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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is requesting public comment on a proposed Special Mountain Lion License Allocation Adjustment and 2013 Mountain Lion Quotas. Additional information is below.

2012 Moose, Sheep, Goat, Deer and Elk License Auction Rules – Proposed

By Rule, the FWP Commission must decide on the criteria and process for selecting conservation organizations to conduct the various big game hunting license auctions/lotteries each year, and then solicit proposals to do so. State law provides for an auction process to distribute the moose, sheep and goat licenses and an auction/lottery option to distribute the mule deer and elk licenses.

Special Mountain Lion License Allocation Adjustment - Proposed

The proposed correction is for any unsuccessful special lion license applicant to be able to purchase a general lion license valid for any open district statewide during the fall season and also for any open quota areas in Region 2 during the winter season.

2012 Mountain Lion Quotas – Proposed

Below are proposed changes from 2011 quotas and subquotas. All other quotas/subquotas (not listed) are proposed to be unchanged from 2011 levels. Quotas apply to “any legal lion” unless otherwise noted and as influenced by female subquotas. For reference, the 2011 Mountain Lion regulations and quotas may be found on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website.

Region 1

HD 100: increase total special licenses from 25 to 30; increase female lion subquota from 10 to 12

HD 101: increase total special licenses from 14 to 17; increase female lion subquota from 5 to 6

HD 102: increase total special licenses from 14 to 17; increase female lion subquota from 4 to 5

HD 103: increase total special licenses from 10 to 12; increase female lion subquota from 4 to 5

HD 104: increase total special licenses from 10 to 12; increase female lion subquota from 4 to 5

HD 109: increase total special licenses from 10 to 12; increase female lion subquota from 4 to 5

HD 110: increase total special licenses from 8 to 10; increase female lion subquota from 3 to 4

HD 120: increase total special licenses from 7 to 8; increase female lion subquota from 3 to 4

HD 121: increase total special licenses from 31 to 37; increase female lion subquota from 7 to 8

HD 122: increase total special licenses from 12 to 14; increase female lion subquota from 5 to 6

HD 123: increase total special licenses from 5 to 6; maintain female lion subquota at 2

HD 124: increase total special licenses from 4 to 5; maintain female lion subquota at 1

HD 130: increase total special licenses from 12 to 14; increase female lion subquota from 5 to 6

HD 132: increase total general license quota from 8 to 10

HD 140: increase total general license quota from 5 to 6

HD 141: increase total general license quota from 5 to 6

HDs 150 & 151: increase total general license quota from 6 to 7

Region 2

NOTE: Proposed special lion licenses are equal to or greater than the total harvest quota represented by the male and female quotas and in most cases are double the male quotas. The general license quota (male and female quotas) will be used to determine how much general license harvest opportunity is available starting February 1. If the lion harvest by special mountain lion licenses meets or exceeds the male and/or female quotas by February 1, there will be no general license harvest opportunity available.

HDs 200 & 201 (Lower Clark Fork): maintain total special licenses at 20; adjust from female lion subquota of 4 to male quota of 10 and female quota of 10

HDs 202 & 203 (Lower Clark Fork): maintain total special licenses at 30; adjust from female lion subquota of 5 to male quota of 15 and female quota of 15

HDs 204, 260 & 261 (Bitterroot): decrease total special licenses from 20 to 10; adjust from female lion subquota of 3 to male quota of 5 and female quota of 2

HD 240 (Bitterroot): decrease total special licenses from 20 to 10; adjust from female lion subquota of 3 to male quota of 5 and female quota of 3

HD 250 (Bitterroot): decrease total special licenses from 20 to 14; adjust from female lion subquota of 3 to male quota of 7 and female quota of 7

HD 270 (Bitterroot): decrease total special licenses from 20 to 14; adjust from female lion subquota of 3 to male quota of 7 and female quota of 7

HDs 280, 281, 284, 293 & portion of 298 east of State Route 141 (Blackfoot): increase total special licenses from 12 to 14; adjust from female lion subquota of 3 to male quota of 7 and female quota of 7

HDs 283 & 285 (Blackfoot): increase total special licenses from 15 to 16; adjust from female lion subquota of 5 to male quota of 8 and female quota of 8

HDs 290, 291, 292, 293 & portion of 298 west of State Route 141 (Blackfoot): decrease total special licenses from 15 to 14; adjust from female lion subquota of 5 to male quota of 7 and female quota of 7

HD 210 (Upper Clark Fork): increase total special licenses from 4 to 7; adjust from female lion subquota of 2 to male quota of 6 and female quota of 1

HDs 211 & 216 (Upper Clark Fork): decrease total special licenses from 10 to 7; adjust from female lion subquota of 4 to male quota of 4 and female quota of 2

HDs 212 & 215 (Upper Clark Fork): increase total special licenses from 4 to 6; adjust from female lion subquota of 1 to male quota of 4 and female quota of 2

HDs 213 & 214 (Upper Clark Fork): increase total special licenses from 2 to 3; adjust from female lion subquota of 1 to male quota of 2 and female quota of 1

Region 3

HDs 300, 302, 328 & 329: adjust 2 legal male lion to 4 legal lion; add female subquota of 2

HD 301: increase total quota from 4 to 6; increase female subquota from 1 to 2

HDs 310/311/360/361/362: increase total quota from 5 to 7; increase female subquota from 1 to 2

HDs 313/393: increase total quota from 5 to 7; increase female subquota from 1 to 2

HDs 313/316: adjust 3 legal male lion to 4 legal lion; add female subquota of 1

HD 314: increase total quota from 4 to 6; increase female subquota from 1 to 2

HD 317: increase total quota from 3 to 6; increase female subquota from 1 to 2

HD 318/335: adjust 2 legal male lion to 4 legal lion; add female subquota of 1

HDs 319 & 341: increase total quota from 3 to 4

HDs 320 & 333: adjust 2 legal male lion to 4 legal lion; add female subquota of 2

HDs 322, 326 & 330: adjust 2 legal male lion to 4 legal lion; add female subquota of 2

HDs 323, 324, 325 & 327: increase female subquota from 1 to 2

HD 331: adjust 3 legal male lion to 5 legal lion; add female subquota of 2

HD 339/343/388: adjust 4 legal male lion to 6 legal lion; add female subquota of 1

HDs 350 & 370: adjust 2 legal male lion to 3 legal lion; add female subquota of 1

HDs 390 & 391: increase total quota from 4 to 6

Region 4

HDs 416, 446, 449, 452 & 454: increase female quota from 6 to 7

HDs 413 & 432: decrease male quota from 6 to 5; increase female quota from 4 to 5

HDs 405, 447 & 471: increase male quota from 2 to 3

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINES

The deadline for public comment on the proposed Special Mountain Lion License Allocation Adjustment and 2013 Mountain Lion Quotas is 5:00 PM Friday, May 25, 2012. Final adoption on these items will be made at the June 14, 2012 FWP Commission meeting.

TO MAKE COMMENT

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

2012 Moose, Sheep, Goat, Deer and Elk License Auction Rules – Proposed *(The deadline for public comment on this item is 5:00 PM Friday, May 25, 2012.)*

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2012auctionRules.html>

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<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/mtnLionAllocationAdjustment.html>

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<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2012mtnLionQuotas.html>