

# 2018-2019 ELK SHOULDER SEASONS

(Always check individual hunting district regulations)



Shoulder seasons will take place in 58 hunting districts.

A shoulder season 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, Elk B License or Elk Antlerless Permit obtained through a limited drawing or over-the-counter (OTC), depending on the hunting district.

*Application deadline for Antlerless Elk Permits is March 15 and limited B Licenses is June 1. OTC and any surplus B Licenses are available for purchase beginning August 6. 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	Antlerless Elk Permit by drawing only	Aug 15 – Feb 15*
2	HD 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 290, 291, 293 and 298	002-00 OTC B License †	Aug 15 – Feb 15*
	HD 217	002-00 OTC B License †, B License by drawing only; General Elk License (archery only)	Aug 15 – Feb 15*
	HD 204 and 262	002-00 OTC B License †	Aug 15 – Aug 31, Oct 20 – Feb 15*
	HD 240	Antlerless Elk Permit by drawing only	Oct 20 – Feb 15*
	HD 283	002-00 OTC B License †	Oct 20 – Feb 15*
	HD 292	002-00 OTC B License †	Aug 15 – Nov 25*
3	HD 311	B License by drawing only or General Elk License	Nov 26 – Feb 15*
	HD 312, 390 and 393	OTC B License	Aug 15 – Aug 31, Nov 26 – Feb 15
	HD 312, 390 and 393	General Elk License	Nov 26 – Feb 15
	HD 317 and 391	B License by drawing only	Nov 26 – Feb 15
4	HD 411, 412, 445, 446, 449, 451 and 452	004-00 B License by drawing only & General Elk License. Additional HD 411 B License by drawing only	Aug 15 – Aug 31, Oct 15 – Feb 15
	HD 421, 422, 423, 444 and 447	004-00 B License by drawing only & General Elk License. Additional HD 422 B License by drawing only	Aug 15 – Aug 31, Oct 20 – Feb 15
5	All R5 except portions of HDs 510, 520 and 560	B License by drawing only or General Elk License	Aug 15 – Aug 31, Oct 15 – Oct 19, Nov 26 – Feb 15*
	Portion of HD 520 south and east of West Fork of Rock Creek	B License by drawing only	Aug 15 – Aug 31, Oct 15 – Oct 19, Nov 26 – Feb 15*
6	HD 620, 621, 622, 630, 631, 632, 680 and 690	B License (Shoulder Season Specific) by drawing only	Dec 15 – Jan 15

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

**† OTC B Licenses for these hunting districts must be purchased before Oct 20**

Hunters should start early in the year to establish contacts and build relationships with landowners who may offer access for Montana's elk shoulder season hunts.



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