

Mountain Goat Specific Information

Licenses and General Information

- An applicant who receives a mountain goat license is not eligible to apply for or receive another license for mountain goat for the following 7 years (see 7 Year Wait chart).
- License holders may legally take one mountain goat subject to all specifications on the license issued.

7 Year Wait	
Year License Drawn	Year May Reapply
2011	2019
2012	2020
2013	2021
2014	2022
2015	2023
2016	2024
2017	2025

Mountain Goat License Auction

- Legislation authorizes the Fish & Wildlife Commission to provide for the auction of one mountain goat license each year. This license authorizes the hunter to take an either-sex mountain goat in any district of his/her choice. If this license holder is successful, the mountain goat will not be counted against the district quota. License holders may hunt only in areas open to mountain goat hunting.
- The auction is held annually during the winter by a conservation organization that is preselected by the F&W Commission.
- Money raised through the license auction is used for management of mountain goat.

Mountain Goat Mandatory Reporting Requirements

A hunter harvesting a mountain goat must present the complete head with horns attached or the top portion of the skull with horns attached to a department official within 10 days of the date of kill. See page 12 for FWP office phone numbers.

Mountain Goat HD Regulations

Residents are eligible to apply for any of the following licenses. Nonresidents are restricted to certain districts. Nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed 10 percent of a region's quota. **Districts where nonresidents may apply are listed on the moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat nonresident application, but may change when final quotas are set in July.**

NEW FOR 2018 - Regions 1, 2, and 4: In all hunting districts in Regions 1, 2 and 4 it is unlawful to take a female mountain goat accompanying a kid (an animal with horns less than 4 inches) or a female mountain goat in a group that contains one or more kids.

-- 100 Cabinet Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

100-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 101 West Cabinet Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

101-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 133 Swan-Clearwater --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

133-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 140 Great Northern --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20):BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

140-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 142 Upper Middle Fork --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

142-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 150 Continental Divide --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

150-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 240 West Bitterroot --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20):Lee Metcalf Refuge

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

240-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 312 Pioneer --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20):Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

312-20: 8 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 313 Crazy Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

313-20: 15 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

313-30: 5 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Adult Female Mountain Goat.

-- 314 Gallatin Range --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20):Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice; Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

314-20: 30 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 316 Cooke City --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

316-20: 12 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 320 Tobacco Root Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

320-20: 3 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 323 South Absaroka --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20):Deckard Flats: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice; Gardiner closed to hunting of all big game

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

323-20: 38 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 324 Spanish Peaks --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

324-20: 6 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 325 Jack Creek-Indian Creek --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20):Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

325-20: 4 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 326 Indian Creek-Wolf Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

326-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 327 Wolf Creek-Papoose Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

327-20: 4 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 328 Papoose Creek-Rock Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

328-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 329 Hellroaring-Slough Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

329-20: 15 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 330 North Absaroka --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

330-20: 1 license.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 331 Snowcrest Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

331-20: 3 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 350 North Big Belt Mountains --**NOTE: New District.***Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20): Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve*

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

350-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 361 Hebgen-Upper Madison --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

361-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 362 Cabin Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

362-20: 6 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 393 Bridgers --*Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 18-20): Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area*

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

393-20: 5 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 415 Birch Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

415-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 447 Square Butte --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

447-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 453 South Big Belt Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

453-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 460 Highwood Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

460-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 514 Line Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

514-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 517 Rock Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

517-20: 4 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 518 Froze-to-Death --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

518-20: 3 licenses. Valid south of Forest Service Trail 17 (Mystic Lake to East Rosebud Crk Trail)

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 519 Fishtail --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 1.

519-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 25 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

**Mountain Goat Hunting District
Legal Descriptions**

100 Cabinet Mountains: Those portions of Lincoln and Sanders Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where Route 56 (Bull River Road) meets U.S. Highway 2, then southeasterly along said highway to Libby, then southerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Silver Butte Road 54, then southwesterly along said road to East Fisher Creek Road 154, then easterly and southerly along said road over East Fisher-Vermilion River divide and down Willow Creek and the Vermilion River westerly along said road to State Route 200, then westerly along said route to the junction of Route 56 (Bull River Road), then northerly along said route to U.S. Highway 2, the point of beginning.

101 West Cabinet Mountains: Those portions of Lincoln and Sanders Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning on State Route 200 at the Idaho border, then easterly along said route to Route 56 (Bull River Road), then north along said route to U.S. Highway 2, then westerly along said highway to the Idaho border, then south along said border to State Route 200, the point of beginning.

133 Swan-Clearwater: Those portions of Missoula and Powell Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning on Route 83 at the Holland Lake Road, then easterly along said road and the Owl Creek Loop Road to the Upper Holland Lake Trail 35, then easterly along said trail to Upper Holland Lake and Pendant Creek Trail, then northerly and easterly on said trail to USFS Trail 212 (Shaw Creek), then northerly on said trail to the USFS Trail 110 (Big Salmon), then northerly and easterly along said trail to the USFS Trail 80 (South Fork), then southerly on said trail to Big Salmon Creek, then down said creek to the South Fork of the Flathead River, then in a southerly direction along the South Fork to Youngs Creek, then southerly and westerly along said creek to USFS Trail 125 (Haun Creek), then southerly on said trail to Haun Pass at the Lolo National Forest boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the Swan Divide at Wolverine Peak, then westerly along the Flathead-Lolo National Forest boundary to Route 83 at the Swan-Clearwater Divide, then northerly on said route to the Holland Lake Road, the point of beginning.

140 Great Northern: That portion of Flathead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the mouth of the South Fork of the Flathead River, then southeasterly up the South Fork, through Hungry Horse Reservoir, to Logan Creek, then easterly up said creek to USFS Trail 62, then along said trail over the Middle Fork Divide to Dirtyface Creek, then easterly down said creek and Elk Creek to the Middle Fork of the Flathead River, then northerly and westerly along said river and Glacier National Park to the North Fork of the Flathead River, then southerly and westerly along the Flathead River to the mouth of the South Fork of the Flathead River, the point of beginning.

142 Upper Middle Fork: That portion of Flathead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of USFS Trail 179 (Lodgepole Creek) and the Continental Divide, then southerly along said divide to Kevan Mountain and Switchback Pass, then northwesterly along the divide between the Middle and South Forks of the Flathead River over Pentagon Mountain to USFS Trails 173 and 359 at the Bob-Marshall Wilderness boundary, then southwesterly along USFS Trail 359 to the junction of USFS Trail 109, then westerly along said trail to USFS Trail 83, then westerly along said trail to USFS Trail 43, then northwesterly along said trail to USFS Trail 237 near Gunsight Lake, then northwesterly along said trail to its junction with USFS Trail 81 (Miner Creek), then northerly along said trail to USFS Trail 155 and USFS Trail 154 (Morrison Creek), then easterly along said trail to its junction with USFS Trail 179 (Lodgepole Creek), then easterly and northerly along said trail to the Continental Divide, the point of beginning.

150 Continental Divide: Those portions of Flathead and Powell Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning on the Continental Divide at Kevan Mountain and Switchback Pass, then southerly along said divide to USFS Trail 138 at White River Pass, then westerly on said trail to its junction with USFS Trail 112, then westerly along said trail staying on the south side of White River to USFS Trail 263, then northerly along said trail to White River, then down said river to the South Fork of the Flathead River, then northerly along said river to Mid Creek and USFS Trail 103, then up said trail to USFS Trail 89 on Silvertip Creek, then northerly on said trail to Silvertip Cabin and USFS Trail 83, then southeasterly along said trail to USFS Trail 109, then easterly along said trail to USFS Trail 359, then northeasterly along said trail to the junction of USFS Trail 173, then southeasterly from said trail junction along the divide between the Middle and South Forks of the Flathead River over Pentagon Mountain to Switchback Pass and Kevan Mountain on the Continental Divide, the point of beginning.

240 West Bitterroot: Those portions of Ravalli and Missoula Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Lolo, then south on U.S. Highway 93 to Tin Cup Creek, then west up said creek to the Montana-Idaho border, then north along said border to Dick Creek Road, then north along said road to U.S. Highway 12, then east along said highway to Lolo, the point of beginning.

312 Pioneer: Those portions of Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Silver Bow and Madison Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Wisdom, then southerly and easterly along Route 278 to Interstate 15, then northerly along said interstate to Route 43, then westerly and southerly along said route to Wisdom, the point of beginning.