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Program Overview



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Overview

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Block Management Program provides hunter management assistance, an impact payment, weed management bonus and a complimentary license benefit to offset the impacts from allowing free public hunting access on private lands.

Program at a Glance

Landowners in cooperation with FWP decide when, where and how they want to manage hunters on their property in accordance with program guidelines for the benefit of wildlife management and the residents and non-resident hunters of Montana.

Who is Eligible

To be eligible for Block Management, landowners or their tenant must be willing to provide public hunting access on private lands under their control or provide access to public lands through an access corridor to public lands from September 1-January 1.

In accordance with program procedures, landowners may offer hunting access through Block Management to any commission established hunting season.

Agreement Details

Agreements will be between the private landowner or their representative and Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Agreement duration will initially be a minimum of one year with possibility of up to five years after the first five years of annual agreements.

Landowners in cooperation with FWP determines when, where, and how the public may access private land and landowners may restrict total numbers of hunters, as well as limit access during specific times and not allow hunting for specific wildlife species in accordance with program procedures.

Landowner Payment & License Benefits

Fish, Wildlife & Parks will provide hunter management assistance dependent upon need, property rules and program availability. FWP will also provide and post signs and develop property maps with associated rules for each property enrolled in collaboration with the landowner.

Landowners are eligible for an enrollment payment of \$1,000 and up to \$17 per hunter day with an agreement maximum of \$50,000 to offset impacts from allowing hunting access.

In addition, landowners are eligible for up to 5% of their contract total in a weed management bonus if they agree to use the funds for weed management activities on lands under their control. Landowners may also qualify for an aggregate incentive.

Resident landowners are offered a complimentary sportsman's license without bear or non-resident landowners are offered an elk/deer big game combination license which they may designate to a family member or employee.

Landowner Liability

Landowners enrolled in Block Management are provided liability protection under state law through 70-16-302, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as long as no fees for access/trespass are charged. Landowners are also possibly eligible for reimbursement through FWP's Livestock Loss Reimbursement Program.

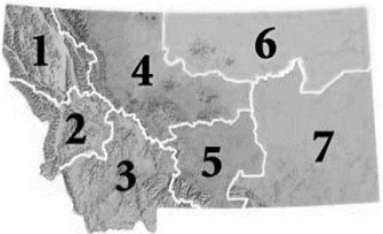
How to Apply

Landowners interested in Block Management should contact their local Fish, Wildlife & Parks Regional Access Manager, FWP Biologist or FWP Warden to obtain an application and discuss landowner needs and desires.



For more information: Contact your local FWP office or contact the FWP Headquarters Office
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Statutes and Rules Governing the Block Management Program

The following statutes govern the Block Management Program:

- [87-1-263](#) Veterans' preference for reserving certain Block Management Areas on Veteran's Day
- [87-1-264](#) Expenditure of hunting access program funds on weed control
- [87-1-265](#) Hunting access programs: Block Management Program
- [87-1-266](#) License benefits for landowners enrolled in Block Management Program--rulemaking
- [87-1-301](#) Powers of Commission

Note: As of February 2024, rule updates for 12.4.201-12.4.210 are currently being considered by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Proposed rule changes can be viewed here:

<https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission/october-2023-meeting>

Rule No	Rule Title	Effective Date
<u>12.4.201</u>	Overview of Block Management Rules	6/24/1994
<u>12.4.202</u>	Administration of Block Management Program	4/26/1996
<u>12.4.203</u>	Definitions	4/26/1996
<u>12.4.204</u>	Criteria for participation	4/26/1996
<u>12.4.205</u>	Use of Block Management Areas	4/26/1996
<u>12.4.206</u>	Compensation to Cooperators	4/26/1996
<u>12.4.207</u>	Outfitting and Commercial Hunting Activity	4/26/1996
<u>12.4.208</u>	Information Disse	4/26/1996
<u>12.4.209</u>	Inclusion of State Lands in Block Management Areas	4/26/1996
<u>12.4.210</u>	Complaint Resolution	6/24/1994

2024 Block Management Annual Program Timeline

March	Block Management enrollment and re-enrollment begins for 2024-2025
March	Spring BMA (Block Management Area) maps/rules posted to FWP website.
March	Spring reservations begin for Block Management Areas (BMA).
July	Deadline for enrollment, both new and existing.
August	BMA access guide and maps available to public and in print at regional offices.
August	Deadline for all contracts with attachments due to Helena for approval.
August	BMA reservations begin.
Dec/Jan	BMA payments released to cooperators.

Landowner Application and Property Evaluation

1. Landowners interested in participating in the Block Management Program must apply on an application form (Appendix A) provided by the department. Application forms and program information for landowners will be available on the department website from April 1-June 1.
2. Applications must be submitted to any FWP regional office or the department's Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division (POR) headquarters by June 1 to be considered.
3. Regional staff will collaborate with landowners on their application to help them understand the options available and the flexibility provided through the program. Regional access staff, enforcement, or wildlife staff will also complete the property enrollment evaluation form to be utilized in the enrollment process for each complete application provided (Appendix B).

Enrollment Process

1. Each regional supervisor will appoint a Block Management enrollment committee that includes the regional access manager, wildlife manager, and enforcement captain.
2. The committee shall evaluate all potential properties presented for enrollment. The committee will consider staff capacity, and funding availability. A Block Management Area (BMA) may be established for any of the following reasons:
 - a) the land is a high-priority resource and habitat area as defined by statewide and regional management objectives;
 - b) a potential exists for a cooperative relationship between the department and private landowner or landowners for long-term management projects and programs;
 - c) establishment of the BMA will result in sustained or increased hunter opportunity, access, and hunter days on private lands;
 - d) implementation of the BMA will open access to inaccessible federal and state lands; or
 - e) implementation of a BMA will enhance regional management needs which may include but are not limited to:
 - i. history of wildlife damage;
 - ii. quality of hunting opportunities;
 - iii. condition of wildlife habitat; and
 - iv. availability of local hunting opportunities.
3. All new properties considered by the committee must include the following forms:
 - a) BMA property enrollment application form (Appendix A).
 - b) BMA property evaluation form (Appendix B).
4. Priority consideration for enrollment must be given for lands that are open to all species and gender of game birds and animals available in huntable numbers, with access provided by the cooperator concurrent with applicable fall hunting season dates.
5. Any restrictions on the gender or species available for hunting on the BMA, other than those established by the commission, must be approved by the regional supervisor in

writing, documenting any biological or management reasons for such restrictions before implementation on the BMA. a, must be approved by the regional supervisor in writing on the species/sex restriction form (Appendix C).

6. Species and gender restrictions, other than those established by the commission, may not be imposed on state or federal land.
7. Any restrictions on the available fall hunting season dates of September 1- January 1, other than those established by the commission, must be approved by the regional supervisor in writing on the season-length restriction form (Appendix C).
8. Tribal lands, including deeded private land within reservation boundaries, may not be considered for enrollment in Block Management unless a formal Cooperative Management Agreement has been legally adopted between the Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Tribal governing body.
9. If a landowner is proposing to enroll land they do not currently own, they must work with regional access staff to obtain a signature of approval from the landowner of record and complete the landowner designated representative form (Appendix D).
10. Once the enrollment committee has made a decision, regional access managers will note the decision on the enrollment decision report and will have the report signed by the regional supervisor (Appendix E). Regional access managers will provide the report to the program manager in Helena once finalized.

Re-enrollment Process

1. Each regional supervisor will appoint a Block Management re-enrollment committee that includes the regional access manager, wildlife manager, and enforcement captain.
2. The committee shall evaluate all properties presented for re-enrollment. Any contract that expires is considered for re-enrollment. Existing properties may be designated for automatic re-enrollment, ineligible for re-enrollment, or eligible for re-evaluation and equal consideration with new enrollment and other re-evaluated re-enrollment candidates.
3. The regional access manager shall provide a BMA property re-enrollment worksheet form (Appendix F) listing all cooperators with expiring contracts to the warden and biologist for completion.
4. Biologists and wardens will complete the form and evaluate properties for re-enrollment and provide the regional access manager with a recommendation to represent to the re-enrollment committee.
5. If the biologist, warden, and regional access manager agree that a cooperator should be automatically re-enrolled, no further action is required, and the decision is noted on the re-enrollment worksheet form for final approval by the regional supervisor (Appendix F).
6. If the biologist, warden, and regional access manager agree that a cooperator should not be re-enrolled or is ineligible for re-enrollment, no further action is required, and the decision is noted on the re-enrollment worksheet form for final approval by the regional supervisor (Appendix F).
7. If the biologist, warden, or regional access manager deem a property eligible for re-evaluation, the property in question will be presented to the re-enrollment committee and will be re-considered with new enrollments and other re-enrollment candidates.
8. Once the re-enrollment committee has made a decision, access managers will note the decision on the re-enrollment worksheet form and will have the report signed by the

regional supervisor (Appendix F). Regional access managers will provide the report to the program manager in Helena once finalized.

General Agreement Process Overview

1. Once the enrollment and re-enrollment committees have finalized their decisions, regional access staff will draft the appropriate BMA type in the FWP internal BMA application. There are three different types of agreements:
 - a) Regular agreement: situations where landowner is allowing public access to more than 640 acres of private land and estimated hunter day use will exceed 50 hunter days.
 - i. The program minimum for enrollment is at least 50 hunter days. If total hunter days will be less than 50, landowners should consider a different access program such as a Regional Access Project.
 - b) Special Circumstance agreement: situations involving unique hunting opportunities or special management circumstances. In these situations, compensation may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis at a rate not to exceed limits set in 87-1-265, MCA.
 - i. Compensation amounts in these situations will require written approval of the regional supervisor; and for those cooperators who elect to receive monetary compensation under this rule, a method of measuring hunter use on the property must be used to document hunter days. This may include, but is not limited to permission slips, daily use rosters or other methods which will accurately reflect the hunter use of a cooperator's property. For those areas with unrestricted access where rosters or permission slips may not be practical, standard department hunter use accounting methods will be used to calculate hunter days.
 - c) Access Corridor agreement: situations that provide access corridors to isolated state or federal lands, with no enrollment of deeded land permitting public hunting access.
2. Agreements (Appendix G, reflects an example of the regular agreement) will be drafted by regional access staff and contain information which details:
 - a) area information: cooperator name, payee name (if different from cooperator), mailing address, and payment address information and total acreages included in the BMA boundary;
 - b) BMA rules: permission requirements, days/times for granting permission, walk-in only restrictions, motorized restrictions, parking area designations, limits of hunters/parties per day, huntable game on the BMA, species/gender, or season-length restrictions;
 - c) general benefit terms: agreement length, method for accounting hunting days, enrollment payment, impact payment calculations, aggregate incentive payment (if applicable) weed management payment, cooperator license benefit, landowner signature;
 - d) duties, responsibilities, and conditions for the department and cooperator; and
 - e) general conditions.

Cooperator Compensation Details

1. When drafting a cooperator agreement, regional access staff will ensure to document the compensation available to cooperators. Cooperators in the program may receive various forms of compensation for their participation including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a) department oversight and supervision of hunting on a BMA including the development and implementation of a hunter reservation system administered by the department when practical;
 - b) supplying of permission books or other materials which document hunter use, signs or hunting-season related supplies; and
 - c) monetary compensation to offset potential impacts associated with allowing public hunting access.

2. When drafting a cooperator agreement, regional access staff will ensure to document the payment compensation available to cooperators based on hunter day impacts. Specifically, the monetary cooperator compensation schedule is as follows:
 - a) enrollment payment valued at \$1,000 per contract for enrolling in the program;
 - b) aggregate incentive valued at \$1,000 per contract (if applicable);
 - i. an aggregate BMA is defined as an area including more than one landowner within a single BMA boundary utilizing the same permission-system;
 - ii. every contract that a landowner has is eligible for the aggregate incentive and cooperators are eligible for multiples of the aggregate incentive (e.g., two aggregate contracts, equals two aggregate incentives);
 - c) basic impact payment valued at \$10.20 per hunter day;
 - d) species/gender impact payment valued at \$3.40 per hunter day if no restrictions are placed on the hunting of deer, elk, antelope, upland birds (including sage grouse), and waterfowl;
 - i. to be able to offer additional species, a cooperator must allow hunting for the same species (if legally allowed) from September 1 through January 1, known as the base hunting period (e.g., cooperators may offer spring turkey if they offer fall turkey hunting);
 - ii. exceptions to the species/gender restrictions include moose, sheep, goat, wolf, mountain lion, bear, and turkey; cooperators will continue to receive the species/gender impact payment bonus if they do not allow hunting for these species;
 - iii. coyote hunting, prairie dog shooting, and other species not established through the commission hunting seasons are not eligible for compensation;
 - iv. cooperators will only qualify for a shoulder season hunter impact payment if hunting for both sexes of elk is allowed during the entire archery and general elk season;
 - v. sage grouse is included with all upland birds; a cooperator who chooses to restrict hunting for sage grouse, is not eligible to receive the portion of the species/gender impact payment.

- e) season-length impact payment valued at \$3.40 per hunter day if no restrictions are placed on public hunting from September 1- January 1;
 - i. hunter days for game damage hunts, management hunts, supplemental game damage hunts, CWD hunts, or other disease management hunts that occur outside the contract dates will not be counted for landowner impact payment compensation;
 - ii. cooperators may be compensated for hunting impacts during the entire length of the elk shoulder season August 15 – February 15 provided the season is incorporated into the contract dates;
 - iii. exceptions to the season-length restriction include;
 - temporarily closure by the cooperator in conjunction with the department due to weather, fire danger, or other conditions or circumstances which would place public safety or resources in jeopardy;
 - ranch/farm operations;
 - rest days are allowed with following criteria:
 - a. no hunting allowed by anyone (to receive this bonus)
 - b. no more than two rest days per week (to receive this bonus)
 - c. no weekends
 - f) up to 5% additional weed management incentive if the cooperator agrees to use funds for weed management on enrolled lands.
 - i. cooperators who reach the maximum contract impact payment of \$50,000 will also be eligible to receive an additional weed incentive payment of up to 5%;
 - ii. cooperators who request only a weed payment, i.e., no impact payment, the payment shall be \$2500.00 or negotiated at a lesser value.
3. Regional access staff will utilize a four-year rolling average for determining total cooperator hunter days.
- a) Example: Cooperator receives a payment in December 2023 for the estimated impacts (new contracts) in the fall of 2023 or the four-year rolling average of hunter impacts from previous years documented actual use.
 - b) If a cooperator offers hunting during the spring seasons, those hunter day impacts are pre-paid in the December/January payment and spring hunter day impacts should be included in the overall impact numbers for the fall 2023 contract.
4. Regional access staff will calculate a BMAs first-year hunter day estimate by comparing the new BMA to existing BMAs using the following criteria:
- a) the same or similar hunting district;
 - b) the same or similar size; and
 - c) the same or similar hunting opportunity.

5. A new BMA can be entered into a multi-year contract after the fourth-year contract is completed. A multi-year contract length will be a minimum of two years and not more than five years. Cooperators may enroll in or contract to participate in the Block Management program for up to five years at a time. However, this will be contingent on the annual availability of funds to operate the BMA.
6. For cooperators enrolled in an aggregate BMA, regional access managers will manually calculate a 20% value of the entire BMA hunter days. Each cooperator in the BMA will receive the additional 20% of the total BMA hunter days from the entire aggregate added to their respective portion of the BMA hunter days. Portions for each individual landowner will be agreed upon by the landowners enrolled in the BMA and distributed as follows:
 - a) total number of BMA hunter days divided by percentage of private land ownership in the BMA; or
 - b) total number of BMA hunter days divided equally by the total number of landowners.
 - c) cooperators may decide to only receive the number of documented hunter days on their respective properties; they will not receive the 20% aggregate bonus.
 - d) if acres are added to an existing aggregate BMA, the percentage of total acres is not recalculated for the original aggregate cooperators.
7. All landowners designated as tenants in common (excluding husband/spouse) must agree to enroll interest/land in the program. LLCs, corporations, and associations may bind the interest/land if the person signing the contract is an approved agent. They may each be eligible for a license and payment as well.
 - a) One contract with a designated representative form is an option.
 - b) Aggregate bonus: an aggregate bonus of 20% hunter day will not be offered for those tenants in common where they are a stand-alone BMA. This does not affect the aggregate incentive (\$2,000) and should be added to an aggregate BMA contract for each of the tenants in common.
8. Landowners must also sign and provide the appropriate accounting paperwork (W9, electronic funds transfer form (EFT) and license application for the landowner or designee receiving the complimentary license benefit (Appendix I).
9. Block Management agreements must be signed by the landowner, regional supervisor, and public land management agency, if applicable.

Cooperator License Benefit Details

1. When signing a cooperator agreement, regional access staff will ensure that cooperators complete the license application to be provided the cooperator resident and nonresident license benefits (Appendix I).
2. Complimentary licenses will be issued for the license year following the contract enrollment year (i.e., landowner enrolls land this year and complimentary license issued the following year). No license refunds will be issued.
 - a) A ranch manager or other legal designated representative may be the cooperator who signs the contract and who even receives the compensation, but the license benefit may only be offered to a cooperator who is landowner of record.
 - b) When dealing with a corporate ownership, any member of the corporation's Board of Directors qualifies as landowner of record if the corporation is listed as landowner of record and the Board of Directors is acting on behalf of the corporation.

Subsequently, a member of the Board of the Directors may be eligible either to receive a license or to designate an immediate family member or employee to receive the license.

3. Complimentary immediate family member licenses may only be issued to individuals qualifying for this benefit under the definition in 87-1-266 (3b) MCA, which states "...immediate family member means a parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of the cooperators by blood or marriage, a spouse, a legally adopted child, a sibling of the cooperators or spouse, or a niece or nephew." These licenses will be issued for the license year following the contract enrollment year (i.e., landowner enrolls land this year and immediate family member license issued the following year).
4. Complimentary employee licenses may only be issued to individuals qualifying for this benefit under the definition in 87-1-266 (3c) MCA, which states "For purposes of this subsection, the term 'employee' means a person who works full time and year-round for the landowner as part of an active farm or ranch operation." These licenses will be issued for the license year following the contract enrollment year (i.e., landowner enrolls land this year and employee license issued the following year).

Block Management Mapping

1. As part of the contracting process, regional access managers will produce a georeferenced pdf map with associated rules in ESRI ArcMap Pro showing exact BMA boundaries with lines snapped to Montana Cadastral. All BMA maps will appear on the FWP Hunt Planner and be linked to the FWP BMA website. For program mapping consistency, the following definitions apply:
 - a) safety zone: reflects do not enter, no hunting, no shooting area, or no trespassing. This aligns with on the ground signage.
 - b) no shooting area: reflects the public may enter, but not shoot or hunt in area behind sign.
 - c) not in BMA: reflects private land that is not enrolled in the BMA despite being within the boundary of the BMA (e.g., could be due to a different landowner or area that is restricted by cooperators).
2. Landowners must initial the map/rules that the property and rules depicted to be enrolled is accurate.
 - a) Note: when private property is enrolled into Block Management, the owner identifies conditions under which the public may use that private land. It is a landowner's right to determine how, who, and for what the public uses the landowner's property. A landowner can legally limit the access to his/her property by requiring that it be used for recreational use rather than access to adjacent public land.
 - b) Private land does not become de facto public land, nor does the landowner relinquish any property rights by enrolling land in the program. In many cases, an owner of private land with adjacent public land willingly grants permission for hunters to use the enrolled private land to gain access to adjacent public land, making that land "legally accessible." However, that grant is not automatic and may be withheld by the landowner, rendering the adjacent state or federal land not legally accessible across that landowner's land.

3. If necessary, access managers will meet with the corresponding public land agencies for any potential agreements that contain public lands within the boundary of the BMA before providing the agreement to the landowner.
 - a) Any potential agreements/maps that contain public lands require the signature of the appropriate public land agency supervisor acknowledging awareness of the state or federal land appearing within the defined boundary of the BMA.
 - b) If legally accessible state land is to be formally enrolled in the BMA, and thus made not legally accessible during the fall hunting season through a BMA, the formal enrollment of state lands process outlined in ARM 36.25.163-36.25.167 must be followed.
4. Once the map has been finalized, regional access staff will work with Helena geographic data services (GDS) staff to ensure the access guide insert maps and corresponding maps follow the mapping processes provided by GDS.

Special Accommodations

1. Landowners reserve the right to determine whether they wish to provide special accommodations to hunters with disabilities. If an enrolled landowner does wish to provide special accommodations to hunters with disabilities, it is up to that landowner to determine what those special accommodations might be, and under what circumstances they may be employed.
 - a) At the landowner's request, the BMA agreement may include details regarding accommodations for hunters with disabilities and the BMA map and BMA Access Guide entry may reflect those details as well.
2. Landowners who enroll land in the Block Management Program and take reservations, reserve the right to provide preference to hunters who have served in the armed forces on Veterans' Day (November 11).
3. A reservation by a veteran to use a BMA, must be made at least one week in advance of Veterans' Day and in accordance with the existing reservation system for that area.
 - a) At the landowner's request, the BMA may include details regarding accommodations for hunters who are veterans, and the BMA map and BMA Access Guide entry may reflect those details as well.

Agreement Processing and Helena Approval

1. Once the agreement and associated documentation are signed and returned by the landowner, the regional access staff will move the agreement to "pending Helena review" status in the FWP internal BMA application.
2. Regional access staff will then compile a coversheet that describes the information contained and develop a packet of contracts and associated documents to be sent via interoffice mail to the access program in Helena.
3. Once received by the access program in Helena, access administrative staff will review the packet to verify the documents match the coversheet provided and begin processing the agreements.
4. To process the agreements, Helena administrative support staff will:
 - a) validate the acreage, the payment information, and licensee information provided on the agreement;

- b) validate the financial information provided is complete and provide to claims any financial information (e.g., W9, EFT) for address updates, changes, or creation of a new vendor/supplier ID;
 - i. if a new vendor/supplier ID is needed, claims staff will provide the necessary information and paperwork to the Department of Administration and report back the vendor/supplier ID for data entry in the FWP internal BMA application;
 - c) provide the license application to front desk or licensing staff if any edits need to be made or to create a new ALX profile for the license recipients;
5. Once the agreement packet has been processed manually, administrative access support will change the status in the FWP internal BMA application to "Helena Accepted Status".
 6. Once the status has been changed in the FWP internal BMA application, administrative staff will stamp, date, and initial the agreement and file appropriately in the Helena POR office with the color-corresponding folder organized by region, cooperators name, and BMA name.
 7. The program manager will assist with any issues that arise through the process and provide support to access and/or administrative staff.
 8. Payments will be made upon the completion of the agreement year by the department accounting staff based on cooperators preference for December or January.

Hunter Documentation and Calculation Methods

1. Regional access staff are responsible for documenting and accumulating hunter days on a BMA. The daily sign-in coupon (daily or season long) and carbon-copy permission slip or combination of these methods are the preferred methods for the program.
2. All sign-in boxes in all regions will contain maps and necessary materials and be built in accordance with program standards. If the box is serviced by a Hunting Access Technician (HAT), it shall be the HAT's responsibility to ensure the necessary materials are provided in the box. It is the program preference that HAT's service most or all boxes to provide consistency across the state.
3. Other methods for documenting hunter use are acceptable as agreed upon by the cooperators and the department regional access manager and as long as hunter day use is documented and reported as a part of the hunter day calculation on all agreements.
 - a. If the method for counting hunter day use is FWP patrol, unoccupied vehicles will be counted as 2.5 hunters per vehicle. Occupied vehicles will be counted using the actual number of hunters present.
4. Cooperators must submit permission slips, rosters, etc. to regional offices within 30 days of the BMA contract ending date to be counted in the hunter day figure establishing a cooperators payment the following year.
5. Permission slips will be credited for compensation with no more than three hunter days per hunter unless additional actual use is documented in some way, or the number of hunter days can be confirmed by other means.
6. To qualify as hunter-use or hunter day documentation, permission slips, and other hunter use documents must contain at a minimum: the hunters name, vehicle information, and hunter signature. Additional hunters in a hunting party (listed on one permission slip) only need their name and signature or mailing address.

7. Immediate family member hunting activities will not count toward hunter use compensation credit on the family BMA. For the purposes of the Block Management program, "immediate family member" is defined as a parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of the cooperators and spouse. Immediate family member definition also includes legally adopted children and the cooperators and spouse's siblings (brother/sister) and their children.
8. Public hunting for a legal species requiring a license and/or permit and managed through a commission established hunting season is the only activity for which a cooperator may receive compensation under the Block Management program. To qualify as a "hunter," or to be counted as a "hunter day," licensed hunting during a legal hunting season must be the primary reason for gaining access to the BMA.
 - a. MCA 87-6-101 (14) "Hunt" means to pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess, or capture or the act of a person possessing a weapon, as defined in [45-2-101](#), or using a dog or a bird of prey for the purpose of shooting, wounding, killing, possessing, or capturing wildlife protected by the laws of this state in any location that wildlife may inhabit, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently taken. The term includes an attempt to take by any means, including but not limited to pursuing, shooting, wounding, killing, chasing, luring, possessing, or capturing."
9. For the purposes of hunter use documentation, persons scouting, looking for game, or assisting in the retrieval of game qualify as being engaged in the act of hunting.
10. Any access that occurs where hunting is a secondary activity to the primary purpose for gaining access to the property cannot be counted as a hunter day and credited for compensation.
11. Falconers and trappers and those who desire to use the BMA outside of the contract dates must contact the landowner for permission. Falconry is an acceptable means of take and the landowner may allow hunting with falcons on BMA through the commission established hunting season.

Block Management Program Public Information Distribution

1. The department will provide the public with information pertaining to hunting access opportunities on private land. All digital materials with BMA information will appear on the FWP Hunt Planner and be linked to the BMA website at fwp.mt.gov/bma prior to the start of the fall hunting season.
2. Information concerning specific BMAs will be available at regional offices in the region that the BMA operates and be made available to the public upon request, either in person, by mail, telephone, or email.
3. Each region will have available to the public on or before August 15 of each year:
 - a) copies of the statewide Block Management access guide (tabloid);
 - b) a list of BMAs in that region for the current year.
4. Block Management information on specific areas available to the public will consist of the following:
 - a) map of BMA showing location and clearly identifying the boundaries of the BMA and the date it was produced;
 - b) hunting opportunities available;

- c) use restrictions of the area;
- d) method of gaining access;
- e) dates BMA is in effect;
- f) telephone number of regional office for information; and
- g) indication of the location of any state lands in the BMA and notification of the requirement to possess a state lands recreational use license to hunt state lands administered by DNRC.

Use of Block Management Areas

1. Use restrictions for each BMA shall be established by negotiation between department personnel and the cooperator. Restrictions may include but may not be limited to:
 - a. restrictions on vehicle use or off-road travel for access or downed game retrieval;
 - b. number of hunters or hunting parties utilizing a BMA per day;
 - c. times and places at which permission slips or other instructions are provided on-site to the public; and
 - d. duration of the use season.
 - e. When lands under the authority of federal agencies are proposed for inclusion in a BMA, the managing federal agency must approve the inclusion.
2. On BMAs which restrict hunter numbers, a cooperator may allow additional hunters at his or her discretion.
3. The cooperator and the department reserve the right to deny access to a BMA for cause, including, but not limited to intoxication, violation of BMA rules, or previous misconduct on a BMA. Willful violation of BMA regulations on private property which set the terms for entrance on a cooperator's property can be grounds for terminating privileges on a BMA and a misdemeanor citation.
4. The cooperator may also temporarily close the BMA in conjunction with the department due to weather, fire danger, or other conditions or circumstances which would place public safety or resources in jeopardy.
5. BMAs which impose daily hunter number limits will allow free, equitable opportunities for access to all hunters requesting use of the BMA based on a daily hunter number capacity agreed upon by the cooperator and the department.
 - a. The allocation of this hunter capacity will be on a first come, first served basis. If hunting demand for a certain BMA is greater than supply, similar hunting opportunities may be offered on other days on the BMA or on other BMAs. On BMAs where hunter demand regularly exceeds available opportunity, the department, where practical, or the cooperator, with department approval, will develop equitable methods of allocation such as reservations or drawings.
6. Reservations for hunting opportunities on BMAs which restrict hunter numbers may not be accepted by cooperators or department personnel operating a BMA on behalf of a cooperator before August 22, preceding the opening of a use season.
7. On BMAs which restrict hunter numbers or require reservations, a hunter cannot reserve permission on more than one BMA per day.

8. During periods when a BMA is not in operation and commission-established hunting seasons are in effect, access to private land is at the discretion of the landowner. These periods will be noted on enrollment forms as well as in information distributed to the public.
9. During such non-Block Management periods, accessible federal and state lands will remain open to the public for recreation under rules and regulations adopted by the appropriate land management agency.
10. Hunter days that occur when a BMA is not in operation and does not provide access to the public will not be counted towards any compensation given the landowner to offset potential impacts of public hunting on the property.

Block Management Complaint Process

1. Complaints filed by hunters must follow the complaint processes outlined by ARM 12.4.210.

Hunter Termination of Privileges Use on BMA

1. Whenever a hunter has privileges terminated for use of a BMA(s) notice of termination will be provided to the hunter through written notification that explains reason or rationale for termination and the term for which the termination is in place.
2. A copy of the notice, accompanied by all relevant attachments, should be provided to the regional supervisor, regional enforcement captain, and hunting access program manager
3. This letter of notice does not preclude any other formal charges brought by the landowner or department.

Outfitting on Block Management

1. Outfitting may not take place on a BMA unless public recreation and hunting opportunities are not unreasonably restricted, and the cooperators and regional supervisor approve the activity.
2. An Outfitting Approval Form must be attached to the enrollment/re-enrollment agreement prior to regional supervisor approving enrollment (Appendix J)
3. Regional access managers will ensure that a cooperator with outfitting approved on a BMA is provided with an Outfitter Report Form and informed that it is the cooperator's responsibility to ensure that a completed Outfitter Report Form is delivered to the regional FWP headquarters office within 30 days of the contract ending date.
4. At a minimum, the outfitting activities report must explain:
 - a) total number of days outfitted hunting occurred;
 - b) total number of outfitted hunters who hunted;
 - c) total number of outfitted hunter days that occurred; and
 - d) total number of game animals, by species and gender, harvested by outfitted hunters.
5. A cooperator, who is also a licensed outfitter, is not eligible to receive Block Management compensation for any activities conducted by their own hunting clients.

6. If a cooperater receives compensation from an outfitter or clients, the Cooperator is not entitled to a basic hunter day impact payment for the days associated with that use.
7. Commercial filming of hunting activity is not consistent with the intent of free public hunting access on private lands and is not allowed without express consent from the cooperater.
8. When areas offering similar opportunities are considered for enrollment, preference may be given to those areas not engaged in commercial hunting activities.

BMA Fire Closure Action Plan

1. If BMAs are closed or restricted due to high fire danger, regional access managers will maintain BMA Fire Closure List at regional office, and the FWP website as well as at sign-in boxes, providing information to the public regarding the specific BMA closures.
2. If BMAs are closed or restricted due to high fire danger, regional access managers will post a copy of the regional BMA Fire Closure List on the Block Management website regional page as soon as possible, beginning August 10. This will be monitored and updated daily, or as needed, by saving the new regional report PDF over the existing PDF posted in the repository.
3. Helena POR staff in the Access/Landowner Relations Bureau will help coordinate any necessary press releases to inform the public about the potential for regional BMA closures, but information regarding specific BMA closures or restrictions will be disseminated only at the regional level to ensure accuracy.

Appendix A: Enrollment Application



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2023 BLOCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LANDOWNER APPLICATION

LANDOWNER NAME _____
RANCH/BMA NAME _____ LOCATION _____
ADDRESS _____
LANDOWNER PHONE NUMBERS: HOME _____ CELL _____
EMAIL: _____

SECTION I: What species are present on the property during fall hunting seasons?

Please use the following indicators: **P** (primary); **S** (secondary); **M** (marginal); **NA** (not available)

____ ELK ____ MULE DEER ____ WHITETAIL DEER ____ ANTELOPE ____ WATERFOWL

UPLAND BIRDS: ____ SAGE GROUSE ____ SHARPTAIL GROUSE ____ MOUNTAIN GROUSE
 ____ PARTRIDGE ____ PHEASANT

____ MOOSE ____ BIG HORN SHEEP ____ MOUNTAIN GOAT
____ WOLF ____ BEAR ____ MOUNTAIN LION ____ TURKEY

SECTION II: What does this property offer in the terms of size, land composition, and habitat type/quality necessary to provide for the primary hunter opportunity offered? (Please mark all that apply)

1. **TOTAL PRIVATE ACRES:** _____

Please provide Township _____ Range _____ Section _____ for a starting point.

Or the **landowner name of record** found on the Montana Cadastral _____.

2. **Is there legal public road access to this property? YES | NO**

List the road name or give a description of any locations that hunters could gain legal access to your property.

If the access to your property is not from a public roadway (state, federal, county road), please provide documentation of your legal public access with this application.

3. What are the primary types of habitat contained within the property? (please check all that apply):

AGRICULTURE CROPLAND _____ GRASSLAND _____ SAGEBRUSH GRASSLAND _____
CONIFEROUS FOREST _____ BROADLEAF FOREST _____ RIPARIAN _____ CRP _____
WATER _____ TYPE _____ OTHER _____

4. What are the primary types of land contained with this property? (please check all that apply):

RIVER BOTTOMLAND _____ RIVER BREAKS _____ MOUNTAINS _____
MOUNTAIN FOOTHILLS _____ PRAIRIE GRASSLAND PASTURES _____
IRRIGATED CROPLAND _____ (CROPS GROWN) _____
DRYLAND CROPLAND _____ (CROPS GROWN) _____
OTHER (EXPLAIN) _____

SECTION III: Hunter use information and proposed methods of hunter management for this property.

1. How has hunting been conducted on this property over the past three (3) years?

_____ PUBLIC HUNTING ALLOWED BY PERMISSION
_____ HUNTING RESTRICTED TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS
_____ HUNTING ALLOWED FOR HUNTERS WHO PAID FEES
_____ HUNTING LEASED TO LICENSED OUTFITTER
_____ NO HUNTING ALLOWED
_____ OTHER (explain): _____

2. If property is enrolled in Block Management, how will hunters obtain permission?

_____ LANDOWNER ISSUES PERMISSION SLIP
_____ HUNTER ADMINISTERS PERMISSION (Sign-in Boxes)
_____ NO PERMISSION REQUIRED
_____ OTHER (explain): _____

3. BMA agreements can be tailored to meet the specific needs of individual landowners.

Which of the following standard BMA rules might apply to this property? (Check all that apply)

LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS/PARTIES PER DAY

TIMES DESIGNATED FOR GRANTING PERMISSION

RESERVATIONS TAKEN

PARKING AREAS DESIGNATED

OTHER RULES: _____

MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED:

PASSENGER VEHICLES

SNOWMOBILES:

OHV, ATV, SIDES BY SIDES

Established trails only

E-BIKES

Off-road travel permitted

ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED

MOTORIZED VEHICLE ACCESS USE:

Walk-in hunting from designated parking areas and access trails. No off-road travel permitted.

Walk-in hunting from designated parking areas and access trails. Game Retrieval on designated access trails during dry conditions only. Park at sign-in box when wet/muddy. No off-road travel permitted.

Walk-in hunting from designated parking areas and access trails.

Game Retrieval on designated access trails during dry conditions only. No off-road travel permitted.

Motorized vehicles allowed on established trails. No off-road travel permitted.

No driving on roads that are wet and/or muddy.

Motorized vehicles allowed on established trails during dry conditions only. Park at sign-in box when wet/muddy. No off-road travel permitted.

GATES:

Close all gates.

Gates are to remain closed unless pinned back by the landowner.

Leave gates as you found them.

CAMPING:

No camping allowed.

Camping allowed at designated areas. No open flame fires allowed.

Camping allowed at designated areas.

FIRES:

No smoking outside of vehicles.

Fires permitted in fire rings at designated camping areas. Fire restriction guidelines should be followed.

Fires are not allowed at any time.

No open flame fires are allowed.

HORSES:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horses allowed for hunting and game retrieval. | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses allowed for game retrieval only. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horses are prohibited for hunting and game retrieval. | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses need to be fed weed free hay 72 hours before accessing BMA and during the use of the BMA. |

COYOTE SHOOTING: Coyote hunting, prairie dog shooting, and other species not established through the commission hunting seasons are not eligible for compensation.

- No coyote shooting allowed.
- Coyote shooting allowed no permission needed.
- Coyote shooting allowed during granted BMA hunting permission from sign-in box.
- Coyote shooting allowed during granted BMA hunting permission from landowner.
- Coyote shooting allowed only from landowner permission. Please, call _____.

SECTION IV. Answers to the following questions may provide additional information for use in determining eligibility and enrollment priority for property offered for enrollment.

1. **Has a request for game damage assistance been approved by FWP for this property within the past three (3) years? YES | NO**

(if yes, please explain) _____

2. **Will enrollment of this property provide access to adjacent state or federal land that currently has little or no public access in this local area? YES | NO**

(if yes, please explain) _____

3. **Will enrollment of this property add acreage to an existing BMA? YES | NO**

(if yes, please explain) _____

4. **Will enrollment of this property provide a special opportunity that is in demand? YES | NO**

(if yes, please explain) _____

5. Is there any restriction proposed which would restrict the sex or species of any legal game which is available on the property? YES | NO

(if yes, please explain) _____

6. Is there any restriction proposed which would restrict the length of season during which hunting may occur within the season dates set by the FWP Commission for any species (periodic rest days do not qualify as length of season restrictions)? YES | NO

(if yes, please explain) _____

7. Is there any proposal to allow outfitting to occur on property offered for enrollment? YES | NO

(if yes, please explain) _____

8. Briefly explain your reasons and expectations for offering property for enrollment in Block Management:

Interested landowners should contact their local biologist, warden, or access program manager to discuss options for the program. Applications are accepted until JUNE 1.

For more information: Contact your local FWP office or contact the FWP Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division in Helena, 406-444-3750, LndSportRelations@mt.gov

Applications may be sent to FWP Block Management, 1420 E 6th Ave, Helena, MT, 59620

Appendix B: Enrollment Evaluation

Region _____ BMA Property New Enrollment and Re-Evaluation Form



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Instructions: Please evaluate all new properties offered for enrollment AND any existing BMA properties which have been designated for re-evaluation. Scores and comments developed in completion of this form will be used by the Regional Block Management Enrollment Committee to determine which properties will be enrolled, and in what order of priority.

Landowner Name: _____ **BMA acreage:** private _____ public _____

BMA/Ranch Name: _____ **General Location (county):** _____

1. This property is offered for (circle one): new enrollment / re-evaluation.

2. Hunting opportunities available on this property are primarily for (circle all that apply): ELK M/W/T DEER ANT

UGBD TRKY WTRFWL BEAR OTHER: _____

Primary criteria to be considered:	Low	Med	High
What is the level of public demand in the hunting district or general area for the type of hunter opportunity offered with this property? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
What is the level of FWP need for the type of hunter opportunity offered with this property, as it relates to regional management objectives or regional access strategies? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3
How does this property rank in terms of size, land composition, and habitat type/quality necessary to provide the primary hunter opportunity offered with this property? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3
What is the potential for high levels of hunter satisfaction, based on opportunity offered, proposed levels of hunter use, and proposed methods of hunter management? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Additive Criteria	NO	YES	
Can enrollment of this property potentially address an existing game damage problem? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	
Will enrollment provide access to adjacent public land with limited/no public access? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	
Will enrollment provide access to private land previously closed to free public access? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	
Will enrollment of this property add acreage to an existing BMA? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	
Will enrollment provide special opportunity that is in high demand? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	
Will property be enrolled without any restriction on season length or sex/species of game? <i>If necessary, explain:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	
TOTAL SCORE			

1. Where does this property rank in terms of enrollment priority (circle one)? **Low** **Med** **High**

2. Based on regional budget and enrollment process, is this property assigned a sequential number (optional) to identify where, in order of priority, it ranks? No / Yes # _____

Regional Block Management Enrollment Committee Chairperson

Date

Appendix C: Restriction Form: Species/Gender and/or Length of Season



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Region _____
Cooperator _____
BMA Name _____

BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREA RESTRICTION FORM

SPECIES/GENDER

NOTE: Species or gender restrictions other than those established by the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission may not be imposed on federal or state land.

The following species/gender of antelope, deer, elk, upland birds (including sage grouse), and/or waterfowl **IS** present during the general archery, antelope, general rifle, upland bird season or waterfowl season (until 1/1), but the Cooperator wishes to restrict hunting of this species/gender:

This **DOES** constitute a restriction under BMA rules. Cooperator **IS NOT** entitled to receive the bonus Species/Gender Impact Payment. *Exceptions include: moose, sheep, goat, wolf, mountain lion, bear, elk shoulder seasons, muzzleloader heritage season and turkey.*

LENGTH OF SEASON

NOTE: During periods when the BMA is not in operation and the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission-established hunting seasons are in effect, access to private land is at the discretion of the landowner-cooperator. During these times, legally accessible federal and state lands will remain available to the public under rules adopted by the appropriate land management agency.

1. BMA is closed for the following dates that occur during 1 September to 1 January:

This closure is established for livestock management, season exceptions, or qualifying rest days and **DOES NOT** constitute a restriction under BMA rules. Cooperator **IS** entitled to receive the full bonus Length of Season Impact Payment.

2. BMA is closed for the following dates that occur during 1 September to 1 January.

This closure **DOES** constitute a restriction under BMA rules. Cooperator **IS NOT** entitled to receive Length of Season Impact Payment.

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR

(DATE)

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Appendix D: Landowner Designed Representative Form



**Block Management
Landowner Designated Representative
Form**



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Region _____

BMA NAME _____

FEE OWNER OF RECORD _____

Instructions: Use this form when a fee title landowner would like to designate another individual or entity with a real property interest to enroll fee title private property into the Block Management Program. A real property interest is defined as a lease, or other agreement for the lawful control of the owner's land such as a management agreement or contract for deed.

A designated owner representative with a real property interest may be an employee, family member, or an individual/organization who acknowledges they have been designated by the fee title holder as having authority to enter into an Agreement and utilize the lands described in it for the purposes of the Block Management Program.

ONLY THE LANDOWNER OF RECORD MAY SELECT TO RECEIVE OR DESIGNATE A PERSON TO RECEIVE THE COMPLIMENTARY LICENSE FOR ENROLLMENT IN BLOCK MANAGEMENT (MCA 87-1-266).

SECTION I. OWNER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

Name/Organization:
Mailing Address:
Signature:
Cadastral Fee Title Name and Land Description (include map):

SECTION II. LANDOWNER AUTHORIZATION

By signing this document, the person/entity listed above is authorized to act on my behalf as my designated representative and enroll lands described above into the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Block Management Program.

In no way do I surrender or convey any ownership to the individual/entity listed above and I reserve the right to withdraw my property from the Block Management Program at any time.

Payment for enrollment of land into the Block Management Program should be sent to the designated representative listed above (check one) Yes No

_____	_____	_____
Landowner Printed Name or Name of Corporate Officer and Title	Landowner or Corporate Officer Signature	Date

Appendix E: Enrollment Decision Report

Region _____ Block Management Program ENROLLMENT Decision Report



Instructions: This form is to be used to document recommendations made by the Block Management Program Enrollment Committee and approved by the Regional Supervisor regarding enrollment of NEW cooperators and any EXISTING cooperator whose property was designated by the committee for re-evaluation and equal ranking against other new and re-evaluated properties offering similar opportunities. Properties being evaluated for enrollment consideration may be grouped and ranked according to the PRIMARY game species/hunting opportunity offered, or by any other method identified and documented as appropriate by the Regional Block Management Program Enrollment Committee. Enrollment candidates will be designated as being "Low, Medium, or High" priority for enrollment, with any further identification by number ranking being optional, depending upon the process approved by the Regional Supervisor for making final enrollment decisions. A completed, signed ENROLLMENT Evaluation Form for each enrollment candidate must be attached to this ENROLLMENT Decision Report.

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Committee Member Names:

Meeting Date:

Cooperator/BMA Name	HIGH Priority	MEDIUM Priority	LOW Priority	Priority # (optional)	COMMENTS

Approved by _____ Regional Supervisor _____ Date _____
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Region _____
BMA Property RE-ENROLLMENT Worksheet



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Instructions: The BMA properties listed below have contracts due for renewal. Using the Evaluation Criteria listed below, please provide your recommendations regarding whether these BMA properties should be: a) automatically re-enrolled; b) not re-enrolled; or c) re-evaluated and ranked equally with other new and re-evaluated properties offering similar opportunities. If you recommend NOT re-enrolling the property, or having the property re-evaluated, you must explain why, referring to specific criteria. The Regional Block Management Enrollment Committee will consider recommendations and make the final recommendations to the Regional Supervisor, who will approve decisions as to whether a contract for re-enrollment is offered to the Cooperator.

Using the following criteria, please indicate if the BMA Properties listed in the table below should be automatically re-enrolled, not re-enrolled or re-evaluated.

1. Is the size, land type, and habitat (type/quality/composition) similar to what was offered when property was enrolled?
2. Is hunter opportunity similar to or better than what it was when property was enrolled?
3. Do hunter use trends, hunter comments, or other factors indicate high levels of satisfaction with this BMA?
4. Has landowner adhered to program or contract terms?
5. Do regional management objectives or access strategies support automatic re-enrollment?
6. Do all other indicators support automatic re-enrollment?

Cooperator/BMA Property Name	YES Automatically RE-ENROLL	*NO RE-ENROLL *requires explanation	RE-EVALUATE* rank equally with other new and re-evaluated properties *requires explanation	EXPLANATION For any "NO" or "RE-EVALUATE" answers, please explain your rationale.

Person(s) completing form: _____

Date: _____

Appendix F: Re-enrollment Worksheet Form

Appendix G: Block Management Agreement



Region _____	Hunting District _____
BMA Name _____	
Is this an aggregate BMA? Yes _____ / No _____	

BLOCK MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

I. AREA INFORMATION

This is an agreement made on _____, 20____, between Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (Department) and **Owner or Owner's legal designated representative** of lands being enrolled in the Block Management Program (Cooperator).

Cooperator's Name _____

Payee's Name _____ SSN or TIN ID# _____
 (use only if name is not the same as Cooperator Name) (use SSN for person / TIN ID# for business)

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

Check Address (if different from mailing) _____

Acreage: **TOTAL** _____; Private _____ DNRC _____ BLM _____ USFS _____; Other _____
Attach map showing exact BMA boundaries. Note: Inclusion of accessible state school trust lands requires a public review under ARM 36.25.164(3). Please attach Supervisor's Decision Notice and indicate date review process completed: _____.

Department Contact _____
 (Please Print)

II. BMA RULES

1. Is written permission required? Yes No
 2. Are reservations taken? Yes No If yes, When _____
 3. Are times designated for granting permission? Yes No If Yes, what are they? _____
 4. Is this a walk-in only area? Yes No 5. Are parking areas designated? Yes No
 6. Is the number of hunters/parties per day limited? Yes No (No. Hunters/Day _____ or No. Parties/Day _____)
 7. Huntible Game on BMA: Elk Deer-M/WT Antelope Turkey Upland Gamebirds Waterfowl Other _____
 - *8. Are there any available legal game species/gender which may NOT be hunted? Yes No
 If yes, list species/gender which may not be hunted. _____
 - *9. Is the BMA closed during any legal fall hunting seasons during the term of this contract? Yes No
 If yes, list closure dates _____
- * **NOTE:** Any restrictions cited in #8 or #9 require written approval of the Regional Supervisor. Signed BMA Restrictions Form must accompany this document.
10. Is outfitting permitted on this BMA? Yes No If Yes, Outfitter Name: _____
 License# _____ (NOTE: Outfitting may only take place on a BMA if public recreation and hunting opportunities are not restricted and the Cooperator and Regional Supervisor approve the activity in writing. Consent forms MUST accompany this document.)

Other rules: _____

III. Terms of Agreement

Through this agreement, the Department and the Cooperator will provide the public with equal opportunity hunting, free of charge, on a Block Management Area (BMA) established on the Cooperator's property. Access will be granted under conditions mutually agreed upon by the Cooperator and the Department. Information on those conditions and methods of gaining access will be available through the Department's regional headquarters and/or the Cooperator on the BMA site. Hunters will not be required to purchase any services as a condition of access on any BMA.

1. The term for this agreement is _____, 20____ through _____, 20____.

2. Hunter days will be accounted for in the following method:
 Permission Slip Daily Coupon Roster FWP Patrol Other _____
 (Hunter use records must be submitted within 30 days of end of contract unless FWP measures hunter use.)

3. **Payments:** Cooperator qualifies for the following payments:
 a) Enrollment Payment \$ _____
 b) Impact Payment:
 (\$ _____ + \$ _____ + \$ _____) X _____ = + \$ _____
Basic Impact No Species or No Season (Hunter Days)
 Gender Rest. Restriction
 c) Aggregate Incentive Payment (if applicable) \$ _____

Enrollment Payment + Impact Payment + Aggregate Payment (if applicable) = \$ _____
Cannot exceed \$50,000

4. **Hunter Management Services**..... (Deduction) - \$ _____

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____

5. **Weed Management Payment:** A cooperator may receive an additional amount \$ _____ (up to 5% of the Subtotal)
 Yes No **Cooperator agrees to use the additional incentive payment for specific weed management activities on lands under their control.** + \$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL CONTRACT PAYMENT = \$ _____

(Payment issued upon completion of contract. Cannot exceed impact payment (\$50,000) plus up to 5% weed incentive \$52,500)

6. **Complimentary License Benefit.** (ONLY ONE license may be issued per cooperator who is the landowner of record.)

a) Yes No **Cooperator elects to receive complimentary license.**

(OR)

b) Yes No **Cooperator designates immediate family member or employee to receive the license.**
("Immediate family member" means parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of the cooperator related by blood or marriage, a spouse, a legally adopted child, a sibling of the cooperator or spouse, or a niece or nephew. "Employee" is defined as a person who works full-time and year-round for the landowner as part of an active farm or ranch operation.) (Requires License Application containing affidavit signed by the Cooperator)

Name of person designated to receive the license: _____

In signing this agreement, the parties acknowledge that all the terms and conditions of Part A - Duties, Responsibilities, and Conditions (consisting of 4 pages), and Part B - General Terms of the Agreement (consisting of 1 page), are incorporated in and are part of the agreement and binding on the parties.

BY: _____
(Cooperator) (Date)

BY: _____
(Regional Supervisor) (Date)

State Land Management Agency (If applicable) (Date)

Check attachments included:

- BMA Map
 - BMA Restriction Form: Regional Supervisor
 - Outfitting Approval Consent Form: Regional Supervisor and Cooperator
 - State Lands Inclusion Decision Document: Regional Supervisor and DNRC
 - Resident/Nonresident License Application: Applicant and Designated FWP Staff
- _____
Federal Land Management Agency (If applicable) (Date)

PART A: DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND CONDITIONS

1. Cooperator's Duties:

The Cooperator agrees to perform the following identified duties (check appropriate duties):

- a) Issue department-supplied permission slips
- b) Issue maps of the BMA
- c) Provide sign installation at established access points
- d) Direct hunters to areas
- e) Retrieve downed game to minimize vehicle travel in area
- f) Respond to hunter inquiries
- g) Collect biological information
- h) Other _____

2. Department Responsibilities:

The Department agrees to provide the following services or materials (check appropriate entries):

- a) Provide permission slips, sign-in rosters, roster boxes (please circle supplied items)
- b) Provide maps/list of ranch rules
- c) Provide signs to cooperator
- d) Issue permission slips
- e) Issue maps of the BMA
- f) Provide sign installation at established access points
- g) Direct hunters to areas
- h) Retrieve downed game to minimize vehicle travel in area
- i) Respond to hunter inquiries
- j) Collect biological information
- k) Other _____

3. Compensation:

A Cooperator enrolled in the Block Management Program may receive compensation for services provided either in full, or, if Department personnel are utilized to manage hunting on the BMA, in an amount reduced by the amount necessary to reimburse the Department for those services. Hunter use figures for the current season will be based upon past hunter use data, if available, or otherwise reflected as an estimate developed jointly between the Cooperator and Department staff.

Hunter days are determined by the number of permission slips issued by the Cooperator or through the use of a mutually agreed-upon system of documenting hunter use on a BMA. Permission slips will be credited with a MAXIMUM of 3 days per hunter, unless greater use is documented through some other means, such as a daily sign-in roster or daily log. Any pattern of use that exceeds the regional average of hunter days per hunt will be subjected to a post-season audit, with results being incorporated into the re-enrollment process. Immediate members of the Cooperator's family are not eligible to be credited with hunter days on the Cooperator's BMA.

Payments:

A. Enrollment Payment - unless otherwise specified, available to any Cooperator who enrolls land in the program, paid annually for enrollment or renewal. This payment is part of the total compensation paid at the end of the contract period, in an amount determined annually by the Department.

B. Basic Impact Payment - unless otherwise specified, available to any Cooperator, computed at an amount per hunter day set annually by the Department.

C. Length of Season Impact Payment - unless otherwise specified, available, in addition to other impact payments, to any enrollee who places no restrictions on the legal fall seasons from September 1- January 1. Payment computed at an amount per hunter day, with the amount set at one-third of the Basic Impact Payment rate set annually by the Department. Temporary restrictions established for livestock management or safety considerations shall not disqualify an enrollee from eligibility under this section.

D. Species/Gender Impact Payment - unless otherwise specified, available, in addition to other impact payments, to any enrollee who places no restrictions on the species/gender of deer, elk, waterfowl, antelope and upland birds (incl. sage grouse). Payment computed at an amount per hunter day, with the amount set at one-third of the Basic Impact Payment rate set annually by the Department.

E. Aggregate Incentive Payment- a policy decision was made in 2021 to further incentivize aggregate BMAs. Landowners who enroll their land in an aggregate BMA will receive an additional \$1,000 incentive for the 2024 contract year.

F. Access Corridor Payment - unless otherwise specified, available to Cooperators who provide access corridors to isolated state/federal lands, with no enrollment of deeded land with public hunting access. Payment computed at an amount per hunter day, with the amount set at one-half of the Basic Impact Payment rate set annually by the Department, and, if no restrictions are placed on the legal fall seasons (1 September -1 January) one-half of the Length of Season Impact Payment rate set annually by the Department. No restrictions may be placed on the gender or species of animals legally hunted on public lands for which the corridor provides access.

G. Special Circumstances/Exceptions - In situations involving unique hunting opportunities or special management circumstances, compensation may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis at a rate not to exceed the limits set in MCA 87-1-265.

4. **Complimentary License**

Only one license may be issued per landowner of record cooperator. Cooperator may select license benefit from either Section A or Section B below, but not from both. A license issued under this section will be valid for the license year following the year of the Block Management annual agreement.

- A. Cooperator Elects to Receive Complimentary License – As a benefit of enrolling land in the Block Management Program, a resident landowner who is owner of record may receive a AAA combination sportsman’s license without charge, or a nonresident landowner who is owner of record may receive a big game combination license and prerequisites without charge. The license may not be transferred by gift or sale.
- B. Cooperator Designates Immediate Family Member or Employee to Receive Complimentary License - As a benefit of enrolling land in the Block Management Program, a resident or nonresident landowner may designate an immediate family member to receive a AAA resident sportsman’s license and prerequisites without charge if the family member or employee is a resident, or a Class B-10 big game combination license without charge if the family member or employee is a nonresident. For the purposes of this section, “immediate family member” means a parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of the cooperator related by blood or marriage, a spouse, a legally adopted child, a sibling of the cooperator or spouse, or a niece or nephew, and “employee” is defined as a person who works full time and year-round for the landowner as part of an active farm or ranch operation. An immediate family member or employee who is designated to receive a license pursuant to this section must be eligible for licensure under current Montana law and may not transfer the license by gift or sale.

5. Livestock Loss Insurance

Participation in the Block Management Program qualifies a Cooperator for livestock loss compensation should any livestock be injured or killed as a direct result of public hunting which occurred on the Cooperator's Block Management Area. Compensation for livestock loss will be made if it has been reported by the Cooperator to the Department of Livestock immediately upon discovery of loss, a FWP Livestock Loss report is filed by the investigating Livestock Inspector within 14 days, and Department review verifies the circumstances and loss. Any claims paid will be at market value at the time of the loss up to a maximum of \$5,000.

6. Termination and Default

Enrollment in the block management program may be terminated by the department or the cooperator if the terms of the contract or enrollment form are violated; or, by the department or the cooperator within 30 days following the end of the hunting season. DNRC may withdraw state lands from inclusion in a BMA under ARM 26.3.199C. Any such notice must be in writing. A contract or enrollment may be canceled and a cooperator's property withdrawn from the program at any time due to circumstances beyond the control of the cooperator or the department, such as death, illness, natural disaster, or acts of nature

7. Inability to Fulfill Contract

The Cooperator or Cooperator's legal designated representative shall notify the Department immediately upon discovery of any occurrence which would affect the ability of the Cooperator to fulfill the provisions of this agreement. The agreement may be canceled and a Cooperator's participation in the Block Management Program withdrawn at any time due to circumstances beyond the control of the Cooperator or the Department, such as death, illness, natural disaster, or acts of nature.

8. Reservations/Hunter Number Restrictions

If the BMA requires written permission or advance reservations for access, reservations will not be accepted by the Cooperator or the Department before September 1 preceding the opening of a use season. On BMA's which restrict hunter numbers, the Cooperator may allow additional hunters at his/her discretion, however, a hunter cannot reserve permission on more than one BMA per day.

9. Right to Deny Access

The Cooperator or the Department reserve the right to deny access to the BMA for cause including, but not limited to: intoxication, violation of BMA rules, or previous misconduct on a BMA. Willful violation of BMA regulations which set the terms of entrance on a Cooperator's property can be grounds for termination of privileges on a BMA and a misdemeanor citation under 87-6-415(1) - Hunting Without Landowner Permission.

10. Temporary Closure

The BMA may be temporarily closed by the Cooperator in conjunction with the Department due to weather, fire danger, or other conditions or circumstances which would place public safety or resources in jeopardy.

11. Access Demands Exceed Supply

In the event that hunting demand for the BMA is greater than supply, similar opportunities may be offered on other days on the BMA. If hunter demand regularly exceeds available opportunity, the Department, where practical, or the Cooperator, with Department approval, may develop equitable methods of allocation such as telephone reservations or drawings.

12. Access to BMA

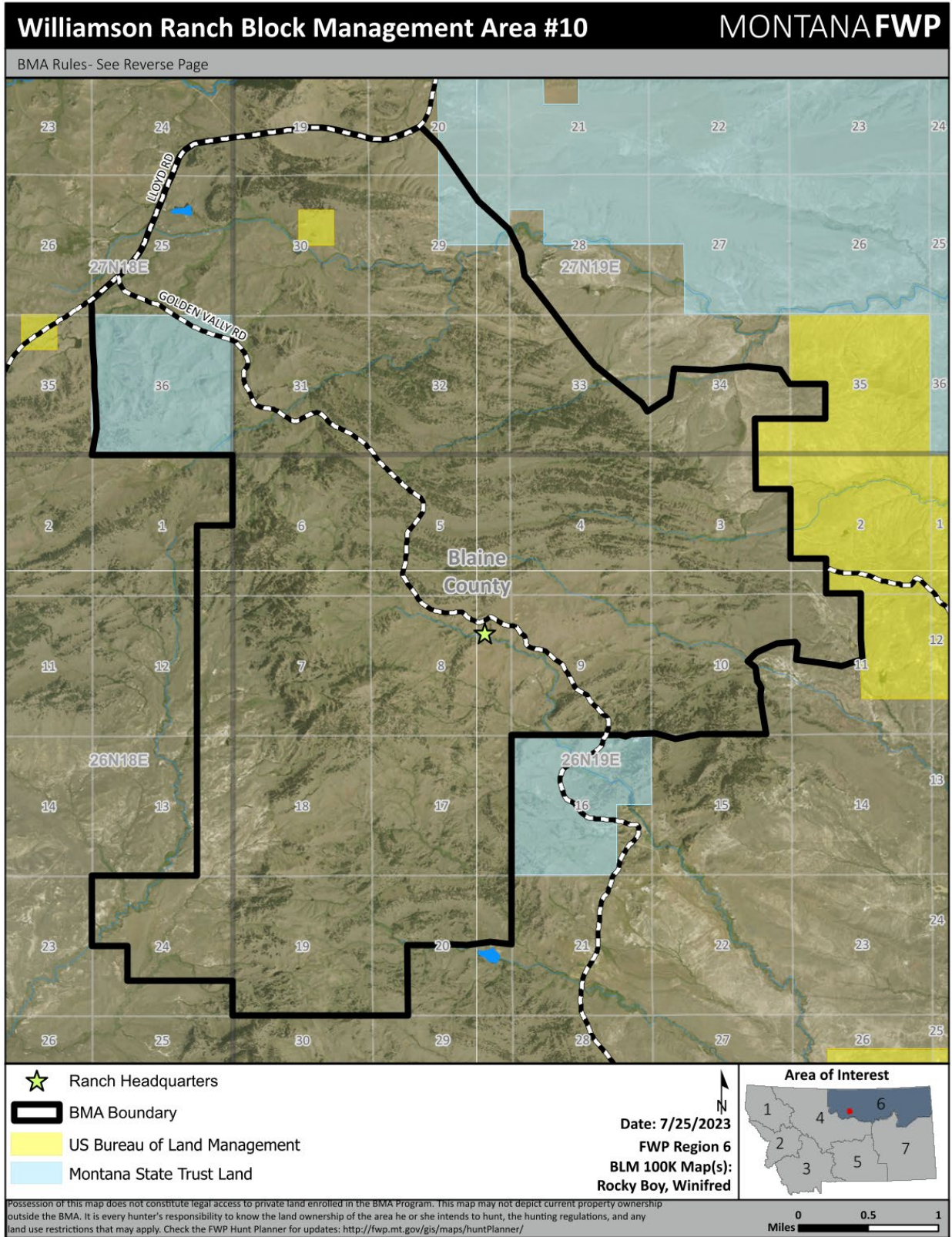
Through participation in the Block Management Program, the Cooperator agrees to permit Department personnel on the property for the purposes of establishing and monitoring hunter use, enforcing fish and wildlife laws, and maintaining contact with the Cooperator so as to respond to any needs, issues, or problems which develop over the course of the use season. By permitting Department personnel on the property, the Cooperator is not relinquishing any rights or control over property under his/her ownership or responsibility.

PART B GENERAL TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

Because this agreement is a contract with the State of Montana, there are certain conditions that are required by law to be included. They are as follows:

1. Independent Contractor. The Cooperator is an independent contractor and this agreement does not establish employer-employee relationship with the Cooperator or any person employed by him/her for any purpose. Cooperator agrees to pay all state, federal, or local taxes, fees or other assessments related to employment of himself or any person employed by him to fulfill this agreement.
2. Records by Cooperator. The Cooperator shall maintain reasonable records of activities performed under this agreement. Records will include completed copies of permission slips issued during the course of the use season or other documentary materials agreed to in advance by the Cooperator and the Department which are reliable indicators of hunter use.
3. Hunter Days. "Hunter Day" means one hunter who hunts on a Cooperator's property during a calendar day.
4. Access to Records. The Cooperator shall permit access to any of his/her records necessary for legislative post-audit and analysis to determine compliance with this agreement.
5. Assignment. This contract may not be assigned or transferred nor may a subcontract be let unless both parties agree in writing in advance.
6. Equal Employment Opportunity. Pursuant to Sections 49-2-303 and 49-3-207, M.C.A., no part of this agreement shall be performed in a manner which discriminates against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, or natural origin by the persons performing the agreement. Any hiring shall be on the basis of merit and qualifications directly related to the requirements of the particular position being filled.
7. Execution. Each party has full authority to enter into and perform this contract, and the person signing this contract on behalf of each party acknowledges that he/she has read this agreement, understands it and agrees to its terms.
8. Venue and Interpretation. Venue for any court action arising under this contract shall be in the First Judicial District in and for Lewis and Clark County, Montana.
9. Designated Owner Representative. For purposes of this Agreement, a Designated Owner Representative is an employee, family member or an individual with real property interest who, in signing this Block Management Agreement, acknowledges that he or she has been designated by the fee title holder as having the authority to enter this Agreement and utilize the lands described in it for the purposes of the Block Management Program.

Appendix H: BMA Map Example



WILLIAMSON RANCH BMA

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Deer/Elk Hunting District: 690

Antelope Hunting District: 690

Hunting Access Dates: September 1 – February 15 *See current hunting regulations for species & season dates.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Williamson Ranch Block Management Area (BMA) is in Blaine County southwest of Chinook. Williamson Ranch BMA is 13,113 acres and has been enrolled since 1996. The BMA contains rugged terrain in the Bears Paw Mountains intersected by multiple creeks.

Primary Hunting opportunities include Whitetail Deer, Mule Deer, Antelope, and Elk. There is no restricted game on this BMA and all species are open with applicable licenses.

PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Written permission required and can be obtained at Cowan & Son Ranch Hunting website www.cowanhunting.com. Please read and follow additional rules on the website. For hunters unable to access website please leave message at 406-395-5037. Please use the website for permission. (Reservations start on 8/22)

Failure to gain permission will be considered hunting without landowner permission and a citation may be issued.

Your cooperation with BMA rules is essential help to ensure access to this private and public land in the future.

HOW TO GET THERE

From Chinook:

20 miles south on Hwy 240 then 9 miles southwest on People's Creek Rd then 13 miles south on Lloyd Rd.

BMA RULES

1. Walk-in hunting from designated parking areas. Motorized vehicles are restricted to access trails, public roads, and parking areas. No off-road travel permitted.
2. Hunters must access the BMA from designated parking areas assigned to them for their designated hunting pasture.
3. Gates are to remain closed unless pinned back by the landowner.
4. Camping allowed at designated camping areas. Areas will be assigned with permission details.
5. Horses are prohibited for hunting and big game retrieval on this BMA.
6. No open flames allowed. No smoking outside of vehicles.
7. Coyote shooting allowed during assigned hunting dates and in your assigned hunting area when permission is granted.
8. Commercial filming of hunts is prohibited

STANDARD BLOCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RULES:

Block Management Area Rules do not apply to federal or DNRC lands that are legally accessible (via public roads, watercourses, or other legal means of access) unless specifically authorized by the applicable agency. Please, contact your local federal and state agencies for more information.

Access to this property for hunting is managed under Block Management Rules. Failure to abide by these BMA rules may result in eviction from this property and/or a citation maybe issued for failure to obtain landowner permission for hunting.

Access during all other times and for any other activity requires landowner permission.



REGION 6 OFFICE

1 AIRPORT RD., GLASGOW, MT 59230
PHONE: (406) 228-3700 EMAIL: region6.access@mt.gov
M – F, 8AM – 5PM (excluding holidays)

REPORT VIOLATIONS: 1-800-TIP-MONT

Appendix I: Complimentary License Application



BLOCK MANAGEMENT
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

BLOCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 2024 COMPLIMENTARY LICENSE APPLICATION

(License to be issued for 2024 license year)

REGION _____
Internal Use

Revised 2/2022

As a benefit for enrolling in the Block Management Program, a landowner may receive one Resident Sportsman's License (without bear) and the necessary prerequisites OR one Non-resident Big Game Combination License, and the necessary prerequisites, without charge. Instead of receiving the license benefit, the landowner may designate an immediate family member or employee to receive the license. For purposes of this license, a family member means a parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of the cooperater by blood or marriage, a spouse, a legally adopted child, a sibling of the cooperater or spouse, or a niece or nephew. Employee means a person who works full time and year-round for the landowner as part of an active farm or ranch operation enrolled in the block management program (MCA 87-1-266).

SECTION I BLOCK MANAGEMENT LANDOWNER MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

1) Who is receiving the license? (Select One)

LANDOWNER → (SKIP TO SECTION III)

FAMILY MEMBER → (LANDOWNER MUST COMPLETE AFFIDAVIT IN SECTION II)

EMPLOYEE → (LANDOWNER MUST COMPLETE AFFIDAVIT IN SECTION II)

SECTION II AFFIDAVIT

LANDOWNER: IF DESIGNATING LICENSE TO FAMILY MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE, COMPLETE AND SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT BELOW:

As the landowner, I designate the following named person (please print) _____, who qualifies as an employee or family member under MCA 87-1-266. For purposes of this license, a **family member** means a parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of the cooperater by blood or marriage, a spouse, a legally adopted child, a sibling of the cooperater or spouse, or a niece or nephew. **Employee** means a person who works full time and year-round for the landowner as part of an active farm or ranch operation enrolled in the block management program.

_____ Landowner Printed Name _____ Landowner Signature/E-Signature _____ Date

SECTION III LICENSE RECIPIENT MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION - ALL FIELDS ARE MANDATORY

1) License Type? (Select One)

MONTANA RESIDENT (CLASS AAA SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE)

NON-RESIDENT (CLASS B 10 BIG GAME COMBINATION LICENSE)

2) Date of Birth MM DD YYYY 3) ALS # _____

← Your ALS number is a 1 to 3 digit number that follows your date of birth. If you have not applied for or purchased a Montana hunting license you will not have an ALS#. You will be issued an ALS# after your application is processed.

4) Name First MI Last 5) Phone () _____

6) Mailing Address Street City State Zip

7) Physical Residential Address Street City State Zip

8) Email address (please print clearly): _____ 9) Last 4 SSN: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Weight	Hair Color (circle one)		Eye Color (circle one)		IDENTIFICATION (ID) - ALL FIELDS MANDATORY	
		Bald	Brown	Black	Gray	STEP 1 (select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Height	Black	Gray	Blue	Green	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo I.D.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal I.D.
		Blond	Red	Brown	Hazel	STEP 2 (required)	I.D. # _____ State _____

SIGNATURE OF LICENSE APPLICANT - REQUIRED	RESIDENT STATEMENT: SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR MONTANA RESIDENT LICENSE APPLICANTS
I understand that if I subscribe to any false statement in this application I am in violation of MCA 87-6-302.	If I am claiming Montana residency, I hereby declare that I have been a legal resident of the State of Montana for at least 180 consecutive days: _____ Years _____ Months, immediately prior to making application for this license or that I qualify for the 30 day military exception (MCA 87-2-102). I declare all statements on this form to be true and correct and that by signing I hereby agree to the use of the information on this form for the purpose of verifying residency according to Sec. 87-2-102.
X _____	X _____ Date: _____

****Hunter Education Requirement****: Any hunter who is born after January 1, 1985 must submit with all hunting license applications a copy of the certificate verifying that he/she has completed a course in the safe handling of firearms from any state or province.

Appendix J: Outfitting Report Form



**BLOCK MANAGEMENT OUTFITTING
REPORT FORM**



Name of Cooperator _____

Name of Outfitter _____ License # _____

Please provide the following information regarding outfitted hunting activities that occurred on the Block Management Area during the past hunting season. As stipulated in the Block Management contract, no payment will be issued to a cooperator until a completed Outfitter Report Form is received and verified by the Fish, Wildlife, & Parks Hunting Access Coordinator.

1. Total number of days outfitted hunting occurred: _____
2. Total number of outfitted hunters who hunted BMA: _____
3. Total number of outfitted hunter days that occurred on the BMA: _____
4. Total number of game animals by species and gender (if big game) harvest by outfitted hunters on the BMA:

Species	Gender (M/F)	Number Harvested

By signing this document, I, the landowner/cooperator named in the Block Management contract, signify that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the terms of the Block Management contract were fulfilled as specified.

Cooperator _____ **Date** _____

Region _____

Cooperator _____

BMA Name _____



BLOCK MANAGEMENT OUTFITTING APPROVAL FORM



BLOCK MANAGEMENT
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Outfitting may not take place on a BMA unless public recreation and hunting opportunities are not unreasonably restricted, and the cooperator and FWP Regional Supervisor approve the activity. This rule does not regulate licensed outfitters legally operating on federal or state lands under license or permit obtained from the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources or other resource management state or federal agency.

Outfitting will take place on Cooperator's property under the following conditions:

Name of Outfitter _____ **License #** _____

1. Total Number days outfitted hunting is authorized: _____
2. Total Number outfitted hunters authorized: _____
3. Total Number outfitted Hunter Days authorized: _____
4. Game species outfitted hunters may hunt (please circle): Elk (Bull/Cow) Deer- M/WT(Buck/Doe)
 Ant. Up.Bird Wtrfowl

HUNTER DAYS FOR OUTFITTERS & CLIENTS **DO NOT QUALIFY FOR BMP PAYMENT CREDIT.**

Post-Season Report Required: A report documenting outfitting activities on the BMA must be supplied by the Cooperator to FWP Regional office **within 30 days** of contract ending date. At a minimum, the Outfitting Activities Summary Report must explain a) total number of days outfitted hunting occurred; b) total number of outfitted hunters who hunted on BMA; 3) total number of outfitted Hunter Days that occurred on BMA; and c) total number of game animals, by species and gender (if big game) harvested by outfitted hunters on BMA.

Under this rule, a Cooperator who is also a licensed outfitter is not eligible to receive Block Management compensation for any activities conducted by their own hunting clients. For landowners not licensed to outfit who want to allow outfitting, by signing this form, the Cooperator certifies that they will not receive any monetary compensation from the outfitter or clients of the outfitter in return for allowing hunting access to property enrolled in the Block Management program.

Cooperator _____ **Date** _____

Regional Supervisor _____ **Date** _____