

Wildlife Division PO Box 200701 Helena MT 59620-0701 July 15, 2013

## Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is requesting public comment on proposed 2013 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations. Additional information is below including deadlines for public comment.

# 2013 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations - Proposed

Specific proposed changes are listed below. All other early season migratory bird regulation elements are proposed to be unchanged from 2012. For reference, the 2012 regulations may be viewed on the FWP website.

- FWP proposes no changes to either the Rocky Mountain Population (RMP) or the mid-continent crane season for 2013 although season dates would change for both due to calendar progression, but with no change in season length.
- Season dates for RMP sandhill cranes (special drawn permits): Sept. 7- Sept. 29
- Season dates for mid-continent sandhill cranes: Sept. 28– Nov. 24
- Increase the mourning dove and common snipe possession limits to 45 and 24, respectively.

# COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINES AND FINAL ADOPTION MEETINGS

The public comment period on the proposed 2013 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations will extend through 5 p.m. Monday August 5, 2013. Final adoption on this item will be made at the August 8, 2013 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.

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The deadline for public comment on this item is 5 p.m., Monday, August 5.

http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2013proposedEarlySeasonMigratoryBirdRegs.html