, Treasure, Rosebud, Garfield, McCone, Prairie, Custer, Powder River, Carter, Fallon, Wibaux, Dawson and Richland Counties within the following boundary. Beginning at the junction of Interstate 90 and Interstate 15 at Butte, then northerly along Interstate 15 to the Continental Divide at Elk Park Pass, then northerly along the Continental Divide to the North Fork of Lyons Creek (northwest of Flesher Pass), then southeasterly down said creek to Interstate 15, then northeasterly along said interstate to the junction with Highway 200, then easterly along said highway to the Montana-North Dakota border, then southerly along said border to the Montana-South Dakota border, then southerly along said border to the Montana-Wyoming border, then westerly along said border to the Custer-Gallatin National Forest boundary southeast of Albino Lake, then northerly and westerly along said boundary to Granite Mountain, then north one-half mile to the Stillwater County Line, then west along said county line to the Custer-Gallatin National Forest Boundary near Timberline Mountain, then northerly along said boundary to the Slough Creek-Boulder River Divide near Columbine Pass, then southwesterly along the Boulder River-Slough Creek Divide and northwesterly along the Boulder River-Buffalo Fork Divide and the Hellroaring Creek-Boulder River Divide to the Hellroaring-Mill Creek Divide near Crow Mountain, then southwesterly along the Mill-Hellroaring Creeks Divide to the Bear-Hellroaring divide, then westerly along the Mill - Bear Creeks Divide to Monitor Peak, then westerly along the Cedar-Bear Creek Divide to USFS Trail #72, then southwesterly along said trail to the head of Cedar Creek, then westerly along Cedar Creek to the Yellowstone River, southerly along said river to Cinnabar Creek, then westerly along said creek to Mill Creek, then southwesterly along said creek to USFS Trail #106 westerly to the Yellowstone National Park boundary on the Yellowstone-Gallatin River Divide, then northerly along said divide to the Goose Creek Road, then northwesterly along said road to Meadow Creek Road (west of Livingston), then westerly along said road to Interstate 90, then westerly along said interstate to Butte, the point of beginning. WMU 390 encompasses deer/elk hunting districts 309 (north of I-90), 312, (a portion of) 313, 314, 315, 317, 318, 335, 339, 343, 350, 370, 380, 388, 390, 391,392, and 393 AND all of Region 5, all of Region 7 south of US Hwy 200 and a portion of Region 4 south of US Hwy 200 and east of I-15.

**WMU 400 North Central Montana:** Those portions of Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Lewis and Clark, Cascade, Chouteau, Judith Basin, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Fergus, Petroleum, Phillips, Valley, Garfield, McCone, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Daniels and Dawson Counties within the following described boundary: beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 15 and State Highway 200 near Great Falls, then easterly along Highway 200 to the Montana - North Dakota border, then northerly along said border to the Montana - Canada border, then westerly along the Montana - Canada border to its intersection with the continental divide in Glacier National Park, then southerly along said continental divide, through Rogers Pass, to the North Fork of Lyons Creek, then southeasterly down Lyons Creek to Interstate Highway 15, then northerly along Interstate Highway 15 to its intersection with State Highway 200 near Great Falls, the point of beginning.



# LYNX ARE PROTECTED BY FEDERAL LAW UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Avoid placing sets that might attract lynx. Trapped lynx that are uninjured must be released immediately and the incident must be reported to a FWP warden or biologist within **24 hours** of release. If a lynx is injured, trappers must immediately notify a FWP warden or biologist or an FWP Regional Office, to determine disposition and/or collection of the animal. Persons who know about the taking of a lynx shall report it by calling 1-800-TIP-MONT (800-847-6668).

**Lynx Protection Zones (applicable on public lands only)**– Special regulations are required on public lands in areas identified as “Lynx Protection Zones” to protect lynx and help trappers avoid accidentally taking lynx in Montana. The special regulations for areas within the Lynx Protection Zones are:

- Rabbit or hare parts, whether for flagging purposes or for bait, may not be used within 30 feet of a set trap.
- The use of natural flagging such as bird wings, feathers, or pieces of fur may not be used within 30 feet of a set trap.
- The use of fresh meat baits is not allowed – only tainted meat bait is allowed (exposed to temperatures above freezing for >24 hour)
- All snares in Lynx Protection Zones must be equipped with a relaxing device.
- Snaring for wolves is not allowed within Lynx Protection Zones on public lands.
- “Take” of lynx is not allowed due to their federal status as a threatened species. Captures, whether the lynx is released uninjured, is injured, or killed are all considered “take” according to the definition set by federal law and used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Any lynx that is caught and uninjured must be immediately released, if possible. Any trapper who accidentally takes a lynx is required to notify a FWP warden or biologist or an FWP Regional Office as soon as possible or within 24 hours.
- Trappers are strongly encouraged to not set traps if lynx are observed in an area or if lynx tracks are identified. Trappers are also strongly encouraged to use live traps (e.g., box trap) and carry catchpoles to aid in the safe release of non-target species.

## Lynx Protection Zone Descriptions on Public Lands

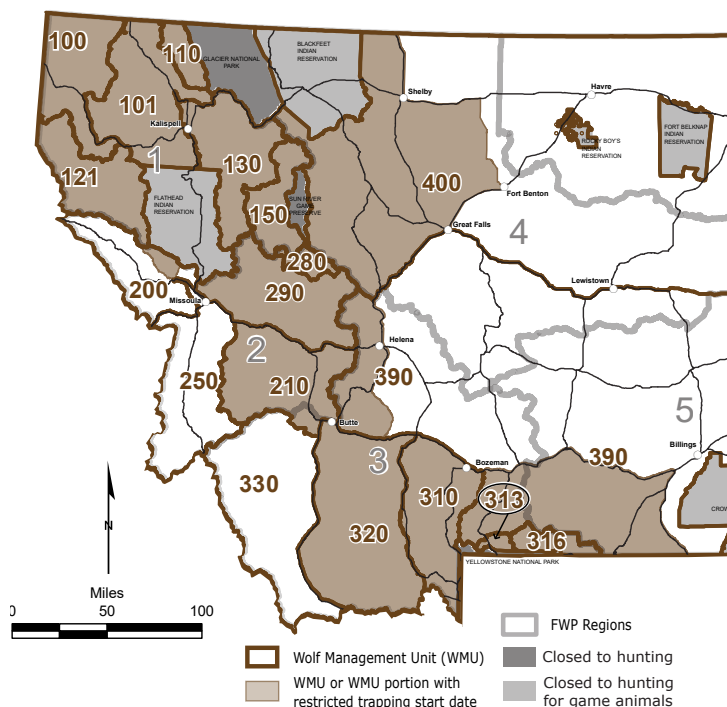
### Greater Yellowstone Area

Those portions of Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater and Carbon Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 191 and the Montana/Wyoming boundary, then northerly along said highway to its intersection with Interstate 90, then easterly along said interstate to its intersection with Highway 78, then southerly along said highway to its intersection with Highway 212, then southerly along said highway to its intersection with the western edge of Section 20 (T8S, R20E), then easterly along the USFS/private land boundary to the northeast corner of the SE ¼ of Section 22 (T8S, R20E), then southerly along the USFS/private land boundary to its intersection with the Montana/Wyoming boundary, then west along said boundary to the point of beginning.

### Northwest Montana

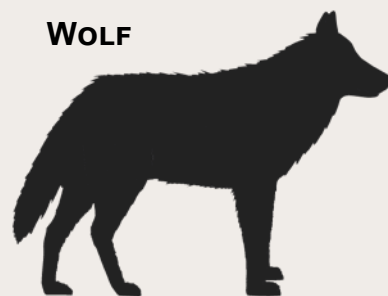
Those portions of Lincoln, Flathead, Glacier, Lake, Missoula, Granite, Powell, Lewis and Clark, Teton and Pondera Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the westernmost point of the Montana/Canada boundary, then south along the Montana/Idaho boundary to its intersection with Highway 2, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Highway 35, then southerly along said highway to its intersection Highway 93, then southerly along said highway to its intersection with Interstate 90, the easterly along said interstate to its intersection with Highway 12, then easterly along said highway to MacDonald Pass, then northerly along the USFS/private land boundary and then the Glacier National Park/Blackfeet Reservation boundary to the Montana/Canada boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the point of beginning.

## WMUs with floating trapping season opening dates



## Wolf Identification

### WOLF



- 2.5 feet tall
- 5-6 feet long
- 70-120 pounds
- Broad snout
- Round ears
- Color light gray to black
- Long, low howl
- Track 4.5 inches wide, 5 to 5.5 inches long
- Claws evident

### COYOTE



- 1.5 feet tall
- 4 feet long
- 30-40 pounds
- Narrow snout
- Pointed ears
- Color light gray to brown
- Track 2.5 inches wide, 2 to 2.5 inches long
- Claws evident

## 2021-2022 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for wolf hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of wolf begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. **(Do not use other sources).**



**ZONE 1:** INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders counties

Day	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar	
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**ZONE 3:** INCLUDES: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties

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**ZONE 2:** INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole counties.

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 Montana State Parks .....406-444-3750  
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 Guides & Outfitters  
 406-841-2300  
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 406-444-7323  
 State Lands (DNRC)  
 406-444-2074  
 Tourism  
 406-841-2870

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 202-208-3100  
 USDI Fish & Wildlife Service  
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 USDA Forest Service  
 406-329-3511  
 USDA Wildlife Services  
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#### Federal Agencies continued

USDI Bureau of Land Management  
 406-896-5000  
 National Weather Service (Missoula)  
 406-329-4840

#### Tribal Governments

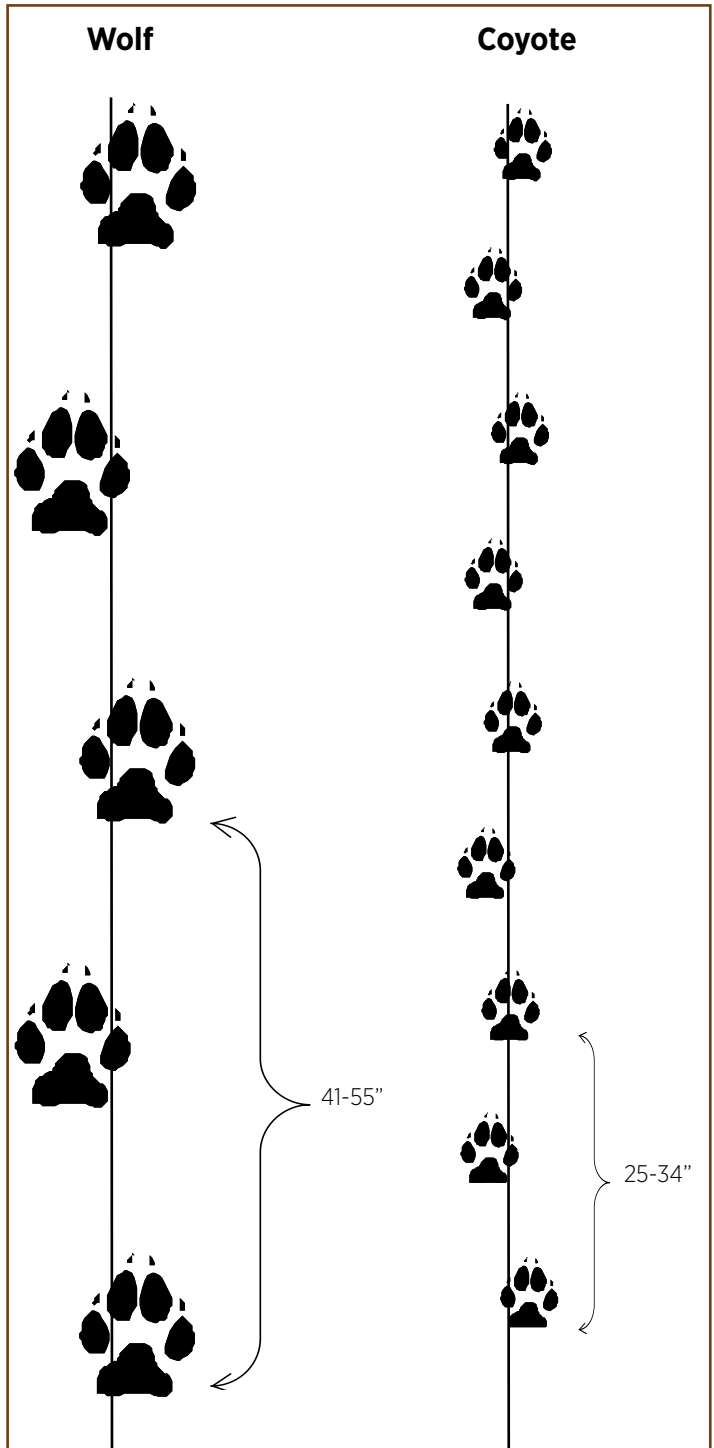
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 Flathead Reservation  
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 Fort Peck Reservation  
 406-768-5305  
 Northern Cheyenne Reservation  
 406-477-6526  
 Rocky Boy Reservation  
 406-395-4207

## Tracks Stride Length

The tracks shown below represent a “stride length” measurement comparison between a wolf and coyote.

Track identification for both wolf and coyote. Reference page 14 for actual track size and wolf/coyote identification.

- Claws evident
- Track generally square shape
- Track is longer than wide
- Four toes symmetrical
- Single lobe on the front of the main foot pad



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## Subchapter 1

## Organizational Rule

24.171.101 BOARD ORGANIZATION (1) The Board of Outfitters hereby adopts and incorporates the organizational rules of the Department of Labor and Industry listed at chapter 1 of this title of the Administrative Rules of Montana.

(2) It is the policy, intent, and purpose of the Board of Outfitters to provide quality regulatory functions and services to the profession it regulates and the public in order to promote, maintain, and preserve an ever-improving high degree of competence in the profession, satisfaction in the public, and an everlasting environment in which the profession operates. (History: 2-4-201, MCA; IMP, 2-4-201, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 46, Eff. 1/15/88; AMD, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; TRANS, from Commerce, 2006 MAR p. 324.)

## Subchapter 2

## Procedural Rules

24.171.201 PROCEDURAL RULES (1) The Board of Outfitters hereby adopts and incorporates the procedural rules of the Department of Labor and Industry as listed in chapter 2 of this title of the Administrative Rules of Montana. (History: 2-4-201, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 2-4-201, 37-47-201, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 46, Eff. 1/15/88; AMD, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; TRANS, from Commerce, 2006 MAR p. 324.)

24.171.202 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RULES (1) The Board of Outfitters hereby adopts and incorporates the citizen participation rules of the Department of Commerce as listed in chapter 2 of Title 8.

(2) Dates, times, and places for meetings and other activities of the Board of Outfitters may be obtained by contacting the board office.

(3) Communications to the Board of Outfitters may be made to: Board of Outfitters, Department of Labor and Industry, 301 S. Park, P.O. Box 200513, Helena, Montana 59620-0513.

(4) In addition to any other means provided by law or rule, a person wanting to receive notice of board activities of significant interest to that person may contact the board office, in writing, and request that his or her name, address, and phone number be placed on the board's "mailing list" and designate those activities of interest. The request shall be effective until January 1 of the following year, at which time it may be renewed by written request annually. (History: 2-3-103, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 2-3-103, 37-47-201, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 46, Eff. 1/15/88; AMD, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; TRANS, from Commerce, 2006 MAR p. 324.)

Subchapter 3 reserved

## Subchapter 4

## General Provisions

24.171.401 FEES (1) Fees for outfitters, operations plan, guide, or use of outfitter assistants shall be as set forth below. The following fees are nonrefundable.

- (a) New outfitter application and license. \$1300

This fee includes the following costs, but does not include fees related to operations plan.

- (i) application processing 350
- (ii) examination 150
- (iii) investigation 400
- (iv) license 400
- (b) Application for amendment to outfitter license. 450

This fee includes the following costs:

- (i) application processing 300
- (ii) examination 150
- (c) Renewal of outfitter license
- (i) outfitter annual license 150
- (ii) outfitter inactive status 75
- (d) New operations plan
- (i) review and processing 125
- (ii) equipment inspection 375
- (e) Fee per outfitter assistant employed or contracted 25
- (f) Renewal guide license 50
- (g) Initial guide application 125
- (h) Fee for transfer of NCHU from each outfitter involved in the transfer 25

- (i) Fee for each set of two replacement watercraft identification tags 5

(j) Additional standardized fees are specified in ARM 24.101.403. (History: 37-1-131, 37-1-134, 37-47-201, 37-47-306, MCA; IMP, 37-1-134, 37-1-141, 37-47-304, 37-47-306, 37-47-307, 37-47-308, 37-47-310, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 1994 MAR p. 2823, Eff. 10/28/94; AMD, 1995 MAR p. 2388, Eff. 11/10/95; AMD, 1996 MAR p. 909, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 1997 MAR p. 1178, Eff. 7/8/97; AMD, 1998 MAR p. 2560, Eff. 9/25/98; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; AMD, 2001 MAR p. 843, Eff. 5/25/01; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2006 MAR p. 1583, Eff. 7/1/06; AMD, 2007 MAR p. 298, Eff. 3/9/07; AMD, 2008 MAR p. 2055, Eff. 9/26/08; AMD, 2009 MAR p. 1406, Eff. 8/14/09; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 1889, Eff. 8/27/10; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 2384, Eff. 10/15/10; AMD, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11; AMD, 2013 MAR p. 671, Eff. 4/26/13; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16; AMD, 2019 MAR p. 850, Eff. 6/22/19; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

24.171.402 EFFECT OF FEE FOR EXPANSION OF NET CLIENT HUNTER USE (REPEALED) (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-201, 37-47-316, MCA; NEW, 2003 MAR p. 1193, Eff. 6/13/03; TRANS, from Commerce, 2006 MAR p. 324; REP, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15.)

24.171.403 NONROUTINE APPLICATIONS (1) For the purpose of processing nonroutine applications, the board incorporates the definitions of routine and nonroutine at ARM 24.101.402 by reference.

(2) Nonroutine applications must be reviewed and approved by the board before a license may be issued.

(3) Applications that are nonroutine for an outfitter license for the same reason that they were nonroutine as a guide license are also nonroutine for the outfitter license, which is a privilege to practice at a higher level of public trust. (History: 37-1-131, MCA; IMP, 37-1-101, 37-1-131, MCA; NEW, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 556, Eff. 5/15/21.)

24.171.404 MILITARY TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE (1) Pursuant to 37-1-145, MCA, the board shall accept relevant military training, service, or education toward the requirements for licensure as an outfitter or guide.

(2) Relevant military training, service, or education must be completed by an applicant while a member of either:

- (a) United States Armed Forces;
- (b) United States Reserves;
- (c) state national guard; or
- (d) military reserves.

(3) An applicant must submit satisfactory evidence of receiving military training, service, or education that is equivalent to relevant licensure requirements as an outfitter or guide. Satisfactory evidence includes:

(a) a copy of the applicant's military discharge document (DD 214 or other discharge documentation);

(b) a document that clearly shows all relevant training, certification, service, or education the applicant received while in the military, including dates of training and completion or graduation; and

(c) any other documentation as required by the board.

(4) The board shall consider all documentation received to determine whether an applicant's military training, service, or education is equivalent to relevant licensure requirements. (History: 37-1-145, MCA; IMP, 37-1-145, MCA; NEW, 2014 MAR p. 2653, Eff. 10/24/14.)

24.171.405 BOOKING AGENTS AND ADVERTISING (1) Any person authorized by the outfitter may schedule trips, provide clients with information regarding refunds and services, receive client fees on behalf of the outfitter, secure a guide who is employed by or with whom the outfitter has an existing contractual relationship, and take other steps to establish contracts for services, as long as these activities are at the direction of the outfitter and as long as the terms and conditions of the contracts are directly between the outfitter and the client.

(2) Outfitters may enter into an arrangement with a person whereby the outfitter's services are advertised by or at the direction of that person or whereby clients are referred to the outfitter, but the outfitter is accountable to the board for the appearance and propriety of all such advertising and for all interactions between the other person and the clients and potential clients. All advertising regarding outfitting services must comply with the rules applicable to outfitters.

(3) Guides advertising to outfitters using media or methods that the general public may also view shall include a clear and conspicuous disclaimer that advises the general public that the advertisement is for outfitters only, not the general public. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, MCA; NEW, 2015 MAR p. 269, Eff. 1/30/15.)

Rule 24.171.406 reserved

24.171.407 INSPECTION (1) Inspections of outfitter and guide operations may be made by a representative of the board at all reasonable times. The purpose of the inspection is to periodically examine the premises, equipment, and/or procedures of a licensed individual to determine whether the individual's practice is being conducted in a manner consistent with the laws and rules of the board, and the public health, safety and welfare. (History: 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-301, 37-47-302, MCA; NEW, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; TRANS, from Commerce, 2006 MAR p. 324; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15.)

24.171.408 OUTFITTER RECORDS (1) Outfitters shall maintain current and accurate records and make the records available:

(a) to enforcement or investigative personnel authorized or appointed by the board;

(b) upon subpoena or order of a court;

(c) upon written request of the board; or

(d) upon written request of a state or federal agency for law enforcement purposes.

(2) Outfitter records shall contain information as required by the board. The information required, in addition to information for operations plans under ARM 24.171.520 and employment records relative to outfitter assistants under ARM 24.171.410, shall include:

(a) the outfitter's name and license number;

(b) each client's name and/or unique identifier assigned to the client by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks;

(c) dates of service to clients;

(d) category of NCHU applicable for each client; and

(e) the name of the outfitter assistant or the name and license number of the guide who accompanied the client.

(3) In general, outfitter records, including, but not limited to the operations plans, shall be maintained as confidential information and shall not be released to any person or organization without written permission of the outfitter, subpoena or order of a court, or written request of a state or federal agency for law enforcement purposes. A specific outfitter's number of NCHU is confidential information, but whether an outfitter has NCHU of a particular category is public information. All inquiries for outfitter records shall be reviewed and considered in relation to this rule and the competing interests between the public's right to know and the rights of privacy involved in the particular records requested. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, 37-47-304, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 1989 MAR p. 1192, Eff. 8/18/89; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11; AMD, 2013 MAR p. 671, Eff. 4/26/13; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16; AMD, 2019 MAR p. 850, Eff. 6/22/19; AMD, 2020 MAR p. 1157, Eff. 6/27/20; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

24.171.409 GUIDE TO HUNTER RATIO (REPEALED) (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-201, 37-47-402, MCA; NEW, 2010 MAR p. 651, Eff. 3/12/10; REP, 2013 MAR p. 671, Eff. 4/26/13.)

24.171.410 OUTFITTER'S ASSISTANTS (1) An outfitter may only employ or contract with an outfitter's assistant in an emergency. Emergency, as defined in 37-47-101, MCA, includes unforeseen staffing shortages, not caused by the outfitter's action or inaction, for which employing or contracting with an outfitter's assistant is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare while serving a client.

(2) For each outfitter's assistant employed or contracted with by an outfitter, the following documentation procedures shall be followed:

(a) An outfitter shall document the employment or retention of each outfitter's assistant. The outfitter's assistant shall keep a copy of the employment documentation at all times during the service period. Within 15 days of the first date the outfitter's assistant serves a client, the outfitter shall submit to the department a copy of the employment documentation and fee required in ARM 24.171.401. The employment documentation shall include:

(i) the name, license number, address, phone number, and, if available, e-mail address of the outfitter;

(ii) the signature of the outfitter;

(iii) the name, date of birth, address, telephone number, and, if available, e-mail address of the outfitter's assistant; and

(iv) the beginning and ending dates of the service period.

(b) Within 15 days of the first date the outfitter's assistant serves any client, the outfitter shall submit the following information to the department:

(i) an explanation of the emergency causing the need to employ or contract with the outfitter's assistant;

(ii) an explanation for why the outfitter's assistant could not obtain a guide license before serving a client;

(iii) a statement indicating whether the outfitter's assistant has applied for a guide license; and

(iv) an affidavit by the outfitter that the outfitter has complied with all laws and rules relating to outfitter's assistants.

(c) Outfitters shall maintain a copy of this documentation and make the records available at all times in accordance with ARM 24.171.408 following the provision of services by the outfitter's assistant.

(3) Except where an outfitter's assistant's conduct is further limited by statute or rule, the standards of conduct set forth in ARM 24.171.2301 applicable to guides shall also be observed by the outfitter's assistant. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-101, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, 37-47-325, 37-47-404, 37-47-405, MCA; NEW, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2018 MAR p. 1731, Eff. 8/25/18; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

Rule 24.171.411 reserved

24.171.412 SAFETY AND FIRST AID PROVISIONS (1) Outfitters and guides are required to hold current basic first aid certification at all times actively licensed.

(2) Basic first aid certification must be obtained through a provider and course approved by the department based upon the following minimum criteria:

(a) The provider must require written or practical tests and participants are to receive completion certificates.

(b) The provider program must include, at a minimum, universal precautions for self-protection and training specific to the following types of injuries:

- (i) shock;
- (ii) bleeding;
- (iii) poisoning;
- (iv) burns;
- (v) temperature extremes;
- (vi) musculoskeletal injuries;
- (vii) bites and stings; and
- (viii) medical emergencies.

(c) Instruction in the principles and first aid intervention of injuries must refer to body extremities.

(3) A list of approved providers and courses shall be maintained on the board web site.

(4) An applicant may also meet basic first aid certification if the applicant provides proof of a certification, license, or other credential that is equivalent to or greater than basic first aid certification, approved on a case-by-case basis by the department. The board may also maintain on its web site a list of certifications, licenses, and other credentials that will be routinely accepted as equivalent to or greater than basic first aid.

(5) Whenever guests are present, each watercraft; vessel; vehicle; primary, secondary, and temporary base of operations must possess a serviceable basic first aid kit.

(6) Each watercraft or vessel shall contain a serviceable U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device for each person onboard and a rescue throw line measuring at least 55 feet in length. Children under 12 are required to wear a personal floatation device. Watercraft 16 feet and longer are required to be equipped with a throwable Type IV floatation device. Personal floatation devices must be readily accessible at all times.

(7) All watercraft or vessels are required to carry onboard a supplementary means of power, such as an extra motor or extra oar that will adequately motivate the craft. (History: 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-201, MCA; NEW, 1992 MAR p. 439, Eff. 3/13/92; AMD, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 1999 MAR p. 809, Eff. 4/23/99; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 1889, Eff. 8/27/10; AMD, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2017 MAR p. 1900, Eff. 10/14/17; AMD, 2019 MAR p. 850, Eff. 6/22/19; AMD, 2020 MAR p. 1157, Eff. 6/27/20; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

24.171.413 WATERCRAFT IDENTIFICATION (1) A person holding a valid outfitter or guide license who utilizes any type of watercraft while providing services shall prove evidence of licensure by displaying, at all times services are being provided, board-issued watercraft identification tags.

(2) The tags shall display the outfitter or guide license number for identification purposes.

(3) An unlicensed outfitter assistant shall display board-issued watercraft identification tags on each watercraft to be occupied by the outfitter assistant.

(4) One tag shall be affixed to each side of the watercraft at the bow, oarlock, or stern of the watercraft and be of a size approved by the board so that they may be easily seen from another watercraft or from shore.

(5) Each tag shall be affixed to the watercraft or on a removable plaque or in such a way that if the craft is sold or is not being used by the licensee while the licensee is providing services, the tag may be removed or concealed to prevent misidentification of the occupant(s) as licensees.

(6) Licensees may be provided with one set of two watercraft identification tags at the time of application for licensure or renewal, at no charge, upon request. A fee will be assessed for any replacement in accordance with ARM 24.171.401.

(History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-134, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, 37-47-302, 37-47-303, 37-47-325, 37-47-405, MCA; NEW, 1998 MAR p. 740, Eff. 3/27/98; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16; AMD, 2017 MAR p. 1900, Eff. 10/14/17.)

24.171.414 APPLICANTS WITH CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS (1) The board incorporates ARM 24.101.406 by reference with the following modifications:

(a) Nonviolent misdemeanor and felony convictions in (5) involving violations of laws relative to fish, wildlife, and parks are nonroutine if those convictions:

(i) ever resulted in the loss of privileges to hunt or fish; or

(ii) totaled two or more for which the conviction date is more than five years before the board received the application.

(b) Violent misdemeanor or felony convictions in (6) are routine if the conviction date is more than ten years before the application date, unless the applicant is still in custody due to the conviction or staff otherwise determines the applicant engaged in egregious conduct implicating risk to public safety. (History: 37-1-131, MCA; IMP, 37-1-101, 37-1-131, MCA; NEW, 2021 MAR p. 556, Eff. 5/15/21.)

## Subchapter 5

## Outfitter Licensing

24.171.501 APPLICATION FOR OUTFITTER LICENSE (1) An application for an outfitter license shall be on forms prescribed by the department and shall be accompanied by the required fee.

(2) A complete application, which is required prior to being allowed to take the examination, shall consist of two parts:

(a) the department's license application form, including all supporting documentation as required by that form; and

(b) an operations plan application form, accompanied by a NCHU transfer request form, if applicable.

(3) The license issued shall designate, and thereby authorize the outfitter to conduct those functions of an outfitter that the applicant has qualified for. Functions of an outfitter to be indicated on the license application and license issued, if qualified for, shall be one or more of the following:

(a) hunting services;

(b) fishing services; and

(c) if applicable to the services provided in (3)(a) and (b), and qualified for, one or more of the following:

(i) saddle or pack animal; or

(ii) boat or other floating craft, or motorized watercraft.

(4) An outfitter license shall be issued to an applicant who has demonstrated to the board that he or she has:

(a) met the qualifications to provide those services of an outfitter indicated on the license application;

(b) filed an outfitter license application with the board office;

(c) filed an operations plan that has been approved by the board;

(d) successfully passed the required examinations pertaining to those categories described in ARM 24.171.507; and

(e) received an approved equipment inspection. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-101, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, 37-47-302, 37-47-305, 37-47-307, 37-47-308, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

24.171.502 OUTFITTER QUALIFICATIONS (1) An applicant for an outfitter license shall have the qualifications to provide all services and use all equipment necessary to provide the functions of an outfitter that the license will authorize the applicant to provide. In addition, the applicant shall have:

(a) for a fishing outfitter applicant:

(i) a minimum of three years and 120 days of verified experience as a licensed guide working for a licensed outfitter in this state, guiding clients and using methods for pursuing fish, reduced by no more than 50 experience days for any waiver or combination of waivers; or

(ii) a minimum of three years and 120 days of verified experience as a licensed outfitter, a licensed guide, or equivalent experience in another state guiding clients and using methods for pursuing fish reduced by no more than 50 experience days for any waiver or combination of waivers. All experience in this subsection is subject to board approval; or

(b) for all other applicants:

(i) 100 days of verified experience as a licensed guide working for a licensed outfitter in this state, guiding clients in pursuing the types of game and using methods for which licensure is sought by the applicant; or

(ii) 100 days of verified experience as a licensed outfitter, a licensed guide, or equivalent experience in another state guiding clients in pursuing the types of game and using the methods for which licensure is sought by the applicant. All experience in this subsection is subject to board approval.

(2) For purposes of this rule, verified experience includes:

(a) written affirmation on forms prescribed by the department from a licensed outfitter(s) in this state by whom the applicant was employed or retained, attesting to guiding experience. The written affirmation must quantify the number of guiding days the applicant earned while employed or retained by that outfitter; or

(b) written affirmation on forms prescribed by the department from outfitter(s) or guides from other states or provinces by whom the applicant was employed, attesting to guiding experience. The written affirmation must quantify the number of guiding days the applicant earned while under employment by that outfitter or guide; or

(c) for applicants whose experience was gained in a state or province that does not license outfitters or guides, sources of information with board-acceptable guarantees of reliability which may include, but are not limited to, federal land agency records, client affidavits or letters or other client data, reports, recaps, or records with dates that confirm the number of guiding days claimed by the applicant.

(3) Three days of experience may be waived by the board for every day of training completed by the applicant at a department-approved outfitter or guide school. The maximum number of days of experience that may be waived is 30. All experience waivers are contingent upon the applicant completing the board's one-day education program. The department shall approve guide schools based on the following minimum criteria:

(a) The school must require written tests and participants must receive completion certificates.

(b) The school must include, at a minimum, instruction specific to adequate exposure to the knowledge needed to become an outfitter including but not limited to:

- (i) advertising;
- (ii) marketing and public relations;
- (iii) maintaining rate and refund schedules;
- (iv) client records and all paperwork for board and agency compliance;
- (v) guiding techniques;
- (vi) setting up of campsites;
- (vii) practical woodsmanship;
- (viii) knowledge of firearms;
- (ix) field preparation of trophies;
- (x) knowledge of equipment, terrain (including water bodies), and hazards to competently provide a safe experience for those persons guided;
- (xi) board and other agency laws and requirements;
- (xii) federal and state fish and game laws and regulations;
- (xiii) knowledge of outfitting area;
- (xiv) proper handling of all fish and game;
- (xv) federal and Montana employment and wage requirements;
- (xvi) preservation of ecosystem and maintaining present quality of wildlife and environment; and
- (xvii) protection of the health, safety, and welfare of clients, other employees, and the public.

(4) The board may waive up to 50 days of experience for an applicant if the applicant is purchasing an existing outfitter operation, is a family member being groomed for succession of an existing outfitter operation to take over as outfitter of record, or is a licensed outfitter seeking an additional license endorsement by applying to add new services to the operations plan. An applicant is not qualified for a waiver under this provision unless:

(a) the applicant receives preapproval from the board for a training and instruction plan documenting, on forms prescribed by the department, how and in what capacity the applicant will work with the licensed outfitter who is providing the training;

(b) the applicant:

(i) has entered into a sales agreement with the selling outfitter for the purchase of the operation;

(ii) is named by the family in a documented succession plan agreement; or

(iii) is seeking operation plan expansion and has entered into a training and supervision agreement with a licensed outfitter;

(c) the applicant has entered into an agreement with the licensed outfitter that stipulates supervision of the applicant by the licensed outfitter during the 12-month period following board approval of the application. The licensed outfitter may assign or hire another licensed outfitter to provide training detailed within the training and supervision agreement;

(d) the licensed outfitter has a current, approved operations plan on file with the board;

(e) the applicant files an operations plan that is approved by the board; and

(f) the applicant has completed the board's one-day education program.

(History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-201, 37-47-302, 37-47-304, 37-47-307, 37-47-308, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 1991 MAR p. 999, Eff. 6/28/91; AMD, 1992 MAR p. 2376, Eff. 10/30/92; AMD, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2009 MAR p. 1406, Eff. 8/14/09; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 1756, Eff. 10/16/15; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16; AMD, 2017 MAR p. 1900, Eff. 10/14/17; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

24.171.503 OUTFITTER APPLICATION (REPEALED) (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-201, 37-47-304, 37-47-307, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 1998 MAR p. 2560, Eff. 9/25/98; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; REP, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15.)

24.171.504 SUCCESSORSHIP (1) A successorship is the permission granted to a person to renew the license of a deceased or incapacitated outfitter for a limited period of time for the purposes of operating or selling the business. Only a successor may renew the license of an outfitter who has deceased.

(2) A successor acceptable to the board must be designated by the family of a deceased outfitter within six months of the date that the outfitter becomes deceased. If a successor for a deceased outfitter is not designated within those six months, then no successor will be approved.

(3) The family of an outfitter designates a proposed successor by submitting an application completed by the proposed successor on a form provided by the department; a sworn statement by the proposed successor explaining how the proposed successor has been involved with the outfitting industry, in general, and how the successor has been involved with the outfitting business for which the successorship is sought, in particular; and a sworn statement by someone on behalf of the family of the deceased or incapacitated outfitter, affirming the person's authority and how the authority was obtained to designate a successor on behalf of the family, and that the person so acting is at least 18 years of age. A successorship application must specify whether the successor will operate the business or will only seek to sell it.

(4) When a successorship is approved for the purpose of selling the business, the outfitter license is placed on inactive status and may be renewed only on inactive status and only until the successorship terminates or until the business sells, whichever occurs earlier. No clients may be contracted with or served under authority of an inactive license. All requests for successorship for the sole purpose of selling the business shall be routinely approved by staff upon the board's receipt of all the required information.

(5) An application for the purpose of operating the business shall require the same information that is required of an outfitter applicant. The decision of whether to approve a successorship for the purpose of operating the business shall be processed by the department unless the application is nonroutine under ARM 24.171.403, in which case the matter will be brought to the board.

(6) Prior to approval, a successor must meet all qualifications for licensure aside from the experience and testing requirements. Approval may be granted upon the condition that documentation of licensure requirements will be received by the board no later than a specified date. If the documentation of licensure requirements is not received in a timely manner, board staff shall immediately place the license on inactive status and all outfitting under that license shall immediately cease until the board is able to reconsider the approval.

(7) A successor stands in the shoes of the outfitter for purposes of the board's power to administer and enforce the statutes and rules applicable to outfitters. Notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, a successor and the original licensee, or the estate if the original licensee is deceased, are jointly and severally liable and responsible for all conduct affecting the outfitter license occurring during that successor's service as the successor. The successor may operate the license subject to the authority of the board to the same extent as if the successor were the outfitter. An action addressing unprofessional conduct may be taken against an outfitter license regardless of the status of the successorship, and regardless of whether the conduct was that of the deceased or incapacitated outfitter or of one or more successors. Each living outfitter and successor who is alleged to be responsible for misconduct may be made a party to the action.

(8) A successor shall report to the board each year at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the renewal period. To report, the successor shall either personally appear for the meeting or shall submit a written report to the board no less than 15 days before the meeting. The report shall inform the board of the progress made toward licensure of an outfitter for the business, or of the progress made toward sale of the business.

(9) If the board wishes to revoke a successorship for unprofessional conduct or for failing to appear or report, the public health, safety, or welfare is more likely to imperatively require emergency action because a successor is presumed to be less qualified than an outfitter and to be less invested in the protection of the public. If a successorship is revoked, then the outfitter license status becomes the status applicable to it as if the original licensee had deceased or become incapacitated on the date of the revocation. A successor shall not perform any outfitter functions if the successorship or the license is suspended or revoked.

(10) A successorship terminates the earlier of the date that is five years from the date that the successorship was approved under this rule, or the date that the successorship is revoked or voluntarily surrendered, or the date that the successor becomes a licensed outfitter.

(11) While operating the business as a successor, the successor may accumulate verified experience days in the same manner that a guide accumulates experience days to satisfy the requirements of ARM 24.171.502. In the discretion of the board, and in addition to all other waivers that a successor may qualify for, a successor may request a waiver of up to 50 days of experience for each license function (hunting and fishing) by sufficiently documenting the successor's past experience and involvement with the particular outfitting business that occurred prior to the date the successorship was approved. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-310, MCA; NEW, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2017 MAR p. 1900, Eff. 10/14/17.)

24.171.505 FISHING OUTFITTER OPERATIONS PLAN (1) A fishing outfitter may include in a proposed or an existing operations plan, a general reference to "all surface waters governed by the Montana Stream Access Law, 23-2-302, MCA, and accessible by public access points not requiring a permit restricting commercial use issued by a state or federal agency(ies)." Alternatively, the outfitter may include in a proposed or existing operations plan specific surface waters governed by the Montana Stream Access Law and accessible by public access points not requiring a permit issued by a state or federal agency, by including detailed descriptions of those specific waters as provided in 37-47-304(2)(c)(ii), MCA.

(2) Surface waters accessible only by private land or access points requiring a permit issued by a state or federal agency(ies) may only be included in a fishing outfitter's proposed or existing operations plan by describing the waters in detail as provided in 37-47-304(2)(c)(ii), MCA. Description of private land access permission and permit(s) issued by the appropriate state or federal agency(ies) shall be governed by ARM 24.171.520. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-201, 37-47-304, MCA; NEW, 2009 MAR p. 1406, Eff. 8/14/09; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16; AMD, 2017 MAR p. 1900, Eff. 10/14/17; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

Rule 24.171.506 reserved

24.171.507 OUTFITTER EXAMINATION (1) Applicants for the outfitter examination shall submit a completed license application accompanied by the required fee.

(2) The following list is not intended to be exhaustive in detail. A wide range of issues and subtopics exist within each broad topic. The examination categories include:

- (a) general knowledge of outfitting and guiding;
- (b) hunting;
- (c) fishing; and
- (d) packing.

(3) All applicants must obtain a passing score of 75 percent or more on each examination category taken.

(4) An applicant who fails the written examination may, within 15 days of notification of failure, review his or her examination at the board office. During this review, the applicant may review only questions answered incorrectly. Correct answers to those questions will be furnished to the applicant. No representative of the board shall discuss the substance of the examination with the applicant. The applicant will not be allowed to record any information from examination during the review.

(5) Before taking the outfitter examination, an applicant must submit a complete application, as defined in ARM 24.171.501. An applicant may not repeat any failed portion of the outfitter examination sooner than 30 days from the date of failing. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-201, 37-47-305, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 1991 MAR p. 999, Eff. 6/28/91; AMD, 1993 MAR p. 343, Eff. 3/12/93; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16.)

#### 24.171.508 INCOMPLETE OUTFITTER AND GUIDE LICENSE

APPLICATIONS (1) Applications received by the board will be reviewed for completeness. If an application is not complete when first received by the board, the applicant will be mailed a letter stating that the application is incomplete. The board may indicate which documents or information is missing in this letter. However, the applicant remains responsible for ensuring all required information and documents are timely submitted. If the application is not completed within one year from the date the incomplete application first arrived, the application expires, and the applicant shall be required to submit a new application and fees before being considered for licensure. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-201, 37-47-304, MCA; NEW, 2013 MAR p. 671, Eff. 4/26/13.)

24.171.509 INSURANCE FOR OUTFITTERS (1) An outfitter, other than an outfitter licensed on inactive status, shall have liability insurance, as a named insured, in effect at all times during the license year. Liability insurance must cover bodily injury to clients at all times services are being provided, including while the outfitter or employed or retained guides are transporting clients. Minimum amounts of liability insurance shall meet or exceed minimum requirements of state or federal regulator agencies for outfitters operating on state or federal lands, but in no case may minimum amounts be less than \$10,000 for property damage, \$100,000 for personal injury to one person and a total of \$300,000 for personal injury to more than one person. (History: 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, 37-47-304, MCA; NEW, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2019 MAR p. 850, Eff. 6/22/19; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

Rules 24.171.510 and 24.171.511 reserved

24.171.512 INACTIVE LICENSE (1) An outfitter may submit a written request to have the outfitter's license placed on inactive status at the time of renewal. Such request must be submitted with a completed application for renewal and all required renewal fees.

(2) Outfitters whose licenses are inactive more than three years and who choose to become active must take the parts of the outfitter test related to outfitter laws and rules and fish and game laws and rules. An inactive outfitter who wishes to reactivate his or her license must update their operation plan.

(3) Outfitters on inactive status may not book or serve clients, and are subject to all requirements applicable to outfitters licensed on active status, other than those relating to insurance and current basic first aid card. (History: 37-1-319, MCA; IMP, 37-1-319, MCA; NEW, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 1997 MAR p. 1178, Eff. 7/8/97; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, 2006 MAR p. 324; AMD, 2007 MAR p. 298, Eff. 3/9/07; AMD, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11.)

24.171.513 OUTFITTER ACTING AS GUIDE (1) A licensee holding a current and valid outfitter's license may act as a guide without a guide's license if such licensee:

- (a) possesses the qualifications of a guide under these rules; and
- (b) acts as a guide only within the services and area of operation of this particular outfitter. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-301, 37-47-302, 37-47-303, MCA; NEW, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

Rules 24.171.514 through 24.171.519 reserved

24.171.520 OPERATIONS PLANS AND AMENDMENTS (1) An operations plan is prepared by the outfitter and submitted to the board and consists of the following:

(a) an affidavit by the outfitter to the board that the amount and kind of equipment that is owned, leased, or contracted for by the applicant is sufficient and satisfactory for the services advertised or contemplated to be performed by the applicant;

(b) for fishing outfitters, a summarization of the boundaries of the outfitter's operation, provided in the following terms, except as otherwise provided in ARM 24.171.505:

(i) the name of each water body, including the section of each river or stream, that may be utilized by the applicant while providing services;

(ii) a description of private land, by name of ranch and county where located, over which access is allowed; and

(iii) an affidavit by the outfitter to the board that the outfitter is in possession of any public land permits or licenses properly executed for federal or state public property where the outfitter is authorized to operate;

(c) for hunting outfitters a summarization of the locations and boundaries of the outfitter's operation, which is where the outfitter is authorized to operate, provided in the following terms:

(i) the name of each public land agency, and owners of private lands that allow unrestricted public access and are managed under cooperative agreements with adjacent public lands;

(ii) a description of private land, by name of ranch and county where located, over which access is allowed;

(iii) an affidavit by the outfitter to the board that the outfitter is in possession of any public land permits or licenses properly executed for federal or state public property where the outfitter is authorized to operate; and

(iv) the number of NCHU per category.

(2) An outfitter may amend the operations plan on record by adding or subtracting any additional or replacement information and submitting the updated plan to the board, except that when adding a service identified in (5), the outfitter must apply for an amendment to the outfitter's operations plan by stating in writing the proposed changes and submitting it to the board, along with the fee required in ARM 24.171.401.

(3) As part of renewal, each outfitter shall attest that all lands information required as part of the outfitter's operations plan on file with the board is current and accurate.

(4) Whenever the outfitter gains permission to use additional private or public property, the outfitter shall update the operations plan the earlier of:

(a) the end of the license year during which the outfitter first became authorized to use it, and

(b) before actually using it.

(5) All amendments will be considered by the board using the same criteria as new applicants, including being required to take those parts of the outfitter examination that apply to the proposed amendment, if an outfitter is applying to add the following to the operations plan:

- (a) hunting;
- (b) fishing;
- (c) watercraft used for fishing or hunting; or
- (d) saddle or pack animal use. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-201, 37-47-304, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16; AMD, 2017 MAR p. 1900, Eff. 10/14/17; AMD, 2020 MAR p. 1157, Eff. 6/27/20; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

## Subchapter 6

## Guide Licensing

24.171.601 GUIDE QUALIFICATIONS (1) An applicant for a guide license shall have:

(a) not less than one season of experience of hunting or fishing for the type of game for which the applicant will guide or have worked for the outfitter that signs the license for a period of at least six weeks and in the area to be guided in, or have successfully completed a school licensed by a state, approved by the board, and that trains persons to be a guide or professional guide;

(b) knowledge of hunting and fishing techniques to provide the particular services contracted to the client by the endorsing outfitter; and

(c) knowledge of equipment, terrain and hazards to competently provide a safe experience for those persons he or she guides.

(2) An outfitter whose license is currently suspended or revoked is not qualified for a guide license. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-101, 37-47-201, 37-47-303, 37-47-307, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 1998 MAR p. 2560, Eff. 9/25/98; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15.)

24.171.602 GUIDE LICENSE (1) An applicant may apply for a guide license on forms provided by the department, and accompanied by the required fee. The application must include a signature of the endorsing outfitter confirming that, to the knowledge of the outfitter, the guide meets all the qualifications of a guide.

(2) An applicant must submit proof of current basic hands-on first aid certification with the application.

(3) Each outfitter who uses the services of the guide during the license year shall sign and date the guide's license before allowing the guide to accompany a client.

(4) An applicant for a guide license who delivers a completed application and application fee to the board office will receive the license at that time. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-101, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, 37-47-303, 37-47-307, 37-47-308, MCA; NEW, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 651, Eff. 3/12/10; AMD, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2019 MAR p. 850, Eff. 6/22/19.)

Rule 24.171.603 reserved

24.171.604 EMERGENCY GUIDE LICENSE (REPEALED) (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, 37-47-303, 37-47-307, MCA; NEW, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2008 MAR p. 2055, Eff. 9/26/08; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 651, Eff. 3/12/10; REP, 2010 MAR p. 1889, Eff. 8/27/10.)

24.171.605 PROVISIONAL GUIDE LICENSE (REPEALED) (History: 37-1-131, 37-1-319, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-1-319, 37-47-201, 37-47-301, 37-47-303, 37-47-307, MCA; NEW, 2010 MAR p. 1889, Eff. 8/27/10; REP, 2013 MAR p. 671, Eff. 4/26/13.)

## Subchapter 7

## Net Client Hunter Use and River-Use Days

24.171.701 NCHU CATEGORIES, TRANSFERS, AND RECORDS

(1) NCHU categories are as follows:

(a) Category 2, consisting of all clients served in the pursuit of big game or big game and upland game birds under combination licenses; and

(b) Category 3, consisting of all clients served in the pursuit of upland game birds, waterfowl, and turkeys.

(2) In cases where a federal agency limits an outfitter's use of federal lands by some means other than NCHU, an outfitter is not required to have NCHU to perform services on those lands.

(3) NCHU owned by a licensee is part of the operations plan and may be transferred only with notice to the board. Transfers between or among licensees are routinely processed by the department. A license that has expired may not be part of a NCHU transfer, and any NCHU that is recorded as part of the operations plan of a license that terminates or is revoked ceases to exist upon termination or revocation.

(4) Each outfitter entering into a transfer of NCHU with one or more other outfitters must do so by completing a transfer request form prescribed by the department.

(5) The records of the board comprise the official records of NCHU and each purported transfer of NCHU is invalid and void that is not reflected in the board's records.

(6) NCHU allocated to a deceased outfitter may be transferred only by a successor if an approved successorship has not terminated under ARM 24.171.504. NCHU will expire and shall not be revived if it is not transferred before the license or successorship terminates. In cases where the outfitter dies and no successor is designated, someone authorized by the estate or the family of the outfitter must submit a NCHU transfer request form to the board within one year following the death of the outfitter. Authorization by the estate is shown by a certified copy of letters of appointment as a personal representative or by any other procedure allowed under Title 72, MCA, for the transfer of intangible personal property.

(History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; NEW, 1996 MAR p. 145, Eff. 3/15/96; AMD, 1998 MAR p. 2267, Eff. 8/28/98; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 1193, Eff. 6/13/03; TRANS, from Commerce, 2006 MAR p. 324; AMD, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11; AMD, 2013 MAR p. 671, Eff. 4/26/13; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

24.171.702 TRANSFER OF RIVER-USE DAYS (REPEALED) (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-47-201, 37-47-310, MCA; NEW, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2007 MAR p. 298, Eff. 3/9/07; REP, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16.)

Subchapters 8 through 20 reserved

## Subchapter 21

## Renewal

24.171.2101 RENEWALS (1) The provisions of ARM 24.101.408 apply.

(2) License renewal applications for outfitters shall be made on forms provided by the department and shall be accompanied by:

(a) the required renewal fee; and

(b) an attestation that all lands information required as part of the outfitter's operations plan on file with the board is current and accurate as required by ARM 24.171.520.

(3) An outfitter or guide must submit a completed renewal application with the required fee on or before the date set by ARM 24.101.413 of each license year.

(4) License renewal applications for guides shall be made on forms provided by the department and shall be accompanied by the required renewal fee. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-104, 37-1-141, 37-47-201, 37-47-302, 37-47-304, 37-47-306, 37-47-307, MCA; NEW, 1988 MAR p. 1666, Eff. 7/29/88; AMD, 1992 MAR p. 2376, Eff. 10/30/92; AMD, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 1999 MAR p. 809, Eff. 4/23/99; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2006 MAR p. 1583, Eff. 7/1/06; AMD, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16; AMD, 2017 MAR p. 1900, Eff. 10/14/17; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

Rules 24.171.2102 and 24.171.2103 reserved

24.171.2104 ACTIVE DUTY STATUS FOR LICENSEES IN THE MILITARY

(1) The board recognizes that the nation relies on members of the National Guard and the reserve branches of the armed forces for the nation's security, and that the members of the National Guard and reserve forces are subject to call to active duty on short notice. In consideration of that service to the nation, the board finds that it is appropriate to defer the licensing renewal obligations of such individuals called to active duty status, provided that the individual is not required by the armed forces to maintain current professional or occupational licensing as a condition of serving in the armed forces.

(2) An activated reservist, as defined in 37-1-138, MCA, upon submission of appropriate evidence, is entitled to the following privileges:

(a) The activated reservist is not required to timely pay a renewal fee for license renewal that comes due while the person is in active duty status. The renewal fee is payable within six months following the activated reservist's discharge from active duty status. Unless otherwise relieved from the renewal application requirements, the activated reservist must timely apply for license renewal.

(b) If the activated reservist provides proof to the board of the reservist's active duty status before the reservist's license expires, the reservist is relieved from having to timely submit a renewal application and any related documents or information during the period while the reservist is on active duty status. The reservist has six months following discharge from active duty status to submit to the board such renewal applications and any related documents or information that came due during the period of the reservist's active duty status.

(3) In order to gain the benefits of this rule, the activated reservist must provide the board with proof of active duty status, including the date upon which the reservist was called to active duty status. The board may require the activated reservist to periodically provide information to the board regarding the reservist's active duty status or the date of the reservist's discharge from active duty status.

(4) A license that has not lapsed continues in the same status as existed the day before the reservist was called to active duty status, and remains in that status until the reservist renews the license or six months have elapsed from the reservist's discharge from active duty status, whichever comes first. (History: 37-1-131, 37-1-138, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-138, 37-47-307, MCA; NEW, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06.)

Subchapter 22 reserved

## Subchapter 23

## Unprofessional Conduct

24.171.2301 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND MISCONDUCT (1) A violation of (1) or (3) by an outfitter, or (2) or (3) by a guide or outfitter's assistant is misconduct, specified as a basis for disciplinary action under 37-47-341, MCA. Such violation is also determined by the board to be unprofessional conduct, as provided in 37-1-319, MCA, specified as a ground for disciplinary action under 37-1-312, MCA. A violation of this rule may result in any sanction provided by 37-1-312 or 37-47-341, MCA. Unprofessional conduct by an outfitter's assistant is grounds for disciplinary action against the outfitter who employed or contracted with the outfitter's assistant. An outfitter shall:

- (a) not violate any law, rule, or policy of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks concerning the certification of nonresidents for procuring hunting licenses;
- (b) not conduct any services or allow services to be conducted by a supervised guide or outfitter's assistant on private or public land, except legal transportation across such lands, without first having obtained written permission from the landowner or written authorization from the agency administering public land, unless the landowner or agency does not require such permission;
- (c) not provide services or allow services to be conducted by a supervised guide or outfitter's assistant to clients outside the boundaries of the outfitter's approved operations plan;
- (d) not endorse a guide license until the outfitter has made reasonable inquiry and determined that the guide is qualified for licensure;
- (e) not interfere, by solicitation or otherwise, with a contract between another outfitter and client, including certifications for game license or permits, when it is known or reasonably should be known that a contract to provide services exists between that other outfitter and a client;
- (f) furnish each client with a current and complete rate schedule, which shall include all charges, a deposit policy, and deposit refund policy, all in writing, for services offered;
- (g) specify in writing, when offering services to a nonresident hunting client, the refund policy for failure by the prospective client to draw a license required to participate in the service offered;
- (h) not change the rates and/or policies from those published without the written consent of the client after the outfitter receives and accepts the deposit from the client;
- (i) set all contract terms and conditions with clients;
- (j) personally collect, or designate an agent to collect, all fees from clients. The outfitter is solely responsible for complying with the outfitter's deposit and deposit refund policy;
- (k) maintain current and accurate records;
- (l) make all client records available in accordance with ARM 24.171.408;

(m) obtain and maintain a reasonable degree of supervision over each guide and outfitter's assistant to ensure that the services offered are being provided in accordance with the laws and rules, with particular regard to those laws and rules pertaining to the health, safety, and welfare of the participants, the public, and landowners;

(n) not employ or retain a guide without first confirming that the guide has current basic first aid certification;

(o) not exceed the licensee's NCHU;

(p) not use a guide prior to ensuring that the guide license is fully signed and dated;

(q) not use a guide with an inactive license;

(r) comply with all laws and rules relating to outfitter's assistants; and

(s) when advertising services, clearly designate the outfitter's registered business name or personal name and the outfitter's license number.

(2) Guides shall:

(a) not advertise services to the general public, but may advertise their services directly to outfitters;

(b) only make agreements with clients concerning monetary consideration or services offered, or collect fees from clients, with the express consent of the supervising outfitter, and only as expressly provided in ARM 24.171.405;

(c) not provide services to clients who have not been specifically referred to the guide from the endorsing outfitter; and

(d) not act as a guide under a guide license, unless and until the guide and the outfitter have first signed and dated the guide license.

(3) All licensees shall:

(a) provide services with respect for the rights of others, private and public property, and provide for the health, safety, and well-being of their clients, employees, and the general public;

(b) provide services on public land in a manner such that they do not interfere with the general public access to public land or waterways or access to wildlife on public land;

(c) provide their services in such a manner as not to be detrimental to the wildlife or the environment where they operate;

(d) report to the board office, at their earliest opportunity, any violation of fish and game laws or outfitter, guide, and outfitter's assistant laws of which they have knowledge;

(e) not use alcohol or any other controlled substance as defined in Title 50, chapter 32, MCA, including marijuana and marijuana derivatives, to the extent that the use impairs the user physically or mentally, while engaged by a client;

(f) not charge any fee for certifying or aiding or assisting any nonresident in procuring or attempting to procure a hunting license;

(g) not harass, assault, or abuse clients, employees, outfitters, guides, or outfitter's assistants, or members of the general public, verbally or otherwise;

(h) not abuse livestock;

- (i) produce their current license, proof of first aid certification, or employment documentation required by ARM 24.171.410 at the request of law enforcement or a representative of the board (electronic proof of license or certification is permitted);
- (j) carry the licensee's current license and certifications at all times when providing services (electronic proof of license or certification is permitted);
- (k) not have hunting or fishing privileges or a wildlife conservation license suspended, revoked, placed on probation, or voluntarily surrendered in the state of Montana or any other jurisdiction;
- (l) have a valid wildlife conservation license before providing guiding services;
- (m) not act beyond the scope of activities for which the individual is licensed;
- (n) not offer for use by an unlicensed individual any watercraft identification identifying another licensee as the occupant of the watercraft;
- (o) not intentionally misrepresent board laws or rules;
- (p) not fail to respond to board inquiries and requests;
- (q) not remit a "nonsufficient fund check" or a check on a closed account for board fees or fines; and
- (r) comply with the statutes and rules applicable to licensees of the board.

(History: 37-1-131, 37-1-319, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-312, 37-1-316, 37-1-319, 37-47-201, 37-47-325, 37-47-341, MCA; NEW, 1996 MAR p. 668, Eff. 3/8/96; AMD, 1999 MAR p. 809, Eff. 4/23/99; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 730, Eff. 3/17/00; TRANS, from Commerce, & AMD, 2006 MAR p. 324, Eff. 2/10/06; AMD, 2007 MAR p. 347, Eff. 3/9/07; AMD, 2008 MAR p. 2055, Eff. 9/26/08; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 651, Eff. 3/12/10; AMD, 2010 MAR p. 1889, Eff. 8/27/10; AMD, 2015 MAR p. 58, Eff. 1/30/15; AMD, 2016 MAR p. 1960, Eff. 10/29/16; AMD, 2018 MAR p. 1731, Eff. 8/25/18; AMD, 2020 MAR p. 1157, Eff. 6/27/20; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)

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24.171.2305 WEB SITE POSTING OF LICENSE DISCIPLINE (1) For purposes of ARM 24.101.404, each first-time violation of the following acts constitutes a failure to file or complete in a timely manner a minor administrative requirement that is in rule or law:

- (a) lack of first aid card if no client is served during the lapse;
- (b) an outfitter's failure to ensure that a guide has a first aid card if no client is served during the lapse;
- (c) failure to display required information on a water vessel;
- (d) failure to maintain insurance if no client is served during the lapse;
- (e) use of a nonsufficient funds check;
- (f) failure to carry current guide or outfitter license while providing services;
- (g) failure to carry a current fishing license; and
- (h) failure to have a current conservation license.

(2) No conduct is a failure to file or complete in a timely manner a minor administrative requirement that is in rule or law if the board determines that the conduct constitutes fraud, dishonesty, or a careless or intentional disregard for the rules, statutes, or standards applicable to the licensee.

(3) If an applicant is denied a license only because of an incomplete application or because the applicant lacks the required days of verified experience, a first aid card, an ALS number, the proper amount of fees, or other similar item or requirement, then the denial is based solely on the applicant's failure to meet minimum licensure qualifications, and not based on competence to practice issues.

(4) No license denial is based solely on the applicant's failure to meet minimum licensure qualifications, and not based on competence to practice issues if the board determines the application involves the applicant's fraud, dishonesty, or a careless or intentional disregard for the rules, statutes, or standards applicable to the applicant. (History: 37-1-131, 37-47-201, MCA; IMP, 37-1-131, 37-1-311, 37-47-201, MCA; NEW, 2011 MAR p. 2149, Eff. 10/14/11; AMD, 2021 MAR p. 1407, Eff. 10/23/21.)