

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 14, 1985

The meeting of the Fish and Game Committee was called to order by Chairman Bob Ream on March 14, 1985, at 3:35 p.m. in room 317 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 255: Senator Jack Galt, District 16, Martinsdale, appeared before the committee as sponsor of Senate Bill No. 255. He said that this is a simple little bill that will allow the muzzle-loaders to hunt in the same areas as the shotgun hunters. He said that the commission has the authority to declare shotgun only areas, no big game rifles; and the muzzle-loaders would like to have the same privilege. He said that they are not asking for a special season, only to be allowed in those areas that the commission gives them permission to hunt in.

PROPOSERS: Robert Van Der Vere, a concerned citizen lobbyist, appeared before the committee in support of Senate Bill No. 255. He passed around for the committee to see, a slug from a shotgun and a slug from a muzzle-loader. He noted the difference in these slugs for the committee members. He read the tentative areas that will be open for shotgun only hunting, and stated that the muzzleloaders want to hunt only in the areas that are open to shotgun only hunters, not archers. (See Exhibit No. 1) He urged the committee to concur on this bill.

Verle Rademacher, editor and publisher of the Meagher County News in White Sulphur Springs, appeared before the committee in support of this bill. He handed in a copy of his testimony. (See Exhibit No. 2)

Tim Faye, representing the Buffalo Road Muzzleloader Club of Butte and Wise River, said that they would like to go on record in support of Senate Bill No. 255. He handed in a copy of his testimony. (See Exhibit No. 3)

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Ken Christianson, representing the Montana Plainsmen, a black powder shooting group from Great Falls, said that his club urges the House of Representatives to support Senate Bill No. 255. He handed in a copy of his testimony. (See Exhibit No. 4)

Fred Beyer, Missoula, appeared before the committee in support of Senate Bill No. 255. He said that the Hellgate Muzzleloaders, a black powder club from Missoula of which he is a member, is also in support of this bill. He said that they feel the muzzleloader is a far more effective and accurate weapon than the shotgun. He said they felt this bill was not intended to take anything away from the archery people, it is only intended to allow people to hunt with a muzzleloader in shotgun areas only. He said that this bill would also allow the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to determine where the muzzleloader can be used without causing damage.

Jim Flynn, Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, appeared before the committee in support of Senate Bill No. 255. He said that this bill would authorize the commission to establish the use of muzzleloaders in areas open to shotguns for the purpose of hunting big game. He handed out a copy of his testimony to all committee members. (See Exhibit No. 5)

Bill Meisner, Stevensville, appeared before the committee in support of Senate Bill No. 255. He said that this bill would allow the Fish and Game Commission to add muzzleloading rifles to the list of tools for harvesting game animals in areas where the maximum range of the projectile is of prime consideration. He handed in a copy of his testimony. (See Exhibit No. 6)

Bill Hammer, Ronan, appeared before the committee in support of Senate Bill No. 255. He said that this bill is a measure that would allow the use of muzzleloading black powder rifles for hunting big game in hunting areas formerly designated as "shotgun only." He showed the committee some targets and explained how much more accurate the muzzleloader slug was as opposed to that of the shotgun. He handed in a copy of his testimony. (See Exhibit No. 7)

There were no further proponents to Senate Bill No. 255.

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OPPONENTS: Neil Jacobson, who lives in hunting district #170, appeared before the committee in opposition to Senate Bill No. 255. He said that district #170 is a residential and farming area with a number of housing developments and small businesses. He said that he helped circulate a petition against Senate Bill No. 255. He said that while circulating the petition, they talked to many people who stated that if muzzleloaders were allowed into the area, they would close down access to their land for hunting because of the fear for themselves, livestock and property. He handed out a copy of his testimony to all committee members. (See Exhibit No. 8)

Steven A. Knoll, representing hunting district #170, appeared before the committee in opposition to Senate Bill No. 255. He handed out a copy of his testimony to all committee members. He also handed in a copy of addresses and signatures of 120 people in district #170 who are opposed to this bill. (See Exhibits No. 9 & 10)

Dave Gustafson, a landowner representing districts #444 and #404, appeared before the committee in opposition to Senate Bill No. 255. He submitted a petition from other landowners in these two areas. (See Exhibit No. 11) Mr. Gustafson said that he lives in an area that is highly populated with people and livestock, and his main concern is their safety. He said that many people in his area are opposed to allowing blackpowder rifles to be used.

Larry LaRocque, a rancher in the Sun River valley at Simms, said that the reason he is opposed to this bill, is that there is already a long enough rifle season.

Buck Damone, President of the Montana Bowhunters Association, appeared before the committee in opposition to Senate Bill No. 255. He said that he felt it was a sad day when sportsmen had to confront each other on the floor of the House and Senate. He said that some of the reasons why bowhunters are against this bill are: the muzzleloader is a long-range weapon that is legal during the rifle season; all of the shotgun only seasons that Mr. Van Der Vere referred to are also archery seasons;

they are concerned about landowner/sportsmen relations; and they are concerned about the safety factors. He said he felt that the seasons should be left as they are.

There were no further opponents to Senate Bill No. 255.

DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL NO. 255: Representative Rapp-Svrcek, in referring to Mr. Jacobson's written testimony, asked Mr. Jacobson when a rifle would be shot at a 30° angle. Mr. Jacobson said that it may not be at a 30° angle when shooting at an animal, but it may accidentally be shot at that angle. Representative Rapp-Svrcek then asked Mr. Flynn if there would be a way to enforce whether a person is using a round ball or mini balls as ammunition in their muzzleloader. Mr. Flynn said he believed that at the present time, the commission designated the type of ammunition that could be used when they opened up the season. He said that he would assume that the same principle would apply to muzzleloaders. Representative Rapp-Svrcek asked Mr. Flynn if he would anticipate that districts #444 and #170 would be opened to muzzleloaders, if this legislation were to pass. Mr. Flynn said that he did not know if the two areas would be affected, but this bill gives the commission the authority to look at areas and determine where they would allow hunting or where it could be conducted without endangering human lives. Representative Rapp-Svrcek asked Mr. Hammer why the muzzleloaders were not satisfied with hunting during the general season. Mr. Hammer said that he now uses his muzzleloader during the regular season, but he views this bill as allowing him more hunting opportunities.

Representative Eudaily asked Mr. Flynn if shotguns could be used during the regular general season to hunt deer, if they have the proper load. Mr. Flynn replied by stating that he thought they could be. Representative Eudaily then referred to the bill, page 1, lines 20-24 and asked Mr. Flynn why the new language did not state "shotguns only." (line 23) Representative Eudaily said he felt the exclusion of the word "only" would leave some loopholes. Mr. Flynn said that it was his understanding that the way the seasons were set up, there are specific districts that are specifically open only to shotguns. He said that what he thought this legislation was basically saying, is that when they have taken the first step, then the commission would have the second option of making muzzleloading available also.

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Representative Montayne asked Mr. Flynn what types of shotguns are now allowed. Mr. Flynn said that he was not absolutely certain, but he thought it was limited to the 12 gauge.

Representative Moore asked Mr. Jacobson why landowners in his area were ready to close their land because of muzzleloaders but not shotguns. Mr. Jacobson said that the landowners are opposed to rifles and muzzleloaders, because it is a highly populated area.

Representative Jenkins asked Mr. Van Der Vere what type of season was currently allowed in areas 404, 444 and 170. Mr. Van Der Vere read from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks 1985 bag, permit, and license proposals, and stated that area 444 does not have a shotgun season; area 404 does not have a shotgun season; and area 170 has an archery/shotgun only season and an archery only season. (See Exhibit No. 1) Representative Jenkins then asked Mr. Gustafson why they were against the black powder season, if there was already no shotgun season in their area. Mr. Gustafson said that the Department had a proposal for areas 404 and 444 to allow a late season hunt for archery or shotgun. He said that the landowners in these areas had not been contacted by the Department about this special season, so he had done the footwork and gone up and down the valley with a petition asking their opinion. He said that they did not want this season so he submitted the petition to the Department, and they will not have this special season.

Representative Cobb asked Mr. Flynn how many areas in the whole state of Montana are open to shotgun hunting. Mr. Flynn said that he could not even guess at an estimate.

Representative Phillips asked Mr. Jacobson if they have game damage to Christmas trees in his area. He said that they do, but he did not feel that letting people hunt with a muzzleloader would be of a great benefit to that problem because they would have only one license. He said that the landowners that they have talked to would rather have 5 people they know be allowed three licenses, than have 15 people they did not know, hunt on their land.

Representative Eudaily asked Mr. Flynn if archers could hunt in an area that was open to shotgun hunting only. Mr. Flynn said that the shotgun only areas are open only to shotguns, but they do have some areas that are open to both. He said that they have three specific categories--shotgun only, archery only, and archery/shotgun only. Representative Eudaily asked if this bill referred only to the shotgun only areas. Mr. Flynn replied that it did.

Representative Jenkins asked Mr. Gustafson if they had game damage in their area. Mr. Gustafson said that a few landowners did have some problems, but they felt the solution would be to allow two or more antlerless licenses. He said that they do not want any more seasons or any extended seasons.

Representative Grady asked Mr. Hammer if he had ever killed an elk with a muzzleloader. Mr. Hammer said that he had not, but he believed that it could be done.

There being no further questions from the committee, Chairman Ream asked Senator Galt to close. In closing, Senator Galt said that he wanted to express the fact that the muzzleloaders are not asking for a special season. He said that they just want to be allowed to hunt in shotgun only areas.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 302: Senator Jack Galt, District 16, Martinsdale, appeared before the committee as sponsor of Senate Bill No. 302. He said that this bill would prohibit hunting on any dedicated right-of-way. He said that this has become a problem in his area and many other areas.

PROPONENTS: Carol Mosher, representing the Montana Cow-Belles and Montana Stockgrowers, appeared before the committee in support of this bill.

Jim Flynn, Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, appeared before the committee in support of this bill. He handed out a copy of his testimony to all committee members. (See Exhibit No. 13) He pointed out that the committee should consider the legislation it has already approved, allowing the handicapped to shoot from motorized vehicles. He said that it may be necessary to establish some coordinating language between the two bills.

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There were no further proponents and no opponents to Senate Bill No. 302.

DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL NO. 302: Representative Rapp-Svrcek asked Senator Galt if he was aware of the handicapped bill that has passed through this committee. Senator Galt said that he was aware of the bill and he felt that they could be melded together.

Representative Cobb asked Researcher Dave Cogley if these two bills would just be hooked together. Mr. Cogley said that there would be no conflict. He said that they would take the two versions and work them together. He said it would not be something that the legislature would have to act on.

Representative Hanson asked Mr. Flynn why some people in her area were already being fined for hunting from a county road. Mr. Flynn said that there is a law now against hunting from the roadway, but this one will make it illegal to hunt from across the road or the right-of-way.

Representative Phillips asked Senator Galt if there had been many abandoned county roads. He said that a person would have a problem if he were on an abandoned right-of-way, and didn't even know it. Senator Galt said that there are quite a few abandoned roads, but he did not think that they would be getting into that.

Representative Eudaily asked Senator Galt why they were referring to only "right-of-way" on line 15 of the bill; and in subsection two, lines 23-25 they referred to "shoulder, berm, or borrow pit right-of-way." Representative Eudaily wanted to know if this terminology change would cause a conflict. Senator Galt said that the Senate Fish and Game committee had changed the language in lines 23-25. Researcher Dave Cogley clarified and defined the statutes for the committee.

There being no further questions from the committee, Senator Galt closed his presentation of Senate Bill No. 302.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Representative Pavlovich moved that Senate Bill No. 302 DO PASS. Representative Jenkins

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seconded the motion. The motion passed with the dissenting vote of Representative Eudaily.

SENATE BILL NO. 209: Representative Rapp-Svrcek moved the Statement of Intent for Senate Bill No. 209 be adopted. Representative Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried with the dissenting vote of Representative Cobb. (Senate Bill No. 209 received a DO PASS AS AMENDED motion.)

SENATE BILL NO. 197: The amendments to Senate Bill No. 197 were handed out to the committee. (See Exhibit No. 14) Representative Eudaily made a DO PASS motion on the amendments. Representative Rapp-Svrcek seconded the motion. The amendment motion passed unanimously. Representative Ellison made a DO PASS AS AMENDED motion with the Statement of Intent attached. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



BOB REAM, Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL

Fish and Game COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date 3-14-85

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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SPEAKER

MR.

FISH AND GAME

We, your committee on

SENATE

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having had under consideration Bill No.

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PROHIBITS SHOOTING FROM OR ACROSS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

SENATE

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Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

BE CONCURRED IN

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MR. **SPEAKER**

We, your committee on **FISH AND GAME**

having had under consideration **SENATE** Bill No. **197**

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AMENDS FISHING, HUNTING, AND TRAPPING LICENSE LAWS

Respectfully report as follows: That **SENATE** Bill No. **197**
BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Page 3, line 11.
Following: "is"
Insert: "62 years of age or older as provided in 97-2-801,"
Following: "97-2-803"
Insert: ",,"

**AND AS AMENDED,
BE CONCURRED IN**

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DO PASS
STATEMENT OF INTENT ATTACHED~~

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MR. SPEAKER

We, your committee on FISH AND GAME

having had under consideration SENATE Bill No. 209

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CREATING A FISH AND WILDLIFE CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE Bill No. 209

BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Page 3, line 18.
Strike: "and"
Insert: "(iii) a member who is actively engaged in
agricultural production;"
2. Page 3, line 19.
Strike: "(iii) two members"
Insert: "(iv) a member"

**AND AS AMENDED,
BE CONCURRED IN**

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~~DO PASS~~
~~STATEMENT OF INTENT ATTACHED~~

Exhibit #1
3-14-1985
S.B. #255

**Montana Department
of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks**



1420 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59620
January 24, 1985

Dear Cooperator:

Attached for your consideration and comment are proposals for the 1985 big game seasons and the opening dates for the 1986 big game season.

The Montana Fish and Game Commission intends to discuss and finalize the 1985 bag limits and 1986 big game season dates at their meetings in Helena on March 7 and 8, 1985.

Persons wishing to comment or offer suggestions concerning these proposals may do so in person on March 2, 1985, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at Jorgenson's Restaurant in Helena, Montana, or submit them in writing to the Montana Fish and Game Commission, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620 by February 28, 1985.

Permit quotas for moose, sheep and goat will be finalized at the Commission's June, 1985 meeting. The final quotas for elk, deer and antelope will be established at the Commission's August, 1985 meeting.

We also have enclosed copies of the department's annual seasonal hunting rules, the proposed nongame program, a hunting questionnaire and the proposed 1985 spring turkey gobbler season for your review and comment.

Sincerely,


Ron Marcoux
Associate Director

RM/ph
Enclosure
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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS OFFICES

State Headquarters

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 444-2535
1420 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620

Region One Headquarters

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 755-5505 & 755-5506
P.O. Box 67 100 Series Hunting Districts
Kalispell, Montana 59901

Region Two Headquarters

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 721-5808 & 721-5809
3201 Spurgin Road 200 Series Hunting Districts
Missoula, Montana 59801

Region Three Headquarters

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 586-5419 & 586-5410
8695 Huffine Lane 300 Series Hunting Districts
Bozeman, MT 59715

Region Four Headquarters

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 454-3441 & 454-3442
Rural Route 4041 400 Series Hunting Districts
Great Falls, Montana 59405

Region Five Headquarters

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 252-4654 & 252-4655
1125 Lake Elmo Drive 500 Series Hunting Districts
Billings, Montana 59105

Region Six Headquarters

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 228-9347 & 228-9348
Rural Route 1 - 210 600 Series Hunting Districts
Glasgow, Montana 59230

Region Seven Headquarters

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 232-4365 & 232-4368
Box 430 700 Series Hunting Districts
Miles City, Montana 59301

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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Schedule of 1985 public meetings to present, explain and discuss 1985 big game seasons and 1986/1987 big game season opening/closing date proposals.

The following meetings will primarily be oriented toward discussing big game seasons in the 100 series hunting districts:

Noxon - February 5, 8:00 p.m., Rod and Gun Club Building
Thompson Falls - February 6, 7:00 p.m., County Court House
Libby - February 12, 7:00 p.m., First National Bank
Kalispell - February 14, 8:00 p.m., Pacific Power and Light Building
Eureka - February 18, 8:00 p.m., Senior Citizens Center
Polson - February 19, 8:00 p.m., VFW Building

The 200 series hunting districts:

Hamilton - January 28, 7:30 p.m., Elks Club
Philipsburg - February 5, 7:00 p.m., Flint Creek Valley Bank
Superior - February 6, 7:00 p.m., Big Sky Cafe
Missoula - February 7, 7:00 p.m., R-2 Headquarters
Anaconda - February 13, 7:00 p.m., National Guard Armory
Seeley Lake - February 19, 7:00 p.m., Community Center

The 300 series hunting districts:

West Yellowstone - February 6, 7:00 p.m., High School
Whitehall - February 7, 7:00 p.m., High School Library
Bozeman - February 11, 7:00 p.m., City Library
Dillon - February 12, 7:00 p.m., Forest Service
East Helena - February 12, 7:30 p.m., VFW
Townsend - February 14, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse
Butte - February 21, 7:30 p.m., War Bonnet Inn
Livingston - February 26, 7:30 p.m., Community Room, City/County Building
Wilsall - February 27, 7:30 p.m., High School Library
Gardiner - February 28, 7:30 p.m., Town Cafe

The 400 series hunting districts:

Valier - January 29, 7:30 p.m., Civic Center
Great Falls - February 4, 7:30 p.m., Sports Room, 1200 7th Street South
Choteau - February 5, 7:30 p.m., High School Auditorium
White Sulphur Springs - February 5, 7:30 p.m., Hospitality Poom, 1st National Bank
Conrad - February 7, 7:30 p.m., Pondera Bank
Chester - February 13, 7:00 p.m., RNA Hall
Lewistown - February 14, 7:30 p.m., BLM Office

The 500 series hunting districts:

Hardin - February 4, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
Red Lodge - February 4, 7:00 p.m., Rocky Mountain Industries
Billings - February 6, 7:30 p.m., Rod and Gun Clubhouse
Laurel - February 6, 7:30 p.m., Clubhouse Riverside Park
Columbus - February 13, 7:30 p.m., High School
Roundup - February 19, 7:00 p.m., Montana Power Company
Hospitality Room
Big Timber - February 20, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Harlowton - February 21, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse

The 600 series hunting districts:

Havre - February 4, 7:00 p.m., NMC Math/Science Building
Malta - February 5, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Legion Room
Plentywood - February 11, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse - Bi-Centennial Room
Glasgow - February 13, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse, Community Room
Harlem - February 19, 7:30 p.m., Equity Coop - Hospitality Room

The 700 series hunting districts:

Hysham - February 7, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse
Miles City - February 14, 7:30 p.m., Elks Club
Glendive - February 18, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, Community
Recreation Room
Ridgeway - February 5, 1:00 p.m., Community Hall
Baker - February 20, 7:30 p.m., Library (basement)

A brief explanation of these big game hunting season proposals and other propositions are presented in the following sections and in the tabular material for your review.

The Fish and Game Commission solicits your comments, recommendations and suggestions on all these proposals and propositions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The department is now receiving twice as many applications for the special hunts as it did four years ago. The increase from 125,000 to 228,000 applications has become very difficult to process in the June 15 to early August time frame. We are requesting additional time for this processing by changing the June 15 drawing deadline to June 1. We expect to have applications available by mid-April.

SURPLUS LICENSES

This last year, there were approximately 53,000 surplus licenses remaining after the drawings. We sold these license on a first-come, first-served basis via the mail and to walk-ins at the respective regional offices. The large volume of public contact that was required to sell these license brought normal regional functions to a virtual halt. To rectify this situation, the department intends to dispose of surplus deer and antelope in 1985 by selling them only via mail from the Helena office until October 15 at which time they will be sold from the regional offices.

TAG EXPERIMENT

A new adhesive tag with a date of kill designation will be used on an experimental basis in Region 4 (400 series) for antelope only during the 1985 hunting season. The purpose of the new experimental tag will be to test public acceptance, determine if the tag will reduce accidental tag loss and to determine if the tag facilitates check station operations by allowing more timely processing of hunters.

NON-RESIDENT DEER A LICENSES

It is proposed that 5,000 nonresident deer A licenses be made available for hunting districts in the eastern part of the state and be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. These licenses may also help alleviate problems associated with the increasing demand for the 17,000 nonresident big game combo licenses which are issued first-come, first-served.

Five thousand of these licenses are proposed for the 1985 season to be distributed as follows: one thousand (1,000) will be valid in the 500 series hunting districts (with a few districts excepted as indicated in the season descriptions to follow), fifteen hundred (1,500) valid for the 600 series, and twenty-five

hundred (2,500) valid in the 700 series hunting districts. Nonresidents interested in obtaining one of these licenses would contact Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena. Through power-of-attorney residents or other proxy can obtain one of these licenses for a nonresident.

Once issued the license would be valid for the sex and species of deer prescribed in the bag limit for the particular hunting district in which the holder hunts.

Note: The Fish and Game Commission requests comments on whether the nonresident A licenses be sold by drawing or on a first-come, first-served basis and whether on a regionwide or individual hunting district basis. The Commission also requests comments on adding 500 of these nonresident A licenses to be valid for the 400 series (Region 4) with a reduction of the quota in Region 6 (600 series) to 1,000 to maintain a 5,000 license total.

DEER B LICENSE PURCHASING

Hunters can obtain one (1) deer B license in the drawing. Another deer B license valid for antlerless whitetail deer in the 400, 600 and 700 series hunting districts can be purchased at license dealers. Antlerless deer B licenses remaining from those issued by drawing, will be sold first-come, first-served and an individual may purchase up to five (5) of these licenses. The license is valid in hunting district indicated.

REGION FOUR POST-SEASON WHITETAIL HUNT

In Region Four along the Sun River from Great Falls to Augusta and along the Missouri River from Great Falls upstream to Cascade there is proposed an antlerless whitetail season for archery or shotgun only from December 16, 1985 to February 28, 1986, to alleviate problems caused by whitetails. The area will be portions of hunting districts 404, 444, 421, and 414.

SOME ANTLERLESS DEER B LICENSES VALID DURING ANTELOPE SEASON

It is proposed that deer antlerless B licenses (both mule deer and white-tail) will be valid beginning October 13, 1985 concurrently with the antelope season in Region 7 (all 700 series), Region 6 (all 600 series), Region 5 (all 500 series) and hunting deer districts 410, 411, 412, 417, 418, 426, 419 and 471.

MULTIPLE ANTELOPE DISTRICTS-REGION SEVEN

In southeastern Montana antelope populations are still quite high. In 1984 in an effort to give hunters as much flexibility as possible as an aid toward reducing the high antelope population, antelope licenses were issued to be valid in one or more hunting districts. This year this approach is again being used, but has been refined to accommodate the hunter during the drawing and application process. The antelope season recommendations to follow provide details.

Another approach used to reduce high antelope populations, while accommodating landowners and facilitating disposal of surplus antelope licenses was to allow a person to be issued more than one antelope license in some hunting district groups in the southeastern part of the state. In Region Seven this year sportsmen would have opportunity to purchase up to two additional doe/fawn licenses if successful in some of the multidistrict areas.

GRIZZLY BEAR SEASON CHANGES

In order to comply with Federal Regulations the size of the area open to grizzly bear hunting has been reduced. Essentially hunting is confined to the Flathead National Forest, and Bob Marshall Wilderness. Efforts to petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to change hunting boundaries to conform to Montana's recommendations have not been successful.

MANDATORY SUBMITTAL OF BLACK BEAR TEETH (PREMOLARS)

Hunters are being asked this year to accept a mandatory turn in of black bear teeth (premolars) in order for the department to obtain information to be used in determining the bears age. Such

information will be used to determine population status and other management information. This will lead to continued hunting opportunity without impacting important population segments.

NEW LION SEASONS

In the 600 series hunting districts a chase season only has been proposed where populations do not warrant hunting at this time.

In the 700 series hunting districts a hunting season only is being proposed to address lion depredation problems.

TURKEY HUNTING

Please refer to the proposed spring turkey season tentative recommendations and provide comments.

BIGHORN SHEEP POSSESSION - TRANSPORTATION PERMIT

A tentative regulation change has been suggested that all holders of valid bighorn sheep licenses, who kill a bighorn sheep, must have the sheep horns pinned in the region from which they were taken unless permission is obtained to have them pinned in a different region.

Each sheep license holder will receive a list of names and phone numbers of department employees in the hunting district. If the hunter is unable to contact any one from that list, he may call the toll free number for instructions about getting the horns pinned.

BIGHORN SHEEP - MISCELLANEOUS

It is proposed that wording on the big game regulations map would be changed from "Pick up sheep heads will not be plugged and will be confiscated" to "It is unlawful to possess sheep heads which have not been taken pursuant to a valid license."

January 24, 1985

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS
1985 Bag, Permit, and License Proposals

Notes: All hunting districts and season opening and closing dates for 1985 were previously established by the Commission.

When licenses or permits are issued by drawing, nonresidents are generally limited to 10% of the number to be issued.

DEER

Upon notice deer B licenses in any hunting district may be used before or after the general season for damage season if needed.

Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
100	North Kootenai	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1	11/3	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
101	Eureka	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1	11/3	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
102	Tally Lake	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1	11/3	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
103	South Kootenai	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1	11/3	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
110	North Fork	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1	11/3	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
120	Blacktail	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1	11/3	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
121	West Clark Fork	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	11/3	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License 200 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer
122	East Clark Fork	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	11/3	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License 50 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer valid south of Montana 200

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas	
		Opens	Closes			
130	Swan	10/27 - 11/3	11/4 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
140	Lower South Fork	10/27 - 11/3	11/4 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
141	Lower Middle Fork	10/27 - 11/3	11/4 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
150	Upper South Fork	9/15 - 9/30 10/1 - 10/15 10/16 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License A License	
151	Upper Middle Fork	9/15 - 9/30 10/1 - 10/15 10/16 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License A License	
170	Flathead River Shotgun/Archery Only	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/31		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	Archery/Shotgun Only 100 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer. Shotgun or Archery Only 10/27-12/1. Archery only 12/2-12/31.
200	North St. Regis	12/2 - 12/31		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	
201	Ninemile-No. Superior	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
202	South Superior	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
203	Grave Creek Range	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
204	North Sapphire	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
210	John Long Range	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
211	Upper Rock Creek	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
212	North Flint Range	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
213	South Flint Range	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
214	Mill Creek-Georgetown Lake	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
215	East Deerlodge	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
216	West Rock Creek-Quigg Peak	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
240	West Bitterroot	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
250	West Fork Bitterroot	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License
260	Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery Only	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless, Either Species	A License B License

100 B Licenses for Antlerless,
Either Species valid in entire
district except West Fork Buttes portion

All hunting by Archery Only.
Additional B Licenses for Antlerless,
Either Species available.

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas	
		Opens	Closes			
261	East Bitterroot	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
270	East Fork Bitterroot	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
280	North Blackfoot	9/15 - 10/26 10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License A License	
281	Upper Blackfoot	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
282	Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range	10/27 - 11/10		Hunting by B License Holders Only	A License	100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. B License Holders may also use deer A License valid for same dates for Either Sex, Either Species HD 282 elk permittees possessing deer A License may hunt deer of Either Sex, Either Species
283	Lower Blackfoot	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
284	Lincoln - Archery Only	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
285	Monture	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	
290	Helmville-Ovando - Archery Only	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Either Sex, Either Species	A License B License	All hunting by Archery Only. Additional B Licenses for Either Sex, Either Species available
291	East Garnet Range	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License	

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season		Tentative License/Permit	
		Opens	Closes	Bag Limits		Quotas	
292	West Garnet Range	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License		
293	S. Lincoln-Nevada Cr.	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License A License		
300	Lima Peaks	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species	
301	Hyalite-Portal	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License	75 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer	
302	Tendoy	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	400 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species	
310	Upper Gallatin	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License		
311	Lower Gallatin	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License	100 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 200 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer	
	Jefferson R. Closure (Archery Only)	9/7 - 12/1 9/7 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	Archery Only 100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Archery Only - Jefferson R. Closure	
312	West Bridger	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer valid on National Forest only 100 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer valid outside National Forest	
313	Gardiner	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License	350 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer	

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Hunting District No.	Season Opens Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
314 Upper Yellowstone West	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License
	10/27 - 12/1		600 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
315 West Slope Crazy Mts.	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License
	10/27 - 12/1		500 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
316 Absaroka	9/15 - 12/1	Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
317 Upper Yellowstone East	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License
	10/27 - 12/1		400 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
318 Butte-Basin	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
319 Fleecer	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
			700 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
320 So. Tobacco Root Mts.	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
	10/27 - 12/1		400 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species valid on National Forest only
	11/17 - 12/15		200 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species valid entire hunting district
	10/1 - 10/26		150 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species valid in Moore Creek Area
			150 B ¹ / ₇ Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer.
321 West Big Hole	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
322 Lower Ruby	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
	10/1 - 10/26		200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
			50 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species valid North Ruby Mountains
			300 B ¹ / ₇ Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer.

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season		General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas	
		Opens	Closes			
323	Wall Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	50 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
324	Snowcrest-Lower Ruby	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	800 R Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. No Archery Only Season.
325	Blacktail Ridge-Sage Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
326	Sweetwater	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	250 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species valid in the Sweetwater Hills
327	West Fork Madison-Centennial	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	
328	Medicine Lodge-Nicholia	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	
329	Horse Prairie-Bannack	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
330	Greenhorn Range	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 11/15 11/16 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	400 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species valid on public lands only 50 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species valid on Greenhorn Bench 75 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species valid on Greenhorn Bench
331	Pioneer Mountains	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License	700 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
332	East Big Hole	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
333	North Tobacco Roots	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/1 - 10/26		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License 200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 200 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer.
340	Highlands	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/1 - 10/26		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License 50 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species 400 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer.
341	High Rye	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License 200 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
350	Whitetail	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
360	North Madison	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 300 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
361	Hebgen-Upper Madison	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
362	South Madison	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
370	Bull Mountains	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck, Either Species	A License
380	Radersburg	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 300 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 100 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer valid in Spokane Hills

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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
390	Sixteenmile Creek	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 75 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
391	Dry Creek-Duck Creek	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
392	Southwest Big Belts	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 30 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
393	East Bridger	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 500 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
1/ Hunting assigned by 4 day weekend time periods in some portions of the hunting district.				
400	Lower Marias River	10/27 - 11/17 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License Not valid on Brinkman Game Preserve. Not valid on Brinkman Game Preserve. 600 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species - Not valid on Brinkman Game Preserve 100 B Licenses for Either Sex, Either Species - Valid only on Brinkman Game Preserve
401	Sweetgrass Hills	10/27 - 11/17 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 150 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
402	Shelby-Chester	10/27 - 11/17 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 150 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species

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Hunting District No	Name	Season		General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas	
		Opens	Closes			
403	Cut Bank	10/27 - 11/17		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
404	Lower Teton River	10/27 - 11/17 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	600 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
405	Carter	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	600 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
406	Upper Marias-Dupuyer	10/27 - 11/17 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	50 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
410*	Missouri River Breaks	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
411*	Snowy Mountains	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
412*	Judith & Moccasin Mts.	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
413	Deep Creek Park	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License
414	Cascade-Riceville	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 400 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
415	Summit-No. Fork Birch Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License
416	Little Belt Mtns. - Northwest	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License
417*	War Horse	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 500 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
418*	Judith Basin	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 100 B Licenses for Either Sex Whitetail Deer
419*	Stanford	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas	
		Opens	Closes			
420	Judith River Game Range - Sage Creek	10/27 - 11/17		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	
		11/18 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License	
		10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail	B License	
421	Birdtail Hills	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License	ACCESS DIFFICULT
		10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail	B License	
		10/27 - 12/1				100 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer ACCESS DIFFICULT
422	North Dearborn	10/27 - 11/17		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License	Not valid in Augusta Preserve
		11/18 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	Not valid in Augusta Preserve
		10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail	B License	Not valid in Augusta Preserve
		11/18 - 12/1				200 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Not valid in Augusta Preserve
422	"Augusta Preserve"	10/27 - 11/3				20 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer Shotgun Only
		11/04 - 11/10				20 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer Shotgun Only
		11/11 - 11/17				20 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer Shotgun Only
		11/18 - 11/24				20 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer Shotgun Only
		11/25 - 12/1				20 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer Shotgun Only
						Each person receiving any of the above B Licenses will be offered the opportunity to purchase a second B License for the same time period for Shotgun Only.
423	South Dearborn	10/27 - 11/17		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License	
		11/18 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	
		10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail	B License	

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season		Tentative License/Permit Quotas
		Opens	Closes	Bag Limits		
424	Benchmark	10/27 - 11/17		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer Also valid in HD 428
425	Sun River Game Range	10/27 - 11/17		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer May be closed on 12-hrs.' notice
426*	Winifred	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	500 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
427	Elk Hill	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License	Will close to all hunting on 12-hrs.' notice if HD 442 elk quota is reached. See deer HD 442.
428	Windfall Creek	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License	Will close to all hunting on 12-hrs.' notice if HD 424 elk quota is reached and see deer HD 424.
429	Pilgrim Creek	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License	
432	Otter Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
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Hunting District	No.	Name	Bag Limits	Opens	Closes	Quotas	
Helena-South	435		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	10/27 - 12/1		A License	
				10/27 - 12/1		B License	50 B Licenses Antlerless Mule Deer
				10/27 - 12/1			
Sieben - East Helena	439		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	10/27 - 12/1		A License	
				10/27 - 12/1		B License	
				10/27 - 12/1			
North Fork Birch Creek - Teton	441		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	10/27 - 11/17		A License	
				11/18 - 12/1		A License	
				10/27 - 12/1		B License	50 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
Sun River	442		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	10/27 - 11/17		A License	
				11/18 - 12/1		A License	
				10/27 - 12/1		B License	300 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer Also valid in HD 427
Helena-North	443		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	10/27 - 12/1		A License	
				10/27 - 12/1		B License	
				10/27 - 12/15			200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
Lower Sun River	444		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	10/27 - 11/17		A License	
				10/27 - 12/1		B License	
				10/27 - 12/1			
Hound Creek	445		Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	10/27 - 12/1		A License	ACCESS DIFFICULT
				10/27 - 12/1		B License	ACCESS DIFFICULT
				10/27 - 12/1			750 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer ACCESS DIFFICULT
Big Belts-Northeast	446		Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	10/27 - 11/17		A License	ACCESS DIFFICULT
				11/18 - 12/1		A License	ACCESS DIFFICULT
				10/27 - 12/1		B License	ACCESS DIFFICULT

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
447	Belt-Square Butte	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 1500 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species
448	Little Belts - East Central	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License
449	Castle Mountains-East	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License ACCESS DIFFICULT ACCESS DIFFICULT ACCESS DIFFICULT
450	Choteau	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License
452	Castle Mountains-West	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License
454	Little Belts-Southeast	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License A License B License
455	Beartooth Game Range - Gates of Mts. Wilderness Area	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 50 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
471*	Geraldine	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species Antlerless Whitetail	A License B License 500 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
----	Portion Region Four Archery/ Shotgun Only	12/16 - 2/28/(86)	12/16 - 2/28/(86)	Antlerless Whitetail Antlerless Whitetail	Archery or Shotgun Only. Those portions of HD's 404, 414, 444 and 421 lying two (2) miles either side of Sun River from Gt. Falls upstream to Augusta and either side of the Missouri River from Gt. Falls upstream to Cascade. Excludes Augusta Preserve.
*Antlerless B licenses in these hunting districts also valid during the antelope season.					
500	Painted Robe	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License B License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
501	Hailstone	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 200 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
502	Crow Line	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 250 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
503	Cottonwood Triangle	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
510	Pryor Mountains	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 150 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species (Portions of HD only)
511	So. Big Snowy Mountains	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License
513	Rock Creek	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
514	South Little Snowy Mountains	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 250 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
520	Beartooth Face	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 50 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species (Portions of HD only)
530	Flatwillow Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 250 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
540	So. Little Belt Mountains	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
550	Line Creek	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 50 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Not valid on National Forest
560	Main Boulder	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 150 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Not Valid on National Forest
561	West Boulder	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Not valid on National Forest
562	Deer Creeks	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Not valid on National Forest

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
570	Big Coulee	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 150 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 150 B License for Antlerless Whitetail Deer.
571	Sweet Grass	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 350 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
572	Absarokee	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 200 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
573	Cooney Reservoir	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 100 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
574	Shane Ridge	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 500 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.
580	No. Crazy Mts.	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 50 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Not valid on National Forest
581	Big Elk	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License 400 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species.

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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
582	Raspberry Butte	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License
590	Bull Mountains	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License
591	Castle Butte	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License
592	Fly Creek	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Buck Mule Deer or Either Sex Whitetail	A License
597	Entire Region 5	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	1,000 B Licenses for Either Sex Whitetail Deer. ^{2/}	1,000 B Licenses for Either Sex Whitetail Deer. ^{2/}
----	Entire Region 5	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	1000 NR A Licenses. ^{3/}	1000 NR A Licenses. ^{3/}
599	Portion Region 5	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	250 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer. ^{4/}	250 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer. ^{4/}

^{2/} These 1,000 B Licenses are to be applied for via regular drawing procedures and are valid in any 500 series hunting district.

^{3/} These 1,000 NR A Licenses are valid in any 500 series hunting district except HD's 530, 571, 572, 573 and 574. These licenses are valid for the sex and species indicated under the General Season Bag Limits for the specific hunting district.

^{4/} These 250 B Licenses are to be applied for via regular drawing procedures and are valid in HD's 502, 503, 510, 513, 520, 550, 560, 561, 562, 572, 573, 574, 591 and 592.

NOTE: All antlerless B licenses also valid during the antelope season in the 500 series.

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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
600	North Hill-North Blaine	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	A License
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License
610	Hill-Chouteau-Liberty	10/27 - 11/17	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	A License
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License
611	North Phillips	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	A License
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	500 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer	
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	500 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer	
		8/17 - 10/20		200 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer Archery Only, valid in portion of Hunting District.	
612	North Hill	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License
		10/27 - 11/17		Either Sex, Either Species	A License
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License
620	South Phillips	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	A License
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License
621	Upper Missouri Breaks-West	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	A License
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License
622	Middle Missouri Breaks	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	A License
		10/27 - 12/1		500 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer Not valid on C.M.R. or UL Bend	
				National Wildlife Refuges	
				200 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer Not valid on C.M.R. or UL Bend	
				National Wildlife Refuges	
		10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas	
		Opens	Closes			
623	Upper Missouri Breaks-East	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	300 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer Not valid on C.M.R. or UL Bend National Wildlife Refuges
629	Larb Creek - West	10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License	500 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
630	South Valley	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	250 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 200 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer
631	Lower Missouri Breaks-West	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
632	Lower Missouri Breaks-East	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
633	Larb Creek East	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer
640	No. Valley-Daniels-Sheridan	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer
641	Sheridan-Roosevelt	10/27 - 11/17 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License	400 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer
650	McCone	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	A License	400 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 500 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer

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No.	Name	Opens	Closes	Bag Limits	Species	License	Quotas		
670	Buggy-Cherry Creek	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	A License	150 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer		
671	Frenchman-Whitewater Creeks	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License	425 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 250 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer		
672	Rock Creek	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	A License	475 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer 125 B Licenses for Antlerless Whitetail Deer		
680	Chouteau-Blaine-Phillips	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License	300 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer		
690	Hill-Blaine-Chouteau	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	A License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer		
691	Blaine-Hill	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex, Either Species	Antlerless Whitetail Deer	B License	200 B Licenses for Antlerless Mule Deer		
698	Entire Region 6	10/27 - 12/1					1,000 B Licenses for Either Sex Whitetail Deer (surplus following drawing will not be sold)		
----	Entire Region 6	10/27 - 12/1					1,500 NR A Licenses. ^{5/}		
^{5/} These 1,500 NR A Licenses are valid in any 600 series hunting district. These licenses are valid for the sex and species indicated under the General Season Bag Limits for the specific hunting district.									
NOTE: All antlerless B licenses also valid during the antelope season in the 600 series.									
All	Entire Region 7	10/27 - 12/1		Either Sex, Either Species	Antlerless Whitetail	A License	2500 NR A Licenses. ^{6/}		
All	Entire Region 7	10/27 - 12/1		Antlerless Whitetail		B License			
All	Entire Region 7	10/27 - 12/1							
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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
800-01		10/27 - 12/1		1000 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Valid in HD 700
800-02		10/27 - 12/1		1000 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Valid in HD's 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, and 730.
800-03		10/27 - 12/1		1000 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Valid in HD's 720, 721, and 722
800-04		10/27 - 12/1		1000 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Valid in HD's 731, 732, 733, 750, and 761.
800-05		10/27 - 12/1		1000 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Valid in HD's 740, 742, 743, 744, 745, and 760.
800-06		10/27 - 12/1		1000 B Licenses for Antlerless, Either Species. Valid in HD's 770, 771, 772, 773,

6/ These 2500 NR A Licenses are valid in any 700 series hunting district. These licenses are valid for the sex and species indicated under the General Season Bag Limits for the specific hunting district.

NOTE: All antlerless B licenses also valid during the antelope season in the 700 and 800 series (Region 7).

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Upon notice elk permits in any H.D. may be validated before general season opening date for damage seasons.

Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens	Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
100	North Kootenai	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	
101	Eureka	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	
102	Tally Lake	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	
103	South Kootenai	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	
110	North Fork	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	
120	Blacktail	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	
121	West Clark Fork	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	100 Permits for Antlerless
122	East Clark Fork	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull	25 Permits for Antlerless Valid in SW portion of HD
130	Swan	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	
140	Lower South Fork	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1 11/23 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull	100 Permits for Antlerless Valid in SE portion of HD

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas	
		Opens	Closes			
141	Lower Middle Fork	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull		
150	Upper South Fork	9/15 - 9/30 10/1 - 10/15 10/16 - 12/1		Antlered Bull Either Sex Antlered Bull		
151	Upper Middle Fork	9/15 - 9/30 10/1 - 10/15 10/16 - 12/1		Antlered Bull Either Sex Antlered Bull		
170	Flathead River - Archery Shotgun Only	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1		Either Sex Antlered Bull		
200	North St. Regis	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		100 Permits for Antlerless 25 Permits for Antlerless valid in Boyd Mountain area
201	Ninemile-No. Superior	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		25 Permits for Antlerless
202	South Superior	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		100 Permits for Antlerless 50 Permits for Antlerless valid between Trout Creek and Quartz Creek
203	Grave Creek Range	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		50 Permits for Antlerless 25 Permits for Antlerless valid in NW 1/4 of district
204	North Sapphire	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		30 Permits for Antlerless

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
210	John Long Range	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	100 Permits for Antlerless valid in N.E. portion of district 25 Permits for Antlerless valid in entire district except N.E. portion
211	Upper Rock Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	125 Permits for Antlerless
212	North Flint Range	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull Antlerless	Entire district In that portion of district between Gold Creek and Barnes Creek below the National Forest boundary 150 Permits for Antlerless valid entire district
213	South Flint Range	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	
214	Mill Creek-Georgetown Lake	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	20 Permits for Antlerless
215	East Deerlodge	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	40 Permits for Antlerless valid in N 1/3 of district 20 Permits for Antlerless valid in S 2/3 of district
216	West Rock Creek-Quigg Peak	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 9/15 - 12/15	Antlered Bull	25 Permits for Antlerless valid west of Rock Creek 75 Permits for Antlerless valid east of Rock Creek 25 Permits for Antlerless only valid only on private land
240	West Bitterroot	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	175 Permits for Antlerless
250	West Fork Bitterroot	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	250 Permits for Antlerless

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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
261	East Bitterroot	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	300 Permits for Antlerless valid south of Willow Creek 75 Permits for Antlerless valid north of Willow Creek
270	East Fork Bitterroot	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	700 Permits for Antlerless
280	North Blackfoot	9/15 - 12/1	9/15 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	75 Permits for Antlerless
281	Upper Blackfoot	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	75 Permits for Antlerless
282	Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range	10/27 - 11/10		Hunting by Permit Only	50 Permits for Antlerless valid in Beaver Creek vicinity
283	Lower Blackfoot	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	50 Permits for Either Sex
284	Lincoln - Archery Only	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull	50 Permits for Antlerless
285	Monture	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	100 Permits for Antlerless
291	East Garnet Range	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	50 Permits for Antlerless valid in W 1/3 of district 30 Permits for Antlerless valid in E 2/3 of district
292	West Garnet Range	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	75 Permits for Antlerless valid in E 1/2 of district only

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Hunting District	No.	Opens	Closes	Bag Limits	Quotas		
S. Lincoln-Nevada Cr.	293	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		50 Permits for Antlerless		
Lima Peaks	300	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		50 Permits for Antlerless		
Hyalite-Portal	301	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		100 Permits for Antlerless		
		10/27 - 11/10			50 Permits for Antlerless		
Tendoyas	302	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		50 Permits for Antlerless valid in west 1/2 of district		
Upper Gallatin	310	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		50 Permits For Antlerless valid in west 1/2 of district		
		10/27 - 11/3			50 Permits for Antlerless valid in west 1/2 of district		
		11/18 - 11/24			200 Permits for Either Sex. Hunting by two-day time periods		
		11/25 - 12/1			1200 Permits for Antlerless. Hunting by two-day time periods		
		12/20/85 - 2/3/86					
		12/20/85 - 2/3/86					
Lower Gallatin	311	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		100 Permits for Antlerless valid in southeast portion of district		
		10/27 - 12/1			200 Permits for Antlerless		
West Bridger	312	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		250 Permits for Antlerless		
		10/27 - 12/1					
Gardiner	313	10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		200 Permits for Antlerless		
		10/27 - 12/1			200 Permits for Either Sex - All Either Sex Permits valid for four-day time period		
		12/6/85 - 2/10/86			2200 Permits for Antlerless - Antlerless permits valid for a two-day or a four-day time period depending on sequence in which permit is drawn		
		12/6/85 - 2/10/86					

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
314	Upper Yellowstone West	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	800 Permits for Antlerless
315	West Slope Crazy Mts.	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	65 Permits for Antlerless
316	Absaroka	9/15 - 10/26 10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex Antlered Bull	
317	Upper Yellowstone East	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	150 Permits for Antlerless - Permits valid south of Suce Creek
318	Boulder-Basin	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	200 Permits for Antlerless - Permits valid in central portion of district
319	Fleecer	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	50 Permits for Antlerless
320	So. Tobacco Root Mts.	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Branch Antlered Bull	150 Permits for Antlerless
321	West Big Hole	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	300 Permits for Antlerless
322	Lower Ruby	10/27 - 12/1	Branch Antlered Bull	
323	Wall Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 11/17 11/18 - 12/1	Branch Antlered Bull	250 Permits for Antlerless 75 Permits for Antlerless
324	Snowcrest-Lower Ruby	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 11/22 11/23 - 12/1	Branch Antlered Bull	175 Permits for Antlerless 600 Permits for Antlerless 100 Permits for Antlerless Hunting District closed to early Archery
325	Blacktail Ridge-Sage Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	25 Permits for Antlerless

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
326	Sweetwater	10/27 - 12/1	Branch Antlered Bull	
327	West Fork Madison-Centennial	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	400 Permits for Antlerless
328	Medicine Lodge-Nicholia	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	75 Permits for Antlerless
329	Horse Prairie-Bannack	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	75 Permits for Antlerless
330	Greenhorn Range	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Branch Antlered Bull	150 Permits for Antlerless
331	Pioneer Mountains	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	100 Permits for Antlerless
332	East Big Hole	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	400 Permits for Antlerless
333	North Tobacco Roots	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Branch Antlered Bull	450 Permits for Antlerless
340	Highlands	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	100 Permits for Antlerless
341	High Rye	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	50 Permits for Antlerless
350	Whitetail	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	150 Permits for Antlerless
360	North Madison	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 11/18 - 12/1 12/2 - 12/10 12/11 - 12/19	Antlered Bull	300 Permits for Antlerless 100 Permits for Antlerless valid in west 1/2 of district 50 Permits for Antlerless valid in west 1/2 of district 50 Permits for Antlerless valid in west 1/2 of district

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas	
		Opens	Closes			
361	Hebgen-Upper Madison	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		75 Permits for Antlerless valid in southeast portion of district 50 Permits for Antlerless valid in west 1/2 of district
362	South Madison	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 1/3/86 - 1/27/86		Antlered Bull		600 Permits for Antlerless 420 Permits for Antlerless valid in west 1/2 of district. Hunting by two-day time periods
370	Bull Mountains	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		100 Permits for Antlerless
380	Radersburg	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 11/13		Antlered Bull		100 Permits for Antlerless 40 Permits for Antlerless valid in northeast portion of district 40 Permits for Antlerless valid in northeast portion of district
390	Sixteenmile Creek	11/14 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		In 1984 300 post-season antlerless permits were issued. Details for this year are not worked out at this time.
391	Dry Creek-Duck Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		100 Permits for Antlerless
392	Southwest Big Belts	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		75 Permits for Antlerless
393	East Bridger	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull		150 Permits for Antlerless - (Not all aspects of season determined at this point)

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401	Sweetgrass Hills	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	20 Permits for Either Sex
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	30 Permits for Antlerless
410	Missouri River Breaks	11/2 - 12/1	11/2 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	35 Permits for Antlered Bull
		11/2 - 12/1	11/2 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	25 Permits for Antlerless
411	Snowy Mountains	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	15 Permits for Either Sex
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	25 Permits for Antlerless
					Valid in portion of HD West of Redhill Road and HD 511
					Above 411 Hunting District Permits valid on lands owned by Frank Haegen
412	Judith & Moccasin Mts.	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	5 Permits for Either Sex
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	10 Permits for Antlerless
413	Deep Creek Park	10/27 - 11/3	11/4 - 12/1	Either Sex	
		11/4 - 12/1	11/4 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	
414	Cascade-Riceville	10/27 - 11/3	11/4 - 12/1	Either Sex	
		11/4 - 12/1	11/4 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	
415	Summit-No. Fork Birch Creek	10/27 - 11/3	11/4 - 12/1	Either Sex	
		11/4 - 12/1	11/4 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	
416	Little Belt Mts. Northwest	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/15	Antlered Bull	
		10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/15	Antlered Bull	150 Permits for Antlerless
418	Judith Basin	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 11/13	Antlered Bull	
		11/14 - 12/1	11/14 - 12/1	Antlered Bull	125 Permits for Antlerless - Also valid in HD's 420 and 448
					125 Permits for Antlerless - Also valid in HD's 420 and 448
420	Judith River Game Range - Sage Creek	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	See HD 418. May close on 12-hrs.' notice

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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
421	Birdtail Hills	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		30 Permits for Either Sex ACCESS DIFFICULT
422	North Dearborn	10/27 - 12/1	Either Sex		
423	South Dearborn	10/27 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/1	Antlered Bull Either Sex		ACCESS DIFFICULT ACCESS DIFFICULT
424	Benchmark	10/27 - Until closed but no later than 12/1	Either Sex		Quota 250 Either Sex through check station May be closed on 12-hrs.' notice. If quota is reached, season will remain open on Branch Antlered Bull until 12/1
425	Sun River Game Range	10/27 - 11/3	Hunting by Permit Only		25 Permits for Either Sex valid on Sun River Wildlife Mgt. Area only Counted on HD 424 quota. May be closed on 12-hrs.' notice Either Sex outside of Sun River WMA only Hunting on Sun River WMA by permit only
427	Elk Hill	10/27 - Until closed but no later than 12/1	Either Sex		May be closed on 12-hrs.' notice. Counted on HD 442 quota. If quota is reached, season will close
428	Windfall Creek	10/27 - Until closed but no later than 12/1	Either Sex		May be closed on 12-hrs.' notice. Counted on HD 424 quota. If quota is reached, season will close
429	Pilgrim Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		25 Permits for Antlerless
432	Otter Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/15	Antlered Bull		175 Permits for Antlerless
435	Helena-South	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Antlered Bull		25 Permits for Antlerless

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Hunting District No.	Name	Opens	Closes	Bag Limits		Quotas	
439	Sieben-East Helena	10/27	- 12/1	Antlered Bull			
441	North Fork Birch Creek - Teton	10/27	- 12/1	Antlered Bull			
442	Sun River	10/27 - Until closed but no later than 12/1		Either Sex			Quota 200 Either Sex through checking station. May be closed on 12-hrs.' notice If quota is reached, season will remain open on Branch Antlered Bull until 12/1
443	Helena-North	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/15		Antlered Bull			100 Permits for Antlerless
445	Hound Creek	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull			250 Permits for Antlerless. ACCESS DIFFICULT. Also valid in HD 455 from 11/17 - 12/1
446	Big Belts-Northeast	10/27 - 11/1 11/2 - 12/1 12/2 - 12/15 12/2 - 12/15		Antlered Bull Either Sex			ACCESS DIFFICULT ACCESS DIFFICULT 100 Permits for Antlerless valid in north portion of HD. ACCESS DIFFICULT 100 Permits for Antlerless valid in south portion of HD. ACCESS DIFFICULT
447	Belt-Square Butte	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only			300 Permits for Antlerless 100 Permits for Either Sex
448	Little Belts-East Central	10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull			See HD 418
449	Castle Mountains-East	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull			75 Permits for Antlerless
452	Castle Mountains-West	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull			125 Permits for Antlerless
454	Little Belts-Southeast	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/15		Antlered Bull			100 Permits for Antlerless
455	Beartooth Game Range - Gates of Mts. Wilderness Area	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1		Antlered Bull			150 Permits for Antlerless

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		General Season		Tentative License/Permit Quotas
		Opens	Closes	Bag Limits		
510	Pryor Mountains	10/27	12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		5 Permits for Antlered Bull
513	Rock Creek	10/27	12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		20 Permits for Antlered Bull
		10/27	12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		25 Permits for Antlerless
514	South Little Snowy Mountains	10/27	12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		25 Permits for Either Sex valid in portion of HD 411 East of Red Hill Road
520	Beartooth Face	10/27	12/1	Antlered Bull		25 Permits for Antlerless valid west and north of the Stillwater River
		10/27	12/1			10 Permits for Antlerless valid between East Rosebud and Stillwater Rivers
		10/27	12/1			10 Permits for Antlerless valid east of East Rosebud River
540	So. Little Belt Mountains	10/27	12/1	Antlered Bull		25 Permits for Antlerless
		10/27	11/12			50 Permits for Antlerless
		11/13	12/1			
550	Line Creek	10/27	12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		150 Permits for Antlered Bull
		10/27	12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		10 Permits for Antlerless
		11/16	12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		60 Permits for Antlerless
560	Main Boulder	10/27	12/1	Antlered Bull		50 Permits for Antlerless
		10/27	12/1			
561	West Boulder	10/27	12/1	Antlered Bull		
562	Deer Creeks	10/27	12/1	Hunting by Permit Only		50 Permits for Antlered Bull
580	No. Crazy Mts.	10/27	12/1	Antlered Bull		75 Permits for Antlerless
		10/27	12/15			
581	Big Elk	10/27	12/1	Antlered Bull		

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	General Season Bag Limits	Tentative License/Permit Quotas
582	Raspberry Butte	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1 10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only	10 Permits for Antlered Bull AND 10 Permits for Antlerless valid north of Big Timber Creek 10 Permits for Antlered Bull AND 10 Permits for Antlerless valid South of Big Timber Creek to West Fork Duck Creek
590	Bull Mountains	10/27 - 12/1	10/27 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only	10 Permits for Either Sex
621	Upper Missouri Breaks-West	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only	5 Permits for Antlered Bull 5 Permits for Antlerless 5 Permits for Antlered Bull 5 Permits for Antlerless
622	Middle Missouri Breaks	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only	10 Permits for Antlered Bull 50 Permits for Antlerless 10 Permits for Antlered Bull 50 Permits for Antlerless
623	Upper Missouri Breaks-East	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only	5 Permits for Antlered Bull 10 Permits for Antlerless 5 Permits for Antlered Bull 10 Permits for Antlerless
631	Lower Missouri Breaks-West	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only	10 Permits for Antlered Bull 10 Permits for Antlerless 10 Permits for Antlered Bull 10 Permits for Antlerless (All these Permits also valid in HD 622 and a portion of HD 630) 350 Permits for Either Sex, Archery Only (see Elk Archery Regulations) valid in HD's 631, 632, and a portion of 630
632	Lower Missouri Breaks-East	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	11/2 - 11/16 11/2 - 11/16 11/17 - 12/1 11/17 - 12/1	Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only Hunting by Permit Only	5 Permits for Antlered Bull 5 Permits for Antlerless 5 Permits for Antlered Bull 5 Permits for Antlerless

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Note: Tentative permit quotas for antelope, moose, mountain sheep and mountain goats are the same as last year's final quotas unless noted otherwise.

Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens	Closes	License Quota Tentative
215	East Deer Lodge	10/13 - 11/10		5 Adult Bucks
Region Two Total Antelope 5 (All Adult Bucks)				
300	Medicine Lodge-Upper Horse Prairie	10/13 - 11/10		375 Either Sex
301	Lima Peaks	10/13 - 11/10		150 Either Sex
310	Pioneers	10/13 - 11/10		100 Either Sex
311	Lower Gallatin-Madison-Horseshoe Hills	10/13 - 11/10		75 Either Sex 25 Doe/Fawn
318	Big Hole	10/13 - 11/10		60 Either Sex
319	Fleecer-High Rye	10/13 - 11/10		5 Either Sex
320	Tobacco Roots	10/13 - 11/10		300 Either Sex
321	Ruby-Blacktail	10/13 - 11/10		600 Either Sex
329	Bachelor Mountain	10/13 - 11/10		250 Either Sex
330	Centennial-Sage-Missouri Flats	10/13 - 11/10		700 Either Sex
338	Shields River North	10/13 - 11/10		50 Either Sex 50 Doe/Fawn
339	Shields River South	10/13 - 11/10		150 Either Sex
340	West Boulder	10/13 - 11/10		150 Either Sex 100 Doe/Fawn - valid in Sweetgrass County only
341	Highlands	10/13 - 11/10		60 Either Sex
350	Whitetail	10/13 - 11/10		50 Either Sex

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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	License Quota Tentative
360	Madison	9/15 - 11/10 9/15 - 11/10		225 Either Sex 50 Doe/Fawn
370	Boulder Valley	10/13 - 11/10 10/13 - 11/10		75 Either Sex 75 Doe/Fawn
371	Radersburg	10/13 - 11/10 10/13 - 11/10		100 Either Sex 125 Doe/Fawn
380	Winston Flats	9/7 - 11/10 10/13 - 10/26 10/13 - 10/26 10/27 - 11/10 10/27 - 11/10		25 Either Sex Archery Only 50 Either Sex *100 Doe/Fawn 50 Either Sex *50 Doe/Fawn
390	South Belts	10/13 - 11/10		40 Either Sex

Region Three Total Antelope 4215 (364 Either Sex, 575 Doe/Fawn and option to purchase 150 Doe/Fawn licenses)

*Hunting District 380. Applicants who draw antelope licenses for this hunting district and season type may also purchase a second license valid for doe or fawn antelope, valid in this district only.

400	Teton-Marias	10/13 - 11/10 10/13 - 11/10		40 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 10 Either Sex
401	Sweetgrass Hills	10/13 - 11/10 10/13 - 11/10		125 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 25 Either Sex
410	Sand Coulee	10/13 - 11/10		50 Either Sex
420	South Fergus	10/13 - 11/10		400 Either Sex
430	Buffalo	10/13 - 11/10 10/13 - 11/10		110 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 20 Either Sex
440	Birdtail Hills	10/13 - 11/10 10/13 - 11/10		120 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 20 Either Sex
444	Augusta	10/13 - 11/10 10/13 - 11/10		100 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 20 Either Sex

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens Closes	License Quota Tentative
450	Hound Creek	10/13 - 11/10	300 Either Sex
455	Ming Bar	10/13 - 11/10	3 Either Sex
460	Helena	10/13 - 11/10	15 Either Sex
470	Square Rutte	10/13 - 11/10	300 Either Sex
471	Denton	10/13 - 11/10	130 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 30 Either Sex
473	Geraldine	10/13 - 11/10	40 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 10 Either Sex
480	North Fergus	10/13 - 11/10	900 Either Sex
481	Petroleum	10/13 - 11/10	1000 Either Sex
490	West Meagher	10/13 - 11/10	135 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 25 Either Sex
491	East Meagher	10/13 - 11/10	75 Buck (Mature & Yearling Male) 15 Either Sex
NOTE: Antlerless deer B licenses valid in some deer hunting districts during antelope season.			
500	West Wheatland	10/13 - 11/10	200 Either Sex *200 Either Sex
501	East Wheatland	10/13 - 11/10	275 Either Sex *275 Either Sex
510	Big Timber	10/13 - 11/10	300 Either Sex *300 Either Sex
511	Hardin	10/13 - 11/10	350 Either Sex
512	Stillwater	10/13 - 11/10	100 Either Sex
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Region Four Total Antelope 4,018 (875 Buck, 3,142 Either Sex)			

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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	License Quota Tentative
513	Willow Creek	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	1000 Either Sex *500 Either Sex
514	Rock Creek	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	75 Either Sex
530	Flatwillow-Willow Creek	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	1600 Either Sex
540	Bull Mountains	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	200 Either Sex
550	Billings	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	250 Either Sex
560	Molt-Broadview	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	800 Either Sex
570	Fish Creek	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	1000 Either Sex
571	Big Coulee	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	100 Either Sex *400 Either Sex
572	White Beaver Creek	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	250 Either Sex
590	Twodot	10/13 - 11/10	10/13 - 11/10	100 Either Sex *600 Either Sex

Region Five Total Antelope 8875 (All Either Sex with option to purchase an additional 2275 Doe/Fawn Licenses)

*Hunting Districts 500, 501, 510, 513, 571, and 590. Successful applicants who draw one of these antelope licenses will be given the option to purchase a second antelope license valid only for a doe or a fawn antelope in the same hunting district and for same date.

NOTE: All antlerless deer B licenses valid during antelope season in 500 series.

600	North Hill-North Blaine	10/13 - 11/10	400 Either Sex
610	Hill-Chouteau-Liberty	10/13 - 11/10	200 Either Sex
611	North Phillips	10/13 - 11/10	800 Either Sex
612	North Hill	10/13 - 11/10	100 Either Sex

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Hunting District No.	District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	License Quota Tentative
620	South Phillips	10/13 - 11/10		1,000 Either Sex
		10/13 - 11/10		*500 Either Sex
630	South Valley	10/13 - 11/10		900 Either Sex
640	North Valley-Daniels-Roosevelt-Sheridan	10/13 - 11/10		75 Either Sex
650	McCone	10/13 - 11/10		1,500 Either Sex
670	North Valley-North Phillips	10/13 - 11/10		900 Either Sex
680	Chouteau-Blaine-Phillips	10/13 - 11/10		100 Either Sex
690	Hill-Blaine-Chouteau	10/13 - 11/10		400 Either Sex
*Applicants successful in this drawing will be offered an additional doe/fawn license. NOTE: All antlerless deer B licenses valid during antelope season in 600 series				
799-01	(includes HD 700)	10/13 - 11/10		*2000 Either Sex (5000) (Parentheses () indicate doe/fawn quotas)
799-02	(includes HD's 710 and 715)	10/13 - 11/10		*1000 Either Sex (2500)
799-03	(includes HD's 711, 712 and 730)	10/13 - 11/10		*2500 Either Sex (5000)
799-04	(includes HD's 713)	10/13 - 11/10		350 Either Sex (0)
799-05	(includes HD's 714 and 731)	10/13 - 11/10		*1200 Either Sex (2000)
799-06	(includes HD's 720, 721 and 722)	10/13 - 11/10		*140 Either Sex (280)
799-07	(includes HD's 732, 733 and 750)	10/13 - 11/10		1000 Either Sex (0)
799-08	(includes HD's 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745 and 792)	10/13 - 11/10		*1350 Either Sex (1700)
799-09	(includes HD's 760, 761, 770 and 780)	10/13 - 11/10		*2200 Either Sex (500)
799-10	(includes HD's 771 and 773)	10/13 - 11/10		*750 Either Sex (300)

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		License Quota Tentative
		Opens	Closes	
799-11	(includes HD 772)	10/13 - 11/10		*100 Either Sex (400)
799-12	(includes HD's 781, 782, 783, 790 and 791)	10/13 - 11/10		*900 Either Sex (1800)
Region Seven Total Antelope 13,490 (All Either Sex with option to purchase another 19,480 Doe/Fawn Antelope)				
*Applicants who draw one of these Antelope licenses have the option of purchasing up to two (2) additional antelope licenses each of which is valid for a doe or fawn antelope only in the same hunting unit. These doe/fawn licenses are valid from 10/13 - 12/1. Any surplus doe/fawn licenses will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, two (2) per person to anyone until the doe/fawn quota indicated in parentheses () is reached. Second and succeeding antelope licenses cost 1/2 the price of the first license.				
NOTE: All antlerless deer B licenses valid during antelope season for 700 series.				

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		License Quota Tentative
		Opens	Closes	
100	West Yaak	9/15	12/1	15 Either Sex
101	Purcell	9/15	12/1	15 Either Sex
102	Eureka	9/15	12/1	35 Either Sex
103	Ten Lakes	9/15	12/1	5 Either Sex
104	West Cabinets	9/15	12/1	5 Either Sex
105	East Cabinets	9/15	12/1	10 Either Sex
106	Fisher River	9/15	12/1	10 Either Sex
110	North Fork	9/15	12/1	20 Either Sex
111	Tally Lake	9/15	12/1	20 Either Sex
112	Blacktail	9/15	12/1	3 Antlered Bull
121	West Clark Fork	9/15	12/1	4 Antlered Bull
140	Lower South Fork	9/15	12/1	3 Either Sex
141	Middle Fork	9/15	12/1	10 Either Sex

Region One Total Moose 155 (148 Either Sex, 7 Antlered Bull)

211	Upper Rock Creek	9/15	12/1	5 Antlered Bull
212	Flint Creek Range	9/15	12/1	3 Antlered Bull
214	Mill Creek-Georgetown Lake	9/15	12/1	10 Either Sex

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		Opens	Closes	
215	East Deer Lodge	9/15 - 12/1		3 Antlered Bull
230	Lolo-Petty-Miller Creeks	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
240	West Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
250	West Fork Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1		3 Antlered Bull
261	East Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1		3 Either Sex
270	East Fork Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1		20 Either Sex
292	West Garnet	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
Region Two Total Moose 62 (24 Antlered Bull, 38 Either Sex)				
301	Horse Prairie	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
		9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlerless
302	East Big Hole	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
		9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlerless
306	Porcupine-Buffalo Horn	9/15 - 12/1		3 Either Sex
		9/15 - 12/1		10 Antlered Bull
307	Sage Creek	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
		9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex
308	West Fork-Portal Creek	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
		9/15 - 12/1		10 Antlered Bull
309	Cabin Creek	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
		9/15 - 12/1		15 Antlered Bull
310	Taylor Fork	9/15 - 12/1		10 Either Sex
		9/15 - 12/1		15 Antlered Bull
311	Hyalite-Squaw Creek	9/15 - 12/1		15 Antlered Bull

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		License Quota Tentative
		Opens	Closes	
312	Bridger	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
313	Spanish Peaks	9/15 - 12/1		15 Antlered Bull
314	Upper Yellowstone - West	9/15 - 12/1		10 Antlered Bull
315	Bear Canyon-Trail Creek	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex 10 Antlered Bull
316	Hellroaring-Cottonwood	9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex 5 Antlered Bull
317	Buffalo Fork	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
318	Slough Creek	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex 5 Antlered Bull
319	Fleecer High-Rye	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlerless 5 Antlered Bull
321	West Big Hole	9/15 - 12/1		10 Antlered Bull 20 Antlerless
322	Upper Stillwater	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex 10 Antlered Bull
323	South Big Hole	9/15 - 12/1		10 Antlered Bull 35 Antlerless
324	Wise River-Grasshopper-Pioneer	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull 5 Antlerless
325	Seymour-Deep Creek	9/15 - 12/1		3 Antlered Bull 3 Antlerless - valid in Seymour Drainage Only
328	Eagle Creek - Bear Creek	9/15 - 12/1		3 Antlered Bull

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season		License Quota Tentative
		Opens	Closes	
330	Gravelly	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull 5 Antlerless
331	Ruby	9/15 - 12/1		3 Antlered Bull
333	Centennial	9/15 - 12/1		2 Antlered Bull
334	Red Rock Odell	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull 5 Antlerless
		12/2 - 12/15		15 Antlerless - Red Rock Refuge excluded until appropriate winter population migrates to refuge. Hunters should anticipate adverse weather conditions associated with this season type.
340	Highlands	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
350	Whitetail	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
360	East Madison	9/15 - 12/1		5 Antlered Bull
361	East Hebgen	9/15 - 12/1		10 Either Sex 15 Antlered Bull
362	West Hebgen	9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex 5 Antlered Bull
380	Radersburg	9/15 - 12/1		3 Antlered Bull
				Region Three Total Moose 391 (234 Antlered Bull, 103 Antlerless, 54 Either Sex)
415	Summit - N. Fk. Birch Creek	9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex
435	Helena - South	9/15 - 12/1		3 Either Sex
				Region Four Total Moose 5 (All Either Sex)

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens Closes	License Quota Tentative
512	Stillwater	9/15 - 12/1	5 Antlered Bull
513	Fishtail-Fiddler Creek	9/15 - 12/1	5 Antlered Bull
514	Rock Creek	9/15 - 12/1	5 Antlered Bull
515	Clarks Fork	9/1 - 12/1	5 Antlered Bull
516	Boulder	9/15 - 12/1	5 Antlered Bull
			Region Five Total Moose 25 (All Antlered Bull)

NOTE TO NONRESIDENTS

You will have the option to draw a moose license in the following districts only:

Region

1 - 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 110, 111, 121, 140, 141
2 - 214, 215, 230, 240, 270
3 - 301-01, 306-02, 307-02, 308-02, 309-02, 310-01, 310-02, 311, 313, 314, 315-02, 321-01, 321-02, 322-02, 323-01, 323-02, 324-01, 324-02, 325-01, 325-02, 328, 330-01, 330-02, 331, 333, 334-01, 334-02, 334-03, 340, 350, 360, 361-01, 361-02, 362-01, 362-02, 380
5 - 514, 515

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BIGHORN SHEEP

Hunting District No.	Name	Season		License Quota Tentative
		Opens	Closes	
100	Kootenai Falls	9/15 - 12/1		8 Any Ram 15 Ewes
121	North Clark Fork	9/15 - 12/1		12 Any Ram 60 Ewes 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ -curl or less Ram
122	Clark Fork Cut-Off	9/15 - 12/1		1 Any Ram 10 Ewes
123	Cabinet Mountains	9/15 - 12/1		5 Any Ram 20 Ewes
Region One Total Mountain Sheep 151 (26 Any Ram, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ -curl or less Ram, 105 Ewes)				
203	Grave Creek Range	9/15 - 12/1		2 Any Ram
213	South Flint Range	9/15 - 12/1		10 Any Ram 5 Adult Ewes
216	West Rock Cr.-Quigg Pk.	9/15 - 10/31 9/15 - 10/31 9/15 - 10/31		10 Any Ram 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -curl or less Ram 15 Adult Ewes
250	West Fork Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1		5 Legal Rams
270	East Fork Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1 9/15 - 12/1		8 Any Ram 12 Adult Ewes
Region Two Total Mountain Sheep 72 (30 Any Ram, 32 Adult Ewes, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -curl or less Ram, 5 Legal Rams)				
300	Callatin-Yellowstone	9/15 - 11/3 11/4 - 12/5		*3 Legal Rams (Unlimited) 2 Legal Rams (Limited)-valid in portion of district
301	Spanish Peaks	9/15 - 11/3		*4 Legal Rams (Unlimited)

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1985 Bighorn Sheep Continued

Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens	Closes	License Quota Tentative
302	Hilgards	9/15 - 11/3		*2 Legal Rams (Unlimited)
303	Absaroka	9/15 - 11/3		*2 Legal Rams (Unlimited) ** Portion of District Closed
340	Highlands	9/15 - 12/1 9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex (Limited) 10 Adult Ewes (Limited)
Region Three Total Mountain Sheep 28 (11 Legal Rams Unlimited), 2 Legal Rams (Limited), 5 Either Sex (Limited), 10 Adult Ewes (Limited)				
In the hunting districts where the number of hunters are unlimited, any ram killed by a hunter will be counted against the quota. Determination of a legal ram should be made from a broadside view of the head.				
*Season will close on 48 hrs.' notice if harvest quota reached or on November 3, 1985, whichever comes first. **That portion of bighorn sheep hunting district 303 which is north of the Dome Mtn - Red Mtn - Monitor Peak - Wallace Mtn - Crow Mtn Divide in Park and Sweetgrass Counties will be closed to all hunting of bighorn sheep.				
421	Deep Creek	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
422	Castle Reef	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
423	Gibson Lake North	9/15 - 12/1		12 Either Sex Note: Area within Deer/Elk HD 427 will close if elk quota for HD 442 is reached. Will close on 12 hrs.' notice.
424	Ford Creek	9/15 - 12/1		10 Either Sex Note: Area within Deer/Elk HD 428 will close if elk quota is reached. Will close on 12 hrs.' notice.
441	North Fork Birch Creek-Teton	9/15 - 12/1		4 Either Sex
455	Beartooth Game Range - Gates of the Mtns. Wilderness Area	9/15 - 12/1		10 Either Sex
Region Four Total Sheep 46 (All Either Sex)				

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens Closes	License Quota Tentative
500	Stillwater	9/15 - 12/1	*4 Legal Rams (Unlimited)
501	West Rosebud	9/15 - 12/1	*3 Legal Rams (Unlimited)
502	Hellroaring	11/19 - 12/15	**3 Legal Rams (Unlimited)
Region Five Total Mountain Sheep 10 (All Legal Rams - Unlimited)			
* Season will close on 48 hrs.' notice if harvest quota reached or on December 1 whichever comes first.			
** Season will close on 12 hrs.' notice if harvest quota reached or on December 15 whichever comes first.			
In the hunting districts where the number of hunters are unlimited, any ram killed by a hunter will be counted against the quota. Determination of a legal ram should be made from a broadside view of the head.			
620	Little Rockies	9/15 - 12/15	2 Either Sex
Region Six Total Bighorn Sheep 2 (All Either Sex)			
760	Blue Mountains	10/13 - 12/1	3 Either Sex
Region Seven Total Bighorn Sheep 3 (All Either Sex)			

NOTE TO NONRESIDENTS
You will have the option to draw a sheep license in the following districts only:

- Region
1 - 100-01, 100-02, 121-01, 121-02, 121-03, 122-02, 123-01, 123-02
2 - 213-01, 216-01, 216-02, 216-03, 250, 270-01, 270-02
3 - 340-02
4 - 423, 424, 441, 455

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MOUNTAIN GOAT

Hunting District No.	Name	Season		License Quota Tentative
		Opens	Closes	
100	Cabinet Mountains	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
101	West Cabinet Mountains	9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex
130	Lower Swan Range	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
131	Mission Mountains	9/15 - 12/1		12 Either Sex
132	Swan-Salmon	9/15 - 12/1		20 Either Sex
133	Swan-Clearwater	9/15 - 12/1		10 Either Sex
140	Great Northern	9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex
141	Lower Middle Fork	9/15 - 12/1		10 Either Sex
142	Upper Middle Fork	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
150	Continental Divide	9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex
151	Danaher	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
Region One Total Mountain Goats 78 (All Either Sex)				
213	Lost Creek	9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex
220	South Superior	9/15 - 12/1		3 Either Sex
222	East Pintler	9/1 - 12/1		8 Either Sex
223	West Pintler	9/1 - 12/1		10 Either Sex
240	West Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1		75 Either Sex
250	West Fork Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1		20 Either Sex

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Hunting District No.	Hunting District Name	Season Opens	Season Closes	License Quota Tentative
261	Sapphire Range	9/15 - 12/1		3 Either Sex
270	East Fork Bitterroot	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
280	North Blackfoot	9/15 - 12/1		2 Either Sex
Region Two Total Mountain Goats 128 (All Either Sex)				
312	Pioneer	9/1 - 12/1		15 Either Sex
320	Tobacco Root Mountains	9/1 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
321	Medicine Lodge-Big Sheep	9/1 - 12/1		3 Either Sex
322	South Big Hole	9/1 - 12/1		3 Either Sex
323	Yellowstone-Boulder	9/15 - 12/1 9/15 - 12/1		20 Either Sex - valid south of East Fork of Mill Creek 5 Either Sex - valid north of East Fork of Mill Creek
324	Spanish Peaks	9/1 - 12/1		2 Either Sex
325	Jack Creek - Indian Creek	9/1 - 12/1		4 Either Sex
326	Indian Creek - Wolf Creek	9/1 - 12/1		8 Either Sex
327	Wolf Creek - Papoose Creek	9/1 - 12/1		8 Either Sex
328	Papoose Creek - Rock Creek	9/1 - 12/1		4 Either Sex
329	Hellroaring - Slough Creek	9/15 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
331	Snowcrest	9/1 - 12/1		3 Either Sex
380	Radersburg	9/1 - 12/1		5 Either Sex
393	Bridgers	9/1 - 12/1		4 Either Sex
Region Three Total Mountain Goats 96 (All Either Sex)				

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Hunting District No.	Name	Season Opens Closes	License Quota Tentative
414	North Teton	9/15 - 12/1	5 Either Sex
415	Birch Creek	9/15 - 12/1	3 Either Sex
431	Sleeping Giant	9/15 - 12/1	3 Either Sex
446	Mount Edith	9/15 - 12/1	3 Either Sex
447	Square Butte	9/15 - 12/1	4 Either Sex
451	Gates of the Mountains	9/15 - 12/1	3 Either Sex
Region Four Total Mountain Goats 21 (All Either Sex)			
514	Line Creek	9/15 - 12/1	6 Either Sex
517	Rock Creek	9/15 - 12/1	10 Either Sex
518	Froze-to-Death	9/15 - 12/1	8 Either Sex
519	Fishtail	9/15 - 12/1	3 Either Sex
Region Five Total Mountain Goats 27 (All Either Sex)			

NOTE TO NONRESIDENTS
You will have the option to draw a goat license in the following districts only:

- Region
1 - 130, 131, 132, 133, 140, 141
2 - 222, 223, 240, 250, 261
3 - 312, 323-01, 323-02, 328, 329, 331, 380, 393
4 - 431, 446
5 - 517, 518

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1985 BEAR HUNTING SEASON WITH PROPOSED EXCEPTIONS

GRIZZLY BEAR

The following deer and elk hunting districts are open to the hunting of grizzly bear of either sex from October 27, through December 1, 1985: Those portions of 110, 130, 140, and 141, within the boundaries of the Flathead National Forest and those portions of 427, 428 and 442 within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area.

NOTE: Hunting District 428 closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in deer/elk Hunting District 424 is reached.

Hunting District 427 closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in deer/elk Hunting District 442 is reached.

The following deer and elk hunting districts are open to the hunting of grizzly bear of either sex from September 15 through December 1, 1985: Those portions of 150 and 151 within the boundaries of the Flathead National Forest.

NOTE: Evidence of sex must remain intact on the carcass or skin.

NOTE: The quotas for the grizzly bear season will be recommended at a later date to provide the maximum opportunity for public comment.

NOTE: The grizzly bear hunting season may close at such time as the Commission has reasonable cause to believe impending circumstances will result in the quota being exceeded.

BLACK BEAR

(See also Black Bear Archery)

With the exceptions noted, the following deer and elk hunting districts are open to the hunting of black bear of either sex from April 15 through May 31, 1985 and from September 7 through December 1, 1985: All 100 and 200 series hunting districts.

EXCEPTION 1: Hunting Districts 100, 101, 103 open April 15 through May 15, 1985 and September 7 through December 1, 1985 inclusive.

EXCEPTION 2: Hunting District 284 is open to black bear hunting by archery only.

EXCEPTION 3: Blackfoot-Clearwater (HD 282), Calf Creek, Threemile, and Nevada Lake Wildlife Management Areas will not open to black bear hunting until May 15, 1985. Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area (HD 282) will close to black bear hunting November 10, 1985.

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BLACK BEAR (continued)

With the exceptions noted, the following deer and elk hunting districts are open to the hunting of black bear of either sex from April 15 through December 1, 1985, all 300 and 400 series hunting districts.

EXCEPTION 4: Sun River, Beartooth, Ear Mountain, Blackleaf, and Judith River Wildlife Management Areas will not open to black bear hunting until May 15, 1985.

EXCEPTION 5: Hunting District 428 closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in Hunting District 424 is reached or December 1, 1985 whichever occurs first.

Hunting District 427 closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in Hunting District 442 is reached or December 1, 1985 whichever occurs first.

EXCEPTION 6: Hunting Districts 300, 301, 302, 310, 311, 313, 314, 317, 320, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 330, 333, 360, 361, and 362 open April 15 through June 15, 1985 and October 27, through December 1, 1985 inclusive.

EXCEPTION 7: Hunting District 316 open April 15 through June 15, 1985 and September 15 through December 1, 1985 inclusive.

EXCEPTION 8: Bear hunting not authorized in the Gallatin Closed Area. See legal description for closed area boundaries.

With the exception noted, the following deer and elk hunting districts are open to the hunting of black bear of either sex from April 15 through May 31, 1985 and from October 27 through December 1, 1985: All 500 series hunting districts.

EXCEPTION 9: Hunting Districts 510, 511, 514, 540, 580, 581, and 582 open April 15 through June 30, 1985 and September 7 through December 1, 1985 inclusive.

NOTE: The head of any black bear taken by hunting MUST be presented to a Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks employee for removal of a premolar which will be used to determine the bear's age.

1985 MOUNTAIN LION SEASON

With the exceptions noted, the following deer and elk hunting districts are open to the hunting or chase of mountain lion of either sex as indicated.

Hunting Districts*	Hunting Season	Chase Season**
100 series except 150 & 151	Dec. 2, 1985 through Feb. 15, 1986	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
150 and 151	Sept. 15, 1985 through Feb. 15, 1986	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
200 series except 280 & 282	Dec. 2, 1985 through Feb. 15, 1986	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
280	Sept. 15, 1985 through Feb. 15, 1986	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
282	CLOSED	CLOSED
300 series	Dec. 2, 1985 through Feb. 15, 1986	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
400 series except 427 & 428	Dec. 2, 1985 through Feb. 15, 1986	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
427 & 428	Jan. 1, 1986 through Feb. 15, 1986	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
500 series	Dec. 2, 1985 through Feb. 15, 1986	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
600 series	CLOSED	Feb. 16, 1986 through Apr. 30, 1986
700 series***	Dec. 2, 1985 through Feb. 15, 1986	CLOSED

* All Wildlife Management Areas (Game Ranges) closed to lion hunting.

**Free permit required to chase but not kill lion during this period. All wildlife management areas (game ranges) closed to lion chase season.

***When three (3) lions of either-sex have been taken the season will close, and may close on 48 hours' notice. Limit of one (1) adult lion per hunter, per this season.

NOTE: Hunters must personally report their lion kill within 72 hours to an employee of the department in the administrative region where the kill was made.

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1985 ARCHERY SEASONS WITH PROPOSED EXCEPTIONS

DEER

With the exceptions noted, all legally described deer hunting districts are open to archery hunting to holders of deer A license and Archery stamp from September 7, 1985 through October 12, 1985 for deer of either sex, either species.

EXCEPTION 1: Hunting District 170 open to A licenses and to B licenses from December 2 through December 31, 1985.

EXCEPTION 2: Hunting Districts 150, 151, and 280 open from September 7 through September 14, 1985.

EXCEPTION 3: Hunting Districts 290 and the Prison Ranch portion of 212 open to B licenses valid for either sex, either species from September 7 through October 12, 1985.

EXCEPTION 4: Hunting District 260 open to B licenses valid for antlerless either species from September 7 through October 12, 1985.

EXCEPTION 5: In Hunting District 311 the Jefferson River Closure is open to archery hunting only from September 7 through December 1, 1985 for either sex, either species deer by A license holders and for antlerless either species deer by B license holders.

EXCEPTION 6: Hunting District 316 closed to archery hunting prior to September 15, 1985.

EXCEPTION 7: Hunting District 324 closed to archery hunting prior to October 27, 1985.

EXCEPTION 8: Hunting Districts 404, 444, 450, Augusta Game Preserve and Teton-Spring Creek Preserve open to archery hunting of deer of either sex, either species from September 7 through December 1, 1985.

EXCEPTION 9: B licenses issued for Hunting Districts 404 and 406 (gun season) also valid for archery only for deer of either sex, either species in Teton-Spring Creek Preserve from September 7 through December 1, 1985.

EXCEPTION 10: Game preserves (excluding Augusta and Teton - Spring Creek preserves) are closed to archery hunting. No general archery hunting in Brinkman Preserve. Only holders of special B licenses for Brinkman Preserve can archery hunt there.

EXCEPTION 11: Limited number of B licenses valid for antlerless whitetail from August 17 through October 12, 1985 in a portion of Hunting District 611. Licenses available from Glasgow office only.

EXCEPTION 12: B licenses and NR A licenses may be used for archery hunting only during the September 7 through October 12, 1985 archery season in the hunting district and for the sex/species for which they were issued.

1985 ARCHERY (continued)

With the exceptions noted, deer Hunting Districts 611, 620, 629, 630, 633, 670, 671, and 672 are open to archery hunting from December 2, 1985 through January 8, 1986 for antlerless whitetail deer by holders of valid 1985 deer A licenses and valid 1985 deer B licenses. A valid archery license is also required. Deer B licenses may be purchased (up to five (5) per individual) from the Region Six Headquarters of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Glasgow in person or by mail.

EXCEPTIONS: None.

ELK

With the exceptions noted, all legally described elk hunting districts are open to archery hunting from September 7, 1985 through October 12, 1985 for elk of either sex.

EXCEPTION 1: Hunting Districts 150, 151 and 280 open from September 7 through September 14, 1985.

EXCEPTION 2: Hunting District 316 closed to archery hunting prior to September 15, 1985.

EXCEPTION 3: Hunting District 324 closed to archery hunting prior to October 27, 1985.

EXCEPTION 4: Elk archery hunting in Districts 631, 632, and a portion of 630 will be by special permit only. Persons must apply for these permits on or before June 15, 1985 as one of their choices for a special elk permit on regular application forms. Three hundred fifty (350) of these permits will be issued and are valid in Hunting Districts 631, 632 and a portion of 630.

EXCEPTION 5: Persons hunting elk with bow and arrow in Districts 410, 621, 622, 623, and 700 must obtain free archery permits available from regional, Helena Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices, and Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge beginning July 1, 1985. None of these permits are valid in Hunting Districts 631, 632, and a portion of 630.

ANTELOPE

With the exceptions noted, all legally described antelope hunting districts are open to archery hunting from September 7, 1985 through October 12, 1985 for antelope of either sex.

EXCEPTION 1: Hunting District 380 open to archery hunting from September 7 through November 10, 1985.

Note: Persons hunting with bow and arrow during the "gun season" do not need an archery stamp but must conform to limits, bags, and license requirements, including requirements to wear hunter orange, as prescribed for gun season unless otherwise specified. Persons hunting antelope with bow and arrow must apply for antelope licenses through regular application procedure. Archers must hunt antelope in hunting district specified on antelope license.

1985 ARCHERY (continued)

MULTI-DISTRICT ARCHERY ONLY ANTELOPE LICENSES

Hunters (resident and nonresident) who apply for antelope Hunting District 800 will be issued antelope licenses, valid for hunting by archery only from September 7, 1985 through October 12, 1985. Each of these licenses will be valid for hunting in the following Antelope Hunting Districts: 420, 471, 480, 481, all of the 500, 600 and 700 series hunting districts. Persons who apply for Hunting District 800 cannot apply for an antelope license in any other antelope hunting district and cannot use the license during the "gun" season.

BLACK BEAR

With the exceptions noted, all legally described black bear hunting districts are open to archery hunting from September 7, 1985 through October 12, 1985 for black bear of either sex.

EXCEPTION 1: Hunting District 316 open only during general deer/elk season (September 15 through December 1, 1985)

EXCEPTION 2: Bear hunting not authorized in Gallatin closed area.

EXCEPTION 3: All 500 series hunting districts closed during special archery season except 510, 511, 514, 540, 580, 581 and 582.

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1986 Big Game Hunting Season Dates

GUN
DEER AND ELK

Backcountry - September 15, 1986 through November 30, 1986

Hunting Districts 150, 151, 280, 316

General - October 26, 1986 through November 30, 1986

All hunting districts unless specified otherwise.

To accommodate special management or other situations a few hunting districts may open and/or close earlier or later than October 26, 1986 and November 30, 1986. In a few hunting districts, elk hunting is by special permit only.

ANTELOPE

General - October 12, 1986 through November 9, 1986

All hunting districts unless specified otherwise.

To accommodate special management or other situations, a few hunting districts may open and/or close earlier or later than October 12, 1986 and November 9, 1986. All antelope hunting is by special permit only.

MOOSE

General - September 15, 1986 through November 30, 1986

Includes all but a few hunting districts. All moose hunting is by special permit only.

MOUNTAIN SHEEP

General - September 15, 1986 through December 15, 1986

Includes most hunting districts. There are some September 1 opening dates and some hunting districts which close prior to December 15, 1986. Unlimited sheep districts will close when a predetermined number of sheep have been harvested. Although all sheep hunting is by special permit only, permits for unlimited districts can be applied for and purchased no later than August 31, 1986.

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1986 Seasons (continued)

MOUNTAIN GOAT

General - September 15, 1986 through November 30, 1986

A few hunting districts open September 1. All Mountain Goat hunting is by special permit only.

GRIZZLY BEAR

(Season details pending outcome of ongoing programmatic Environmental Impact Statement)

BLACK BEAR

April 15, 1986 through November 30, 1986

These are the "outside" dates for black bear seasons. To accommodate management or other situations, some hunting districts may open earlier or later than April 15, some may close earlier or later than November 30, there may be some split seasons within these dates, and some hunting districts may not open at all.

1986 Season (continued)

MOUNTAIN LION
HUNTING SEASON

September 15, 1986 through February 15, 1987

Some hunting districts may open and/or close earlier and/or later than these dates.

CHASE SEASON

February 16, 1987 through April 30, 1987

Some hunting districts may open and/or close earlier and/or later than these dates.

ARCHERY

Deer/Elk/Bear/Antelope

September 6, 1986 through October 11, 1986

Note: Special management considerations or other situations may indicated that certain hunting districts or portions of certain hunting districts require longer, shorter or no archery seasons.

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For the record, my name is Verle Rademacher, editor and publisher of the Meagher County News in White Sulphur Springs.

The shooting of black powder muzzleloading firearms is one of the fastest growing shooting sports in the United States. I personally have been involved with this particular sport for 30 years. During that 30 years, I have built muzzleloaders, using them for both target shooting and hunting. I have taken both deer and antelope with the firearms.

Since Montana does not have a caliber restriction law, the muzzleloaders are legal during the regular rifle season. Those who use the firearms have enjoyed many hunting days afield with the weapons, pitting their hunting skills against big game with the single shot available to them with their muzzleloader. Basically a short-range weapon, the hunter must get within a 100 yard range to effectively kill big game.

Those who hunt with muzzleloaders have been happy with the present caliber law for big game and the ability it affords them to hunt during the regular rifle season. In looking over the fish and game laws, we do, however, feel that an opportunity is being overlooked that would allow an increased sporting opportunity without creating enforcement or administration problems for the Fish and Game Commission. That is in the area of shotgun only deer areas.

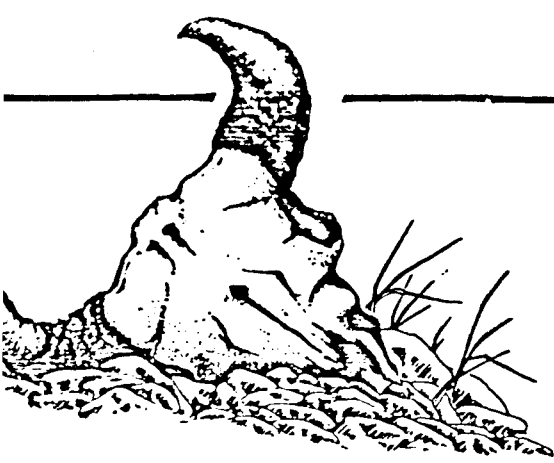
Basically, when the Commission sets up a special hunting district for the use of shotguns with buckshot or rifled slugs, it is to limit that district to short-range weapons. Muzzleloaders fall within that category and actually would be more effective than the shotguns in the taking of deer. The muzzleloading rifle is far more accurate than the shotgun rifled slug.

Through misapprehension on their part, The Montana Bowhunters' Association has made statements about this legislation that are untrue. This legislation will allow the Commission to allow, only at their option, muzzleloaders in shotgun only deer areas. The muzzleloaders do not want a special season for muzzleloaders only. Muzzleloaders are unalterably opposed to a "choose your weapon" season such as Colorado has. There you have to choose whether you will hunt in the bow season, the muzzleloader season or the general rifle season and purchase your licenses accordingly. We do not want that nor do we want to interfere with the archers' five week bow season. We only seek to be considered in those areas where firearms with limited range are needed to control game populations.

The specific categorizing of muzzleloaders, both rifled and smooth-bore, is to clarify that both may be used. Technically, a smoothbored muzzleloader can now be used for this type of hunt, as it is a shotgun.

In summation, this legislation will allow the commission to include muzzleloaders in shotgun only deer areas, will allow for increased hunting days afield, will not increase enforcement or administration problems and does not ask for a special season such as the archers enjoy.

For these reasons, we feel that this legislation is a reasonable request and urge your passage of this bill.



BUFFALO ROAD MUZZLELOADERS

Butte, Montana 59701

March 14, 1985

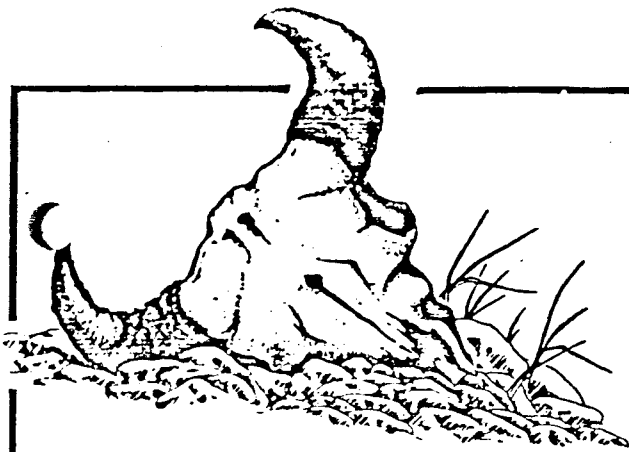
HOUSE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE HEARING ON SENATE BILL 255 : TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MUZZLELOADERS FOR HUNTING DEER IN AREAS WHERE THE USE OF LONG RANGE HIGH POWER RIFLES IS NOT DESIRABLE.

My name is Tim Fay. I'm from Butte, Mt. and I'm representing the Buffalo Road Muzzleloader Club of Butte and Wise River, Mt. We wish to go on record at this hearing in support of Senate Bill 255.

In March, 1984, representatives from the Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders, along with the Hellgate Muzzleloaders of Missoula and the Beartooth Mountain Men of Helena met with the Dept. of F. W. & P. to discuss muzzleloading hunting seasons and other options to increase hunting opportunities for muzzleloaders. The consensus was to pursue enabling legislation that would authorize the Fish & Game Commission to allow muzzleloaders in areas where the use of long range high power rifles is not desirable for deer hunting. The Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders took the lead and sent out about 130 letters explaining our proposal and asking for comment from fellow muzzleloaders across the state. We received 22 written replies. Eighteen were supportive, two of which were from organized muzzleloader clubs in Great Falls and Havre. We also received numerous verbal comments, the majority being supportive. I submit to you copies of that correspondence for the record and your examination.

I would now like to make a few brief comments in support of S. B. 255:

1. S. B. 255 is in no way intended to legislate or force a special muzzleloader big game season on the State of Montana. This bill will give the Dept. of F. W. & P. and the F. & G. Commission an additional tool for harvesting deer in areas where use of high power rifles is not desirable. Any proposals for muzzleloaders would have to be addressed on a case by case basis by the Commission



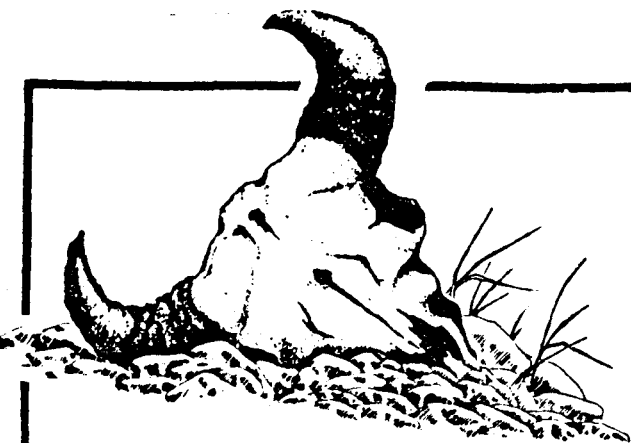
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2. Ballistically, the muzzleloader is a short range weapon. A .54 caliber rifle with a hunting load of 110 grains of black powder will fire a ball at about 1800 fps muzzle velocity. Zeroed for 50 yds. it will hit 128 inches below the point of aim at 300 yds. with a velocity of only 618 fps. Compare this to a .30-06 rifle shooting a factory loaded 165 grain bullet with a muzzle velocity of 2800 fps. With the rifle zeroed for 100 yds. the bullet will hit just 13 inches low at 300 yds. and retain a velocity of 2224 fps. At 500 yds. the .30-06 bullet will hit 55 inches below point of aim and still have a velocity of 1800 fps. I have used "Lyman's Black Powder Handbook", "Guns and Ammo Annual" and "Speer's Reloading Manual" as references for the above ballistic data.
3. My last comment is that in spite of its limited range a muzzleloader is very accurate and capable of grouping 5 shots in a 6 inch circle at 100 yds. This type of accuracy is very important for the efficient harvest of game animals. Ballistically the .54 caliber rifle sited before would hit about 4 inches below point of aim at 100 yds.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 255 at this hearing.

Timothy C. Fay
for
Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders
Butte/Wise River, Montana



BUFFALO ROAD MUZZLELOADERS

Butte, Montana 59701

March 25, 1984

Howdie!

The Buffalo Road Muzzleloader Club, at our January meeting voted to look into what could be done to increase hunting opportunities for muzzleloaders. Since that meeting we have talked to five muzzleloader groups and several individuals and found enough interest and support to have a meeting with the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in Helena. This meeting was held March 13, with Ron Marcoux, assistant director F.W. & P., Dale Witt, acting chief of Wildlife, and Stan Bradshaw, attorney for F.W. & P. Muzzleloaders were represented by Tim Fay, Van Stallman and Nick Jensen with the Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders, Fred Beyer and Leon Nance with the Hellgate Muzzleloaders in Missoula, and Pat McKelvey and Tony Wayland with the Beartooth Mountain Men in Helena.

We looked at several possibilities and decided that our most realistic and reasonable approach is to pursue legislation that will authorize the Fish and Game Commission to allow muzzleloaders in shotgun only areas. Current laws authorize the commission to fix seasons and designate areas for rifle, bow and arrow, and shotguns. Muzzleloading rifles are in the rifle category and cannot legally be addressed separately from modern breechloaders for establishing seasons and areas. The law specific to shotguns reads: "It (meaning the commission) may declare areas open to deer hunting where shotguns only may be used to hunt or kill deer." Our proposal would allow the commission to address muzzleloaders the same as shotguns. This would not exclude muzzleloaders from general hunting season and would not require a special stamp to hunt with a charcoal burner. Although there are only a few areas presently designated for shotgun only the trend is for more restrictive hunting seasons and more areas where rifles will not be allowed for safety or other reasons. Under the present laws this would exclude muzzleloaders also. There may also be some opportunity for deer damage hunts.

Before proceeding further with any legislative proposal, we want to hear from you. Do you, as a muzzleloader, support our proposal or would you rather have us forget it. We need your support in order to proceed.

On the other hand, we don't want to proceed if this proposal doesn't meet the approval of the majority of muzzleloaders in Montana.

The Dept. of F.W. & P. said they would not be opposed to the above proposal but could not actively support or endorse such legislation. They did say they would like to work with us on such a proposal and offered the assistance of their attorney to help write the legislation.

Please let us know if you support or oppose our proposal. We need to know so we can proceed or drop it.

Best regards,

Van Stallman

Van Stallman
President

Tim Fay

Tim Fay
Chairman

Nick Jensen

Nick Jensen
Range Officer

P.S. Please drop us a line and let us know how you feel. Also, share this with your muzzleloading friends. We would like to hear from them, too.

Please send your comments and ideas to:

Tim Fay
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(406) 723-6701

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MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS



1420 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
March 21, 1984

Tim Fay
Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders
3051 Josephine
Butte, Montana 59701

Dear Mr. Fay:

We appreciate you coming to Helena and discussing the possibility of your introducing legislation for muzzleloader opportunities.

If you have any questions as you develop your program please contact Stan Bradshaw, department attorney at 444-4594 or Dale Witt, Acting Wildlife Division Administrator at 444-2612.

Sincerely,

Ron Marcoux
Associate Director

njk

DEAR TIM,

NICK ALLEN
1144 CRENSHAW
HAYRE, MONTANA
59501



(IN ANSWER TO YOUR LETTER DATED 3-25-84
CONCERNING AN INCLUSION OF M.L. RIFLES IN
SHOTGUN ONLY AREAS)

AT OUR MONTHLY MEETING 4-4-84 WITH 12
MEMBERS PRESENT, YOUR LETTER WAS PRESENTED
& THE SUBJECT DISCUSSED.

WE DECIDED OUR CLUB WAS IN AGREEMENT
WITH YOUR GOAL. THE ONE THING WE WANT ADDED IS
"A MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE SHOOTING A SINGLE PATCHED
ROUND BALL" BE ADDED.

(OUR PAID UP MEMBERSHIP IS 23 TODAY & WILL BE
MORE LIKE 30 WHEN THEY ALL PAY UP. MOST OF THE
PEOPLE NOT AT THE MEETING HAVE BEEN CONTACTED &
ARE ALSO IN AGREEMENT.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF ANYTHING
THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

Richard M. Liberty

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HAVRE, MONTANA 59501

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March 27, 1984

Tim Fay
3051 Josephine
Butte, MT 59701
723-6701

Tim:

You can definitely count on my support. I pursued this matter several years ago and progressed to the point where you are. I made contacts with J. Herbert (biologist) and R. Marcoux and both indicated that the Dept. would not endorse legislation. They did indicate a willingness to work with us in our endeavor.

Good luck and don't let
your bore rust,

M. Crowell

P.S. Keep me posted!

P.O. Box 175
Wise River, MT. 59762-0175
March 27, 1984

Tim Fay
3051 Josephine
Butte, MT. 59701

Dear Tim

I support a proposal to see if the
legislative would authorize the Fish and Game
Commission to allow charcoal burner into
shotgun only area.

thank you
Garvin R. Ferguson

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Montana Plainmen
March 27, 1984

Dear Fellow Muzzleloaders,

Thank you, Tim and members of the Buffalo Road MLs, for sending the informative letter on proposed ML legislation.

At our February meeting, this very topic was discussed. We also decided that it would be unproductive, as in past efforts, to try to propose a separate season for us as long as we are third in line; behind the high power hunters and the bow hunters. And this primarily being because we (ML hunters) have never organized state-wide to any degree.

Thus, a motion was made and passed that "The Montana Plainmen would support and promote any efforts in legislation that would allow us to hunt in areas where high power rifles are not allowed." This would include present or proposed shotgun only areas and possibly archery only areas. Since some of our members are members of state and local bowhunting organizations, they in turn promised to support our motion through their bowhunting organizations since we would not be infringing on the bowhunting season, as such. We also pledged efforts to be allowed precedence in depredation hunts. We really believe that we have a just cause to ask for areas and

damage hunts which really is a small consideration," considering" what is presently available to the other two groups.

Therefore. "We" heartily support the proposal you have set forth. and would encourage you to proceed. If we can be of further help please let us know.

One of our club activities is an annual 3-day deer hunt. For years we have encouraged ranchers around here to open their land to Muzzleloaders only instead of total closure, as many have done. We have succeeded quite rewardingly as we now have secured several ranches who have closed to high power guns. One place went so far as grading a camp site for us and gave full season permission for birds and deer. He has rules, of course, but very considerate rules for both.

My whole point is that it takes work and real effort in good sportsmanship to promote this activity which certainly has a deserving portion of the hunting and shooting scheme.

I enclose some shoot schedules for our big annual shoot - last year we had 108 shooters. I pass on a special invitation to all your club. I'm sure the "Buffalo Roaders" are as fierce competitors as are all other Butte residents.

Muzzleloaders for ever,
F. C. H. T.

Jim Fay

We, Bob & Lynn Bell are
in full support of the
proposal for a law in the
legislation that would
authorize the Fish & Game
Commission to allow muzzle-
loaders in "shotgun only" areas.

Best regards
Bob Bell

Lynn Bell

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The Meagher County News

Box 349
White Sulphur Springs, Montana 59645
Phone (406) 547-3831

March 30, 1984

Dear Tim,

Hell Yes! Lets go for broke and get muzzleloaders written in with the shotguns for some of these hunting areas. A case in point was the Townsend Flats area a couple of years ago. They wanted to take a few more antelope out, but hesitated to let more rifle hunters in. They actually wanted muzzle-loaders in, because they were short-ranged enough to take the antelope, but did not have to worry about killing someone a half a mile away. They probably didn't tell you about that one, but a Fish and Game person told me that one.

I am prepared to help you in a couple of ways. Number One-- Senator Jack Galt is my senator over here. He is chairman of the Senate Fish and Game Committee and could be persuaded to sponsor the bill. I am sure he would if I asked him. His son Bill allows the muzzle loaders on his ranch to hunt, even when he has cattle in the willow bottoms. He knows and understands that the muzzle loaders have limited range and he is impressed with the behaviour of the muzzle-loading hunters that visit his place. We have good feelings there. Number Two--I have been legislative chairman of the Montana Press Association since 1972, so I know my way around getting legislation through and how to lobby it when necessary. You can count on me to work along those lines when necessary. I doubt if much work would have to be done, particularly if Jack introduced the bill, but I know enough legislators who would help out on it to get it passed.

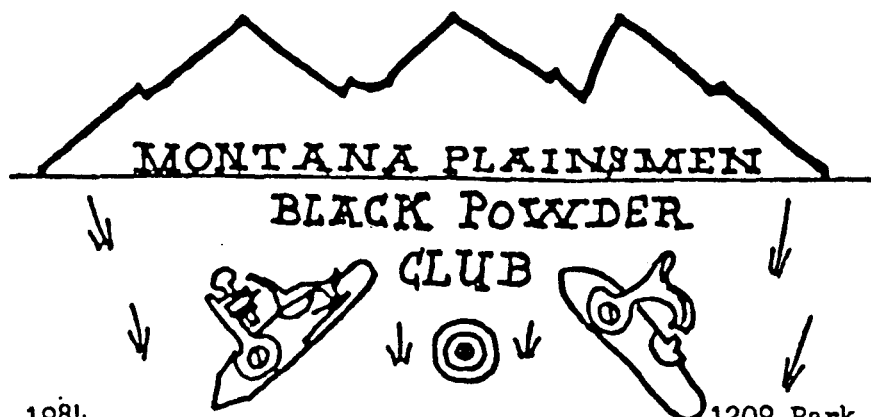
Ron Marcoux and Dale Witt are both friends of mine and I think that if I pushed a little bit, they would assist us, possibly supporting the bill.

Give er hell!

Yours truly,



Verle L. Rademacher
Editor and Publisher



March 30, 1984

1209 Park Garden Rd.
Gt. Falls, Mt 59404

Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders
Butte, Mt 59701

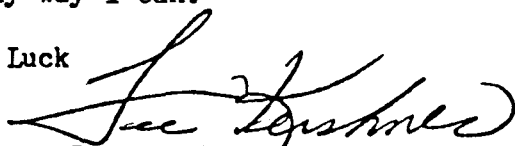
Your letter of March 25 is very timely and exactly parallels the thoughts of this club concerning the subject of special hunt considerations for muzzleloading guns. At our February meeting we were informed by a member of the bowhunters association that a muzzleloader group in Lewistown was formulating a proposal to put before the Fish & Game department. The proposal was that some time be shaved off the archery season and be designated as a ML season. The bowhunter, also a member of our BP club, felt the effort would surely fail but wanted to lobby for our clubs' support for the archery group's position. The discussion which ensued led to the formation and acceptance of an official MP club resolution concerning the special ML hunt issue.

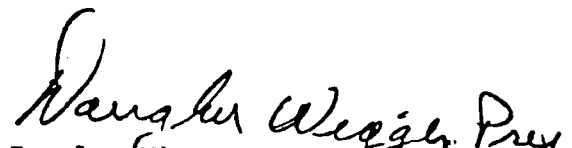
I have taken the liberty to put this resolution into writing and have added a somewhat wordy explanation of the thoughts discussed and considered in shaping this resolution. A copy is attached for whatever benefit, if any, it may give. Feel free to use or amend etc. At least, you know our club's position.

In the long run, what is needed to promote the welfare and interests of ML sports in Montana is some type of a state-wide organization that would tie buckskinners, target shooters, and anyone with an interest in ML activity into one united faction. (Perhaps Black powder Association of Montana - BAM !) A nominal membership fee could provide members with the usual association patch and an occasional news letter. More importantly, it would provide funds for letters necessary to promote our ML interests. The archery people have just this sort of thing and it works well.

Your proposal aligns exactly with the thoughts of this club and we would have no problem supporting such effort. My only concern is that to the greatest extent, this proposal be given support by soliciting inputs from all the known ML groups in the state. Perhaps some version of the resolution inclosed should be used as a rallying medium. I will be most happy to help your efforts in any way I can.

Good Luck


Lee Kershner
1209 Park Garden Rd
Gt. Falls, Mt 59404


Douglas Wigger
President
Montana Plainsmen RPC

MONTANA PLAINSMEN BPC
RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE MUZZLELOADER HUNTS
FEBRUARY 1984

The following elements establish the official and unified position of the membership of this club concerning the promotion of special muzzleloading big game hunts within the state of Montana. It has been agreed by vote :

1. To actively pursue the establishment of special considerations for muzzleloader (ML) hunting in Montana.
2. To pursue the designation of special areas, including but not limited to post-season depredation hunts, as the most viable means for obtaining such special considerations.
3. To enlist and support the efforts of all ML groups within the state in adopting a unified position relevant to the establishment of special ML hunts.
4. To strive for statewide coordination of future efforts at presenting requests for such considerations before the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Toward the goal of forging a unified position it is appropriate to explain the thinking behind the elements of this resolution.

1. Why should we strive for special ML hunt considerations?

The simple, bottom-line reasons are three: To give greater quality to the muzzleloading hunt for more people, to lessen the hazards inherent in the current combined hunts in high hunter density areas and most importantly, to insure the survival of ML sports, hunting and otherwise, in Montana.

There is no contention that ML weapons/hunters are ineffective and therefore need special compensations. The problem develops when ML hunters are overrun by high-power guns in the same area. The problem is compounded by the tendency of the high-power group

to employ vehicles and long range techniques while the ML people hunting the same area are generally on foot, trying for a shot at short range. Armoured cavalry beats infantry every time. Not only does such unbalanced competition diminish the quality of the ML hunt but it also greatly increases the hazard for the hunter who is afoot in the cover trying for a short range encounter. Greater safety and enhanced quality of the hunt are benefits which could be attained through designation of special areas for Muzzleloader Only hunts.

To appreciate the connection between special hunts and the ultimate survival of ML sports in general throughout the state, one needs look at the trend in ML sports over the past decade. During the mid-70's, advertising for ML products, sales of same and interest by the shooting public reached a high not seen since the introduction of cartridge arms. Many of the arms sold were of very inferior quality but sold because their low price was compatible with casual interest. Merchants all over recognized the sales appeal and ML arms and accessories became available in wide distribution. Low quality and ignorance of use led to some accidents and a whole lot of disappointment. Falling sales led to a glut of cheapies on the market and a stampede to drop ML items from stock. Unfortunately, the good lines were dropped with the bad. The September 1983 issue of Shooting Industry magazine ran a special article addressing the down-trend in ML sales. The article concluded by asserting that sales of quality ML arms will continue at a slower rate but more importantly ONLY THOSE AREAS WHICH SUPPORT SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER HUNTS CAN EXPECT SALES TO REMAIN HEALTHY. The threat in this situation lies in the absence of ML sport promotion before the public. It is a law of nature that what does not grow diminishes. Without new recruits - and how can they materialize if arms and supplies are not available - the ranks of ML devotees in Montana will gradually shrink to a mere handful. Look around and you will see that the high point of ML activity in this state has already started in recession. How available is black powder in your area? Why

should any merchant put up with the hassle and expense of carrying it on the odd chance that one or two lone ML shooters might buy an odd can of powder every year or so? A special hunt would bring the ML game back into focus for the public at large, would promote interest and sales, and would insure the survival of a healthy level of ML activity all year round. More than any other reason, this is why special ML hunts are needed in Montana.

2. What should be the nature of the special considerations for ML hunting? Why special areas and not a special portion of the state-wide general season? At conflict are the interests of the general hunting public, landowners, cattlemen on federal forest lands, bowhunters and finally, the muzzleloaders. The facts are these: The cattlemen and landowners typically feel the existing hunting season is already too long; they are organized, have political clout and are not about to tolerate any additions to the season. The bowhunters' position is likewise established, they outnumber us, are better organized and have the cattlemen who lease forest grazing land on their side. Designation of special areas and depredation hunts are viable alternatives in the face of these circumstances. However, there are opportunities for clubs to solicit landowners cooperation in setting aside land to be identified before the public as open to ML hunting only. The Plainsmen club hunt for 1983 was held on such an area.

3. Attempts to establish ML hunts in Montana are not a novel event. Unfortunately, too often in past efforts, discord within the very ranks of the ML fraternity itself has surfaced at hearings where proposals were to be made. Our numbers statewide are small, our voice weak. If ever our cause is to succeed we must speak with one voice from all clubs. That is not to infer one person but rather that to the greatest extent possible, all ML shooters must support the same ideas. If we can not educate, convince and enlist the support of those we count among us, how can we hope to persuade those who do not share our interests at all?

4. In this era of computers and easy communication, there is no reason for isolated and fragmented attempts by a club here and an individual there to push forth independently at what should be a common effort, a united and coordinated effort. Until this club or some other agency stimulates a coalition of all ML groups within the state, nothing will be achieved at the state level. Fragmented efforts have a clear history of failures; because of this fact it shall not be considered in the best interest of the general goal for this club to support uncoordinated efforts by individuals or isolated groups.

4-2-84

TIM FAY
3051 JOSEPHINE
BUTTE, MT. 59701

DEAR MR. FAY

I PERSONALLY AM OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGES
TO THE CURRENT REGS WITH REGARD TO MUZZLELOADERS.

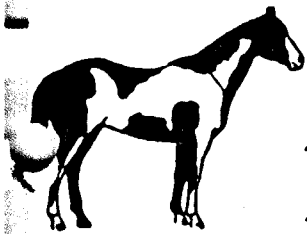
I HUNT STRICTLY WITH MUZZLELOADERS AND I
HAVE ALWAYS HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE GAME.
(I'VE BEEN SKUNKED A FEW TIMES DUE TO MY INABILITY
TO SHOOT STRAIGHT). I PREFER THE CURRENT REGS
THAT ALLOW US TO HUNT THE ENTIRE ~~SEAS~~ SEASON
AND THE ENTIRE STATE WITH MUZZLELOADERS.

YOUR PROPOSAL SOUNDS FINE EXCEPT I'M AFRAID
THE F.W. & P. COULD AT SOME TIME BEGIN TO RESTRICT
MUZZLELOADER HUNTERS. SEVERAL YEARS AGO A GROUP
OF US BILLINGS HUNTERS WENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION
IN HELENA WITH THE SAME THING IN MIND AS YOU HAVE.
AT THE MEETING, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT
HAD LIVED IN STATES WHERE THERE WERE SPECIAL BLACK
POWDER SEASONS. THEY ALL VOICED CONCERNS THAT
MONTANA'S F.W. & P. WOULD EVENTUALLY LIMIT EITHER
THE TIME OR AREA THAT YOU COULD HUNT WITH BLACK
POWDER AS OTHER STATES HAVE DONE.

WE ARE HAVING A BLACK POWDER SHOOT ON APRIL 1.
I WILL POLL THE REST OF THE SHOOTERS AT THAT TIME.

SINCERELY

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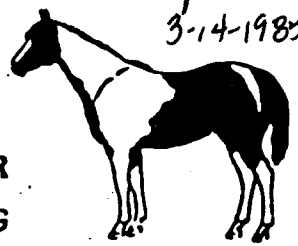
Wolf Creek, Montana 59648

TAG RITTEL

Phone: 406-235-4330

SANDRA RENNER

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DEAR TIM,

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SPECIAL HUNT FOR MUZZLE LOADING RIFLES. OR A SPECIAL SEASON. THEY COULD BE ~~RUN~~ DURING BOW HUNTING SEASON. THE LAW CAN BE CHANGED. A MUZZLE LOADER IS BLACK POWDER AND NOT A MODERN FIRE ARM. WE TALKED THIS OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO - BUT DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH M.L. HUNTERS TO GET SUPPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE. THE FISH AND GAME - NEVER DO SUPPORT NEW IDEAS. I WOULD ADVISE HAVING YOUR REPRESENTATIVE WRITE YOUR BILL, NOT THE F.T.G. I'M ALL FOR A MUZZLE LOADING SEASON. GOOD LUCK. AND KEEP ME IN TOUCH.

YOURS TRULY

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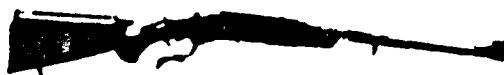


Michael L. Workman

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FFL #98100701C308108

2 April 1984

Tim Fay
3051 Josephine
Butte, MT 59701

Dear Tim,

Thanks for your letter of March 25 asking for opinions regarding special status for muzzle loading rifles/hunting. You probably won't find my letter to be representative of the majority opinion, but I've spent a long time thinking over this particular matter and have been in the front stuffer business, building and shooting, for over twenty years.

In my early years of being associated with front loaders, I looked with envy on the colleagues in some of the Eastern states where muzzle loaders either have their own season or are lumped together with the archers. The idea of having the woods to myself was, of course, appealing. I got into it one time with John Baird, of the BUCKSIN REPORT. Later he wrote a series of articles which completely changed my mind. I am not necessarily against special consideration for front loaders, just indifferent.

First, why should we need a separate status? In general, we are probably better marksmen and hunters than centerfire shooters. We shoot more and are more familiar with our weapons. I have never felt hampered by sharing the woods with other, less enlightened, hunters. They're not very hard to avoid as you can tell from their results-usually a doe or spike.

Second, definition is a nasty problem. Should round balls be the only projectile, or do we permit the myriad conical and slug designs? And how the hell is a warden going to tell what's in a barrel anyway? As if that isn't knotty enough, how about rifle design? Only "official" muzzle stuffers or do we allow aborted centerfire designs such as the Wolverine? Open sights, iron sights, or scopes? As soon as you try to codify these aspects, you'll find that a great many strong opinions will surface. I fear that any regulations resulting from the necessary compromises would be like the camel - a horse built by committee.

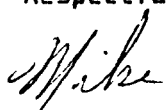
Third, your idea of allowing muzzle loaders into shotgun only areas was the first interesting idea I've heard on the subject and showed some thought. However, I want to pop your balloon in that area, too. This is because I am very strongly opposed to the idea of shotgun areas. I've lived in states where shotgun deer hunting is prevalent, and I gave up deer hunting in those areas rather than take chances. Tell me how it is safer to be in the woods when every shot fired launches nine ricocheting lead balls instead of one bullet. Lead balls are just like .22 imfire bullets - they bounce off of damn near anything and can veer off at steep angles. They also have tremendous cohesion, that's what makes a round ball such an astounding game killer. The ball doesn't break up. But, that's also what makes buckshot in cover dangerous. I think our

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efforts would be better utilized in convincing Fish and Wildlife that shotgun areas are not the answer. If an area has too much hunting pressure, the way to solve that is to control the pressure by limiting hunter numbers rather than by putting a bunch of boobs with semi-auto twelve guages out there to wound game and each other.

So, in sum, I appreciate your concern. But I think we should forego making pacts or asking for special deals. I was intrigued by your reference to damage hunts, however. Maybe the way to approach this would be to see if maybe some landowners who don't allow general hunting might, with some negotiation, allow muzzle loading club members to use their land. If that sounds reasonable I would be happy to act as clearing center, since I've got a computer to keep track of data.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike".

Michael L. Workman

R. A. King
Box 295
Plains, Mt.
59859

Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders
3051 Josephine
Butte, Mt. 59701

ATTENTION: Tim Faye, Chairman

Tim,

Sorry I took so long to answer your letter. I've been pretty wrapped up with Rendezvous planning. I talked your proposed legislative efforts over with whoever was handy, and the general consensus seems to be- "Go for it". Most everyone agreed that the shot gun business would actually be very little use around here because we have no shotgun only areas. However, they also agreed that it could be a very important "foot in the door" for future muzzle-loader legislation. Anything we can get will be more than we have now! It could also be a means of proving to legislators and the F.W.P. boys that most muzzleloading people are serious sportsmen and not just a bunch of adult children playing "Dan'l Boone". Best of luck in your efforts. I'm enclosing a flyer on our Rendezvous. Please post it in your clubhouse or wherever it will do the most good. Sure would like to see at least some of you boys up here Memorial weekend. Watch yer top knot.

Russ King

April 2, 1984

Tim

As you know I am generally in favor of an increase in the use of muzzleloaders in hunting. I would hope that the limited hunting opportunities for shotgun hunting and with your proposal muzzleloading hunting don't create problems of over crowding. A large influx of muzzleloader hunters into the limited shotgun areas could very well lead to problem. I can't veto your proposal, however, because it might cause problems.

The proposal to open the shotgun hunting areas to muzzleloading hunting also sounds like a reasonable and worthwhile proposal and has my whole hearted support

Sincerely

Bruce Benedict

April 2, 1984

Bob Eva
3455 Hannibal
Butte, MT 59701

Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders
Mr. Tim Fay
3051 Josephine
Butte, MT 59701

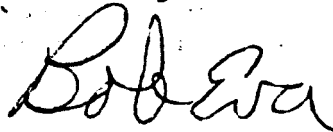
Dear Tim:

After reading your letter of March 25, 1984, I was very glad to see that a group of black powder enthuest have seen fit to start talking about black powder hunting in Montana. I know in the past years, I, along with many hunters in Montana, have hunted with black powder, during the regular hunting season.

I did not know that the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commission did not have the power to set regulations concerning black powder hunting. It seems like a very worth while project to introduce legislation that will address this.

Best of luck in your endeavor and if I may be of any help please feel free to call upon me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Eva". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Bob Eva".

Bob Eva

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April 10, 1984

Tim Fay
Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders
3051 Josephine
Butte, MT 59701

Dear Mr. Fay,

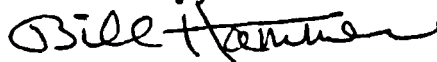
I fully support your proposal to allow muzzleloaders in shotgun only areas. I hope that the muzzleloader hunters of Montana will be successful in convincing all involved parties that allowing muzzleloading firearms in shotgun only areas will enhance game management, but not sacrifice safety.

The following are some of my reasons for supporting this proposal:

1. Most muzzleloading rifles can accurately deliver a round ball out to 125 yards. My experience with slugs or buckshot shot from a shotgun is limited, but I was unable to hit accurately beyond 70 yards.
2. Beyond 200 yards the lead round ball shot from a muzzleloader is dropping at a tremendous rate, similar to a shotgun projectile, and poses minimal hazard to distant people, livestock, or buildings.
3. The muzzleloading rifle, because of its accuracy yet poor long range carry, can improve the harvest of surplus game in areas congested with farms or homes and in many depredation hunt situations.

Please keep me informed of the progress of this proposal and contact me if I can be any help over here.

Sincerely,



William P. Hammer
Box 919
Ronan, MT 59864

Phone: 676-3823

May 13, 1948

Dear Tim:

I am writing you to let you know I support your efforts for a muzzle loader season (or at least an increase of hunting areas and number of days.)

The only thing that concerns me is over-regulation of our muzzle loaders such as type of powder, use of pyrodes, restrictions on projectile and sights.

It seems like every time government officially recognizes anything it is an invitation to regulate hell out of it. Thus, defeating the original purpose.

Personally, I hunt with my smoke pole during rifle season anyhow, because I enjoy it.

Keep the regulations to a minimum and give those of us who choose to hunt with Black Powder credit for enough intelligence to choose the proper projectile, caliber & charge.

Good luck in your efforts -

Doug Dunn

P.O. Box 199

Livingston, MT.

59047

Anaconda, MT

4-4-84

Hi Tim

Our regards to your letter
on trying to get a season
for muzzleloaders. I
support your efforts as
I think it is something
that we need in order
to cover all of the
different types of hunting
and to keep the competition
fair for everyone involved

Sincerely
Miley Outfitters
Joseph L. Miley

Dear Tim,

I am writing in response to your letter of inquiry about a black powder hunting season of some type. I would actively support any effort to get black powder hunting addressed as a separate issue from breachloaders. I would like to see a season set up like the archery or early bugle season, but I am famillure with the problems we have had in the past with this. I believe that the most promising proposition is the one you are working on now. I think that anything that can be accomplished is to our benifit. Even if we get only one area opened to us in the most barren, lifeless spot in the state, we will have our foot in the door. We will have set a precident and have a foundation to work from.

If you dont mind I would like to make a few suggestions and offer a few thoughts. I have had quite a bit of experiance dealing with the state trying to get arround the laws and accomplish things by making changes in the existing laws or rules. I ran the rifle team here at the university for five years and had to fight or beg for everything we got. Here is what I found worked best. I think that it will work for us too.

We need good organization within our clubs, all working and supporting each other twards one common goal. We dont want several clubs offering several different proposals about the same thing. We need to get things lined out among ourselves befor we go to Helena.

When I wanted something I found it best to find out who was in charge of it and address them directly. The more people involved in the system, the more views and stipulations were made. Things got mixed up fast. I found the fewer people involved the better, so I suggest finding the key people and courting them. In addition you cant count on anything that you are told nor can you count on anybody to do anything on their own. They will only work if you stand there and make them. I believe that if we dont keep after the F&G and the politicians in Helena, very little will get done. The club members there should keep after the appropriate people to see that once we submit the plans that they get to the right people and places in the system.

In our last meeting there was a legnthly discussion of the type of bullet and powder charge ~~was~~ to be used. I think that we have a tendancy to be too picky. We need to be prepared and be able to cover any possible questions with good informative answers, but most people we will be associated with will be^{V^{est}} famillure enough with these technical points to discuss them and bringing them up will only compound our problems. In a state that has no caliber restrictions I can see no reason to induce them to place any type of restrictions on our black powder arms.

I found that general vague rules are best and get the least resistance. When they are read they have a different meaning that just fits who ever is reading it. If we give the actual interpitation to an agency and leave it sufficiently broad, things will go well for some time, at which time we can lobby an agency rather than a political system where things get bogged down.

Last I suggest that we keep our efforts quietly among ourselves. I dont think that any general publicity would gain us anything but trouble with the bow hunters, who dont want anybody treading on their terratory and anti-hunting and mis-informed people who would project us hunting into their

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housing developemts and sub divisions. The less fuss made over this the easier it will slip by. Adderss changing the status of the black powder fromcurrent cartridge to that of shotgun and dont really press the hunting areas and seasons. This will change the focus of our opposition and possibly by pass any problems with the bow hunters. The areas and seasons will naturally follow and we can work on them specifcly after we are established with a foot in the door.

I think that once we get started we can build very quickly and expand our goals. Sorry to have bored you with this legnthly discourse. From your report, I am sure you know these things allready and have your own ideas of what you wish to do and how to do it. I was a charter member of the MT. Plainsmen in Gt. Falls, and am currently a member of the Hellgate Muzzle Loaders in Missoula. If I can be of any help, please let me know. Good luck with your endeavors.

Sincerely


George Gompf

On the other hand, we don't want to proceed if this proposal doesn't meet the approval of the majority of muzzleloaders in Montana.

The Dept. of F.W. & P. said they would not be opposed to the above proposal but could not actively support or endorse such legislation. They did say they would like to work with us on such a proposal and offered the assistance of their attorney to help write the legislation.

Please let us know if you support or oppose our proposal. We need to know so we can proceed or drop it.

Best regards,

Van Stallman

Van Stallman
President

Tim Fay

Tim Fay
Chairman

Nick Jensen

Nick Jensen
Range Officer

P.S. Please drop us a line and let us know how you feel. Also, share this with your muzzleloading friends. We would like to hear from them, too.

Please send your comments and ideas to:

Tim Fay
3051 Josephine
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-6701

This issue has come up several times and I - (we) do not believe in muzzleloaders; Skatgun season. Would be against this.

We both hunt with Muzzle loaders - during the big game season -

Sincerely,

Bob : Name

McDonough

4.14.84

DEAR TIM,

IN REGARDS TO YOUR LETTER ON THE PROPOSAL OF MUZZELOADING RIFLES, BEING USED IN SHOTGUN ONLY AREAS, SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO ME. I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF A MUZZELOADING RIFLE SEASON ONLY.

I THINK THAT IF YOUR COMMITTEE HAS ALL OF THE FOOT WORK DONE ON THE PROPOSAL, WILL HELP WHEN SUBMITTED TO F.W & P. ATTORNEY. A COUPLE OF SUGGESTIONS I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF:

- ① 45 CALIBER OR LARGER
- ② PATCHED ROUND BALLS ONLY

KEEP YER POWDER DRY.

Bill Stenton
CLARKY, MT.

Box 362

Irony Mt 59349

April 24, 1984

Dear Jim,

I have given lots of thought to a Muzzle Loading season over the past few years. It seems to come up about every other year or so.

In Eastern Mt. we do not have any areas that are shotgun only areas. The same areas that might be designated as shotgun only area would be river bottom whitetail areas. When hunting whitetail deer in these areas, a muzzleloader is not a disadvantage, as you usually only get one shot.

It seems to me, if a season for muzzle loading was set up, as for bow, the entire season would have to be lengthen, or bow and modern rifle seasons shortened. Other hunters might not like their season shortened as it is already a very limited time. A special season would ~~also~~ also come with an extra cost for something we can already do.

As for ~~the~~ damage hunts, many hunters in this area do not like to participate in these. They find much of the land opened to damage hunts have been closed to hunters during regular season. Why help land owners who did not ~~want~~ ^{want} hunters on their land during regular hunting season?

In my opinion, a primitive hunting season presents a real safety question. Hunting in skins and early period clothing might be attractive to some but I don't believe the fish and game dept. would allow a season without the use of hunter orange.

I guess what I am trying to say is; as for me and those I usually hunt with, we are happy with the muzzleloading / rifle season as it is. This way we can hunt with whom ever we choose; muzzleloader or modern rifle buff. I don't feel at a disadvantage hunting along side a modern rifle. We just need to be better hunters.

I would not like to see any changes made at this time. Thank you for your interest and effort you are putting into this

Sincerely
Dory E. Huber

808 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, Montana 59330
May 3, 1984

T.C. Fay
3051 Josephine
Butte, Montana 59701

Dear TC:

You Buffalo Road boys are a persistent group. That's good. We already have a five week muzzleloader season, but I don't think that there is a muzzleloader in Montana who wouldn't like to have a muzzleloader only season.

Your work with FWP to get muzzleloaders into shotgun only areas and to perhaps make some damage hunts open to ML only is to be commended. This is a good common-sense approach. Once we can demonstrate that there is interest and organization, then we can approach FWP and/or the legislature with a request for a separate season. All this is the easy part.

Another thing we should look at is why states instate ML seasons in the first place. Most states have game populations small in relation to hunter population. Centerfire hunters are about 4 times as effective as ML hunters and 10 times as effective as bowhunters. The state then can put 1 CF hunter, 4 ML hunters or 10 BH in the field for each animal it thinks will get harvested. Special seasons are instituted so that more people can get an opportunity to hunt. In Montana we have the opposite problem. At least in eastern MT we have too many deer--not enough are harvested. To take away centerfire opportunity and give it to less efficient ML would be counterproductive as it would further reduce the harvest. This is poor game management.

There are a lot of problems --as you already know--with trying to get a ML season. The problem is balancing the game population and the landowner desires with what the sportsmen want. General big game season is five weeks. Before that there is five weeks of archery season. To attempt to take even a week from either of these two groups for ML only would be to invite the wrath of some well organized sportsmen's groups and the Montana Bowhunter's Association. To attempt to add a week to the end would probably stir up various stockmen's associations who are, so we are told, already upset with the present long season.

ML seasons aren't set by ML--they're set by FWP and the legislature. How can we prove we have enough interest to establish a season? FWP realizes that a new season will cost money and possibly additional problems. Few,

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if any, of them know anything about ML. Montana only has 170+ members of NMLRA, how serious are the state's "numerous" ML?

What you intend is beyond the scope of one individual. Even a super club would have problems because of localization. As you pointed out, this has to have statewide support. How can this be accomplished?

First suggestion: Get 10 members of BRML to join NMLRA and charter a club. I've included charter application and membership applications. The two field representative's names are enclosed with this letter. One of the jobs of the field rep is to work to establish muzzle loading seasons.

Second suggestion: work through the Montana Muzzle Loading Rifle Association which is the closest we've got to a state club. As a past officer, I know this club has weaknesses, but it is statewide. The biggest problem the club has is lack of members who will do something and lack of support from local clubs. We could all work together to make it every bit as strong and influential as the MBA.

NAPR, whose address is also enclosed with this letter, is starting to charter clubs and wants each state to form a state club. Generally, this sounds like a good deal, but I don't know the details. The one problems with NAPR--whether deserved or not--they have a reputation as "buckskinners only" and this might scare some non-buckskinners away.

Before we go to all the fuss and bother of a special season, let's look at what we have, what we want and what we can lose.

WHAT WE HAVE:

- 5 week season in which we can use muzzleloaders
- no extra license fees for using ML
- no calibre restrictions
- few pilgrims in the woods

WHAT WE WANT:

- you really didn't say in your letter and I don't really know
- solitude
- no hunter orange

WHAT WE CAN EXPECT:

- if ML season is popular--separate stamp, just like archers
- if ML season is popular--calibre restrictions, most states have them
- if ML season is popular--a lot of people in the woods who really don't know much about using ML guns
- hunter orange will always be required because it has proven so safe

I would love more hunting season, but five weeks is really good, especially when I can count on another one or two weeks for damage hunts.

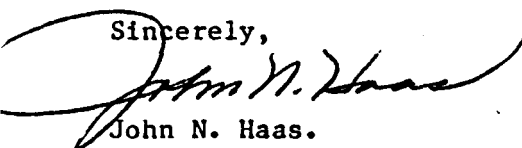
I would love to have more people hunting--and shooting competitively-- with

ML guns. I also want to keep the sport safe. I would recommend that all ML hunters be required to pass a ML safety and hunting course. This wouldn't be tough for us to pass, but would keep the "It's opening day of ML season, I'll go buy a gun" pilgrims at home. NMLRA and NRA have the course and materials designed. Now they're looking for instructors.

When we go to FWP or the legislature we must be organized and we must have a program. For example: we want a two week ML season; we want a \$2.00 ML stamp; we want all ML hunters to be certified and we'll assist with the course; if a calibre restriction is imminent, then let's suggest one--say 36 or larger. Few use anything smaller and if we had to go up, we could. Now FWP will want to support our efforts because we've taken a load of responsibility from them.

Enough already. Enclosed are NMLRA applications and a charter club application. They can help us--let's help them. Also are some other addresses for other information. I'll be happy to help in any way I can--just remember safe muzzleloading is still my number 1 goal with state organization number 2.

Sincerely,



John N. Haas.

ENCL: addresses, organizations
addresses, NMLRA Field Reps
NMLRA membership applications
NMLRA charter applications

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March 28, 1984

Dear Tim

In response to your letter of the 25th I fully support any way that we can get muzzleloaders in any area be it shotgun only or deer damage hunts. You know how I feel as I explained my point of view on the phone with you the other day.

If this turns out on a positive note maybe we can get a little more recognition and in the future be able to improve our situation as blackpowder shooters and hunters.

Yours Truly

Charlie Russ

MONTANA PLAINSMEN, BPC
GREAT FALLS, MT.

A SOLICITATION FOR HOUSE SUPPORT
OF SB 255

The Montana Plainsmen, a black powder shooting club from Great Falls, urges members of the House of Representatives to support Senate Bill 255. The simple, bottom-line reasons are three: To give greater quality to muzzleloader hunting for more people; to lessens the hazards inherent in the current combined hunts in high hunter density areas; and most importantly, to insure the survival of ML sports, hunting and otherwise, in Montana.

There is no contention that ML weapons, within their limitations, are ineffective and therefore need special considerations. The problem develops when ML hunters are overrun by high-power guns in the same area. The high-power hunter tends to use vehicles and long-range hunting techniques while the ML hunters in the same area are generally afoot, trying for a shot at the short range dictated by the limitations of his ML rifle. Not only does such unbalanced competition diminish the quality of the ML hunt but it also greatly increases the hazard for the hunter who is afoot in cover trying for a short range encounter. Greater safety and enhanced quality of the hunt are benefits which could be attained through designation of special areas for muzzleloader hunting.

To appreciate the connection between special hunts and the ultimate survival of ML sports in general, one needs look at the trend in ML product sales over the past decade. During the nation's bi-centennial period, advertising, sales and public interest relevant to ML products reached a high not seen since the 1860's. Since then interest and sales have declined. This drastic decline in the marketing of ML products has been particularly apparent in Montana. No merchant can afford to stock items which have little appeal to the general public. By way of analogy, how much archery equipment would be marketed if special hunting benefits did not exist?

SHOOTING INDUSTRY magazine ran an article addressing the nation-wide decline in ML product sales. Their bottom line was "ONLY IN THOSE AREAS WHICH SUPPORT SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER HUNTS CAN SALES EXPECT TO REMAIN HEALTHY". Failure to legislate consideration for ML hunting will be detrimental to the sport itself, it will also close the door to potential contributions to Montana's fragile economy.

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SB 255

Testimony presented by Jim Flynn, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

March 14, 1985

I appear before you today in support of SB 255 which would authorize the commission to establish the use of muzzleloaders in areas open to shotguns for the purpose of hunting big game.

The information we have at hand would indicate that there may be situations where the use of muzzleloaders would not constitute a human safety hazard. The same information would indicate that a muzzleloader is as effective as a shotgun in the harvesting of deer.

This bill would clearly provide that the commission would have the flexibility to consider those cases where muzzleload hunting would be appropriate and to authorize its use. We support its passage.

My name is Bill Meisner I'm from Stevensville.

I support SB255; SB255 would allow the Fish and Game Comission to add Muzzle Loading Rifles; to the list of tools for harvesting Game Animals; in areas where the Maximum range of the projectile is of prime consideration.

Hunting, when considered as a Management Tool, should be done with tools which are effective, and efficient. Shotguns with buckshot or slugs are effective but not effiçent, They lack accuracy. Muzzle loaders are effective and Efficient. They have the capability of acuratlyng placing the projectile, and they have stopping power necessary to kill the animal. Without the Increased range of modern high powered cartridges.

Hunting With a muzzle loader is a sport in which the stalking of the game is every bit as important as it is to the archer. While the distance at which a killing shot can be made is greater, than with a bow; the bow has a much greater chance for a second shot if the first is not successfull.

This bill was not introduced with the idea of infringing on the Archers Special Season; it was introduced to allow the Fish And Game Comission the option of using Muzzhe loaders as an additional tool to be considered in areas where the range of the projectile is a prime factor.

Passage of this bill would add a verry effective tool for the harvesting of game animals, to the list of options available for consideration, where Maximum range is a factor to be considered.

THANK YOU.

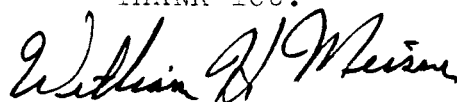


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March 4, 1985

Submitted by: Bill Hammer

Box 919

Ronan, MT 59864

406-676-3823

TO: Montana House Committee

RE: Senate Bill #255

I support Senate Bill No. 255, a measure that would allow the use of muzzle loading black powder rifles for hunting big game in hunting areas formerly designated as "shotgun only". Three reasons for supporting this bill follow:

1. The muzzleloading rifle is inherently more accurate than the smoothbore muzzle loader or shotgun which are presently legal in these hunting areas, permitting a more efficient harvest of deer. Consider the following:

- a. Maximum range for effective accuracy of 12 GA. shotgun is 50 yds.
- b. Maximum range for effective accuracy of smoothbore muzzle loader is approximately 75 yards.
- c. Maximum range for effective accuracy of a rifled muzzle loader is approximately 125 yards.

2. The sound of a muzzleloader going off is about the same as that of a 12 GA. shotgun, and much less than the noise from a modern high-power rifle. In areas where shotguns have been used, the noise of a muzzle loading rifle will not be obtrusive to nearby farm and ranch residents.

3. The maximum range of a roundball projectile fired from a rifled muzzleloader is no greater than the maximum range of a same-sized roundball fired from a shotgun or smoothbore muzzleloader. Consider the following comparison of ballistics of a .50 caliber muzzleloading rifle and that of a modern cartridge rifle:

.50 CAL. ROUND BALL, 180 GRAIN WT.

Maximum Range Approx. 800y

	<u>MUZZLE</u>	<u>100 YDS.</u>	<u>150 YDS.</u>	<u>200 YDS.</u>
<u>VELOCITY</u>	2000 fps	1124 fps	920 fps	793 fps
<u>DROP</u>	0.0 inch	-7 in.	-19 in.	-41 in.

.308 WINCHESTER, 180 GRAIN JACKEDED BULLET

Max. Range App. 4100yd

	<u>MUZZLE</u>	<u>100 YDS.</u>	<u>200 YDS.</u>
<u>VELOCITY</u>	2600 fps	2390 fps	2170 fps
<u>DROP</u>	0.0 inch	-2.4 in.	-9.3 in.

House Committee
Fish and Game

Dear Representatives:

My name is Neil Jacobson, and I have a lot of concern about Senate Bill 255. I have lived in hunting District 170 for over thirty years and am very familiar with the district as a whole, and with the reasons as to why it is a shotgun and archery only area. Area 170 is a residential and farming area with a number of housing developments and small businesses. Recently, I helped to circulate a petition against SB 255. I, and the person with me, gathered signatures from landowners and people in control of land in this area. The signatures that we gathered represent over 13,000 acres within the area. While getting these signatures we talked to many people. Some of these people, who signed, stated that if muzzle loaders were allowed into the area that they would close down access to their land for hunting, because of fear for themselves and livestock and property.

These peoples fears are not unfounded because according to the statistics that I can find, a muzzle loader is comparable to many high power hunting rifles. For example, according to the 45th edition of Lyman Reloading Handbook, the ballistics of a muzzle loader are equal to a 30/30 Winchester or 45/70. The muzzle velocity of some excede 2000 ft. per second, and when shot at a 30 degree angle will carry for over a mile. The accuracy of a muzzle loader is surprisingly good. The March 1985 issue of National Rifleman Magazine published a test on a Thompson Centers Flintlock, and found that it is capable of a 5-shot group of 1-1/4 inches in diameter. So much for the idea that these are some kind of inferior or primitive weapon.

By not allowing muzzle loaders to hunt in this district, we are not denying them the right to hunt, but merely helping to protect the residents and helping to maintain better sportsman and landowners relationship. Muzzle loaders should be allowed to be used any where a conventional rifle is allowed, but should not be allowed to endanger others safety and property in a district such as District 170.

Thank You,

Neil Jacobson

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S.B. #255

March 14, 1985

Senators and Congressman

Re: House Bill 255

My name is Steven A. Knoll and I am here opposing Senate Bill 255.

I am representing hunting district area 170. I have in my possession 120 signatures, addresses and over 16,160 acres controlled by these landowners in area 170. Each of these 120 individual landowners oppose this legislation.

My partner, Neil Jacobson and I, personally met with the landowners whose acreage totals over 14,000 acres. Therefore, we have heard exactly what these people's feelings and thoughts are about this bill.

Many of the landowners expressed they will close their property to all hunters if this legislation is passed.

A few reasons stated to us why the landowners oppose this bill:

Muzzleloaders having a round projectile have a bad reputation for ricocheting. Many barns and homes have rifle holes which cause nervous and very angry homeowners and landowners.

Area 170 is much too highly populated for any long range rifle.

Fires have resulted from these firearms.

Numerous farmers and ranchers have lost livestock to rifles. They feel bringing the muzzleloaders into area 170 (their area) would cause more losses.

Out of 123 landowners reached, only 3 failed to sign our petition. The reasons stated:

One landowner has a real deer problem, but refuses to let anyone hunt on his property.

The second wants the right to hunt deer with any kind of rifle.

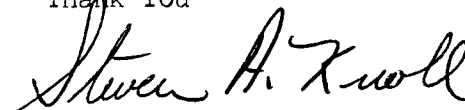
The third favored muzzleloaders being an owner of one himself.

I feel this kind of balance, 120 against 3, proves to no shadow of a doubt, this legislation should not be passed.

In conclusion, Senate Bill 255 is very harmful for hunter-landowner relations.

I impress upon you not to allow this bill to be passed, for it is definitely against landowners will.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven A. Knoll". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

STEVEN A. KNOLL

Bill #255
"The Muzzle loader" Bill

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SB. 255

I the undersigned am a resident/landowner in hunting district 170, the Flat-head River bottom shotgun -- archery district. I do not support bill #255 and would like to see it defeated. A muzzle loading rifle of any caliber would pose too great a threat to life and property in this concentrated housing area and could damage sportsman -- land owner relations.

Signed:

Name: *Earl Thomas*
Address: *1010 Egan Slough Rd. - Kalispell, Mont.*
Acres controlled: *80*

Name: *Clyde Pederson*
Address: *405 Pederson Rd. Kalispell, MT*
Acres controlled: *800*

Name: *Jim Clouse*
Address: *5448 Mont 35 Kalispell*
Acres controlled: *550*

Name: *Tom Jensen*
Address: *600 1st St. SE*
Acres controlled: *100 acres*

Name: *Bill Hall*
Address: *100 White Birch Rd. Kalispell*
Acres controlled: *7*

Name: *John H. Hinkins*
Address: *2000 Riverside Rd.*
Acres controlled: *189*

Name: *George Danow*
Address: *Box 400 Bigfork, MT.*
Acres controlled: *640*

Bill #255
"The Muzzle loader" Bill

I the undersigned am a resident/landowner in hunting district 170, the Flat-head River bottom shotgun -- archery district. I do not support bill #255 and would like to see it defeated. A muzzle loading rifle of any caliber would pose too great a threat to life and property in this concentrated housing area and could damage sportsman -- land owner relations.

Signed:

Name: Phil Clarke
Address: 1536 Middle Road of Falls
Acres controlled: 160

Name: Clyde Fisher
Address: 1280 Middle Rd of Falls
Acres controlled: 146

Name: Missa Patton
Address: 2050 Hunt Stg & R. P. 15 P. E. 4, At 59
Acres controlled: 1000

Name: Mike Manning
Address: 298 Fairmont Rd, Holbrook, Mo.
Acres controlled: 200

Name: Carl & Susan
Address: 515 Fairmont Rd Holbrook
Acres controlled: 180

Name: Steve Sprague
Address: 510 Fairmont Falls
Acres controlled: 1

Name: Ron de Jong
Address: 403 Kusella Rd.
Acres controlled: 320

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Signed:

Name: William F. Ambrose

Address: 5730 Mont St

Acres controlled: 1200

Name: Ryan E. Jones

Address: 1595 Open Slough Rd Kel

Acres controlled: 1070

Name: Charles J. Jones

Address: 1655 Jorgensen Rd Kel

Acres controlled: 470

Name: Ronald B. Jones

Address: 2635 Montana St Kel

Acres controlled: 80

Name: John S. Sheldon

Address: 2485 Holt Stage Kalispell, MT

Acres controlled: 455 A.

Name:

Address:

Acres controlled:

Name:

Address:

Acres controlled:

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Signed:

Name: *Tom Zickman*
Address: *1007 Steel Bridge Rd*
Acres controlled: *315*

Tom Zickman

Name: *Charles & Vera Siskins*
Address: *1764 Steel Bridge Rd*
Acres controlled: *480*

Vera Siskins

Name: *J M Hebborn*
Address: *50 Egan Rd*
Acres controlled: *170*

Name: *Clair W. Smith*
Address: *740 Egan Rd*
Acres controlled: *30*

Name: *John E. Aulton*
Address: *1005 Montford Rd*
Acres controlled: *160*

Name: *Donna S. Smith*
Address: *812 Montford Rd
Montford, MT*
Acres controlled: *55*

Name: *Phyll Hall*
Address: *807 Montford*
Acres controlled: *150 ac*

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Signed:

Name: *Simon Knoll*

Address: *2870 Mt 25*

Acres controlled: *500*

Name: *Clifford B. ...*

Address: *500 4th Bridge Road
Rd.*

Acres controlled: *500*

Name: *Robert ...*

Address: *102 1st Bridge Road*

Acres controlled: *3*

Name: *Pat Smith*

Address: *270 Jiquette Rd*

Acres controlled: *480*

Name: *Eugene Roberson*

Address: *1655 Montford Rd.*

Acres controlled: *120*

Name: *Edward M. Roberson*

Address: *50 Roberson*

Acres controlled: *507*

Name: *Howard Roberson*

Address: *500 Roberson 721 Kalispell*

Acres controlled: *115*

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Signed:

Name: *Alvin C. Hurkin*
Address: *75 Col. Falls Stage*
Acres controlled: *3*

Name: *Darrell Logan*
Address: *398 Col. Falls Stage - Kalispell*
Acres controlled: *925*

Name: *Donald P. Lund*
Address: *496 Col. Falls Stage Kalispell*
Acres controlled: *132*

Name: *V. T. Laidlaw*
Address: *1200 Col. Falls Stage*
Acres controlled: *200 acres*

Name: *Dr. J. Burton Small*
Address: *P.O. Box 5280
Kalispell, MT*
Acres controlled: *508*

Name: *Carl Zimmerman*
Address: *1435 Col. Falls Stage*
Acres controlled: *240 4. 2*

Name: *O. L. Baumgartner*
Address: *2163 Muddy Rd Col. Falls*
Acres controlled: *80 A*

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Signed:

Name: Ernest V. Brack

Address: 1145 Aspen Lane

Acres controlled: 125

Name: Don Trompfelter

Address: 1105 Helena Flats Rd, Kalispell

Acres controlled: 17

Name: Leron Anderson

Address: 231 Addison

Acres controlled: 204 - 1/2 A - 1/2 A - 1/2 A - 1/2 A

Name: Susan Dailey

Address: 245 Addison Square, Kalispell

Acres controlled: 40

Name: Jim M. Ryan

Address: 235 Addison Square, Kalispell

Acres controlled:

Name: Joe Wilhelm

Address: 225 Helena Flats Rd Kalispell

Acres controlled: 76 acres

Name: Herman W. Paul

Address: 578 Addison St

Acres controlled: 250 Acres

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12 Landowners covering 17 months (estimated)
2 - large owners in river bottom

1 OPPOSED

FAVORS MURZLELONG

'NEW - 2 months'

all in 10,000 hours

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Signed:

Name: Dale W. Campbell
Address: 538 Willow St Dr., Kalispell, MT.
Acres controlled: 3 1/2 A.

Dale W. Campbell

Name: Willard Meyer
Address: 1038 Conrad Drive
Acres controlled: 1 A

Name: C. Philip Smith
Address: 855 Conrad Drive

Acres controlled: 138 acres. I have cattle + when they opened it up I had an animal shot on the average of one every

Name: Robert L. Borden
Address: 685 2 Mile Drive
Kalispell
Acres controlled: 18

Robert L. Borden

Name: ARTHUR HANSTAD
Address: 440 ARTHURSON LN
Acres controlled: 15

Name: Katelyn Perre
Address: 655 Greenidge Dr
Acres controlled: 30

Name: Charles L. Lee
Address: 611 Howard Drive
Acres controlled: 18 acres

OVER

Jeff Boll

594 Blaine View LN.

Kalispell, MT. 59911

Doug Wells

110 East Evergreen #30

Kalispell, mont 59901

Doug Arthur

Plebeys Mt 59918

Bonnie R Barkley

1100 E Oregon #6

Kalispell MT 59901

Mrs Jones

125 Hornet Rd.

Kalispell, mt. 59901

Stuart & Borden

89 S Cedar Dr #31

Kalispell,

Michelle McHenry

171 WEDGEWOOD AVE

KALISPELL

Doug Wells

1717 Bison Dr.

Kalispell 17 acres

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Signed:

Name: *Dee McManus*
Address: *2337 Helena Flats*
Acres controlled: *32*

Name: *Pam Ecker*
Address: *150 Oak Lane*
Acres controlled: *2*

Name: *Kyle B. Mycroft*
Address: *316 Frederick St.*
Acres controlled: *7 1/2*

Name: *Virgil Bryant*
Address: *100 Mountain Rd*
Acres controlled: *1*

Name: *Tom Rogers*
Address: *1493 Helena Flat Rd.*
Acres controlled: *15*

Name: *Loren Fritz*
Address: *1350 Helena Flats Rd, Kalispell, Mt*
Acres controlled: *20*

Name: *Don L. Amundson*
Address: *1133 Aspen Lane*
Acres controlled: *3.88*

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Signed:

Name: *LEON RICHARDSON*
Address: *500 W. Riney Creek Rd.*
Acres controlled: *15 1/2 Kellsie Mt*

Richardson

Name: *Penny Keller*
Address: *535 Lower Valley Rd.*
Acres controlled: *6 Kellsie Mt.*

Penny L. Keller

Name: *Roscoe Richardson*
Address: *629 Lower Valley Road*
Acres controlled: *70*

R. R.

Name: *Nanelyn Smith*
Address: *845 Lower Valley Rd.*
Acres controlled: *2 Kellsie Mt.*

Name: *Karen J. Adams*
Address: *910 1/2 Lower Valley Rd*
Acres controlled: *130 Kellsie Mt, MT*

Karen J. Adams

Name: *Jane M. Mende*
Address: *878 Wagner Lane*
Acres controlled: *20 acres*

Jane M. Mende

Name: *Harold Soudon*
Address: *2519 Lower Valley Rd.*
Acres controlled: *Kellsie, Mont.*

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Signed:

Name: *Wm. L. Hedin*

Address: *1050 Conrad Drive Kalispell*

Acres controlled: *1 A*

Name: *Charlie Strong*

Address: *548 E. Evergreen*

Acres controlled: *1*

Name: *Brooke Strong*

Address: *548 E. Evergreen*

Acres controlled: *1*

Name: *Tim Zundel*

Address: *1045 Conrad Drive*

Acres controlled:

Name: *John Cooper*

Address: *43 Dinky Ln.*

Acres controlled: *5*

Name: *Frank R. Jones*

Address: *125 Homestead Rd.*

Acres controlled: *3*

Name: *Doug & June*

Address: *105 Homestead Rd*

Acres controlled: *1/2*

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Signed:

Name: Kenneth R. Bullman
Address: 790 Egan Rd. Kalispell
Acres controlled: 1

Kenneth R. Bullman

Name: RAY R DYER
Address 905 Middle Rd
Acres controlled: 200

Ray Dyer

Name: Curt Van Dijk
Address 1715 Fairview Cemetery Rd
Acres controlled: 3

Curt Van Dijk

Name: Earl Dicks
Address: 1800 Fairview Cemetery Rd
Acres controlled: 2.7

Earl Dicks

Name: C. Robert Morey
Address: 510 Sullivan Crossroad
Acres controlled: 2.7

C. Robert Morey

Name: Wes Wilkinson
Address: 3270 Gosney Crossroads
Acres controlled: 5

Wesley, J. Wilkin

Name: Rose Clinch
Address: 258 Gosney Cross Rd.
Acres controlled: 5

Rose Clinch

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Signed:

Name: Margaret D. Hask,
Address: 611 Howard Drive
Acres controlled: 18

Margaret D. Hask

Name: Kevin D Campbell
Address: 1045 Conrad Dr. Kal. Mt
Acres controlled:

Kevin D. Campbell

Name: C Mark Hask
Address: 611 Howard Drive
Acres controlled:

C. Mark Hask

Name: Ruby Howard
Address: 571 - 1/2 road to mine
Acres controlled: 4 leased 10 owned

Name: Muth Steadje
Address: 510 4th Ave W
Acres controlled: 30 acres

Name: Brad Borden
Address: 2185 3rd Ave East
Acres controlled: 1.

Name: Jeff Smith
Address: 215 Lower Valley R.D.
Acres controlled: 5 acres

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Signed:

Name: *Ava Mae Streyker*
Address: *2394 Midway - Red Oak Falls*
Acres controlled: *One*

Ava Mae Streyker

Name: *Chuck Van der Linde*
Address: *115 Elk Park Rd*
Acres controlled: *100 Acres*

Chuck Van der Linde

Name: *Harold Miller*
Address: *215 Elk Park Rd*
Columbia Falls MT
Acres controlled: *5*

Harold Miller

Name: *MARGARET E. SMITH*
Address: *221 ELK PARK RD.*
COL. FALLS, MT.
Acres controlled: *3*

Margaret Smith

Name: *Fred W. Meyer*
Address: *241 ELK PARK RD*
Acres controlled: *60 +*

Fred W. Meyer

Name: *Raymond Heister*
Address: *330 Elk Park Rd.*
Acres controlled: *0.12*

Raymond Heister

Name: *Thomas C. Galtman*
Address: *389 ELK PARK*
Acres controlled: *10*

Thomas C. Galtman

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Signed:

Name: Kelly Prichard
Address: 2280 Middle Road Col. Falls
Acres controlled: 0

Name: Jim Warner
Address Box 1020 Columbia Falls, Mt.
Acres controlled:

Name: Ethel Prichard
Address 2280 Middle Rd
Columbia Falls
Acres controlled:

Name: Dail Jensen
Address: 946 6th St West
Acres controlled:

Name: KAREN Ortega
Address: 986 3rd Street W.M. C.F.
Acres controlled:

Name: Scott Chaff
Address: 1310 12th Ave West
Col. Falls MT
Acres controlled:

Name: Frank Jensen
Address: 2497 Middle Road
Acres controlled: 0.17 Acres

Kelly Prichard
Dail Jensen
Ethel Prichard
Jim Warner
Karen K Ortega
Scott Chaff

Frank Jensen

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Signed:

Name: David Bear
Address: 1045 Conrad Dr #61
Acres controlled: 0

~~David Be~~
David Bear

Name: Bette Bear
Address: 1045 Conrad Dr #61
Acres controlled: 0

Bette Bear

Name: Diana McIntyre
Address: 1045 Conrad Dr. #33
Acres controlled: 0

Diana Mc In

Name: Shirley Barrett
Address: 1045 Conrad Dr.
Acres controlled: 80

Name: Galt Conner + Esther J. Conner
Address: 906 Conrad drive
Acres controlled: 20 Acres

Name: Dave Ivey
Address: 35 Ainley
Acres controlled: 4

Dave Ivey

Name: Patrick Albertus
Address: 1250 West Storge
Acres controlled: 5

Patrick Albertus

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Signed:

Name: *OK Lively*
Address: *395 Lower Valley Rd.*
Acres controlled: *300 acres*

Name: *VAL and JULIE STEVENS*
Address *400 W. RINGNECK*
Acres controlled: *18 ACRES*

Name:
Address
Acres controlled:

Name:
Address:
Acres controlled:

Name:
Address:
Acres controlled:

Name:
Address:
Acres controlled:

Name:
Address:
Acres controlled:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED LANDOWNERS AND/OR LEASEES OF LAND IN
DEER AREA 444 AND 404, ARE AGAINST H.S. 255, BLACK POWDER
BILL.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE
Dave Hoffman	Simms	March
Wade Jacobsen	Sun River	3/4/85
Morten E. Golen	Simms	3/5/85
Dick Cunningham	Simms	3/6/85
Freeman Ranch Inc.	Augusta	3/6/85
Jack Kirby	Simms	3/6/85
Patrick McVerry	Fort Shaw	3/14/85
Dat McGillis	Simms	3/14/85
Larry S. LaRocque	Simms	3-14-85

I am opposed to Senate Bill 255 -
which would allow blackpowder rifles to
be used during special archery / Shotgun
seasons.

Karl Chapman
Carol Chapman
Dorothy Fox

Box 189 Haure,

Bruce Richardson

10505 RIVER ROAD HAURE

Joe & Hazel

P.O. Box 1843 Haure

Jesse E. King

P.O. Box 2002. Haure.

James C. Crowder

P.O. Box 712 Haure, mt.

John L. Brown

P.O. Box 1043 HAURE, MT.

Don Robinson

Joe J. Plesher
Harold G. Vasek

614, 5th St. Haure, Mt.

Box 1331 Haure, Mont.

3-14-1985
S.B. #255

18 gauge Shotgun
Weight 437 grs (13)

1560 Feet Per Second at muzzle

1175 " " " at 50 yds.

Sliding Energy 34% Velocity Drop

2364 Feet Per Second at muzzle

1342 at 50 yds

50 Cal Shotgun Loading Rifle

38" Thompson Center Hawken

80 gr charge of Powder 180 grs Ball

1840 Feet Per Second at muzzle

1630 " " " at 50 yds

21% Velocity Drop

Sliding Energy

1561 Feet Per Second at muzzle

1342 " " " at 50 yds



The .50 Cal. Hawker

Barrel Length: 28
Cap Size: Rem. #1

.490 Round Ball			
Powder	Grs.	F.P.S.	
FFG	50.0	1355	
FFG	60.0	1435	
FFG	70.0	1645	
FFG	80.0	1840	
FFG	90.0	1950	
FFG	100.0	2050	

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Remington rifled slugs have the low point and the solid downrange performance every slug hunter needs. Available in 12, 16, and 20 ga. (our .410 is a standard round-nose slug).

"SLUGGER" RIFLED SLUGS

Order Number	Gauge	Shell	Slug Wt. (oz.)	Velocity (fps)	Energy-ft/lb
SP12RS-SPK	12	2 3/4" HP	1	1560	1342
SP16RS-SPK	16	2 3/4" HP	3/8	1600	1075
SP20RS-SPK	20	2 3/4" HP	3/8	1580	934
SP410RS-SPK	.410	2 3/4"	1 1/8	1830	345

Exhibit #13
3-14-1985
S.B.# 302

SB 302

Testimony presented by Jim Flynn, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

March 14, 1985

The department appears in support of SB 302. There is the possibility of a safety hazard should a person, under current law, use the right-of-way for shooting - particularly if the shooting were to be to harvest an animal within the right-of-way.

The committee should consider legislation it has already approved allowing the handicapped to shoot from motorized vehicles. It may be necessary to establish some coordinating language between the two bills.

S. B. 197 (Amend 3rd reading copy)

1. Page 3, line 11.

Following: "is"

Insert: "62 years of age or older as provided in 87-2-801,"

Following: "87-2-803"

Insert: " ,"

VISITOR'S REGISTER

HOUSE FISH AND GAME

COMMITTEE

BILL SENATE BILL NO. 255

DATE 3-14-85

SPONSOR SENATOR GALT

NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUP- PORT	OP- POSE
Donle Rademacher	White Sulphur Springs	Bear Tooth Mountain Men	X	
Larry E. Harold	Great Falls	NRA	X	
Ken Christensen	" "	MT. Plainsmen B.P.C.	X	
Legs 2 Year out	" "	" " "	X	
W.H. Meinen	Stevensville - MT	Hellgate Muzzleloaders	X	
FRED Beyer	MILLTOWN, MT.	Hellgate Muzzleloaders	X	
Bill Hammer	Ronan, MT	Rocky Mts. Men / Self	X	
ARTHUR L. HERBERT	SUN RIVER MT	MT PLAINSMEN ^{BLACK POWDER} CLUB	X	
Buck Damore	Lewistown, MT	Montana Backlanders		X
W. J. Johnston	KAL. MT.	Concealed Sportsman		X
Shewell Tawell	Kali. MT.	Resident Landowner		X
LARRY LAROCQUE	Simms MT	" "		X
Dane H. Dufan	Simms MT	Resident Landowner		X
Tim Fay	BUTTE MT	Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders	X	
Van Stallman	Wise River MT.	" " "	X	
Garvin Ferguson	" " "	" " "	X	
Bob Bell	Wise River MT	Buffalo Road Muzzleloaders	X	
Charlie Kiss	BUTTE MT.	" " "	X	
Jack Jensen	Wise River MT	" " "	X	
Arnold E.hardt	Helena, mt	Montana muzzle loading ^{Rifle also}	X	

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR LONGER FORM.

WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

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Fish & Game

COMMITTEE

BILL NO. 5B 255DATE 3-14-85SPONSOR Galt

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Kirk Johnson	Helena 421 Power		X

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HOUSE FISH AND GAME

COMMITTEE

BILL SENATE BILL NO. 302

DATE 3-14-85

SPONSOR SENATOR GALT

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