Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Guidelines For Those Authorized With The
Permit to Modify Archery Equipment

A person who has obtained the Permit to Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) authorization is required to adhere to the following regulations as adopted by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission.

1. A "Permit to Modify Archery Equipment" wallet card, valid hunting license and bow and arrow license must be in the hunter's possession while in the field.

2. The "Permit to Modify Archery Equipment" allows a person with a disability to use modified archery tackle that supports the bow, and draws, holds and releases the string to accommodate the individual disability (arrows, however, are not exempt, and still need to meet current requirements for the archery season as defined in the annual regulations). **Crossbows may not be used during the archery season.**

3. Hunters must comply with all laws and regulations.

4. The permit holder **must** have a companion to help with aspects of the hunt such as bow set-up, dressing and transporting killed game animals.

5. The companion **must** also assist the permit holder by hunting (by the legal use of archery equipment only) a game animal that has been wounded by the permit holder when the hunter with a disability is unable to pursue and kill the wounded animal.

6. A companion used in this situation must:
   1) be at least 15 years of age;
   2) fulfill eligibility requirement necessary to purchase a Montana hunting license AND a bow and arrow license;

   OR

   3) have at least a valid Montana conservation license and bow and arrow license.

   ALSO

   a) The companion may be held liable if involved in any violation while acting in the capacity of companion.
   b) The companion will need to check with the landowner or appropriate land agency regarding the policy on the companion hunting on his or her own while acting in the capacity as a companion.

Any questions regarding these regulations should be directed to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Helena Information Center, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena MT, 59620 or phone: 406-444-2535.

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