

# **SWEET GRASS HILLS #13**

**DEER/ELK & ANTELOPE HD 401 (REVISED 2016)**

**DATES BMA IS OPEN:** Archery & Rifle Seasons after 1 Sep / Upland Bird Seasons - through 1 Jan

**\*\*See applicable hunting regulations for specific dates for each Species & Season\*\***

**ATTENTION:** Bears may be present on the Ranch, to include grizzlies. Exercise appropriate caution & the carry of Bear Spray is encouraged.

**HUNTABLE GAME:** Open to All Legally Available Game Species

## **WHERE & HOW TO GAIN ACCESS:**

- For those areas requiring reservations, see individual area specifications below for details.
- Permission from areas #1 & #2 does not provide access to area #3 and visa-versa.
- If attempting to access East Butte by hiking south from Blackjack Rd, through BLM lands then NO reservations are required if you do not leave public lands. Further, if you only intend to hunt just the blue School Trust lands contiguous to and accessed from Windy Ridge Rd and not the private property, then no reservations are required.
- Where reservations are required, the following applies:
  - You must complete your hunt before making additional reservations.
  - Individual hunters within the same party may not make separate, additional reservations for consecutive days in order to reserve more than 3 days at a time for the whole party. This includes switching to other parking areas. All members of the party must have completed their reserved hunt & left the field before making additional reservations.
- **TO USE ANY ROAD THAT CROSSES PRIVATE PROPERTY, REGARDLESS OF WHERE IT ORIGINATED, YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION.**
- Once you have a reservation, all hunters may hunt anywhere within Area 3 they wish regardless of which parking area you originated from.
- Some landowners may allow horses to be used for access & if so, it will be on a case-by-case basis. You must be feeding certified weed seed free hay at least 24 hours prior to animals entering the BMA.
- Obey all safety zones and landowners instructions.
- Walk in hunting only. **No ATVs / OHVs allowed on BMA.**
- Big game hunters who attempt to hunt without a reservation but sign-in, will still be guilty of and cited for trespass
- Hunters may make "same day" reservation if the day is open.

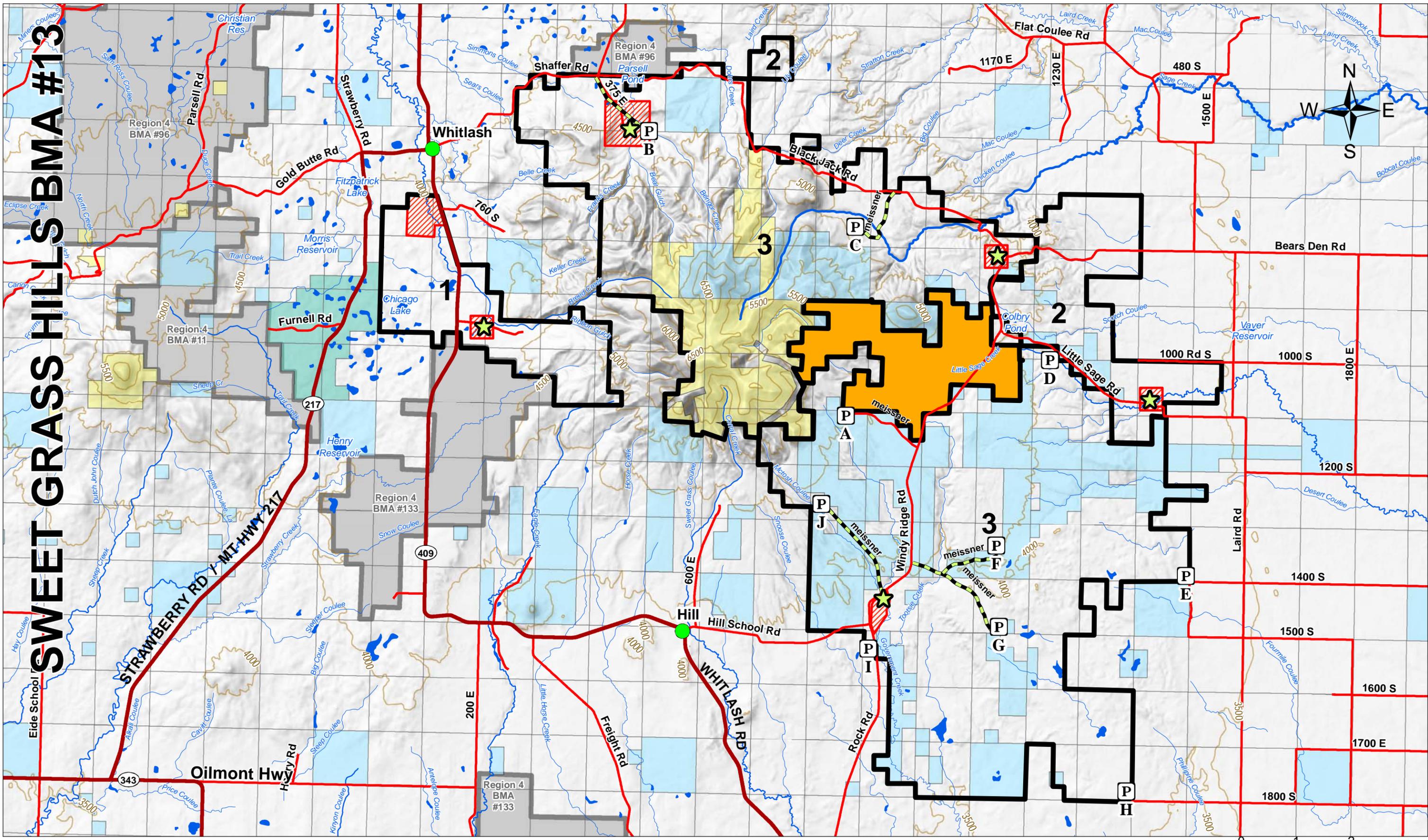
**ALL ROADS NOT SHOWN ON THIS MAP AND MARKED ON THE GROUND AS OPEN, ARE BY DEFAULT CLOSED TO ALL MOTORIZED TRAVEL. FOR ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THEY HAVE AN EXCEPTION, ALL HAVE BEEN RENDERED INVALID AS OF 2014.**

- **#1 - 3-U Cattle Co.**
    - Reservation required for big game hunters during the general rifle season only.
    - No reservations required or per day hunter limits for bird hunters and archery hunters.
    - For reservations call (406) 791-8248, 9am - 9pm, beginning **Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**.
    - Reservations may not be made more than 14 days in advance of the period you wish to hunt.
    - All hunters must sign in at Ranch HQ's.
    - Limit of 10 big game hunters per day during the general rifle season. Limit does not include bird hunters.
    - **Bird hunting opportunity extremely poor / scarce**
  - **#2 McDowell Ranch.**
    - No reservations taken, written permission required & given on a first come, first served basis
    - Permission slips issued no earlier than 7 am.
    - **No upland bird or waterfowl hunting allowed.**
  - **#3 COMMON AREA.**
    - Upland bird and/or waterfowl hunters only:
      - No reservation is required.
    - Big Game Hunters (archery & rifle):
      - Reservations are required and may not be made more than 14 days in advance of the period you wish to hunt.
      - Big game hunter numbers limited.
      - Call 791-8247 for reservations **on or after 25 Aug.**
      - Same day reservations are authorized for this area only.
    - **Parking Area A:** No reservations required unless big game hunters wish to access private property beyond DNRC lands. Hunters may access East Butte from parking area A without a reservation as long as you stay on the public lands.
      - If wishing to access private property, reservations limited to 4 big game hunters per day.
    - **Parking Areas B – J:** Limit of 4 big game hunters per day in each parking area.
- Once you have a reservation, ALL hunters must sign in, onsite, ONCE daily before hunting.**

## **STANDARD BLOCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RULES:**

- BMA restrictions do not apply to legally accessible, (via public roads and watercourses, and other legal means of access) public (State or Federal) lands.
- In accordance with BMP ARM rule 12.4.205 (k) - On BMA's that restrict hunter numbers or require reservations, a hunter may not reserve permission on more than one BMA for the same day(s). For aggregate (multi cooperators) BMA's, a hunter, or a party may still only make reservation with one landowner within that BMA per reserved period.
- Individual or party hunters may not reserve permission to hunt for more than three days, per phone call, per BMA and may not call more than once per day. Individuals from the same hunting party may not each make reservations for consecutive "three-day blocks" in an attempt to book more than three days for that party.
- Hunter(s) who fail to call at least 24 hours in advance to cancel a reservation may be banned from that BMA, or, for aggregate BMA's, from the property owned by the cooperator with whom they made the reservations.
- A cooperator or their designated representative may deny access to an individual "for cause" IAW, ARM rule 12.4.205 (d). An example - intoxication, belligerence or violent behavior, violation of BMA rules, muddy/excessively filthy vehicle, etc. Cooperators may also ask FWP to ban an individual(s) for cause. This will be via a formal letter to the individual(s) from FWP and will specify the length of the ban, reasons, and complainant.
- Violations of any BMA rules and/or State hunting regulations will be prosecuted. Convictions may result in the loss of Block Management access privileges in addition to other penalties.

**FWP R4 BMP (406) 454-5862 E-MAIL (fwpr4bmp@mt.gov) REPORT VIOLATIONS: 1-800-TIP-MONT**



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BMA Rules - See Reverse Page  
 Disclaimer - This map is not intended to depict property ownership outside the Block Management Area. Contact the appropriate land management agency for information on public land ownership and travel guidelines.  
 Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Region 4  
 BLM 100K Map(s): Sweet Grass Hills, Chester

- BMA Boundary
- ★ Ranch Headquarters
- P Parking Area
- Access Road
- County or Public Road
- Not in BMA
- Safety Zone

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Date: August, 2016