



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Guidelines for Those Authorized With The *Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle* (PTHFV)

A person who has obtained the *Permit to Hunt From a Vehicle* authorization, “permit holder”, is required to adhere to the following rules/regulations as identified in Montana Statute 87-2-803 and all other applicable state and federal laws.

1. By law, the permit holder **must** be accompanied by a companion who is able to assist in immediately dispatching, field dressing, and retrieving any game animal wounded or killed. The person accompanying the permit holder must be at least 15 years of age, fulfill eligibility requirements to purchase a Montana hunting license and be physically able to dispatch, field dress and retrieve an animal taken by the permit holder. Having another PTHFV permit holder with the primary hunter does not qualify as a legal companion for the purposes of assistance.
2. While FWP regulations do not prohibit a properly licensed companion from hunting while acting in the capacity of a companion and assisting with such a hunt requires the full attention of the companion. Therefore, it is not recommended that the companion hunts while assisting a permittee. Hunting privileges for the companion requires the same permission from the private landowner or, if applicable, land management agency.
3. The companion is subject to all laws and rules of the state and can be held liable for assisting in any violation while acting in the capacity as a companion.
4. The companion may also assist the PTHFV permit holder by pursuing and dispatching a game animal that has been wounded by the permit holder when the permit holder is unable to pursue and kill the wounded game animal.
5. The vehicle from which the permit holder is shooting must be conspicuously marked on the front, rear and both sides with the orange colored *Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle* placards provided by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
6. Only the permit holder may hunt by shooting a firearm from OR within a self-propelled or drawn vehicle parked on the shoulder, berm or barrow pit right-of-way of a public road (excluding state or federal highways), provided the vehicle is parked in such a way that it will not impede traffic or endanger motorists. The permit holder may not shoot across any roadway or from any portion of a state or federal highway, including the right of way.
7. This permit authorizes the permit holder to hunt from a vehicle wherever vehicular traffic is allowed and permission to hunt is authorized. This permit DOES NOT provide any automatic waiver or exemption from travel restrictions imposed by private landowners or land management agencies, except on state school trust lands as provided for under ARM 36.25.149 (explained below). Any such waiver or exemption from travel restrictions must be specifically granted by the private landowner or land management agency.
8. Per ARM 36.25.149, a PTHFV permit holder and authorized companion, who engage in licensed recreational activities on state school trust land may drive on any road not closed by DNRC by sign or barrier. Off-road use is strictly prohibited.
9. Federal regulations prohibit any taking of Migratory Waterfowl from a vehicle.
10. The permit holder and companion must comply with all other laws and regulations.

If a person is convicted of any violation of the fish and game laws or regulations of Montana, privileges granted under a Permit to Hunt from a Vehicle shall be revoked for not less than 6 months. 87-6-921 MCA.

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.