

# 2016-2017 ELK SHOULDER SEASONS



Shoulder seasons will be offered in 43 hunting districts.

A shoulder season is a firearms season that occurs outside the 5-week general firearms season. The seasons focus on antlerless elk harvest on **private land** and are not intended to replace or reduce harvest during the existing general archery and 5-week general firearms season.

In order for shoulder seasons to be effective, everyone must work together – FWP, landowners and sportsmen.

Hunters can use their General Elk License or Elk B License, obtained through a limited drawing or over-the-counter (OTC), depending on the hunting district.

*Application deadline for limited B Licenses is June 1. OTC and any surplus B Licenses are available for purchase beginning August 8. Check for availability at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).*

Region	Valid in Hunting District(s)	License Type	Shoulder Season Dates
1	HD 101 and 109	B License by drawing only	Aug 15 – Oct 16
2	HD 210	B Licenses by drawing only	Aug 15 – Jan 01
	HD 212 and 213	B License by drawing only	Dec 01 – Feb 15
	HD 215	OTC B License	Aug 15 – Feb 15
	HD 217	OTC B License, B License by drawing only & General Elk License	Aug 15 – Feb 15*
	HD 290 and 298	OTC B License	Aug 15 – Feb 15
	HD 291	B License by drawing only	Aug 15 – Feb 15
	HD 292	B License by drawing only	Aug 15 – Oct 21
3	HD 312, 390 and 393	OTC B License	Aug 15 – Sep 02, Nov 28 – Jan 01
	HD 390 and 393	General Elk License	Nov 28 – Jan 01
4	HD 411 and 412	B License by drawing only & General Elk License	Aug 15 – Sep 02, Nov 28 – Jan 15*
	HD 421	B License by drawing only	Aug 15 – Sep 02, Jan 01 – Feb 15
	HD 422 and 423	B License by drawing only	Jan 01 – Feb 15
	HD 445, 446, 449, 451 and 452	B License by drawing only & General Elk License	Aug 15 – Sep 02, Oct 17 – Oct 21, Nov 28 – Feb 15
5	All R5 except HD 500, 511 and 530	B License by drawing only & General Elk License	Aug 15 – Sep 02, Oct 17 – Oct 21, Nov 28 – Jan 01*
	HD 511 and 530	B License by drawing only & General Elk License	Aug 15 – Sep 02, Oct 17 – Oct 21, Nov 28 – Jan 15*
6	HD 680 and 690	B License by drawing only	Dec 15 – Dec 31
	HD 620, 621, 622, 630, 631 and 632		

**\*Some licenses are not valid in all hunting district portions or for all shoulder season dates as described. See individual hunting regulations**

Hunters should start early in the year in establishing contacts and building relationships with landowners who may offer access for Montana’s elk shoulder season hunts.



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