



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Wildlife Division
PO Box 200701
Helena MT 59620-0701
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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) is requesting public comment on a proposed adjustment to the 2009 General Elk Rifle Season Structure in Hunting Districts 360 and 362 adopted as Tentative by the FWP Commission at its December 11 meeting. This proposal includes specific adjustments to general season licenses and permits. Other season or management elements not listed here are proposed to remain unchanged from 2008 or otherwise reflect previous biennial adoptions.

Proposed 2009 General Elk Rifle Season Structure for Hunting Districts 360 and 362: Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless with youth opportunity valid for either sex and unlimited over-the-counter A9/B12 antlerless elk licenses. Continued Airport Weapons Restriction Area but no Madison Special Management Area (also eliminating the antlerless only permits for that area). No mandatory hunter orientation.

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612. Comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Division, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701 or submitted electronically. To submit electronically, this letter with the imbedded link below can be found under “Opportunity for Public Comment” on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website.

Tentative 2009 General Elk Rifle Season Structure in Hunting Districts 360 and 362:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=HJgd79XYNBZGFdhIScCsaA_3d_3d

The deadline for public comment on 2009 General Elk Rifle Season Structure in Hunting Districts 360 and 362 to be received is 5:00 PM Friday, January 23, 2009. The FWP Commission will take final action on this item at its February 12, 2009 meeting.

MFWP is also requesting public comment on a request by the City of Helena to remove an additional 150 deer by lethal means from within the city limits between January 16, 2009 and March 31, 2009. These 150 deer would be taken from three new areas with up to 50 deer from each area. Deer of all sex and age classes would be taken. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared and available on the website at www.fwp.mt.gov, or copies can be obtained by contacting the Region 3 Headquarters in Bozeman, at 406-994-4042; the Helena Area Resource Office, at 406-495-3260; or Wildlife Division office in Helena at 406-444-2612.

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The deadline for public comment on Helena Urban Deer is January 11, 2009. The FWP Commission will take final action on this item at its January 15, 2009 meeting.